



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.

End of Term 3: Today is the final day of Term 3 - a very disrupted and difficult term. However, we have all got through and the children are no doubt ready for a break. Hopefully Term 4 will be much smoother and 'normal'. We look forward to a warmer, more settled run up to Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents/caregivers for your support of your children and the school during the assorted covid level changes. This has been a difficult time for all New Zealanders and we are very impressed with the resilience shown by your children.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Our new on-line booking system has worked very well and we will be continuing with this system next year. These are very valuable opportunities for parents to meet with their children's teachers and to catch up on progress. Our thanks to all who made and kept appointments and thank you to our teachers who stayed until after 7.00 pm to give all parents/caregivers the opportunity to come in. Remember that, if you could not make the interviews this time around, you can email your child's teacher to set up a time next term.

Cross-Country: This was a very successful afternoon and all the children participated with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see so many parents cheering the runners along. Our thanks to Scott Buckingham for his fantastic organisation of the event. This was our first Whanau House event.

Mid-Term Break: Mid-term break is being held on Friday 23 October - the school will be closed. This day was postponed from Term 3.

Labour Weekend: Labour Day falls on Monday 26 October and this follows on from the mid-term break on the previous Friday.

Delayed Fathers' Day Breakfast: At this point we will be holding the breakfast on Thursday 22 October, providing we are at Level 1.

Elections: The school hall is being used as a polling booth for the upcoming general election. Early voting can be done at the hall on the two Saturdays prior to election day. On election day itself - Saturday 17 October - we will be running a car boot sale, so if you are interested please contact Vicki Hitchcock - vickih@westharbour.school.nz. There are limited spaces available. This will take place between 9.00 am and 11.00 am. We will also have a coffee truck on site.

Enrolments: If you have a child who will be turning 5 in the near future, would you please make sure that you get them enrolled early. If you have any friends, family or neighbours (within our zone) would you please pass this message on to them?

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday 25 September** - last day of Term 3. School closes at 3.00pm
- **Monday 12 October** - First day of Term 4
- **Saturday 17 September** - General Election in Hall. Carboot sale - front carpark, 9.00-11.00am
- **Friday 23 October** - **Mid-term break, school closed**
- **Monday 26 October** - **Labour Day, school closed**
- **Tuesday 14 December** - end of Term 4. **School closes at 12.30 pm**

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