



Westport South School

Newsletter

Week 11 Term 1
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We have reached the end of a long interesting term with lots of interruptions. Thank you to everyone who has kept us up to date with covid and other illnesses over the term. There have been many bugs going around. As Covid hasn't really peaked on the West Coast and we as a school have not really had many catching the infection I am expecting next term to be a bit interrupted with illness as well. Staff will continue to be cautious and will send children home if they appear under the weather. Please remember that children who have been ill will have their immune system compromised and sending them back to school too early will mean they are likely to catch the next bug going around. We do have learning packs prepared for children if needed. With the move to orange tonight I will be putting out new protocols and will publish them on face book and school loop.

The school holidays are a great time to get any equipment that needs replacing and to get uniforms up to date. Please ensure your children come to school with warm sweatshirts (named). I am assured the new boilers will be operating with a generator on standby in case the electrical works haven't been certified. We often don't start the boiler till round Queens birthday weekend but that is weather dependant, and if there is one thing we cannot depend on it's the weather.

Monday 9 will be the school cross-country event at school and Monday 16 will see the Buller cross-country at Reefton. It will be great to have a school event once again. Perhaps children could train over the holidays.



Good luck to all those performing at the Westport Performing Arts competition over the first week of the holidays. Many of you are participating in group and solo performances. Competition is a great thing and we should always strive to be the best, however you are a winner if the performance you do this time is better than the last time.

Heating Upgrade

The School is in the process of putting in new heating no more coal fired boiler

These photos are the boiler being taken out and one of the three Heating systems going in



Westport South Juniors Get Firewise!

The junior classes recently took part in Fire and Emergency NZ's *Get Firewise!* program.

Over a series of 5 sessions this term, we've been talking about fire safety, smoke alarms and escape plans. The students were tasked to go home and check their smoke alarms, practice their escape plans and choose a safe meeting place with their family.

They concluded with a visit from members of the Westport volunteer fire brigade to look at their special protective clothing and see some gear on the fire truck!

If your household has concerns about fire safety, get in touch with the FENZ West Coast office (03 768 0898) or a local brigade member who can organize somebody to visit your home to talk about fire safety, and possibly install some smoke alarms. This service is completely FREE.

Do your kids want more fire safety activities? The students each received an activity book, and you can go online to make an escape plan at www.escapemyhouse.co.nz.



Coming Events Term 1

14 April End of Term 1

2nd May Term 2 Starts

9th May Cross Country

16 May Buller Cross Country @ Reefton



Principals Awards

Harper Case; Awesome attitude every day and the displays.

Spencer Duncan; Excellent work learning his times tables
You show commitment to learning.

Skylah Adams; Super participation in music.

Billie Thompson; Being a super hard worker and always trying hard to include others and be a kind friend.

Tirion Baker; Working very hard at writing time.

Cooper Skilton; Always looking out for others and showing HEART.

Eden Sara; Showing leadership during our drama role-play activities.

Delilah Hawes; Awesome soccer skills.

Jaxon Jefferies; Showing HEART and good sportsmanship in all sporting areas.

Takoda Dohi; Making a good start to the year and working hard in all areas.

Marc Kurland; Having a positive attitude and attempting new activities with determination! Well done Marc.

Natalie Salter; Outstanding literacy work. Natalie knows all alphabet letters and their sounds.

Layla Gear; Her positive attitude to learning and her developing self-management skills.

Blade Veevers; Positive contribution to Top Team

Marc Kurland; Making amazing progress in all areas.

Keep it up Marc.

Oliver Ferguson; Having a positive attitude towards his maths learning and being a great sports monitor.

Shyearth Tantallon; Being very brave and performing his lyrics to the ghostbusters song in front of the class very Impressive.