



WHS Newsletter

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I would like to welcome everyone to West Harbour School 2012. We look forward to having a great Term 1. A special welcome to all our new children and parents. Our summer weather was not all that great, but I am sure that you all had a good break. We know that the weather will be sunny and warm in February and March. The hot weather is great but it does create problems with the strength of the sun. Because of this, hats are compulsory and I would like to thank all parents for their support re children wearing hats. These are absolutely essential and we will be enforcing the wearing of them at morning tea and lunchtime. Please remember to send your child's hat every day.

Our rooms are warm and it will get very humid. Because of this every room has a fan to make the classroom environment as comfortable as possible for children and teachers.

Parents should have received a stationery list for their children. It is important that the stationery is purchased as soon as possible to allow children to have a great start to the year. All stationery is available through the school office.

Thank you to all parents who have ensured that their child is wearing full school uniform. The uniform can be ordered before school at the office.

Swimming: Our swimming programme will be underway by Week 2. The programme is a compulsory part of the school curriculum and we appreciate your support. Please ensure that you child's togs and towels are named and that they have a plastic bag for the wet towels and togs following their swim. If your child is not able to swim due to sickness we need to have a note. In Weeks 2-6 our Year 3-6 children will be receiving special lessons from the Te Atatu Swim Station team.

Tuckshop: We are lucky to have a great tuckshop operated by Kim Joyce. All children who wish to order lunch need to do so in the Library before school. This is because the tuckshop will be open at morning tea, but closed at lunchtime. All ordered lunches will be picked up by monitors and taken to classrooms. Kim does a great job of preparing sound and tasty food for our children.

School Noticeboard (front of school): Thank you to all parents who have commented about our school noticeboard. This noticeboard contains important information about our school events, so please keep checking it for updates.

Before & After School Care: Tigers Den is running this programme in the school Hall and currently has vacancies for permanent, part-time or casual sessions. The Before School programme runs from 6.45 – 8.40 am. It includes breakfast, help with finishing homework (if needed) and free play. The children are walked to their classrooms at 8.40. There is also a breakfast only option. The After School programme runs from 2.45-5.30 pm and includes a number of activities including baking & cooking, crafts, sports. We are a CYFS/WINZ-approved OSCAR programme, so you may qualify for the OSCAR subsidy.

All staff are fully trained. Enrolment forms are available from the After School Care room in the school Hall.

For more information, including costs, phone Julie on 8331886 or 0274717213

Important Dates:

Monday 06 February – Waitangi Day, school closed

23/02, 01/03/ 08/03, 29/03 – Reading Together dates for parents

Wednesday 14 March –

Parent/Teacher/Child goal-setting interviews. Children dismissed at 3.00 pm

Thursday 15 March – Parent/Teacher/Child goal-setting interviews. Children dismissed at 1.00 pm

Friday 30 March – School disco – details to come

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

Welcome to the School: We would like to welcome the following children & their families to our school: Chloe & Casey Long; Faith Fong; Parsa & Amir Sarkosh; Wiremu & Ripongahau Matau; Vennix Faafus; Dezohrey Amosa' Ani Ngature; Syra Spurr; Rachel Postelewaight; Rosemary Te Kata; Legend Tarawa-Hall; Tahu & Shontel Williams; Tristan & Tinesha Venter; Liteesha Toamau; Hope Lafolafo

2012 Primary School Dates

Term 1 – 01 February – Thursday 05 April.
Waitangi Monday 06 February

Term 2 – Monday 23 April – Friday 26 June.
Anzac Day, Wednesday 25 April; Queen's Birthday, Monday 04 June

Term 3 – Monday 16 July – Friday 28 September

Term 4 – Monday 15 October – to Tuesday 18 December. Labour Day, Monday 22 October

School Daily Timetable

8.55	School commences
10.30	Morning tea
11.10	Morning school resumes
1.10	Lunch
1.50	Afternoon school
3.00	Home time

Enrolment of 5-year-old Children: If you have a child who will be starting school this term, would you please enroll them now. This information is very important for future planning of classes. Please pass this message on to neighbours and friends.

Staff List 2012

Principal Mike Gardner
Deputy Principal Vicki Hitchcock
Assistant Principal Janet Bell

<u>Learning Teams</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room/Level</u>	
Manuka	Lyn Rameka (ST)	13	Y0/1
	Lyn Tutty	7	Y1/2
	Judy Lim	9	Y1/2
	Catherine Koolaian	15	Y0/1
Matai	Lara Holt (ST)	4	Y2/3
	Janelle Osborne	3	Y3
	Suman Kumar	6	Y2/3
Titoki	Pam Hammond (ST)	10	Y4/5
	Mark Draga	16	Y5/6
	Judith Puch	11	Y7
Nikau	Kushla White (ST)	19	Y8
	Paul Birch	18	Y4/5/6
	Nicola Allen-Coombe	17	Y4/5/6
Kahikatea	Heather Howe (ST)	22	Y7/8
	Scott Buckingham	21	Y7/8
	Sisi Titi	23	Y5/6
	Anne Ure	Reading Recovery/ESOL	

Part-time Teachers

Lorna Brosnan .2 Music
Pauline Ereckson .4 Reading Recovery

Teachers' Aides

Sue Olsen Fiona Taniora (Library)
Angela Bennett Debbie Clark
Janice Bell Toni Richardson
Kim Joyce (Tuckshop)

Property Manager

Richard Olsen

Administration

Ruth Withers Principal's Secretary
Carol Grace Receptionist

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Friday 30 March	School disco
Thursday 05 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 23 April	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day – school closed
Saturday 05 May	Saturday netball commences
Monday 04 June	Queen’s Birthday – school closed
Friday 08 June	School reports sent home
Friday 22 June	School disco
Friday 29 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 16 July	First day of Term 3
Thursday 23 August	Parent/Teacher/Child interviews (children dismissed at 3.00 pm)
Friday 24 August	Parent/Teacher/Child interviews – taking place all day from 9.00 am. Children only attend during interview times
Monday 27 August	Mid-term break – school closed
Friday 14 September	School disco
Friday 28 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 15 October	First day of Term 1
Monday 22 October	Labour Day – school closed
19-23 November	Y 7/8 camp
Monday 03 December	End-of-year reports sent home
Friday 14 December	Y 8 Graduation
Tuesday 18 December	Last day of Term 4