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Have a Go Harbour: We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you along as possible on **THURSDAY 01 MARCH, 5.30-7.00 pm**. You should have received a notice about the evening, listing the activities and local organisations that will be present during the evening. There will be food and drinks on sale, so bring your change. We will also be having lucky draws towards the end of the event.

Assembly: Assembly is being held this Friday at 9.00 am and is being run by the team from Pohutukawa – Rooms 6, 7 & 8. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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) as we do not have spare hats to lend. 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.**

Bikes & Scooters: Only Year 5-Year 8 students are permitted to bring bikes and scooters to school. These must be securely locked up and the school takes no responsibility for this security. Riders must wear helmets and the bikes must be well maintained. NO SKATEBOARDS.

West Harbour School Sports Tops, Netball Tops & Skirts: If you have any at home, please return them to the office. We will be overjoyed to have them back.

Naming of Uniforms etc: We ask that you name your children's uniforms, togs, lunch boxes, bottles and school bags please. It is very difficult trying to find the owner of lost items without them being named.

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. **We will have a stall operating on Have a Go Harbour Night and Mr Robinson will be happy to load the app onto your phone or talk you through the process.** Remember that all communication between you and the school is FREE on the app.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club is running again this year. 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.

Reading Together Programme: Four free sessions run for parents and whanau at school, run by Mrs Rameka and Mrs Howe – 9-10 am on 27 February, 6 & 13 March and 10 April. If you are interested please email Mrs Rameka – lynr@westharbour.school.nz

Contact Details: It is essential that we have accurate contact details for all families. Next week, we will be sending home a form, showing the details we have on file and ask that you check them and return the forms to us with any alterations, including changes to phone numbers, addresses and people who are authorised to collect your child from school.

ATTENDANCE: Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve academic success and increase their career and life options. Everyone benefits from regular student attendance. These benefits include greater student safety, community wellbeing and a sense of connectedness for all.

All students between the ages of 6 and 16 are required to be enrolled and attending a registered school. Section 29 of the Education Act makes parents responsible for their child's regular attendance at school. Parent(s) whose child does not attend "commits an offence" under the terms of the Education Act and on "summary conviction" can be fined. The school would like to work in partnership with parents on attendance and this is why we have an attendance policy and procedures to monitor attendance.

THE TRUSTS MILLION DOLLAR MISSION

The West Auckland School Gear Shed Revolution! 7 Days to Go!!!!!!!

From **March 1st**, we need our West Auckland schools community to follow these simple steps...

- 1) Log on to www.milliondollarmission.co.nz/finalists
- 2) Search for the Sport Waitakere Logo
- 3) Click on it!
- 4) Cast your vote using the vote button using your email
 - Its only one vote per email address per day (but how many email addresses do you have? ☺)
- 5) Go to sleep that night content in the knowledge that your school is 1 step closer to a full gear shed!
- 6) Wake up on the 2nd March and go back to step 1

Cheers all, hugely exciting times for West Harbour Primary!!

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