

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.

2022 was not the Covid-free year we hoped for. Like many of you, we struggled to keep the ship running smoothly. It was indeed stormy waters we had to navigate yet again. Thank you to my staff for your efforts this year. There were times when you just put your heads down and got on with the job. To our community - thank you for your ongoing support. Where possible you answered our call for help when we had too many sick teachers. 2023 is going to be better!!!

Farewell to Mrs Erna Pilkington (Mrs P) who is leaving us after 5 years to take up a position at Middleton Grange in Christchurch. Mrs P will at last be able to join her husband. We thank Erna for the tremendous service she has given, not only to us as her colleagues, but to the numerous children who have been through her class. She is an outstanding teacher and our loss is certainly Middleton Grange's gain. Take care Erna, we'll miss you.

We are also farewelling Mrs Jess Robinson who is moving to Hobsonville Point Secondary School to take up a position working with their ORS students. Thank you Jess for this year and for taking over from Mrs White in Room 15.

Reminder about enrolment at Secondary schools: Early enrolment will ensure your children have made their option choices and have been placed on class lists. The first day of school is a busy time and by enrolling your child early you won't need to stand in queues, filling in forms and having your child waiting to see which class they will go into. If you are unsure of which school, then consider enrolling at Massey High School as a backup. If you have any problems please contact me.

Returns: please make sure that all netball uniforms, library books and readers are returned to us tomorrow.

Bike Track: Unfortunately the weather has caused delays in the completion of the bike track, but we expect it to be in use from the start of Term 1 2023.

Stationery: Your child will be given a copy of their 2023 stationery list tomorrow. This will enable you to purchase their books etc over the January break. As the school is no longer selling the stationery directly, you have a choice of where to buy it from, but we have organised Warehouse Stationery in Northwest to sell the items on your lists. All stationery will be available from 29 December and they will have copies of our lists if you need them.

Christmas Raffles: This was very successful and we congratulate all our winners.

Year 8 Camp: The camp was held at MERC earlier this month. As always, the students attending had a fantastic time. Thanks must go to Mr Tyack for his organisation - never an easy job.

OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY continues to be endangered by some of your poor driving decisions. There are adults who are calling children across the road!! Others who do not ensure that seat belts are used and some who park illegally. Come on everyone - the residents of Kayle Glen have had enough of being scared and yelled at by some of you.

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. **The first one will take place**

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Thursday 02 February 2023 - First day of Term 1 2023

Thursday 06 April - Parent/teacher interviews, 8.30am - 7.00 pm. School closed for learning

Monday 24 April - First curriculum refresh professional development day. School closed for learning

on Monday 24 April (just before the start of Term 2) - school will be closed.

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: Thursday 02 February - Thursday 06 April.

PLEASE NOTE: *Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 06 April, from 8.30 am until 7.00 pm. School will be closed for learning on this day.* (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 - First Curriculum Refresh professional development day.. 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*

WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND FANTASTIC SUMMER BREAK. SEE YOU IN 2023

We would like to invite you to join the 24-hour, nationwide, Ninja Jumped Over the Moon fundraiser in association with KidsCan from 5pm Friday 20th January to 5pm Saturday 21st January 2023.

Event Name: Ninja Jumped Over the Moon

Registration: <https://ninja-jumped-over-the-moon.raisely.com/>

Start date & time: 5pm, Friday 20th January 2023

End date and time: 5pm, Saturday 21st January 2023

Organiser: Ninja Valley Limited, Hamilton www.ninjavalleyschool.co.nz

Contact: Grant Beuzeval, Co-founder/Director, Ninja Valley Limited

Contact email: moon@ninjavalleyschool.co.nz

Facebook page: @ninjamoonjump (<https://www.facebook.com/ninjamoonjump>)

Instagram page: @ninjamoonchallenge (<https://www.instagram.com/ninjamoonchallenge/>)

