

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.

Our new Principal, Anna Smythe, was welcomed into the school on Monday with a Powhiri in the school hall. It was wonderful to see Anna being escorted in by her family, friends and colleagues and we experienced a very moving ceremony organised by Matua Miah, Sam Fetui and supported by members of the Tu Fa'atasi group. Our thanks also go to Ethan Smith, one of our school dads, who spoke eloquently and to Darren White - our Board Chair - who also gave a warm and welcoming speech.

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER - GENERAL ELECTION: The school will again be a polling place for the general election. Polling will be held in the hall.

Year 6 Camp: This is approaching very quickly - due to be held from 01-03 November. Please make sure that your child has given you all notices (maybe check their bag) as these will include what is required to bring to camp. Any queries, please contact Mr Birch - paulb@westharbour.school.nz

Bake Sale: Year 6 and Year 8 students have another opportunity to fundraise for their camps on Friday 27 October. We will be holding a bake sale in the hall at morning tea time. Children can bring along their \$\$\$ to purchase the goodies.

Hats: All children are required to wear hats in the break times during Term 4. No hat, no play

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**

PLANNING FOR 2024: If your child is in Years 1-7 and will **not** be returning to West Harbour School in 2024, please let Mrs Howe know: heatherh@westharbour.school.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 14 October - School Hall being used as a voting venue for the General Election

Tuesday 24 October - Teacher Only Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 01 - Friday 03 November - Year 6 camp at Kokako Lodge

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 November - Year 7/8 camp, MERC

2023 Term Dates

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

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

In STEAM this week our Year 3 learners have been learning to take a photo that tells a story. They have had to learn many new skills, including the difference between portrait and landscape, using the focus button, ensuring the background is clean, thinking of the story that could be told, accepting being critiqued and learning to share the photo with the teacher so it can be shown to others. These are some of our wonderful results.



Hunter and Jacob R13



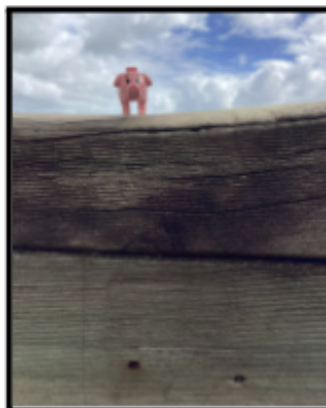
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Trinity and Oakley Room 9





Jeremiah and Arieve Room 10




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