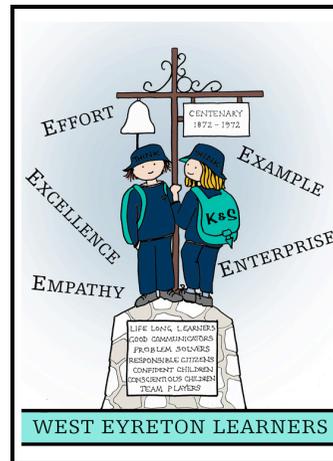


WEST EYRETON SCHOOL CHARTER

2018 – 2020



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WEST EYRETON SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY

West Eyreton was established in 1872 and is a co-educational, full primary – Year 0 (New Entrants) to Year 8 state school. It is a rural school situated in the Waimakariri District 24km southwest of Rangiora.

The school roll is approximately 216 pupils. There are currently nine classes – all except the NE class are collaborative teaching learning teams (Ropu).

The school buildings have been added to as the roll has grown. There are five junior school classrooms and four classrooms in the senior school. In addition to the classrooms, there is an administration block / staffroom and a joint BOT/ community funded Library. A school hall was completed in 2009. Two senior classrooms were built in 2015 forming a modern learning collaborative teaching senior block environment consisting of five teaching & breakout spaces.

The school buildings are set in attractive, sheltered and well maintained grounds including a school / community swimming pool, a junior and senior adventure playground, one tennis/netball court, junior sandpit, large creative play area and extensive playing fields. Pupils also have the use of the West Eyreton community's tennis club courts.

The school has worked in partnership with the Waimakariri District Council to develop the community domain which adjoins the school grounds – the school funded a fitness trail consisting of eight fitness stations around the domain's perimeter and the cost of building a new senior adventure playground with the WDC giving permission for this to be built on the community domain land. The WDC maintains the upkeep of the new playground for the school & community.

Commencing in 2011, the school worked with its community on a fundraising campaign to enclose the school / community pool to extend the swimming season for pupils & community members. Building of the pool enclosure was completed in November 2014.

The school has a comprehensive range of e-Learning teaching resources. The school computers are networked and there is wireless internet and email broadband access in every classroom. All classrooms are networked to the school's photocopiers/printers. Classrooms are equipped with quality modern learning classroom furniture.

The Library offers a wide range of reading and research materials to the pupils as well as to the wider community. Parents and pre-schoolers are actively encouraged to use this facility.

Community: Presently, West Eyreton School services an area including West Eyreton, Horrelville and Eyrewell encompassing approximately 500 households. The school produces a community magazine, The News, in terms one & three which is delivered to all community households.

Our closest primary schools are Cust and Swannanoa. We share sporting and cultural events with these schools as well as with View Hill, a small school closer to Oxford.

Up until 2017, West Eyreton School was part of the Oxford / Eyre community learning cluster with Cust, Viewhill & Oxford Area Schools which was formed by the MOE in 2012 as part of the Christchurch renewal Greater Education plan. As part of goals set on the Learning Community Cluster charter, West Eyreton initiated a transition programme for 3 & 4 year olds to attend a weekly, one hour programme covering movement, music & language activities which the school currently resources and funds a trained pre-school teacher. Pre-school parents are involved in the programme – preschool siblings are included. In 2017 each school in the Oxford Eyre LCC has implemented programmes which reflect each school's Cultural Narrative with the aim to further improve cultural responsiveness programmes in these schools.

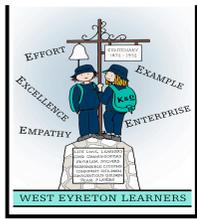
In 2015, West Eyreton was approved to become a member of the Rangiora "Puketeraki" Community of Learning Schools (COL) through the MOE's Investing in Educational Success project. The COL has developed four achievement challenges based on achievement trends across all its schools. In 2017, each school appointed a 'within school' teacher who works with teachers in their own school, for the COL, raising achievement in the challenge areas. West Eyreton identified the Mathematics Challenge as the area to work on this year and will continue this work in 2018 due to the excellent progress & programme initiatives currently being achieved.

Many children move on from West Eyreton to Oxford Area School or to Rangiora High for their secondary schooling. There are some who attend Christchurch City high schools.

West Eyreton has a special, friendly nature, with close relationships that develop between teachers, pupils and parents. At West Eyreton these bonds are fostered by the members of the Board of Trustees and the Friends of The School. These people support the teachers in their efforts to provide enriching programmes for the children.

Curriculum: West Eyreton School is committed to making a difference for its students. The School Vision is our guiding document for developing school programmes to raise the achievement of students at our school.

The school's mission statement is "a strong school team striving for educational excellence."



The staff and pupils have created a school culture that is unique to West Eyreton. Our school culture focuses on the West Eyreton Learner and our 5 Special Qualities (the 5 E's) - Excellence, Example, Empathy, Effort and Enterprise and they guide all of us who work at the school to make good choices within & beyond the school environment.

In 2017 the whole school worked on a beautiful whakairo "Te Koru" which sits proudly at the entrance to the school - our West Eyreton "taonga – treasure" represents the 5E's of our school culture – the overarching Excellence frond unfurls to reveal Empathy, Effort, Example & Enterprise contained within.

Pupils were involved throughout all stages of the carving including planting the garden where it now sits. This amazing taonga is indeed a very special & significant West Eyreton treasure and is a beautiful reminder of our 5 Special Qualities, which are uniquely West Eyreton.



In 2017, the school introduced Ropu Learning teams across the school as collaborative learning & teaching spaces. Five native birds were chosen to illustrate the learning journey of our West Eyreton Learners from NE to Year 8 as they progress through the school.

The Native Birds start off at the Seashore at the New Entrant level and continue on to the Plains with Year 1 & 2, then to the Forest for Year 3 & 4, then to the Foothills & Cliffs for Year 5 & 6 and finally to high above the Mountains for Year 7 & 8 pupils.

In 2018 classes are organised into Ropu Learning Teams:

- * New Entrants will be in Ropu Kotare
- * Years 1, 2 & 3 will be in Ropu Ruru
- * Years 3 & 4 will be in Ropu Kereru
- * Years 5 & 6 will be in Ropu Kea
- * Years 7 & 8 will be in Ropu Karearea

All the Learning Ropu work collaboratively, teaching & learning in teams across both classrooms so a child's placement is not about being in a particular room – they belong to a Ropu learning team.

Exceptional Staff

Teaching staff are dedicated to providing quality learning and teaching programmes for their students. They are ably assisted by the Board of Trustees and a committed team of Support Staff who contribute whole-heartedly to the school's endeavour to provide the best educational outcomes for its students.

School's Vision & Values:

The school vision has a strong focus on learning but it has an equally strong focus on developing children who can relate well to each other – a strong school culture is very important.

Our aim is to bring the whole school together as a "team" – to establish a strong and united belief about who we are – to strengthen the "sense of belonging" and "pride" in what West Eyreton School stands for.

The School Vision sets the strategic direction and planning for learning at our school – this has been developed by staff, BOT and parents. The vision states what West Eyreton School stands for, who we are and what we aim to achieve.

West Eyreton School Vision:

We aim to develop our pupils as:

Lifelong Learners

Problem Solvers

Confident children

Conscientious children, Good communicators

Team Players, Responsible Citizens

In order that all participants in our school have a clear understanding of our vision we developed the ‘West Eyreton Learner’. This encompasses our school culture, values and beliefs.