



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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT: A reminder about enrolment at secondary schools. If you haven't already done so, please take care of it as soon as possible as this will ensure your child has made their option choices and have been placed on class lists for their first day at secondary school. It also saves those 'first day office scenarios' of form filling and your child not being listed for a class. Remember that you'll need to have a copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of their latest school report. Even if you are unsure of which school, please consider enrolling at Massey High School as a back up. Any problems please contact me.

BIKE TRACK - The contractors have been working hard and the track is due for completion next week (the last week of school). We are looking forward to seeing everyone trying the track out and having a go.

Christmas Raffle: Tickets are now on sale. We have a number of prizes, including a grocery box, a Pak'n Save voucher, bikes and a trolley. Tickets only cost \$1 and the raffle draw will take place at 9.30 am on Friday 16 December.

Stationery 2023: Stationery for 2023 will be available from Warehouse Stationery at Northwest. Your child will be given a stationery list at the end of the year and you can purchase as much or as little as you need during the Christmas break. **We are no longer selling stationery here at the school.**

Assembly: We will be holding a short assembly at 9.15 am on the last day of school (Friday 16 December) so that children can be told what class they will be in for 2023 and who their teacher will be. They will then spend a short time in their new classroom. Years 3-8 will be in the hall; Manuka & Rimu will gather in the courtyard between Rooms 18 & 22.

Year 8 Leaver's Camp

The annual Leaver's Camp is an important and much anticipated event in the lives of our senior students. It is an occasion when Year 8 students have valuable time to reflect on their years at West Harbour School, to celebrate the relationships they have formed and consider ways those friendships might continue as they head off on their adventure into high school. This year's camp at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Eco Research Centre in Long Bay was a roaring success filled to the brim with activities such as raft building, knot tying, bivouac building, paddling, canoeing, bush craft, abseiling and team building. And that's just during daylight. At night, in the communal hall, there were fun tasks such as balloon challenges and newspaper costume design. It was a wonderful experience for all concerned, one our students are unlikely to forget.

Start Dates 2023: Please note that the Ministry of Education has indicated that schools will have two days allocated for Curriculum Refresh professional development for teachers. I will let you know as soon as possible when a decision on the dates has been made.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 14 December
- Y8 Graduation,
6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

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

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: Thursday 02 February - Thursday 06 April (Statutory holidays: Monday 06 February *Waitangi Day*; Friday 07 April *Good Friday*. April holidays include Easter (Saturday 07 - Tuesday 10 April).

Term 2: Term commences Wednesday 26 April and finishes on Friday 30 June.

School will be closed on: Monday 24 April - Parent/Teacher interviews, 8.30 am - 7.00 pm. No classes
Tuesday 25 April - *Anzac Day*. Monday 05 June - *King's Birthday*

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September. Monday 21 August - *mid term break, school closed*

Term 4: Monday 09 October - Tuesday 19 December (12.30 pm) Monday 23 October - *Labour Day, school closed*