



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.

Malo e lelei - Tongan Language Week 03-09 September: Tomorrow, Friday 08 September, students are very welcome to wear their formal Tongan attire.

Next Week - Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

Netball: The 2023 season is over. Thank you to our players, coaches and supporters.

Highlights: Team 4 fielded an enthusiastic group of first-time players; Team 3 - runners up in their grade; Team 2 - Winners B Grade; Team 1 - Sei-i-Morry Mafi was nominated as a finalist in the A Grade Player of the Year category.

Please return netball uniforms to the office (3 gold tokens in exchange). We need the uniforms back so they can be washed, ticked off the list (to avoid a charge being sent out) and stored away, ready for 2024.

The netball teams are having a shared lunch next Tuesday, 12 September, in the hall. All players and coaches are welcome. Please send food ready to eat, eg cut up.

Teams 1 & 2 sponsorship for t-shirts needs to be sent to the office. Thank you to those seven whanau who have paid in.

Father's Day Breakfast: Thank you to our organisers and all the 'fathers' who participated. Congratulations to the raffle winners and to Mrs Rameka for organising the raffle.

Illness: We are experiencing a real upsurge in illness in our students and staff. May the warmer temperatures bring an end to this challenging run!

TEACHER ONLY DAY: Tuesday 24 October (straight after Labour Weekend). This is for the Ministry of Education Curriculum Refresh for teachers. **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**

COMMUNITY PICNIC AND FAREWELL: As you will know by now, our Principal, Vicki, is retiring at the end of this term. A celebration of her time at the school and the substantial contribution she has made to the school community over the last 30 years is being held on: Saturday 16 September, 4.00-6.00 pm

At: West Harbour School

A limited selection of food and soft drinks will be available for sale, but please feel free to bring along a picnic. **No pets or alcohol on the school premises please**

Music will be provided by a live band, led by Sam Fetui as well as a performance by our amazing Tu Fa'atasi group

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 31 August - Fathers' Day breakfast
Tuesday 24 October - Teacher Only Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

2023 Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Mid-term break
Monday 21 August - school closed.

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

Tuesday 24 October - Teacher Only day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 19 December - last day of the year, school closes at 12.30 pm

School Policies: With all the discussion recently in the community and throughout the country regarding vaping, it is a good opportunity to let you know of this school's policy on smoking and vaping. It is as follows:

West Harbour School is smoke free and vape free, as required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s.7A). We comply with the Act and have a smoke free and vape free policy as part of our commitment to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020). We aim to promote a smoke free and vape free lifestyle to all members of the school community to help protect everyone from second-hand smoke and discourage students from taking up smoking and/or vaping.

Smoke free and vape free requirements: Our school buildings and grounds (including school carparks and pick-up and drop-off areas) are smoke free and vape free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (with no exceptions). This applies to anyone on the school grounds, including students, staff, parents/caregivers, contractors and people hiring or using the school facilities outside school ours. All school activities off school premises (eg EOTC) are also smoke free and vape free (including transport between venues). This policy applies to all smoking and vaping products, including e-cigarettes.

We include the school road crossing (and rostered adults) in our smoke free and vape free zone.

We take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure people know that the entire grounds are smoke free and vape free at all times. To ensure our school is smoke free and vape free, we:

- Display the required signage (ie smoke free and no vaping signs) at every entrance to the school grounds and the outer entrance of every building
- Regularly communicate our policy to the school community (including staff, students, volunteers and parents/caregivers)
- Advise visitors, contractors, anyone working at our school and anyone hiring or using the school facilities that our buildings and grounds are smoke free and vape free
- Educate students through the curriculum about the harmful effects of smoking, vaping and exposure to second-hand smoke

Breaches: Adults smoking or vaping in or around school grounds are reminded that the school is smoke free and vape free by law and asked to stop or leave the premises.

If a student breaches this policy (either by smoking/vaping or supplying tobacco/vapes to other students), the principal (or their delegate) determines the appropriate actions to be followed. We may offer appropriate counselling and education and contact parents/caregivers. The following policies may also be relevant:

- **Behaviour Management**
- **Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property**
- **Stand-down, Suspension and Exclusion**

Complaints

Complaints about breaches of this policy involving students and members of the school community may be made through the **Raising Concerns** process.

Complaints involving smoking or vaping in the workplace are referred to the principal, who may pass these to the Board for investigation. Investigations follow legislative guidelines

(Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, s.15). We refer complaints to a smoke free enforcement officer as appropriate.

It is our intention to include different policies in our newsletters, but you are most welcome to go to the school docs website to access any of our policies.