



**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.**

Dear Parents/Whanau/Caregivers. We nearly lost one of our own this week on the road in front of the school.

We are **all** responsible for the safety of our children. My staff and a growing number of parents are **horrified** at the risky behaviour of some of our parents. The cones being put out each afternoon are the only way we can stop some of our parents from parking on the yellow lines and blocking the line of sight for our children using the crossing. Police and Auckland Transport have been regularly contacted about traffic issues and the dangerous & careless behaviour of a few - including those who park in the bus stop, forcing the bus that comes along just after 3.00 pm to have to stop in the middle of the road to let off passengers, adding to the chaos outside our gates.

As adults we all need to model safe behaviour. **Please do not park across the road and call your child across or stand in the middle of the road and walk them back across. Use the crossing - young children are watching you!**

Thank you - Vicki Hitchcock

**Student-led Conferences:** Thank you to all parents/caregivers who came to the recent student-led conferences. These meetings give everyone a chance to see where their children are achieving and to get some suggestions on how to support their learning at home. If you were not able to make the appointments and would like to talk to your child's teacher, please email them directly.

**TERM 3 MID-TERM BREAK DATE:** A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 26 August for the teachers' Accord Day (professional development day at the school) and on Monday 29 August for our mid-term break.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION:** Election papers were posted to eligible voters last Sunday, 07 August. We look forward to having a big response to the election. If you are delivering your voting paper to the school it needs to be at the school office no later than 4.00 pm on Friday 07 September. Posted papers will be accepted up until 4.00 pm, Wednesday 12 September. The results will be declared on Thursday 13 September.

**Camp Payments:** Good to see the camp payments coming in. You can pay for your child's camp using electronic banking or by eftpos at the school. If you wish to spread out the payments over the next few weeks, then that is perfectly fine.

**Netball Payments:** Thank you to everyone who has paid their child's netball fees. If you haven't already done so they need to be paid no later than Friday 19 August.

**Flu/Covid/Other Illnesses:** Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are unwell. We all appreciate this. But get them back to school as soon as possible once they are well please.

**Mask Wearing:** The Board of Trustees and staff thank all the Year 4 - Year 8 who are wearing

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Friday 26 August**  
- ACCORD Day -  
**school closed**  
**Monday 29**  
**August - Mid-term**  
**Break - school**  
**closed**

**BOT Election-**  
**Friday 07 Sept**  
-Final day for  
papers being  
returned to the  
school  
**Wednesday 12**  
**Sept** - Final day for  
posted papers

### **2022 Term Dates**

Term 3: Monday  
25 July - Friday 30  
September (**Accord**  
**Day Friday 26**  
**August, Mid-term**  
**Break Monday 29**  
**August, school**  
**closed**) Term 4  
Monday 17  
October-Fri 16  
December

(**Labour Day**  
**Monday 24**  
**October, school**  
**closed**)

**masks in class.**

**Front Garden:** Spring is about to arrive and the plants in our garden are already showing signs of waking up from the winter, bringing back the amazing display of colour. You are welcome to come into the garden and sit on the coloured benches while you wait for the 3.00 pm bell.

**Front Gate:** Just a reminder that this gate does not automatically open. When you ring the bell we release the lock and you push the left-hand gate to get in. There is now a sign on the path in front of the gate to remind you.

**Enrolments:** If you have a child who will be turning five this year would you please let us know and we will begin the enrolment process. This information helps us with our future planning for classes. If you have a friend or neighbour with a child turning five, would you please pass this information on.

