

WESTBRIDGE RESIDENTIAL

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TERM 3 IN THE BOOKS

As we approach the end of Term 3, we look forward to what Term 4 holds. Despite the restrictions around Covid-19, we took all necessary steps to ensure we were able to make each day as fun, and full of learning as possible. In Term 4 we hope to be able to explore and share what Auckland has to offer.

We will continue to do our part in 'stopping the spread', as well as ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff.

We would like to thank all our students and their families for their hard work and support.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday!

WESTBRIDGE GRADUATES

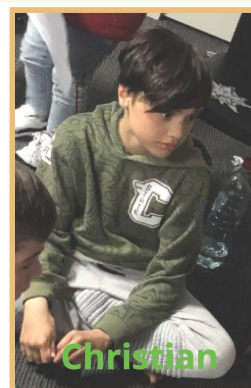
Westbridge is proud to have worked alongside Kim and Arisa and seen the huge amount of growth in the time they have spent here with us. We wish you both the best in all you do!



NEW BEGINNINGS

We would like to welcome all our new students who have only recently joined us this term! Joining Te Puna Cottage, we have our three young men:

Christian, Rueben and Laytin. Puawai Cottage also welcomes both Lucian and Peter. Both Cottages are well equipped and have the determination to help these boys strive!



Christian



Rueben



Laytin



Peter

Lucian

FAKAKOLOA'O AOTEAROA 'AKI'A E LOTU MO'ONI

Malo e lelei! Fakakolooa 'o Aotearoa 'aki'a e Lotu Mo'oni" which means "Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through Prayer and Faith. This term we were blessed with the chance to celebrate Tongan language week for the first time here at Westbridge!

This week we were proud to introduce the Tongan Language influence into our daily routines. The students were taught commonly used words and phrases such as, "How are you?" or "Fefe hake?". "I'm fine thank you" or "Sai pe malo" etc. Although students found it hard it was amazing just to see the effort put into learning not only a new language, but experience a whole new culture.



The students had a rare insight into the history of the land and its past Kings through a slide show and through fun activities run by our Tongan staff. They were able to experience Tongan food ranging from Puaka (Pork) Manioke (Cassava) Ota ika (Raw fish) and ofcourse! the famous Otai the popular Tongan fruit drink, just to name a few! The staff put on a number of items such as the traditional Tongan dance Tau'olunga, and also sung traditional hymns to entertain the entire site.

It was an amazing day filled with laughter and Ofa (Love)

Malo au pito!

TE WIKI O TE REO - MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

New Zealand is revitalizing the Māori language and a part of that is celebration of our success and promoting Te Reo Māori. Māori language week is an opportunity for concentrated celebration, promotion and encouragement.

Every minute of every hour of every day is a Māori language minute - We can choose to use te reo every time we do, even just a "Kia ora!" contributes to revitalization.

Westbridge tamariki were invited to celebrate Māori language week with giving giving Te Reo a go! Each whare (cottage) had a challenge to use 'Mo te kai karakia' - Food prayer in Te Reo. Rueben of Te Puna whare took this challenge out! Ka Rawe Rueben. Absolute Te Reo superstar, role modeling to give it a go!



KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI
14-20 MAHURU 2020



Cory O took out Puawai's karakia challenge. He has this on lock! Tu meke, Cory.

We had kai made with aroha, mussel chowder, fry bread, boil up and pork. The evenings events included a short video history on Maori, then onto pronouncing the NZ place names such as Tauranga, Whangarei, Whakatane etc.

Brave volunteers stepped up to practise their skills with greetings: "Kia Ora" "Ata Marie" "Tena Koutou katoa" etc

All took part in a Maori themed quiz, a fierce game of 'Pukana' and a very enthusiastic Tiktok kanikani session.

Huge gratitude out to all who supported Te wiki o Te Reo!



SPORTS ACTIVITIES!

This term due to travel restrictions we have made full use of our facilities here at Westbridge! As we headed into lock-down our Turbo Touch team 'Westbridge Kings' remained undefeated with a record of 7-0.

Throughout the term the students were able to work on and improve their tag, basketball, touch and overall sporting skills. Here are a few photos from this term.

