

Community Notices

Community notices are put in this section as a service to our community. The school does not necessarily endorse these community advertisements and parents / caregivers are advised to check the reliability of events, camps and courses.

Drama Develops Kids!

Now enrolling for 2010 Helen O Grady Drama Academy. We teach children to act confidently, speak clearly and develop life skills. Fun for all levels! Classes held weekly through West Auckland. Phone 810 8242 or visit our website www.helenogrady.com.au for more information.

Kumeu Junior Rugby Club 2010 Registrations

Wednesday 24 February 5—7pm, Saturday 27 February 9—12pm and Wednesday 3 March 5—7pm. For further information visit www.kumeurugby.co.nz

Western United Netball Club Registrations

Huapai Domain Netball Court for grades Year 1—8 on Tuesday 23 February 3:30—4:30pm and Wednesday 24 February 4:00—5:00pm. For further information or online registrations go to www.sportsground.co.nz/westernunitednetball

Auckland Waitakere Roller Sports Club

Learn to skate at Liston College Gym Thursdays 5:30—6:15pm. \$5 per session including skate hire. For more information visit www.westiesonwheels.com

Piano Lessons

Piano tuition (for beginners only) on Herald Island. Phone Anne 027 7135697

Kelly Sports 6 Week Indoor Soccer League

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 23 February for kids 6—10 years. Registrations can be made as individuals or a team. For more information phone Jeremy on 443 0254 or visit www.kellysports.co.nz/eastcoastbays.asp

Kids Basketball Season One 2010

Games played at YMCA Westgate during the week starting at the end of February and running until the end of Term 2. Cost is \$70 per player. Please contact Joy 021924552 or Matt 021924551 for any further information or to register your child.

Kumeu Junior Badminton

Season commences Monday 1 March. Year 4—8 4:15pm –5:30pm. Come along and have some fun and learn new skills. Beginners welcome. Midweek and Senior badminton also available. Enquiries phone Sharon 411 8900 or Jondy 832 4464

Contacts

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PTA Chairperson: 416 4740

Offsite Dental Clinic: 417 0235
After School Care: 021 737 147



Whenuapai School Newsletter

“Our Students will be Actively Involved in Learning for Life”

The Newsletter for the Whenuapai School Community published every Thursday

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Important Dates

KBB Music Demo
Friday 19 Feb 2pm
Years 3—8

Softball Inter Zone
Thursday 25 Feb
Year 7/8

Term Dates

Term One
2 February—1 April

Term Two
19 April—2 July

Term Three
19 July—24 September

Term Four
12 Oct—15 December

Dear Parents / Caregivers

You should have received a pamphlet in the mail briefly outlining the National Standards. The issue that most Principals and Teachers throughout New Zealand have relates to the introduction and limited trialling of the ‘standards’. At Whenuapai School, the majority of children will reach the set standards in reading, written language and mathematics. The Unions are asking for a delay in their implementation to enable them to be tested thoroughly. At Whenuapai School we have always set standards for pupils at each level of the School and worked very hard to provide learning environments that enable pupils to achieve such levels. Major concerns that arise are the public access to League Tables for each School and the labelling of Schools performance without any knowledge of contributing factors that may be beyond the resources and staffing in that School. The effect of labelling Schools will produce ‘pupil flight’ and quality teachers will tend to drift to high achieving schools leaving the gap in the educational achievement between achievers and non achievers. Reporting to parents was another area that the minister of Education wanted improving. The 4 reports pupils have at Whenuapai School are effective and the only minor tweak will be the inclusion of whether or not your child will have achieved the standards or not. We will be implementing the National Standards and the Board of Trustees, upon the Principal’s recommendation, have included our commitment to the standards implementation in our School Charter for 2010.

Warren Spanhake (Principal)
Principal



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School Notices

Welcome to our school community the following children and their families...

Trae Barns
Tayla MacDonald

Principal's Award Certificates this Week

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| Rm 1 | Madison Ewens |
| Rm 2 | Isabella Dawson |
| Rm 3 | Georgia Hodges |
| Rm 4 | Jade Young |
| Rm 6 | Jack Paterson |
| Rm 7 | Ari Corlett |
| Rm 8 | Sam Buckwell |
| Rm 9 | Sebastian Paul |
| Rm 10 | Matthew Francis |
| Rm 11 | Caeli Hewlett |
| Rm 12 | Olivia Foote |
| Rm 13 | Talia Backhouse-Smith |
| Rm 14 | Patrick Duffy |
| Rm 15 | Matt Brewer |
| Rm 16 | Jaden Carrington |
| Rm 17 | Matt Carter |
| Rm 18 | Lani Wallace |
| Rm 19 | Joshua Tawhaio |
| Rm 20 | Connor Young |

Apologies to Hsi Hxi and Hsi Iyn Wong for the incorrect spelling of their names last week. The spell-check function automatically changed them without our noticing.

