

# TERM 2 JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## What's happening this term....

### Winter Issues

Clothing and footwear – please label all items of clothing: skirts, socks, sweatshirts... It is vital that you keep a named spare set of clothing in your child's bag for winter accidents. The office no longer holds spare clothing so it is important a spare set is in children's bags.

### Friday Assemblies

Whanau time is every second week beginning Friday 12th May. Even weeks at 9.45 (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10). All welcome!

This term's schedule is as follows:

Week 2: Rm 7 & 16 (Fri 12th May)

Week 4: Rm 11 & 20 (Fri 26th May)

Week 6: Rm 8 & 22 (Fri 9th June)

Week 8: Rm 1 & 23 (Fri 23rd June)

Week 10: Rm 2 & 13 (Fri 7th July)

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact us on:

away@westernheights.school.nz

text: 021 040 2125

ph: 836 1213 ext: 202

Or download and use our free Western Heights School app. It works on both iPhones and androids. It has many fantastic features and we highly recommend this to all parents and caregivers.



Playball with Room 4.

Creative and collaborative learning fun in Room 6.



Year 1 boys proudly displaying Fun Run medals & certificates.

### Welcome back

Welcome to our many new families and welcome to Term 2. We hope you have had an enjoyable break with your child. We have a busy term ahead with plenty of exciting learning experiences planned for the children.

### 100 Day Celebration

On Monday we celebrated the concept of halves all day, as it was our 51st day at school and we were over half way to the 100 days of learning celebration. Throughout the day we did math activities learning about half and we participated in half a task and stopped before finishing the other half at a later stage.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe

This term Constable Dean will be visiting each class as part of our Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. There is a parent meeting at 2pm Thursday 4th May in the staffroom to discuss what will be covered during these lessons.

### Seesaw

This fantastic app has quickly become a valuable tool in sharing learning with parents. It is also a quick and easy way to communicate with parents. We really value your comments and feedback on your child's posts and would encourage you to comment or ask questions if unsure. It is a great way to stay fully informed of your child's progress.

### Physical Education

During the first part of term, every class will be participating in gymnastics sessions hosted by GymKids Ltd. This will be the same rostered time each week for 4 weeks.

On these days it is best for children to wear appropriate P.E. clothing e.g. shorts/trousers and t-shirts. Leggings/Stockings/Tights with feet are not suitable as gymnastics must be practised in bare feet. It is advisable for children to wear a sensible pair of sneakers which can easily be taken on and off (velcro shoes are great until they learn to tie shoelaces) over the winter months.



Such a relaxed class must be the yoga happening in room 2.

**Dates to note:****Week 1: 1-5 May**

Mon 2nd May: Day 51 (over half way to 100!)

Thur 4th May: KOS parent meeting  
2pm

**Week 2: 8-12 May**

Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)

Programme begins with NZ Police for 3 weeks

Mon 8th May: Fun Run booklets must be back by today to be eligible to claim your prize.

Fri 12th May: Mum's afternoon tea  
2-3pm.

**Week 3: 15-19 May**

KOS continues

Thurs 18th: Royal Family Hip Hop Show

**Week 4: 22-26 May**

KOS continues

Fri 26th May: Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying campaign)

**Week 5: 29 May- 2 June**

ERO at School all week

**Week 6: 5-9 June**

Mon 5th Queen's Birthday

**Week 7: 12-16 June****Week 8: 19-23 June**

Matariki celebrations begin

Mon 19th: Matariki Show with Jerome Kavanagh

Wed 21st: Wig Wednesday for Child Cancer

Thurs 22nd June: Eco Show Tour

**Week 9: 26-30th June**

Tues 27th & Wed 28th: Gym Trip to Waitakere Gymnastics

**Week 10: 3rd-7th July**

School finishes 3pm on Fri 7th July



Collaborative and creative learning.



Math knowledge to 10.

**Mathematics**

Number continues as always, along with the strand Geometry - 2D and 3D shapes and their attributes and Geometry-position, orientation and transformation. Year 1 classes are also continuing with Algebra- repeating and sequential patterns.

This term our Year 1 classes focus on basic facts doubles addition to 20. Our Year 2 classes are using their knowledge of doubles to solve problems such as 6+7 (doubles plus 1) or 40+40 (tens doubles). A separate sheet will be sent out with ideas to support learning at home.

**Music Lessons**

Every Junior class will continue to have 4-6 music sessions with Mr Mark McLay or Ms Isla Noakes in our specialist music room this term.

**Payments**

All payments to be made directly to the office (not classrooms) and we encourage parents to make them directly to our school bank account **12-3039-0773733-00**. It is a good idea to set it up as a payee so you only need to enter the account number the first time. Please make sure you put your child's name and room number and reference to what the payment is for. Alternatively you can place your permission slip and payment (cash/cheque) in an envelope into the drop box at reception. Eftpos is also available at reception.

**Coming up in Term 3 ...**

Our 100 day celebrations fall on the first day back next term, so get your collection of 100 items ready in the holidays. The local \$2 shops have lots of things you can find (sequins, pompoms, paperclips etc) , or you can look in the pantry (pasta pieces, Nutri grain pieces etc) or the garden (pebbles, leaves etc).

Summary reports of progress and achievement towards the National Standards will be sent home Week 1 of Term 3.

Student led conferences will be in Week 1 of Term 3 where we will meet with each of you to discuss progress and achievement and discuss next steps of learning for each child.

Book Fair Week 1 of Term 3  
Pyjama Day  
Class Photos Week 6 of Term 3  
Father's morning at school  
Drumming Show

Room 7 science experiments  
with Ian Milne.



Music with  
Mr McClay

