Thursday 18th May 2017

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Each morning, the classes are out practising for the school cross-country, which is this Tuesday 23 May. We look forward to seeing many parents & caregivers here at school that day supporting their children.

**West Eyreton School’s New Kapahaka Performance Group:**
The school Kapahaka group has been invited to perform at the Ngai Tahu Farming conference at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel (formally Chateau on the Park) on Saturday evening 27 May.

A letter to Kapahaka pupils’ parents about this event can be found in today’s newsletter.

Tutors Whaea Debbie & Matua Wiremu will be there to support our pupils in their first performance as our school Kapahaka group.

Over the last few weeks, a team of parents led by Room 4 teacher, Michelle Orr has been very busy sewing the new Kapahaka uniforms.

The group was only formed at the start of this term yet they have made remarkable progress and have two items ready to perform at the conference.

Thank you to everyone involved, staff & parents, for your support for our Kapahaka group.

**Communicating to the School Community Online Survey - Closing Date, Friday 26 May:**
Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to this survey so far.

We really would appreciate you taking the time to provide us with some feedback on current school communication.

If you’d still like to contribute, the survey can be found at [https://goo.gl/forms/wpEhClErZzdETV0g1](https://goo.gl/forms/wpEhClErZzdETV0g1)

Jillian Gallagher – Principal.

**School News:**

**Welcome:**
The staff and I warmly welcome Ms Taara Ewen, trainee teacher in Room 3 who will be working here for the next five weeks.
**E Awards:**
The focus for the last two weeks has been **Empathy** – “Taking turns and sharing with others”.

Pupils receiving awards are:-

**New Entrants:** Layla, Kenzie  
**Room 1:** Ava, Rowen  
**Room 2:** Elizah, Max  
**Room 3:** Ella, Angus  
**Room 4:** Alayna, Issy  
**Room 5:** Nathan, Keisha  
**Room 6:** Alex, Daniel  
**Room 7:** Paris, Ashlee  
**Room 8:** Jacob, William

A full assembly to award pupils will be held tomorrow, **Friday 19th May at 9.00a.m.** in the school hall. All parents & families are welcome to attend.

This assembly will be led by the Year 7 & 8 Tech leadership team with Room 8 sharing their learning.

The new E focus for the next fortnight is “**Enterprise** – Being willing to take on new challenges.”

The whakatauki for the new **Enterprise** focus is “Ko te pae tawhiti whaia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tina – Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain.”

**Cust Netball Club:**
On Tuesday of this week the Mainland Tactix netball team took a training session for the Cust Netball Club. There are a number of West Eyreton School pupils from Yr 3 – Yr 8 who belong to the Club.

**School Reports:**
An email was sent out on Wednesday afternoon to those families who have not collected their child’s Term 1 report. These can be collected from the school office.
Wheels Day – tomorrow Friday 19 May, (weather permitting):

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY
Our school’s cross country will be held on **Tuesday 23rd May** with the postponement day to be advised.

The junior cross country will begin at 11am and the senior cross country will begin at 12.30pm.
The junior cross country will be co-ordinated/run and supported by Room 6 and 7.

For the senior cross country to run safely we require a parent in the following areas:

**PARENT SCHOOL ROAD STATIONS**
- Year 5 – Bridget Cowan
- Year 6 – Kate Baldwin
- Year 7 –
- Year 8 – Michelle Cooper

**Please email me** linda.marshall@westeyreton.school.nz **by Friday 19th May**

_Students will be required to supply two named drink bottles - these are to be left at our two drink stations._

**DRINK STATIONS**
- Safe zone - exiting onto School Road - trestle table
  - parent – Kerryn Duncan

- **By the rope swing in the domain - trestle table**
  - parent – Tim Fulton

**Scent-Co Fundraiser:**
A page is coming home today with an order form to purchase scented pencils or pens. We will be using funds from this fundraiser to purchase Blown Up books for shared reading.

Please ignore the date at the top of the page. We would like to send any orders away by the **9th June** so they can be here by the end of this term. Please return section 3 of this form to the school with your payment by the 9th June if you would like to place an order. Thank you Judi Tallott.
Other School News:

Lost:
Does anyone have a size 6 (?) Black Macpac puffer jacket in their collection. It is named at the waist tag 'Ramsay' and Maxwell would appreciate the warmth in this horrid weather. If you find this jacket could you please bring to the school office.

