



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.

NETBALL: Unfortunately our plans for tomorrow have had to be cancelled. We will be looking at holding the prize giving in another format in Term 4. We managed to get 11 of the 12 planned weeks completed.

I would like to thank Richard Olsen for his amazing organisation of the programme this year, as well as our two parent coaches who stepped up to do an incredible job with their teams.

FARSI SPEAKERS: We would love to hear from any Farsi-speaking adults who also speak English. We have an Afghani family who recently joined us. They came directly to us and they have no English and their teachers do not speak Farsi. If you know someone who would be able to help them and who has the time, then we would love to hear from them. You can contact our Learning Support Co-ordinator, Steve McCarthy, by email - stevem@westharbour.school.nz

Lockdown Practice: Last Thursday we conducted our annual emergency lockdown audit. Harrison & Tew supervised our procedures as the school went through a full lockdown drill. School lockdowns can be activated on Police advice or by the school themselves. Reasons for a lockdown might be- weather event, an emergency happening outside the school i.e police chase, truck overturned, swarm of bees in the playground.... There is a clear set of protocols to be followed. Our students and staff carried out the practice brilliantly. One of the things to remember is that our locked gates act as an ongoing safety protection system. Police hold critical details such as key contact numbers, school map and our lockdown procedures.

Front Gardens: Following a wet and windy winter, our front gardens are starting to grow again. They were so beautiful last spring and summer and we expect that they will be even better this time around, as they have had a year to establish themselves.

ROBLOX: *Cyber Safety is something that we all have to keep up with. Many of our students play Roblox at home online. It appears to interest our five year olds to our thirteen year olds. The games allow you to play against a random person around the world. In group chat people can send photos. Our students report that this has led to inappropriate photos and suggestions being posted by persons unknown. We all want to keep our children safe and we want them to have fun. Working together as school and whanau we need to stay vigilant about what our young ones are exposed to online.*

I hope everyone has a safe break and time to get rid of the colds, coughs and tummy bugs that have been plaguing us for weeks. *Please remind your children that they will need to be wearing a hat next term.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30 September - Final day of Term 3, school closes at 3.00 pm

Monday 17 October - First day of Term 4

2022 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 17 October-Fri 16 December (Labour Day Monday 24 October, school closed)