



# West Park School

Te Kura O Papa Hauāuru

Every student matters, every moment counts.

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## NEWSLETTER 10/17

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Kia ora, Talofa, Kia orana,

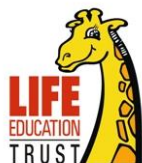
Greetings Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

I hope your week has been a great one so far. Due to a growing roll we will be opening up our 19<sup>th</sup> classroom next Monday. It will be known as Room 19 and will be located where the current library has been. The library in turn has been relocated into the school staffroom so that library visits for students can continue. The new library location will also double as the school staffroom. It hasn't been the ideal relocation however it does allow for all our programmes to continue as they have been.

Teaching New Entrant students in Room 19 will be Zoe Thornton who has been appointed to the position in a fixed term capacity. Zoe is fully registered with qualifications in early childhood and primary teaching. She is very excited to be joining West Park School and is looking forward to working with our wonderful kids and supportive parents.

Students have been busy preparing for this year's Artsplash events. This year our Year 4 students are taking part in the Wellington Artsplash MUSIC festival, at the Michael Fowler Centre on **Wednesday, 20 September beginning at 7.45pm**. We also have a group of year 4 to 6 students taking part in the Wellington Artsplash DANCE festival, at the Michael Fowler Centre on **Friday, 22 September beginning at 7.45pm**. Tickets for both events are \$5 per person per event (students performing do NOT need a ticket!) and are currently available for purchase from the school office until the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Please ensure you have the correct money for tickets as we do not hold change.

### Life Education Van visit



The Life Education van and Harold will be visiting our school from **Monday 11 September until Friday 22 September**. The cost of the programme is \$5 per student, if you would like your child to take part in this educational opportunity please go to our school shop [KINDO](#), there you can give your permission through our online questions and pay online. We will accept payments up until Friday 8 September 2017.

### Softball Coaching

This term our students will be taking part in softball coaching. In weeks 6 - 9 all students from Year 1 - 6 will receive four sessions with coaches from Wellington Softball Association. This will include skills, starting with tee-ball for younger students and advancing to softball skills for older students

## Daffodil day

Daffodil day is the Cancer Society's annual flagship event. This year the event is being held on Friday, 25 August. The daffodil is one of the first flowers of spring, whose bright yellow blooms remind us of the joys the new season will bring. It represents the hope there is for the one in three New Zealanders affected by cancer. This year we are again collecting gold coin donations from students. For a \$1 donation students will receive a Daffodil Day sticker and for a \$2 donation students will receive a fabric daffodil. Donations will go to the Cancer Society, for vital scientific research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer as well as for providing a wide range of support services, information, health promotion and education programmes to reduce cancer risk, awareness campaigns and programmes for people affected by cancer.

Please support the Cancer Society by buying a Daffodil Day sticker, a fabric daffodil or by making a donation.



## Swimming lessons coming in Term 4:

As part of their Physical Education programme all students will be taking part in swimming lessons at Keith Spry Pool. This is a very valuable programme for the children. The cost will be \$35 per child but please **DO NOT** make payments until a notice is sent from the administration staff.



Teams will also be looking for a lot of adult support to assist with walking children to and from Keith Spry Pool for their swimming lessons. Programme dates are:

- **Years 1 / 2 - weeks 2 & 3**    **Tuesday 24 October - Friday 3 November**
- **Years 3 / 4 - weeks 4 & 5**    **Monday 6 November - Friday 17 November**
- **Years 5 / 6 - weeks 6 & 7**    **Monday 20 November - Friday 1 December**

More details will be sent out later this term.

## NEW STUDENTS

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Kahukura, Raqwel and Lulu to Room 18. We hope your start to school has been a great one.

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Luis Echegaray*  
**Principal**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 21 August	-	BoT meeting @ 6pm in Room 13
Thursday, 24 August	-	Yr 6 visiting Raroa Intermediate
Friday, 25 August	-	Daffodil Day
Friday, 1 September	-	Orange Day Parade for Road Patrollers
Monday, 4 September	-	Years 1 and 2 visiting the ASB Centre
Tuesday, 5 September	-	Northern Zone Swimming Sports
Wednesday, 6 September	-	Production dress rehearsal at Onslow College
	-	Production evening 1 @ Onslow College
Thursday, 7 September	-	Production evening 2 @ Onslow College
Monday, 11 September	-	Years 3 and 4 visiting the ASB Centre
	-	Life Education Van onsite until 22/09/17
Friday, 15 September	-	Year 5 Road patrollers being trained
Monday, 18 September	-	Years 5 and 6 visiting the ASB Centre
Wednesday, 20 September	-	ArtSplash – MUSIC
Friday, 22 September	-	ArtSplash – DANCE
Saturday, 23 September	-	NZ General Elections
Monday, 25 September	-	BoT meeting @ 6pm in the staffroom
Tuesday, 26 September	-	Years 5 and 6 visiting the Science Roadshow
Friday, 29 September	-	Last day of term 3