Pupil Safety

We are very concerned that some children are crossing Airport Road to waiting parents and these children are not using the crossing. This is not acceptable and if it continues will almost certainly result in an accident. This is a very busy area in the afternoon with traffic turning and travelling in a number of directions. What may seem like a short cut, will not be remembered as such if someone is knocked over. I have already contacted one of the offending pupil's parents and issued a severe warning to both the pupil and parents. Safety is critical on our roads. Please encourage your child to use the crossing and don't put them in situations that could result in a serious accident due to total negligence.

Education Review Office Visit

Personnel from the Education Review Office will be visiting Whenuapai School from Monday 22—Wednesday 24 February. Mrs Norma Black and Mr Graham Tregowith will spend three days evaluating Whenuapai School's performance in delivering the Curriculum to our pupils and check all legislative requirements have been adhered to. They will speak with the Board of Trustees, teachers, pupils and parents throughout the 3 days. All Primary Schools receive an ERO visit every 3 years.

Chocolates

Hope your chocolate selling going well! Please note that due to a price increase by Cadbury, this year the bars sell for \$2.50 each making a total of \$50.00 per box. Money can be handed in on Monday or Friday 8:30—9:00 am in Room 5. Additional boxes may be ordered then as well. Everyone who returns money for a full box sold will go in a weekly draw for a \$20.00 Warehouse voucher, drawn at Monday assembly. Please note—if anyone does not wish to sell chocolates, please return the complete box to Room 5 on Monday or Friday so it may be redistributed.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Gina Horne and Linda Schuurman who have offered to assist us with School Patrols. Your support is appreciated.

Hobsonville Motorway Walk

On Sunday 21 February, Rotary is conducting a walk along the proposed new motorway. The PTA is running a sausage sizzle and drink station at the new Brighams Creek Bridge from 10am—3pm. If you help with the stall please contact the Office.

Happenings and Achievements

Hockey and Netball Update

A reminder that we need all hockey and netball notices back by this Friday 19 February. Teams will start to be organised next week. At the moment there are enough players to have a Year 5/6 girls and a Year 5/6 boys hockey team but we still require coaches for these teams. Our Year 5, 6 and Year 7/8 netball teams still have places available and we require a coach for the Year 5 team. Please consider helping in these areas. We do offer training and support to help over the season. See Viv Mallabar (Room 19) in regards to Years 5—8, Mary Anne Carr-Neil (Room 4) for Years 3—4 and Jane Loudon (Room 7) for Year 1—2 if you can help.

Hockey Display

Some of our students had the privilege of seeing a group of New Zealand's top hockey stars demonstrate their skills when they came to visit our school last week. It was exciting to see their talent and to watch the teacher's have a go too! If you would like to have a



go, North Harbour Hockey are holding a 'Have a Go' day on Sunday 28 February from 10am to 2pm at the Crown Relocations Hockey Stadium at 60 Paul Matthews Drive in Albany. Black Sticks and North Harbour players will be there as well as lots of giveaways. For more information go to www.harbourhockey.org.nz

Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

Recently we entered 2 teams into a basketball competition with Marina View and Hobsonville schools. Team 2 played without achieving a win but was competitive in all games. Being a team with very little basketball experience they did really well. Nathan Tomlinson and Camryn Mc Neill, new players did well and Bradley Campbell, who has been playing in the team at the YMCA on Tuesdays, played fantastically throughout the games. Team 1 had 2 basketball players and the others were all new. They started with a close, hard fought win against Hobsonville, the hosts. They then lost narrowly to Marina View and went on to beat our other team to make the final. They played a tough, tight game and won. These results are pleasing considering that the two other schools as keen basketball schools with most of them playing in the local basketball competition and a number of them representative players. Jade King and Luke Jones did extremely well and Josh Tawhiao and Matt Carter achieved the Overall Sportsperson and Player of the day. This was a great opportunity to see some of our kids in action and all participants did well and enjoyed themselves.

4D Dyslexia

As a 4D for Dyslexia School Whenuapai School is a part of a growing programme that is changing the classroom experience for dyslexic students. For more information on 4D for Dyslexia go to www.dyslexiafoundation.org.nz/news15_schools.html to see the latest newsletter from the Dyslexia Foundation.