

Western Springs College

Nga Puna O Waiorea

Newsletter No 6 – 18th June, 2012

Springs Calendar TERM TWO 2012

Week Nine
June 18 – June 22

Monday 18 June

Yr 12 Geography Trip

Tuesday 19 June

PAG meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd June

School Ball

Sunday 24th June – Sat 7th July

Amazon Trip departs

Week Ten
June 25 – June 29

Monday 25 June

Junior Parent Evening # 2

2 – 7pm

BOT Meeting 6pm at the Marae

Thursday 28 June

Pofiafia Night school hall @

6pm – 9pm

Friday 29 June

Trash to Fash

END OF TERM TWO

Junior Parent/Teacher
interviews
Bookings now open
Monday June 25th 2.00 to
7.00pm
[Click here to book an
interview time](#)
(School Code VCN7Y)

Message from the Principal:

Junior Parent / Teacher Interviews, Monday, 25 June, 2.00-7.00pm

A reminder to parents that the online appointment booking service for next week's interviews is accessible on the front page of the school website. Remember that alternatively you may phone the school office to make appointments. The Year 9 and 10 reports are being mailed home this week with further details to assist you.

Please note that all students will be released at 12.30pm next Monday, 25/6, prior to the report interviews commencing at 2.00pm.

School Ball, Saturday, 23 June

The venue for 2012 is the Sky Convention Centre. Note that there are no door sales. The doors open from 7.30pm; students must arrive by 8.00pm to gain entry. Once they have entered, students will not be able to depart until 11.50 o'clock, unless collected by a parent. We strongly advise parents to ensure that students have safe transport to and from the ball.

The ball is a school event so the usual school rules apply: smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted. Students who are clearly affected by pre-ball drinking and/or smoking activity will be required to leave. Should this occur parents will be phoned to collect their son or daughter from the venue.

Please note also that any pre-ball or after-ball activities are not school events and that no staff supervision can be provided for them. Supervision at these times is a parent/caregiver responsibility. There are legal implications relating to attendance at such events so parents should advise wisely.

As in past years, if we are informed about the organization of an after-ball event involving the illegal supply of alcohol, we will pass this information on to the NZ Police. Students have been advised not to organise large scale pre- or after-ball events and not to sell tickets for such events which offer the bearer the illegal supply of alcohol.

The theme for this year's ball is *A Night in Paris*. We can expect that our students will give creative and imaginative expression to the Parisian theme in their selection of apparel. The Ball Committee is very keen for the evening to be a great success. May everyone involved have a great, safe night out!

Fia Fia Night, Hall, Thursday, 28 June, 6-8pm

All families are invited to attend this annual end-of-term WSC calendar highlight. Prepare to be entertained – you will not be disappointed! See the notice below for more information.

Master Planning Consultation, Tuesday, 19 June

WSC students will be given the opportunity tomorrow morning to provide their input into the planning process for the rebuilding programme. They will have the opportunity to help determine the key factors to be taken into account from a student perspective when planning the inter-relationships of the diverse areas of the school.

Similarly, **WSC parents** will be able to meet and interact with planner Peter Davidson at tomorrow evening's Parent Action Group meeting from 8.00pm in the staffroom.

Waste Minimisation Project Launch, Beginning of Term 3

WSC has been immensely fortunate to be accorded a significant Ministry for the Environment grant. See below for news of this project launch.

Music Success Stories:

Rock Quest -WSC was represented in the Auckland regional finals last weekend by **Eden Roberts** and **Zander de Rueck**. Fine performances all round and Eden won the award for best 'woman's musicianship' – congratulations.

Congratulations also to Zen Trio! **Noah Rudd**, oboe; **Zoe Stenhouse-Burgess**, flute; and **Eddie Liu**, piano. The trio were very impressive in the recent schools Chamber Music competition. From a field of over 120 the trio made it to the Auckland semi-finals (the top 16) which is a major achievement. More importantly Zen was judged the best junior chamber group in Auckland!!

Many hours of rehearsal went into this performance and these three young musicians performed like seasoned professionals. We are very proud of them and look forward to hearing much, much more from them. Many thanks to their tutor Alison Jepson.

Margaret Robertson

PO FIAFIA 2012:

Talofa lava,
Warm Pasifika greetings to you all!

