

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.

Wow!! What a mixed up, dramatic start to the year. Hopefully you are all ok following the downpour on Anniversary Weekend and Cyclone Gabrielle. Our best wishes go out to everyone around the country who has been affected, especially those who have lost their loved ones or their homes.

Have a Go Harbour Evening: This is taking place this Thursday, 02 March, from 5.30 pm. There will be a lot happening and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, wearing your Whanau House colours. No face paint please. Come and take part with your children in a range of activities, meet with local service providers and even get a free blood pressure/blood sugar test. We will have sausages for sale, as well as cake stalls to raise funds for our camps this year. **No bikes or skateboards please.** We will also be holding a feedback report on the stationery trial.

Tough Kids Challenge: Unfortunately, because of the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, the Air Force is unable to host the challenge this term. We are hoping to be able to take part in it in Term 4. All the entry forms we received will be kept aside until the new date is announced.

Traffic Safety: A number of you will have witnessed the car crash outside the school last week. This underlines how important it is for everyone to be extra careful when dropping off your children or simply driving past. Remember to make sure that your children cross the road at the designated crossing point and do not simply run across the road. We have had times when a child dashes out from between parked cars and is narrowly missed by passing traffic. Even if you walk them across the road yourself, we ask that you use the crossing.

Planned Paid Union Meeting: *This is being held tomorrow afternoon and you should have received information home last week. Thank you for your support of our teaching staff. If you can pick your child up at 12.45 pm that would be appreciated. Children staying at school will be supervised by teachers until 3.00 pm*

School Councillors 2023: Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be our school councillors this year: Jordyn Howard; Mia Dawson; Gabriella Matthews; Kavish Gounder; Emma Glamuzina; Alexia Kiely; Cooper Kuno; Ronya Tioa; Wikitoria Tagalao; Wairmaria Perkins; Zyren Mata'u; Mark Palesoo; Kahlo May; Stephanie Vusoniua; Theodora Micah

Netball Coaches: Over the past few seasons, we have struggled to find enough coaches for our netball teams. If you are interested in volunteering, would you please contact the school office with your contact details and we will get in touch with you. The more coaches we have the more teams we can field. The season begins on the first Saturday in Term 2, but team organisation and practices start during Term 1.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 02 March 2023 - Have a Go Harbour Evening

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

Tuesday 25 April - ANZAC Day, School Closed

Wednesday 26 April - First day of Term 2

Cyclone Fundraiser: We will be holding a fundraiser on the same day as the school swimming sports - Friday 10 March. This will be a mufti day, with a gold-coin donation. The money raised from this will be given to Otamatea School in Maungaturoto



SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2023

Senior Leadership: Vicki Hitchcock (Principal), Heather Howe (Deputy Principal), Lyn Rameka (Assistant Principal)

Manuka (Y0/1)- Carolyn Stewart (Team Leader), Jude Ayers (Rm 18), Alice Fenton/Leanne Morrison-Jones (Rm 23), Donna Gray

Rimu (Y2) - Cleone Simpson (Team Leader) Rm 26, Eva Li (Rm 25), Deb Harris/Catherine Koolaian (Rm 24)

Totara (Y3/4)- Judy Lim - (Team Leader), Rm 13, Teacher Hall (Rm 12), Brad Karsten (Rm 14)

Puriri (Y3/4) - Nicola Allen-Coombe -(Team Leader), Rm 10, Tadra Young (Rm 09)

Kowhai (Y5/6) - Paul Birch (Team Leader) Rm 04, Tash Manako (Rm 01), Judith Puch (Rm 02), Miah Tagaloa (Rm 03), Scott Buckingham/Dan Chettiar (Rm 15)

Pohutukawa (Y7/8) - Kerry Tyack (Team Leader) Rm 08), Sam Fetui (Rm 05), Tracey Matthews (Rm 06), April Dawson (Rm 07)

Kim Henry - STEAM, Rm 20

Steve McCarthy - Learning Support Co-ordinator

Learning Support: Annie Akai, Jas Allaway, Deb McDaid, Sue Olsen, Tina Rangiawha


Office Staff/Caretaker - Stephen Byrnes (Caretaker), Fiona Taniora (Receptionist), Ruth Withers (Principal's PA)


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