ALSO LOST – a new school polar fleece Size 5 named “Blake Bell”.
Could parents/caregivers please check their child/children’s school uniform clothing in case it has gone home by mistake?

PTA News:

The PTA is running a fundraiser from the 8th of May - 11th June with Cosy Toes. Get all of your winter necessities from Cosy Toes online this year; put West Eyreton School in the comments box (available via phone also) and Cosy Toes will donate 20% of the RRP to the West Eyreton PTA.

- Check it out at www.cosytoes.co.nz

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Buy woollen socks online for babies, kids, children, women & men. These are made from the finest merino wool. Shop Online Now At Cosy Toes New Zealand. COSYTOES.CO.NZ

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and ways that you can get involved!
JOIN US ON FACEBOOK
It’s the best way to keep an eye on upcoming events
West Eyreton Parent Teacher Association Incorporated, or go to info@wepta.org.nz .
Feel free to use this medium to raise any queries or make suggestions about the PTA....
We would love your feedback.

New parent afternoon tea on the 19th June 2pm (please note change of month – was in last week’s newsletter as May) in the school hall. All welcome.

Community News:

WE’VE MOVED: - 24 HOUR SURGERY.
New location for 24 Hour Surgery.
The 24 Hour Surgery on Bealey Avenue has moved to 401 Madras Street. Phone numbers and P.O. Box remains the same. If you would like a map of where their premises are now situated please call into the school office and we will copy one for you.

Bible Study Group:
Hi, I am running a Bible study group at my house (5 Washington Place) this term on Monday evenings, 7.30pm – 8.30p.m. They will be fortnightly, beginning on the 15th May.
If you are interested, please contact Marina Blanchard on 027 267 1747. Thank you, Marina.
Letter for Parents of KapaHaka Pupils re Upcoming Performance – 27 May:

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers

Your child is involved in our school’s Kapa Haka performance group.

West Eyreton School has been invited to perform at the Ngi Tahu Farming conference on the 27th of May at 6.45pm. This will be held at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel (formally Chateau on the Park) conference centre on Dean’s Avenue in Christchurch. Our performance is being held in ‘The Great Hall’ at the venue.

Your child needs to be there ready to perform at 5.45pm. Please take your child to the ‘Camelot’ room. This gives us time to go over the performance and warm up before we go in. Our kapa haka tutors Matua Wiremu and Whaea Debbie will lead our performance.

The students need to arrive dressed and ready. The girls will need to be wearing their school top, navy shorts/ culottes and a headband (supplied). The boys will wear navy school shorts and a sash (supplied).

Some nibbles and drink will be provided for the students and parents.

A professional photographer will be present and take photos of the performance. Please let me know if you do not wish your child to be photographed or for photos to be used. Copies of the photos will be sent to me for you to have if you like.

Any questions, please email me on michelle.orr@westeyreton.school.nz.

Thank you

Michelle Orr
SPORT TOURNAMENT - YEAR 5, 6, 7 and 8: Friday 30th June
All of our Year 5 - 8 students will be playing in a tournament at Oxford Area School. Students have had the opportunity to choose either touch rugby or hockey to play.

Hockey - all students are expected to have (already) their own mouthguard and shin-pads, if they don't have these items then they will play touch rugby.

All students will be travelling to and from this tournament by bus. The cost will be $5.00 per child. (internet payment preferred - 010 877 000 619 300) Payment needs to be made by Friday 23rd June - to the school office in a named envelope.

We will be leaving school at 11am and arriving back at approximately 2.45pm. This tournament is to provide students the opportunity to play in a team in a fun and non-threatening environment. It also provides an opportunity for our senior students to show leadership and give our inexperienced players a chance to learn from those with more refined skills. However, to ensure all games run smoothly we are in need of parent helpers to support our teams (I will ensure you are with your own child's team).

Please email linda.marshall@westeyreton.school.nz by Friday 19th May. You do not need to know all of the rules of the games! Oxford School's senior students will be our referees. As they are volunteering to help run our games it would be greatly appreciated if they were fully supported while refereeing.

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YEAR 5, 6, 7 & 8 - EVERYONE must fill out the form below and return to the office by tomorrow – (FRIDAY 19TH MAY).

I agree for my child/ren to participate in the Eyre Cluster Sports Tournament and pay by Friday 23rd June.

_____________________________________________ (child name)

_____________________________________________ (child name)

_____________________________________________ (parent/caregiver signature)

Thank you
Linda Marshall