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03 February 2020 – Week 2

Welcome back to everyone for the start of the 2020 year. We are all looking forward to a busy, enjoyable year. **Focus for 2020:** Following the feedback we received from parents and caregivers at the end of last year, we are continuing with the Turangawaewae theme (my place in the world; places where we feel especially empowered and connected; a sense of identity and independence) and this will be reflected in the classroom lessons throughout the year.

Have a Go Harbour Evening: Our annual *Have a Go Harbour* evening is being held on Thursday 27 February, 5.30pm – 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, taking part in a range of activities, and will be sending home more information next week.

Uniform: The school uniforms are available now from NZ Uniforms – either in Albany at 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Rosedale, Albany, phone 4776300 or in New Lynn, 7 Rata Street, phone 9720272. We have sample sizes at the office for your child to try on if you wish to order on-line. **The existing uniform can still be worn until it needs replacing.** Please note: THE SCHOOL HAT IS NOW COMPULSORY and can be bought from NZ Uniforms. Until you can purchase one then any BLACK hat is acceptable – no colours, no logos.

Stationery: Available at the office. We would like all children to have their stationery by the beginning of next week.

Swimming: The school pool is now in use. Please make sure that your child's togs and towels are named and in a plastic bag. The teachers will tell your children what days and times they will be swimming. From Week 3 Swimsation will be at the school giving swimming lessons to the children from Years 3-6.

Teacher Only Day: On Friday 07 February the school will be closed for learning while the whole school staff take part in a Professional Development day.

Breakfast Club: The breakfast club commenced today in Room 16 – its new 'home' - 8.00 am – 8.30 am. This is free and all children are welcome to attend.

Updating of Contact Details: If you have a change in your contact details – phone number, address, new contacts, etc – it is essential to let the school know. In the event of an emergency we need to be able to contact parents/caregivers.

Future Enrolments: To help us with planning, would you please let us know if you have a child who will be turning 5 in the next 6 months? If you know of any neighbours or friends, within our zone, who have small children would you please pass this message along to them?

Important Dates

Thursday 06 February - Waitangi Day – **School Closed**
Friday 07 February – Teacher Only Day – **School Closed**
Monday 10 February – Swimsation Lessons (more information to come)
Thursday 27 February – Have a Go Harbour Evening, 5.30pm – 7.00 pm (more information to come)
Thursday 20 February – Kidpower lessons begin. Parent session to be announced (more information to come)
Monday 02 March – Beginning of the Reading Together programme (more information to come)
Thursday 05 March – Senior School Swimming Sports (more information to come)
Thursday 12 March – School Assembly – visit from the Vodafone Warriors
Friday 13 March – Teacher Release Day – **School Closed**
Thursday 09 April – End of Term 1, school closes at 3.00 pm

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Coronavirus: For further information please either contact your GP, the Ministry of Health or follow the link to the Ministry of Education: <http://education.govt.nz/news/novel-coronavirus/>

School Gardens & Enviro Projects: We have a number of plans being developed around the school gardens – particularly the vegie beds and the front garden outside Rooms 11 & 12 and the vegie beds. Although this garden looks a bit bare at the moment, our enviro teacher aide Ashlee is working with Westgate Mitre 10 re the types of plants etc that would do well in this exposed, hot area. If anyone has any knowledge about landscaping, including hard landscaping, please contact the office to leave your details. We are also looking for anyone who either owns or knows of a concrete cutter and/or small digger.

These ongoing projects are very exciting and we look forward to sharing the progress with you.

Employment Opportunity: TA Position – Enviro 2020, fixed term. If you are a solo parent, currently on a benefit and are interested, you can collect an application pack from the office. This position is not at West Harbour School and applications close on 14 February.

CARPARKS: A reminder to all parents/caregivers that the school carparks are NOT to be used to drop off or collect your children. The safety of all children is of great importance to everyone.

The carpark at the Manutewhau Hub at the front of the school is for visitors to that facility and are also not to be used for dropping off and collecting your children.