



# Westport South School

## Newsletter

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### FLOODING

As you all realise there has been severe flooding up around the Gisborne area. When we were flooded in July last year several schools from down the coast and over in Canterbury sent us a koha to spend on the children and care packages for the staff arrived a couple of months later. Our school pupils and staff would like to return the kindness and send something to the two most affected schools round Gisborne and so we are planning on having a mad hair day next Friday 8th April with a gold coin donation as a koha. Other Buller schools have been asked to join in. We will combine the money and send it to the two schools along with a

card which we will make at school. These are two small schools but not only have the schools been affected the community has lost everything as well.

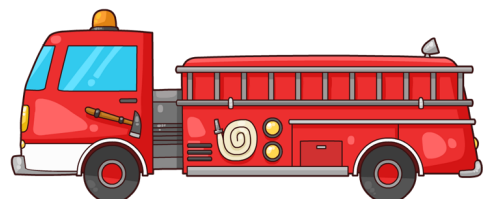
Just to keep you updated about how our school is continuing to respond to COVID-19 in New Zealand. As you know, it's great for any child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends, teachers and other school staff. You also know that we have very good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. This is why we remain open at Red.

I wanted to remind you that in our school we are keeping the additional layers of protection in place to help prevent or reduce the risk of onward spread. Mask wearing for our students Year 4 and above and for adults remains in place in indoor spaces and we are getting lots of fresh air during the day. We also continue to focus on basic hygiene such as washing hands regularly, covering any coughs and sneezes, and cleaning surfaces regularly.

While restrictions on who can enter or help in school have been revised staff are weary as we in the South Island have not yet reached the peak of infection and so we ask that you continue to drop your child and pick up from the gate if possible. Junior class teachers have noted a positive in that children are more independent than when parents came in and children relied on their parent to unpack and pack bags etc. Junior Teachers will continue to walk the children to the gate after school. Because we are allowed to have assemblies of up to 200 from the beginning of next term we will start to have assemblies at the usual time alternating between Juniors and Seniors classes.

From time to time some students will need to isolate at home. This is in line with Government advice and if this happens, we will support them to continue their learning at home to minimise any interruption. According to the Paediatric Society of NZ, in most children COVID-19 is a mild illness. It can be managed by whānau with some simple measures such as keeping fluids up and keeping an eye on your child.

Thank you to the Firemen who have worked with the junior classes this week. Children are taking fire facts and I am sure the excitement of having a fire engine at school yesterday spilled over into your homes.





## KAWATIRI SUPERHERO CHALLENGE

**April School Holidays 15 - 29 April**

- Bring out your inner Superhero! Get active, find the clues & be in to win spot prizes!
- Spot Prizes include: 2x Skateboards, Movie Vouchers, Swim Vouchers & more!
- Grab your mates, family or neighbours!
- Pick up your **FREE** entry form - one per team - from PERC or the Library from 4th APRIL

Contact Kylie Carlson at  
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**SPORT TASMAN**  
more people, more active, more often



# KIDS ART CONTEST

**Create a Recycled Creature!**

## CHALLENGE:

Create your recycled creature, then write a short story about them!

Creatures can be built from recyclable plastic bottles, metal cans, newspaper and cardboard - anything found in the recycling bin!

This project challenges children to use their imagination and helps them to practice their creative writing skills.

The best part? You already have the materials!

## ENTRY DEADLINE:

**Friday 22nd April 2022**

Grab an entry pack at:

**THE WESTPORT OR REEFTON LIBRARY**

## Need support?



[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)



### Extra support

Most people can manage self-isolation with support from whānau and friends, but there is help available if you need it. Go to [workandincome.govt.nz](https://www.workandincome.govt.nz) or call the **COVID Welfare Line** on **0800 512 337**.

For more information about testing positive, head to:



[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

### Financial support

If you can't work from home while you're self-isolating, your employer may be able to apply for the Leave Support Scheme to help pay your wages or salary, even if you are a part-time or casual employee.







The Junior School have been working on a *Get Firewise* unit. The students learnt some fire-safe behaviours and practised what to do if there is a fire in a building they are in.



#### **True facts:**

Each year Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) attends about 5,000 house fires.

Around a quarter of house fires start in the kitchen from unattended cooking.

Once a fire has started in a room, people have less than three minutes to get out of the room before they breathe in poisonous smoke and die.

If you are asleep, you cannot smell smoke.

Here are three things you can do to protect your family if a fire occurs in your home:

1. Install working smoke alarms in lounges and family living areas, halls, bedrooms and sleep-outs to alert you to the fire. Test them regularly.
2. Have an escape plan so that every family member knows two ways to get out of every room and knows to go to a designated safe meeting place outside.
3. Practise getting out of every room FAST whenever the smoke alarm goes off or if someone shouts FIRE, FIRE, FIRE.

## Coming Events Term 1

6th April AGM and BOT Meeting in staffroom 5.30 pm

7th April Top Town will be here for Y6-8 students

14th April End of Term 1

2nd May Term 2 Starts



## Principals Awards:

Brooklyn Wesley; Her excellent water painting of the Buller Bridge  
Violet Kinniburgh; Consistently showing HEART and full participating in all activities!

Freddie Wilson; The enthusiasm he shows when he is able to master new learning.

Zak Clementson; His hard work and diligence so far in 2022.

Jesse Skilton; Consistently showing HEART and being a legendary role model at Westport South.

Tyrone Dolan; Making a huge effort at school and home to learn his spelling words Tumeke.

Chloe Pragnall; Achieving pleasing results during our "STAR" reading check-up.

Archie Adams; Showing HEART by helping any other student. Well done Archie! You showed positive leadership.

Madison Dunbar; Always showing HEART and being a supportive member of room 11.

Sophie Russ; Your conscientious approach to improve across all curriculum areas-great work ethic.

Aidyn Reid; Showing HEART in all school settings.

Bodhi Skilton Increasing confidence with participating in all activities.

Shylah Pitama- Karaitia; Showing perseverance and courage to try new experiences that take her out of her comfort zone.

Zak Donaldson; Your conscientious approach to completing spelling to a high standard

Zoe Grant; settling into the routines of room 14 doing her best

