



WHS Newsletter

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I would like to apologise for the lack of a newsletter over the past 3 weeks. I have been in Canada for 8 days, visiting my ill father. I had a very valuable time with my parents in Vancouver and would like to thank the Board of Trustees, Vicki Hitchcock and the rest of the team at school for allowing me to take this time to be with my family.

Winter is certainly close to arriving. We are beginning to notice that the flu and virus ailments are starting to affect the children. Thank you to parents for your co-operation with keeping children at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please remember to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent.

Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews: The interviews will be held on Wednesday 09 & Thursday 10 June. **Children will be dismissed at 12.30 on both days to allow the interviews to begin at 1.00 pm.** Each interview will be for 20 minutes. I am sure that, by now, you will have received your interview request sheets and arranged interview times. As of today, 220 interview times have been arranged. If you have not returned your interview request form, please do so as soon as possible. If you require a form please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you, with your child, at the interviews. Please remember to bring your child's report with you.

Children's School Achievement Reports: All parents/caregivers will receive their child's school reports on Friday 04 June. The reports will be sent home with your children. Please read the reports fully, as they will contain clear and direct information on how your child is achieving in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The reports will also contain future goals that have been developed by children and teachers. It would be great if you can develop some goals for your children before you and your child come to the interviews. Please contact the school office if you do not receive your child's school report.

National Standards: I would like to thank the many parents who attended the National Standards information evening for parents of our junior children. It was great to see you all at the meeting. A big thank you must go to Mrs Janet Bell for her organisation and presentation. We will be planning more meetings to take place during the year.

Meeting with Maori Parents: We will be having a meeting for parents/whanau of Maori children on Wednesday 02 June at 6.00 pm in the school Library. We will be discussing points from our first meeting, as well as the organisation for Matariki week. This will be held in the week of 21-25 June.

Boys'/Girls' Soccer: I would like to say a big congratulations to our Boys' and Girls' soccer teams who took part in the North West Championships last week. Our Boys' team won 2, lost 2 and finished 9th out of 16 schools. Our girls' team won 1, lost 2 and tie 1 and finished 9th out of 15 schools. A big thank you must go to Mrs Kushla White for her great organisation and coaching of our teams. Well done Year 7/8 boys and girls. I am proud of your efforts.

Important Dates

Friday 04 June – Children's full reports sent home

Monday 07 June – Queen's Birthday, school closed

Wednesday 09 June – Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews, children dismissed at 12.30 pm

Thursday 10 June – Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews, children dismissed at 12.30 pm

Integrated Study Theme – I HAVE A DREAM

Key Competencies – Managing Self; Thinking

Welcome to the School: We would like to welcome the following children & their families to our school:

Yoshep Yi; Devante Nukunuku; Noah Wikaira; Aaliyah Te Whata; Jacob, Caleb & Ronnie Iakapo; Manuel Tuaere

New Entrant Enrolments: I would like to thank the many parents who have enrolled children who will be turning 5 in the next 6 months. If you have a child who will be starting school in the next 6 months, please enrol them now. This information is extremely important for future planning of classes.



A Noisy, Rainy Night - by Lauryn Tohovaka, Year 5, Room 11

Wind whistles and howls furiously like laughing hyenas. Branches draw pictures on the windows with their pointy fingers. The tower of rain collapses and leaks the rest of its tears upon the earth. In the morning the sun rises with a spark of light peeking through the curtains.

CARPARKS: PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CARPARKS WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL. The back carpark is extremely busy with teachers and support staff arriving in the mornings and the front carpark will have increased use – including large trucks - due to the new building project.

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!

The colder weather has definitely begun to set in so make sure you're all wrapped up this winter as there are still lots of things happening to be enjoyed by all! Some things to take note of that may be of interest....

FREE YOUTH EVENT in CELEBRATION OF YOUTH WEEK 22 May-30 May 'RANGATAHI ORA: WHANAU ORA'!

Dreaming about a job in the performing arts industry...then come along to a free youth event for 14-20year olds, Entertainment by Mika Youth Dance crew and many more! Friday 28 May, 5.00pm – 9.00pm Massey Leisure Centre, Westgate drive, Massey. 'Its all a dream' is a careers information event with a difference combining knowledge about how to get into the industry with live action including performances by local bands dancers and sisters. So tell your older brothers, sisters, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends to check it out!

Free entry into Motat for Waitakere City Residents!

From the 1-31 May entry into Motat will be free! Bring in the advertisement from your local newspaper, library or proof of your address during this time and receive free entry for you and your family (2 adults and up to 4 children aged 16 and under). Why not make a day of it and take a picnic and the family to see the museum of transport and technology...all you have to do is take verification of your address and get there!

Barnadoes Waitakere Parenting Courses

Awareness of Temperament: Assists parents to positively respond to childrens behaviour. A five week course for parents with children aged 4 – 14 years beginning 2 June 2010 9.30am – 12.30pm; Venue: Barnadoes Office 13 Edsel Street (opposite Westfield carpark); Cost: \$20 (before course begins). Registration essential: contact Therese or Elizabeth 838 0419 for more information.