## SCHOOL NOTICES



### SCHOOL PRODUCTION – HISTORY ROCKS

A reminder that School Production tickets are on sale at the school office between 8.30am and 3.15pm each day from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August until Friday 25 August. There is a limit of 6 per family, tickets cost \$5 each please have the correct money when coming to the office.

## Reporting Student Progress in 2017

### Progress and Anniversary Reporting

Our student achievement reporting timeline for Y1-3 students follows Ministry of Education guidelines requiring the school to report to parents based on students' time at school, rather than calendar years.

The National Standards benchmarks have a clear, expected timeframe to them. They are:

- After 12 months at school - (40 school weeks — around their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- After 24 months at school - (80 school weeks — around their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- After 36 months at school - (120 school weeks — around their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday)

This timeframe is used to report to you twice a year. Reports for year 1-3 students will be made available at the following points:

- An anniversary report around your child's birthday
- A progress report in between at 20 weeks, 60 weeks, and 100 weeks.

Below is a table showing when students' reports will be updated and available to parents. Remember, it depends on their time at school, not traditional calendar years. Reports will be made available as close as possible to the progress/anniversary timeframe.

If your child's birthday is in....	Their Progress Report will go out in...	Their Anniversary Report will go out in...
January	July	December (previous year)*
February	July	December (previous year)*
March	August	March
April	September	April
May	October	May
June	November/December	June
July	January/February	July
August	March	August
September	April	September
October	May	October
November	June	November
December	July	December

- If your child has had a birthday in January or February of this year their end of year report from December 2016 counts as their anniversary report. This is because the teacher from 2016 wrote the report.
- **All Y4-6 students** will receive a mid-year and end of year report against the National Standard appropriate to their time at school.
- If you have any queries feel free to discuss these with the classroom teacher initially, your child's team leader or myself.

# NOTICE COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Raroa Intermediate School – Open Day

- Year 6 Parent Information Evening is Thursday 31 August at 6:00pm in the School hall.
- Open Days for parents are Wednesday 30 August and Thursday 31 August (between 9am and 2.30pm)
- Raroa Intermediate Enrolments now open via the school website [www.raroa.school.nz](http://www.raroa.school.nz) or this link - [form](#)

## Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Open Morning

Parents of Year 6 girls are invited to come to the Marsden School Karori Open Morning, Friday 18 August, between 8.45am and 12pm. This is a good opportunity to see the school in action and learn about the programmes and opportunities for you daughter. Enrolments for 2018 are now open. [marsden.school.nz](http://marsden.school.nz)

## ScoutsNZ

Johnsonville Scouts are currently looking for new members and welcome Children Age 6-14 for Keas, Cubs and Scouts, if you are interested in joining, please contact our Group Leader Johann Weich at [scoutsjville@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsjville@gmail.com).

Meeting days: Keas (age 6-8) Thursday; Cubs (age 8-10 1/2 ) Monday / Tuesday; Scouts (10 1/2 - 14) Wednesday.

We have a free trial period of four weeks for any of our sections and would love to have you come along and give it a try.

**Make a splash at TAWA POOLS**  
**Under the Sea CARNIVAL**

**Saturday 23rd September 2017**  
**6.00-8.00pm**

**8-12yrs** (younger siblings welcome with parent supervisor)  
**\$5 entry**

POPCORN | LOLLIES | DRINKS | SAUSAGE SIZZLE |  
DJ | LIGHTS | TREASURE HUNT | BOAT RACES | SPIN TO WIN | TATTOO PARLOR | FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE  
BE IN TO WIN.....

**Absolutely Positively**  
**Wellington City Council**  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

**PLEASE NOTE:** We generally advertise in Community Notices activities that are local and child oriented. We cannot however guarantee the quality of these activities.