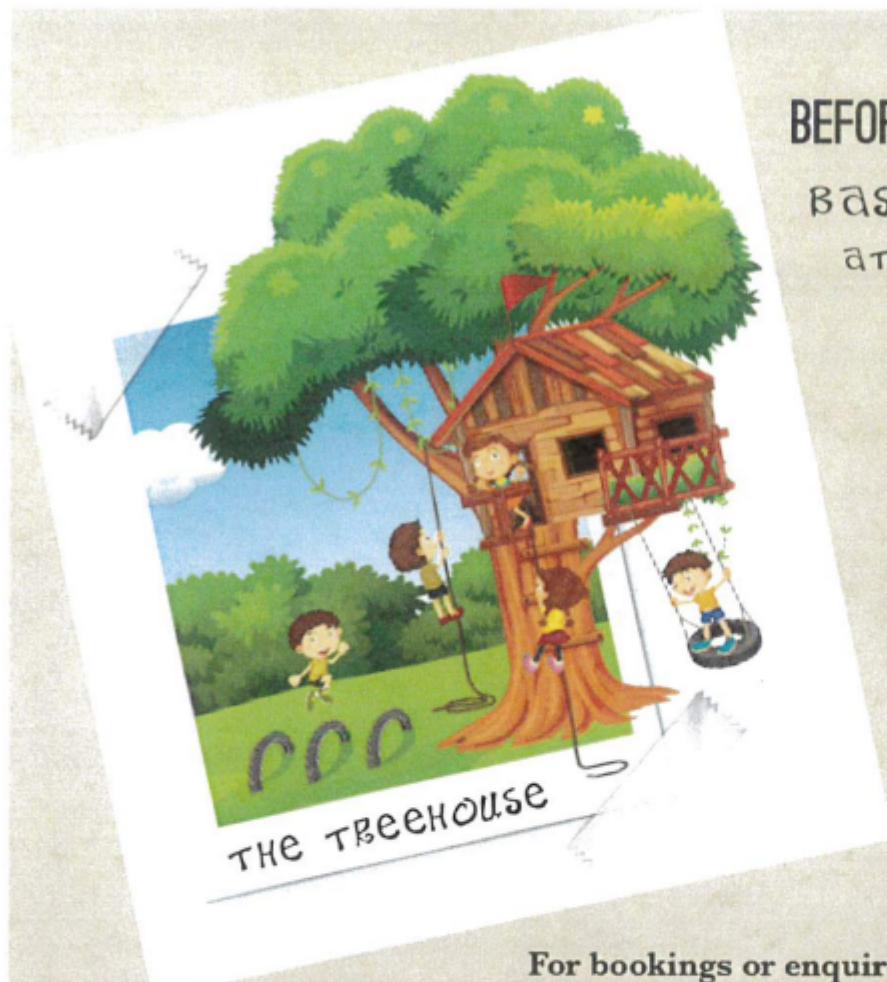
Distance to the moon: In 2023, the moon will be at its closest to the Earth on 22nd January – a mere 356,569 kilometres away.

Additional Information/FAQ's: <https://ninja-jumped-over-the-moon.raisely.com/faqs>

About KidsCan

Founded in 2005, KidsCan is dedicated to helping Kiwi kids affected by providing food, jackets, shoes and health products to schools and early childhood centres across New Zealand. KidsCan support is available to more than 200,000 tamariki in 877 schools and 196 early childhood centres, with over 5 million products being sent from our Auckland warehouse each year. With these essentials, kids can participate in learning and have the

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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BASED IN THE HALL
at West Harbour School

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 13

MORNING CARE- 6.45AM - 8.40 AM
[breakfast provided]

AFTERNOON CARE - 3.00PM - 6.00PM
[afternoon tea provided]

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR 2023

For bookings or enquires
please contact program owner Amanda-02108457711 or email thetreehouse ltd@gmail.com

O.S.C.A.R Funding to come



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