



# Westport South School Newsletter

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Welcome Back Everyone

It has been so lovely to greet all the children after being away for so long. I cannot get over how much some of the children have grown while I was off for my hip replacement followed by a lockdown. I think the children must have eaten runner beans over lockdown. I look forward to being able to greet the parents again when we get to level 1.

Every-time this year we have arranged a meet the parent or reporting evening. Nature has thrown something at us. Please remember you are welcome to make an appointment to see staff if you need. The staff have agreed to have reports out week 6 of term 4 so you have 2 weeks to have an interview if you wish. Remember next term is only 8 weeks and 3 days long. In the last two weeks we will fit in all the assemblies and social activities. But as yet we do not know if we will be able to have full school assemblies. They are definitely out during level 2.



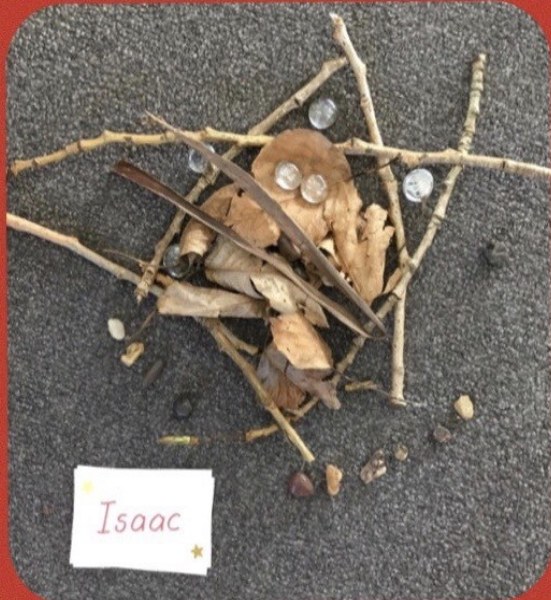
**We have had some wonderful donations from members of the public, to support the students displaced in the flooding. Ailsa Smith from Tauranga made some beautiful ponchos, (pictured right) and Alison Rossiter donated some teddy bears, which we have given out to lots of children to cuddle at bedtime and help them sleep. It is humbling to see the generosity shown from our community and the West Coast community of schools.**



Wellbeing representatives are concerned that COVID-19 lockdown stresses on top of flooding issues are stretching Buller folk's ability to manage. West Coast DHB Director of Allied Health Jane George says the various organisations supporting the psychosocial and wellbeing of Kawatiri folk had noticed that the pressures of the COVID-19 Delta Level 4 lockdown on top of issues from the recent flooding were taking its toll. "We've heard reports of people struggling, and these are folk who are usually more than capable of coping with things. Red Cross offers these great courses, and so we've organised a couple of half days coming up that might help give people a few strategies to get them through," Ms George says. The free Coping with Stress courses take place at the Westport Bridge Club on Tuesday 28 September from 1pm to 5pm, and Thursday 30 September from 9am to 1pm. Book to attend through [wellbeing@redcross.org.nz](mailto:wellbeing@redcross.org.nz) a few spots will also be available on the free Psychosocial First Aid course designed for people involved with wellbeing organisations. That course takes place on Wednesday 29 September, from 9am to 4pm, also at the Westport Bridge Club.

**HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE FOR ROOMS 5,7,8,9,10,12 AND 13 WILL COME HOME TODAY.** This needs to be returned in the first week after the school holidays.

# ROOM 5'S MATARIKI STARS



**Lynley Pratt the Public Health Nurse will be in school every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 2.30-3pm in the library if you would like to see her for anything.**

## **COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE**

### **Free Dental Care for Children 2021**

The Community Dental Team will be working at Westport South at various times throughout each term. They will be examining children due for their checkups during this visit.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth, but may also clean, apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required and take x-rays at the examination visit.

**Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care – you can talk to the dental team in the clinic or phone them.**

If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care is needed. You will be contacted in due course, for an appointment for these treatments to be done at the Westport South School Dental Clinic.

**You will be required to attend these appointments with your child.**

Please contact the Community Services Department if you need further information on the Community Dental Service, to enroll your child, or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care.

The receptionist will arrange for a therapist to call you back.

### **Contact numbers**

Cell (Phone or Text)

**Westport South Clinic** (03) 7888 237

**Buller Therapist** 0278862783

### **Community Services:**

Grey Hospital 03 769 7710

### **National Freephone:**

0800 825 583 (0800TALKTEETH)



# **Welcome back to level 2.**

# **Room 5 children excited to be back.**



## Coming Events Term 3:

29th Sep Board Of Trustees Meeting

1st Oct Term 3 Finishes

18th Oct Term 4 Starts

3rd Dec Middle School prize giving

7th Dec Senior Triathlon

8th Dec Senior Dance

9th Dec Junior school prize giving (held in the evening)

10th Dec Senior class awards

14th Dec Y8 Leaving assembly

15th Dec Last day of school for the year



## Principal's Awards:

**Morris Campey:** A more positive approach to all learning tasks and providing thoughtful ideas and opinions.

**Ben Cane:** A much improved level of maturity and responsibility in a range of situations.

**Jerimiah Mahanga:** Showing great confidence in his Hauora.

**Kiana Harris:** Being pro-active in managing herself to solve a problem.

**Kiahn McLean:** Making very good progress in Reading and Writing. Keep up the hard mahi!

**Layla Gear:** A super attitude, and improvement in Reading. You are so clever at blending and segmenting.

**Alyssa Emerson-Hill:** Super work segmenting sounds during literacy!

**Jesse Barlow:** Spending considerable time on her art work!! Jessie is enjoying our unit on mixing colours!! Well done Jessie!

**Holly Freeman:** Great start to our topic 'Earthquakes'

**Darius van der Jagt:** Completing his spelling to a high standard this week!

**Emmy-Jean Saunders:** Being a positive class member and always showing HEART!

**Nick Syron:** Lockdown week 1: Your positive engagement in our daily google.

**Katie Bill:** Lockdown week 1: Outstanding work ethic! Well done.

**Ciara Pugh:** Lockdown week 2 Quality work ethic, great completion of work!

**Farrah Stevenson:** Lockdown week 2: Positive engagement in our online classroom! Great work!

**Sam Bailey:** Lockdown week 3: Outstanding computer skills to finish the mathematic tasks and quality entertainment in our google meets!

**Maia Samuels:** Making a wonderful effort to use Te Reo and take part in activities during Maori Language Week!

**Charlie Gear:** Making excellent progress in Maths. Solving 3 digit +/- problems with regrouping. Temuke!

**Ayla Lind:** Your positive work ethic in the online classroom.

**Rachel Rockell:** 100% engagement in the online classroom during lockdown!

**Olivia Morrison:** Working hard to complete all work in the online classroom.

**Sophie Russ:** Your positive approach to completing all tasks during lockdown. Thank you!

**Mason Hawken-Jones:** A great attitude to learning in the online classroom.

**Sam Bailey:** Improved efforts towards completing maths tasks to a high standard!

**Ross Dalley:** Outstanding work for lockdown. Good learning with Dad. Well done!

