



WHS Newsletter

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I would like to say a big thank you to all teachers and parents who have coached and helped out with our Netball teams this year. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Hitchcock for all her excellent efforts in organising netball teams, attending every Saturday and organising coaches for all teams. Thanks also to Miss Osborne, Miss Smith and Miss Simmons for the work they have done with their teams. A special thanks to Mrs Howe for her work in the tuckshop, Angela Bennett for the many sausage sizzles, Fiona Taniora for the overall organisation and Richard Olsen for many hours of umpiring. Our teams have played very well this year and I remain impressed with their commitment and sportsmanship. The Netball Prizegiving will be held in the School Hall on Saturday 21 August at 10.00. We look forward to seeing all parents and children at the prizegiving.

Jumble Sale: We will be holding a jumble sale at the school on Friday 20 August from 2.30 pm onwards. This will take place on the Hall deck. Please come along and help to support our fundraising efforts.

School Uniform: This is a reminder that the Board of Trustees has made the decision that, as of the first day of Term 4, all children will wear the complete school uniform. This means that, as well as the uniform shirt and polar fleece, children will wear black shorts, long pants or skirts. The items mentioned above can be ordered through the school or purchased by you at other outlets. The children will look great in the full uniform. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Construction of New Teaching Spaces: The construction of our new spaces is progressing well. All drainage work has been completed and, over the next 2 weeks, you will see the 1st room taking shape and the ground being cleared for the 2nd room. A new covered walkway, running from rooms 5 & 6 through to the new rooms will also be constructed. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but it will be great when the rooms are completed.

West Harbour School Vision: We are working hard with our school vision and children are able to see it every day in their classrooms.

TO ENABLE OUR CHILDREN TO BECOME PROACTIVE CITIZENS WHO ARE CONFIDENT, RESILIENT, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS CAPABLE OF MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS

Fundraising Raffle: I would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising raffle. We still have tickets to sell, so if you would like some, please send a note with your child. We would like to have all outstanding tickets sold and the stubs and money returned to the school as soon as possible.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 01 September, Meeting for Pasifika parents, 6.15 in the Library. I will be sending home more information in the next 2 weeks

School Assemblies: These are held every Monday at 9.00 am in the Hall. All parents are welcome to attend. At times children will be presenting items & I will keep you informed of when this is happening

Integrated Study Theme – TIME AFTER TIME

Enduring Understanding: History is what has happened in the past. The past affects how we are now and how we will be in the future. The present also affects the future

Key Competencies – Participating and contributing; Using languages, symbols and text

Focus – Learning Areas – Social Sciences and English

Welcome to the School: We would like to welcome the following children & their families to our school: Sohail Khan; Robert Hong; Monika Park; Jerry Park; Monicatia Stowers; Seyoun Hong; Seungyoung Jung; Amilale & Shen Soseu; Cyris Mansell; welcome back to Theresa Mansell

Enrolment of 5-year-old Children

Thank you to the parents who have enrolled children who will be starting school in the next three months. If you have a child who will be turning 5 in the next three – six months would you please enrol them now? This information is very important for future planning of classes.



If I Were the Sun... – by Salafa Limoni, Y4, Room 11

I would shine on the blue pools, fun parks and green land.
I would warm up the sapphire sea.
I would shimmer on to the ice and turn it into warm water.
I would let people got to the beach on a scorching afternoon.
“Oh, no!” I can see an army of tough black soldiers.
“I must leave, dragging my fiery hair.
See you tomorrow!”

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 has increased use – including large trucks - due to the new building project.

Term Dates for 2011

The term dates for 2011 are somewhat different from 2010 in order to cater for the Rugby World Cup. The term dates will be as follows:

Term 1

School opens for instruction on Wednesday 02 February and closes on Friday 15 April – 106 half-days, 10 weeks, 3 days

Term 2

School opens for instruction on Monday 02 May and closes on Friday 15 July – 108 half-days, 11 weeks

Term 3

School opens for instruction on Monday 01 August and closes on Friday 07 October – 100 half-days, 10 weeks

Term 4

School opens for instruction on Monday 25 October and closes on Thursday 15 December – 76 half-days, 7 weeks, 3 days