



*At West Harbour School we stand tall, proud and confident, continually discovering and applying new learning. Together we encourage our learning community to realise its unique talents and aspirations.*

**WELCOME BACK:** We would like to welcome back all those who have returned following Levels 2-4. This was certainly an unexpected event and one we hope we won't have to experience again. Teachers worked creatively to ensure that as many students as possible were actively involved in on-line learning and to keep the very important contact with students and their families. Our senior leadership was also busy behind the scenes with supporting this vital programme, as well as ensuring that all Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines were followed. Our thanks to all families for your ongoing support of your children. **Now that we have reached Level 1, we expect all children to be back at school as there will no longer be any on-line classes.**

**New Routines:** As you will all know by now, we have changed our procedures around the beginning and end of the school day. Until the end of this term (Friday 03 July), we will continue to have the gates closed before 8.30 am and up to 3.00 pm. This enables us to continue to ensure children's hands are sanitised as they arrive at school, something that is still necessary even during Level 1, as it helps to minimise the spreading of other illnesses such as colds, the flu and tummy bugs. The hand sanitiser and use of soap will also continue throughout the day. This routine will be reviewed at the end of the term. This 'before school time' from 8.30 am is critical for relationship building, both with peers and the teacher. Sometimes the presence of other adults disrupts this important process. If you have a concern please email me : [vickih@westharbour.school.nz](mailto:vickih@westharbour.school.nz)

Some parents have asked when adults will be allowed into the school again. Our approach at the moment is to minimise the number of people entering the school, so unless there is a compelling reason to do so, no adults will be allowed into the school on a casual basis. We are finding that even our most junior children are coping very well with being met at the gates in the morning and walking down in the afternoon. This fits in very well with our school values as listed in the banner above and also with learning resilience and managing self ( NZ Curriculum Key Competency) in all aspects of their school lives. You are most welcome to email your child's teacher to arrange a meeting if necessary.

**It is essential that, if your child is sick in any way, they are kept home and not sent to school. You will be contacted if your child is coughing, sneezing or otherwise unwell and you will need to come in to collect them or organise for someone else to do so.**

**UNIFORMS:** It is very pleasing to see that - almost without exception - the children are all wearing the correct school uniform. ***Would you please make sure that every uniform item has your child's name on it as it is almost impossible to find the correct owner of lost property if it is unnamed.***

**Mufti Day:** A mufti day to raise funds for the Term 3, Year 7/8 camp, is being held this Friday, 12 June. If your child is wearing mufti they will need to pay a gold coin donation.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Friday 12 June - mufti day, gold coin donation
- Tuesday 16 June 9.30-12.30 free cervical screening tests at the community hub in front of school
- Friday 19 June - possible assembly
- Friday 03 July - final day of Term 3
- Monday 20 July - start of Term 4

## **SCHOOL APP**

Please update your current school app by scanning the QR code below or searching Kiwischools Connect in the APP store, where you can download the new version. When prompted choose to *subscribe to all*. Please note: the old APP is now not available.



