



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.

WEATHER-RELATED ISSUES: As we have all found out over the last few months, the weather has been interesting to say the least. Floods, cyclones, more floods have all contributed to everyone's stress levels -not just the damage to property, but knowing what to do when the rain pours down without stopping. As far as the school is concerned, unless we are ordered to close by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health or Civil Defence, we will remain open. Part of our reasoning is that we want to keep things as calm and normal as possible for the children. You are, of course, welcome to come in to collect your child early if you wish to do so. Hopefully we are reaching the end of the awful weather and have some sunny days ahead.

MOTHERS' DAY AFTERNOON TEA: We are planning to hold the Mothers' Day afternoon tea on Monday 22 May, 2.00 - 3.00 pm, in the Hall. More information will be coming home soon.

PINK SHIRT DAY - KINDNESS: Friday 19 May. The children can wear a pink shirt or top to celebrate Kindness Week. There will be a gold coin donation, which will be collected by the classroom teachers.

NETBALL: We have had a great start to the netball season. Thank you to everyone who has paid the fees already, but some are still outstanding. Please make sure they are paid in the next two weeks. *We are still looking for an assistant coach for Team 2. If you are interested, please let us know - either contact the office or email vickih@westharbour.school.nz*

Once the grading games are finished, we will be given the season's draw. Each player will be given a copy to bring home.

MUSIC TUTORIALS: Group Guitar or Keyboard lessons during school hours

\$21.30 per lesson – discounts available for groups of 4!

Contact Cherie for more details

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 05 June - King's Birthday, school closed
Friday 19 May - Pink Shirt Day
Monday 22 May - Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Thursday 15 June - Men's night (more information to come)

2023 Term Dates

Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June. King's Birthday Monday 05 June, school closed

Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4 - Monday 09 October to Tuesday 19 December. Labour Day Monday 23 October - school closed



The theme of Road Safety Week 2023 (15-21 May) is *Be a road safety hero*, recognising everyone who helps to make our roads safer and support people after a crash, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone.

Everyone can be a Road Safety Hero. Road Safety Week 2023 recognises everyone who is working to make our roads safer and support people following crashes - from emergency services to health professionals, transport engineers to school crossing patrols, road workers to community campaigners. It also enables everyone who uses roads to understand how they can take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others.

The staff and parents are often 'sick to the stomach' about the selfish driving decisions of a few. You are putting the children of West Harbour School at great risk!!! We have had to cone off the driveway so children can use the footpath safely. Some examples of the bad driving that we witness on a daily basis are:

- Letting your child out of the car on the road side of the car
- Parking facing the wrong way, then doing multi-maneuvers so you can go back the way you came. TRY DRIVING AROUND THE BLOCK
- Not bringing your child to the crossing so they can cross safely
- Parking over footpaths
- Parking on yellow lines
- Doing u-turns
- Tooting at your child so they can run across the road to you
- Not wearing seatbelts
- Glaring at our staff who are only trying to keep your children safe

Suggestions:

- Use the other two entrances on Hueglow Rise and Sumich Place, rather than the front of the school
- Park further down Oreil Avenue, on the school side, and either walk your children to school or watch them until they reach the gates
- In the afternoon park further down the road and walk up to the gates to meet your children or arrange for them to walk to you, making sure that they know to use the crossing

PLEASE NOTE: We are partnering with Auckland Transport and the Police to keep our children alive.