



End of Term Newsletter July 3rd, 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families

Term 2 has been a very unique experience for all of us. The Board of Trustees and I are so very proud of our fabulous staff, students and families. We all needed to respond and adapt quickly to this mighty challenge - and boy did we nail it!!! Thank you for the support and feedback the staff and I received from you all during levels four down to two.

At our recent meeting, the Board supported my proposal to continue with our procedures around the **locked gates** and very limited access for adults. The benefits I shared with the Board are -

- Our school is **secure**. Although we were not put into official lockdown by the police after the shooting, there already is a **'safety net'** in place- our locked gates.
- Daily opportunities for senior leadership to **personally greet students**.
- **Calm** students entering classrooms.
- Uninterrupted focussed **relationship- building** before the morning bell.
- Students, especially our 'babies' are continuing to develop **self management skills** as they walk themselves to their classrooms.
- Parents can **'kiss and go'**. No need to unload younger children from the car in order to walk up to the classroom.

Opening times will remain **8.30 am**. If you need to get to work **earlier**, please email me directly and we will happily make individual arrangements.

vickih@westharbour.school.nz . If you need to speak to any staff member about any matter, please feel free to email them directly or phone the office with a message. Here is the school's term three timetable. It is shaping up to be a great term and we know you love being involved. We have even rescheduled our ever popular belated Mother's Day morning tea! Please note our coffee group meeting times. *I am looking forward to seeing you there. I will bring the biscuits!*

TERM 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More information will be coming out for these events closer to the time.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 20-24 July	20 <i>PB4L school focus - safe exit from school grounds</i>	21	22	23	24 NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 2 27-31 July	27	28 ALL WELCOME - Parent Coffee Group 2 - 3 pm in the staffroom	29	30	31 9.30 am - Assembly - Manuka Mother's Day Morning Tea in the hall NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 3 3-7 Aug	AUG 3 <i>PB4L school focus - going to the office procedures</i>	4	5 Electives showcase 2 - 3 pm - OPEN AFTERNOON	6 Whanau lunch - house launch 1.00 pm.	7 NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 4 10-14 Aug	10	11 Year 5/6 netball - Te Pai ALL WELCOME - Parent Coffee Group 2 - 3 pm in the staffroom	12	13 School Cross Country IN SCHOOL	14 9 am: Assembly - Pohutukawa Disco Y1/2 2-3 pm Disco 5.30 - 7.00 pm (Y3-8) NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 5 17 - 21 Aug YEAR 7/8 CAMP	17 <i>PB4L school focus - caring for our environment</i>	18	19	20	21 NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 6 24 -28 Aug	24	25 Zone Cross Country Muriwai ALL WELCOME - Parent Coffee Group 2 - 3 pm in the staffroom	26	27	28 Compensation Day (part of Teachers Collective Contract) SCHOOL CLOSED <i>Arrangements will be made to netball draw</i>
Week 7 31 Aug- 4 Sept	31 Mid-Term Break SCHOOL CLOSED	SEPT 1 NW Cross Country Muriwai	2	3	4 Father's Day Breakfast Assembly - Rimu NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 8 7-11 Sept	7 TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK	8 ALL WELCOME - Parent Coffee Group 2 - 3 pm in the staffroom	9 Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 5 - 8 2pm - 7.30 pm	10 Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 5 - 8 3.15pm - 5.30 pm	11 LAST NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Week 9 14-18 Sept	14 MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK	15	16 Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 1-4 2pm - 7.30 pm	17 Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 1-4 3.15pm - 5.30 pm	18 9 am - Assembly - Kowhai ELECTIONS SATURDAY
Week 10 21-25 Sept	21	22 ALL WELCOME - Parent Coffee Group 2 - 3 pm in the staffroom	23 NW Volleyball - Massey High School	24	25

Thank you again. See you next term (Monday July 20th)

Vicki Hitchcock

The very grateful principal of this great school and community xo