You are all invited to our annual cultural extravaganza – PO FIAFIA – at the end of this term. This much awaited night will feature our award-winning Nga Puna O Waiorea kapahaka group as well as our wonderful line up of the Niuean, Tongan, Cook Island and Samoan groups.

All the students have been hard at work to bring you another memorable night. Please keep this night free.

When: Thursday, 28th June, 6-8

Where: WSC Hall

Gold coin donation

Food will be available for purchase: Tickets will be distributed to the performers.

Fa'afetai lava, I le ava lava ma le mamalu,

Tupe Tai - email tait@wsc.school.nz

**Next BOT Meeting, 25th June, 2012,
6pm to be held this time in the Marae.**

Leaders' Voice:

Council takes to the trees

By Hannah Clarke

The Student Council had an exciting end to the week. We organised a group-bonding trip to Tree Adventures on Friday afternoon to build trust and help get to know one another better. We left at the beginning of lunchtime, and were suspicious about what the weather would do. During the ride out there we had a patch of very heavy rain which made us all very nervous. But it quickly cleared and we were greeted by blue sky on our arrival.

We took a few minutes to have a shared lunch and talk about the up-coming house point applications that are being reviewed on Wednesday. Then it was time to get our harnesses on and hit the high ropes! Our guide, Tarzan, made sure that we understood the safety briefing by testing each one of us on the practice course before letting us loose in the tree tops. We split

into two groups and started on courses that were side-by-side. We were yelling words of encouragement to our neighbours and working together to help get each other to the end of each course.

We had a great end to a great week. We wouldn't have been able to get all of this organised without the help of Jarrod Dunn and Katrina Johnson who put up with our whistling and other shenanigans! Thanks for helping us make this day a great success and we hope it becomes an annual activity!



Travel Wise Update

By Peter Robinson

As some of you may have noticed, construction of the Great North Road/Motions Road controlled intersection and the numerous speed tables along Motions Road has begun. This is exciting not only for the Travel Wise group and the students of Western Springs, but also for the public. The controlled intersection will allow pedestrians to cross safely on Great North Road, as well as slowing down the traffic flow along Motions Road outside Pasadena Intermediate and Western Springs. These developments are the fruits of several years of hard work by Western Springs Travel Wise groups, the parents and staff of WSC, and we look forward to its completion. The Travel Wise group ask for your patience and co-operation during the scheduled construction.

Health Wise Update

By Rosa Newell

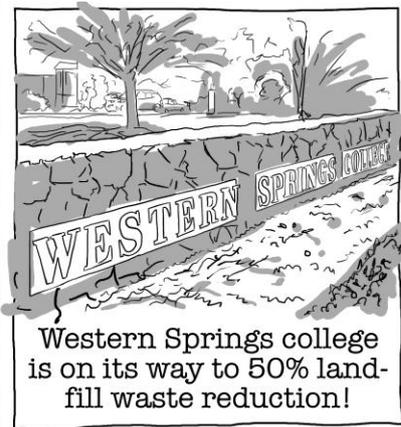
As part of the healthwise initiative, we are launching our very own Western Springs College 'ecousable' water bottle. The introduction of a sustainable water bottle within our school will be beneficial for the environment, in terms of reducing the number of disposable water bottles, and for our health by using a material free from toxins which often leak into our water from disposable plastic ones.

We held a design competition for the logo on the bottle. We had amazing entries and congratulations to Molly Davy who won the competition with her original and creative design.



We would love to hear from anyone in the community with knowledge of graphic design who would be able to help or advise us in transforming this logo into a more simplistic format we can successfully print on the bottle!

INTRODUCING THE WSC WASTE MINIMISATION PROJECT



Western Springs College sends around **648kg** of waste to landfill every week!!!! Around **70%** of this waste can be diverted through composting or recycling?



Thanks to the **\$55 000** grant received from the Waste Minimisation Fund, which is administered by the Ministry for the Environment, we are well on track to achieving this goal.

The grant has allowed us to employ a team of environmental consultants to work alongside our current waste heroes, Bridget Glasgow (Enviroschools facilitator) and Niki Harre (Associate Professor University of Auckland). Sunshine, Ron and Lynn have been a welcome addition to the team.



Watch out for the launch of our new waste systems at the start of term 3 as well as information on what you can do to help!!!!

The Senior exam results have been e-mailed home. If you have not received them, please contact Beth at reception and she will up date your e-mail address and send you the document.

Community Notices:



<http://tapac.org.nz/2012/03/alice-july-school-holidays/>

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