



*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.*

PAID UNION MEETINGS

We have just been notified that during November the teachers have paid union meetings. As part of the collective teachers' contract, staff are entitled to attend these meetings during work hours. This year the meeting for West Harbour School is on **Wednesday 23rd November at 1.30 pm**. If you did not receive an email notification please complete the attached form to indicate to us if you can pick up your child from school early (at 12.45pm) or whether you would like them to remain at school.

There will be staff to supervise any students remaining at school until 3.00 pm.

Thank you for your understanding on this.

Please follow this link to complete the response form. <https://forms.gle/YtbxThuphLm7NGQ9>

Any issues, please contact Heather Howe on heatherh@westharbour.school.nz

Thank you

SCHOOL DISCOS: It's fantastic to be able to hold school discos again. They will all be taking place on Friday 11 November: Years 3/4 11.10 am - 12.10 pm; Years 1/2 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm; Years 5-8 - 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm. Please make sure that your child's entry fee of \$2 is paid before going to the disco: *there will be no door sales*. For the junior discos, ice blocks and lollies are to be paid in advance and for the senior disco refreshments can be purchased on the night. Remember: no child will be allowed to walk home from the senior disco without having an adult collecting them from the hall.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY: This is being held on Thursday 17 November at Moire Park - more details to come. *Parents and family are most welcome to attend but please note that you cannot bring any dogs.*

TOUCH TOURNAMENT REFEREES: We need referees for the upcoming Northwest Schools' touch tournament being held at Moire Park on Tuesday 08 November. If you are interested, would you please contact Scott Buckingham - scottb@westharbour.school.nz

SWIMMING POOL: The pool is in need of a new doser system and will not be in use for the first few weeks of this term. As soon as it is up and running we will let you know. Your child will need their togs and a towel in a plastic bag. Please name all items.

ROAD SAFETY: Auckland Transport will be sending out additional wardens to observe traffic behaviour. This may result in fines being issued if anyone is found to be infringing traffic rules. A staff member will be monitoring the Oreil Ave crossing each morning from 8.20 - 8.50 am. Please drop your child off and encourage them to walk across the crossing, not simply across the road.

COLLECTING CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL: I would like to remind parents that you are most welcome to come into the school to collect your child at the end of the school day. You are now able to go up to wait outside their classrooms, but please do not go into the room itself.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 02 - Fri 04 November - Year 6 camp at Kokako Lodge

Thurs 03 Nov - Y7/8 girls' volleyball champs

Tues 08 November - School touch tournament, Moire Park

Friday 11 Nov - School discos

Thurs 17 November - School athletics day at Moire Park

Wednesday 23 November - paid union meeting for teachers, 12.45 pm

Wed 30 Nov - Friday 02 December - Year 8 camp at MERC
Wed 14 December - Y8 Graduation
Thurs 15 Dec - Shine Assembly, 11.30 am - 1.00 pm

Friday 16 December - Final day of Term 4, School closes at 12.30

Thursday 02 February 2023 - First day of Term 1 2023

Planning for 2023

Thank you to those families that responded to the Return to School questionnaire for children in Years 1-7, emailed out a few weeks ago by Mrs Howe. If you didn't see the survey could you please email Mrs Howe and let her know if your children are returning to our school next year. Please include children's names and year levels. Email: heatherh@westharbour.school.nz

SCHOOL STATIONERY 2023: After many years of selling stationery to parents, we have decided that we will no longer be doing this. From the start of 2023 you will be able to purchase your stationery from Warehouse Stationery in Northwest (or at any other retailer of your choice). More information about this will be coming home to you by the end of November.

Below are photos of some of our amazing children

The first group are the latest recipients of our 'Caught Being Good' certificates'. Congratulations to all of you - you rock.





This amazing group is our Team 1 Netball players who went undefeated through the season. Our two captains, Alicja Tagaloa and Cadence Ngature are holding the trophy.

A huge thank you to Chontel Radt for her coaching of the team and to Richard Olsen for the organisation of the tournament. We could not do it without all your hard work.