



## WHS Newsletter

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This will be our final newsletter for Term 1. It has been a busy term and the children have been working hard to gain achievement in Reading, Writing and Numeracy (Mathematics). I have had the pleasure of reading many of the children's writings and listening to their reading. I would like to thank the many parents who are listening to their children's reading and enjoying their writing.

The weather has remained very hot and the children have completed a full term of the swimming programme.

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents who have helped out in so many ways and attending the Monday morning assemblies. I look forward to your support of your children's learning in Term 2.

**Reporting to Parents on Children's Achievement:** On 28 May parents will receive a full report on children's achievement. You will receive a report which will clearly state how your child is achieving in Reading, Writing and Numeracy (Mathematics). The report will show your child's achievement level in regards to national achievement levels throughout New Zealand.

We will be holding parent/child/teacher interviews on 09 & 10 June. We want parents to come to these interviews with their child. Children will report to parents re their achievements. At the interview we set goals for your child's achievement and discuss what's next in terms of teacher and parent input to learning.

The interviews will be run over a 20-minute period and we would like to see and talk to every parent and child at the interviews. The school day will finish at 12.30 pm on both days to allow enough time to see all parents and children. I will keep you posted re interview time request forms and actual interview times.

**Netball:** The 2010 season will begin on Saturday 01 May. I would like to say a big thank you to all teachers and parents who will be coaching our Netball teams in the competition. We would like to hear from any parent or family member who could coach our Year 4 Netball team. If you can, please contact Mrs Hitchcock or the school office.

**Classroom Disruptions:** We have noticed an increasing number of visitors to the school who walk through classrooms instead of walking around the outside of the buildings. If you need to come in to the school to collect your child or see their teacher would you please make sure that you go around the outside of the buildings and go directly to your child's classroom, rather than cutting through other classes as this is highly disruptive to other children's learning.

**Rippa Rugby:** We are looking for a coach or coaches for the Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby teams. If you would be interested in helping out would you please contact Scott Buckingham in Room 15. Relevant qualifications would be an advantage and we would like to hear from you by the middle of next week. Thank you for supporting our children's sport.

### Important Dates

*Monday 29 March* – 9.00 am School Assembly. School Junior Kapa Haka group performing. Parents are most welcome

*Thursday 01 April* – last day of Term 1 – children dismissed at normal time of 3.00 pm

*Monday 19 April* – First day of Term 2

### School Dates 2010

*Term 1* – Tuesday 02 February – Thursday 01 April

*Term 2* – Monday 19 April – Friday 02 July

*Term 3* – Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September

*Term 4* – Monday 11 October – Thursday 16 December

### Integrated Study Theme – SYSTEMS

**Key Competencies – Managing Self; Relating to Others**

### Enduring Understanding:

Systems play an important part in everyone's life

Systems are the inter-connectivity between parts that make the whole work

**Welcome to the School:** We would like to welcome the following children & their families to our school: Zoey Mason; Teani Sami; Dante Matakatea; Jonnee-Li Sealey; Chetan Prasad

## WEST HARBOUR SCHOOL VISION

*To enable our children to become proactive citizens who are confident, resilient life-long learners, capable of making informed decisions.*



**Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, Na Maste, Ni Hao Mao, Kia Orana, Hello and Greetings to all of our West Harbour families!**

Well it's almost to the end of term 1 already can you believe it! I thought I would put in a few notices of events happening around our community for both the young and old to keep busy as well as have some fun!

### **Massey Pram Walking:**

Pram walking Massey is open to all Mothers, Fathers, caregivers, and your young children too. Join us for a 30-45 minute casual stroll! Meet Friday morning 9.30am. Meet at playground at Moire park. No need to register just turn up on the day. For more info, phone Pauline: 966 3117.

### **Te Raa Mokopuna Day:**

Saturday March 27 10.00am – 3.00pm; Moire Park. Free Fun Day including entertainment, information, giveaways and prizes. On the day there will be activities for all the family including - stunning local talent, car displays workshops for men, pamper area for women, hip hop demonstrations, sports, arts, storytelling, face painting, food stalls, community gardens, cooking classes and much more. Get along with all the family!

### **Free Massey Park Activities:**

Coming to a Massey Park near you! For all Massey young people. Every Fridays 5pm – 7pm. Sports and other fun activities. All age groups welcome. Free sausage sizzle. Watch out because the next park could be near you! For more information contact Pava Saifoloi on 021 273 9579.

### **FREE – Parents Programme – The Communication Skills Workshop**

April 14-16, 2010. Second week of the school holidays. Venue: Committee Room, Kelston Community Centre, 135 Awaroa Road (off Great North Road), Waitakere. All participants receive a manual; Morning and afternoon tea provided. Three workshops – workshop one 9am – 3.30pm, workshop two 9am – 3.30p; workshop three 9.00am – 1.00pm. For booking and registration information contact Sue at 09 373 2379 or email [admin@peacefoundation.org.nz](mailto:admin@peacefoundation.org.nz).

**Finally I wanted to add a special belated thank you to all of our parents, students, caregivers and friends of West Harbour who helped to make our Family Fun Night such a wonderful success. Have a happy, healthy and safe school holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again next term! – Grecia McNamara, School/Community Liaison**

**CARPARKS:** We ask that parents do not use the front and back car parks to drop off or pickup their children before and after school. Many children walk up the driveways and it becomes very dangerous for them if parents are trying to maneuver their cars around, particularly when it is wet. Please do not stop at the bottom of the driveway to let your children out of the car – this blocks the way for others and causes a hazard on the road, particularly on Oreil Avenue.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Barnardo's Kidstart Homebased Care**

Do you want to work from home?

Want to become a Kidstart Educator or need Homebased care for your child?

Please phone 8375061 for more information