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## **WELCOME BACK TO EVERYONE TO THE START OF 2018**

We are all rested and ready to go. It was wonderful to see everyone arriving on Tuesday and we look forward to a very successful Term 1. On the back of this newsletter, you will find a list of staff and room numbers.

**Enrolment Scheme:** West Harbour School is now operating a Ministry of Education approved enrolment scheme (school zone). Information about this is available either on our website or from the school office, including a list of streets that are within the catchment area. Because of projected roll growth we will not be holding a ballot this year for out of zone enrolments.

**Health & Safety:** It is compulsory for all children to wear hats during Terms 1 and 4 to protect them from the heat of the sun – preferably bucket-style hats. Any child who does not have a hat will be kept inside during break times (under teacher supervision). We thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this. We also advise that children have a plastic drink bottle to fill with water and that, if possible, you put sunscreen on your child before school. **Please note: a sun visor is not suitable for school.**

**School Dates:** Your child should have brought home a fridge magnet at the end of last year, giving all the important school dates this year, including days when the school will be closed. If you did not receive one, please come in to the office to collect it.

**Kidpower:** These wonderful sessions started with Frith today. There will be a parent information meeting in the staffroom on Thursday 08 February, from 12.10-1.10 pm, giving you the information you need to support your child at home with this valuable personal safety programme.

**Swimsation:** Back in the school for weeks 2-3, years 3-6, giving additional lessons on water safety. Please ensure that your child has their togs and towel in a named plastic bag, ready to go. This programme is combined with our usual compulsory swimming classes, which will continue once the Swimsation lessons are over.

**School Stream – School App:** This is an invaluable tool for everyone when it comes to information and communication. It is free to you and can be downloaded very easily. A link is available on our website or further information can be obtained from the office.

**Breakfast Club:** Breakfast Club will be running again this year and will begin next week. It is held in Room 11 and runs from 8.00-8.30 am each morning. This is a free service for all our children.

**Fruit in Schools:** Also starting next week. Please encourage your child to eat the fruit – we are so lucky to have items such as mandarins, grapes, apples, pineapple and kiwifruit to give to our children.

**Feedback 2017:** Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback on how we are doing. The comments have been compiled and will be posted around the school for you to read. They are already up on the community notice board by the front driveway.

**Library:** Due to our rapid growth and the building project, we had to pack the library up to make room for a class. We are looking to reinstate the library once the two new classrooms are completed (hopefully some time in Term 2). In the meantime we have been using the mobile library. This is why it is so important for our families to access our excellent Massey Public Library. We now have some spare space to use as 'quiet zones'. I will keep you updated on these developments.

**Camp:** We have an annual programme for camps – even years Year 7/8; odd Years Y 3/4 & 5/6.

**Fundraising:** Every year we have chocolate sales, Term 2 & 3 discos, a fun-run (helps to keep camp costs down), as well as other smaller fundraisers. The West Harbour Baptist Church very kindly donated the funds to build a sandpit and this will be situated between rooms 14 & 20. We are looking to establish a committee to look at big fundraising projects, eg shade cover for junior playground, resurfacing the netball courts, etc. I would love to hear from you if you would like to be a part of this exciting initiative.

**Rubbish:** As we are an ENVIRO school, we do not have outside rubbish bins in the school and children are expected to take their rubbish home with them or to remove wrappings prior to coming to school. This has worked very successfully for the past few years.

**PLEASE NOTE: The school is open tomorrow and next Monday and is closed for Waitangi Day on Tuesday 06 February**

### **2018 School Staff & Organisation**

Principal	Vicki Hitchcock
Deputy Principal	Janet Bell
Assistant Principal	Lyn Rameka
Assistant Principal	Heather Howe

### **Learning Teams**

#### **Manuka – Year 1**

Team Leader (Room 18)	Carolyn Stewart
Room 16	Lyn Tutty
Room 23	Alice Fenton

#### **Rimu – Year 1/2**

Team Leader (Room 20)	Judy Lim
Room 19	Sisi Titi
Room 21	Alex Orwin
Room 24	Va'asa Oreli

#### **Totara – Years 3-6**

Team Leader (Room 13)	Paul Birch
Room 12	Miah Tagaloa
Room 14	Simon Robinson

#### **Puriri – Years 4-6**

Team Leader (Room 9)	Kim Henry
Room 9	Julie Craven
Room 15	Sam Fetui

#### **Kowhai – Years 3-6**

Team Leader (Room 4)	Scott Buckingham
Room 1	Isobel Neville
Room 2	Nicola Allen-Coombe
Room 3	Sarah Floate

#### **Pohutukawa – Years 7 & 8**

Team Leader (Room 6)	Kushla White
Room 7	Judith Puch
Room 8	Kerry Tyack

#### **Teachers' Aides**

Sue Olsen  
Debbie Clark  
Tina Rangiawha  
Toni Richardson  
Annie Akai

Property Manager	Richard Olsen
Cleaners	Annie Akai, Angela Tepu, Oun Long, Koletu Lemalu, Charlotte Holloway

Principal's PA	Ruth Withers
Receptionist	Fi Taniora