

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.

Book Fair Fundraiser for Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

Thousands of books at bargain prices! All books have been generously donated by the public. Fiction, non fiction, and children's books. Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March 9am—3pm Waitarua Community Hall, 911 West Coast Road.

Bubble Dome School Holiday Courses

For the first time Bubble Dome is offering courses in West Auckland these holidays. Learn the latest in 3D animation and Games Design on Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this April at St Dominic's College. Other courses in Architecture, Fashion Design, Movie Making and Ultra Games Development are on offer around Auckland. For students aged 6—17 years. Phone 622 0670 or email info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz for further information.

All Star Cheer Leading

All Star Cheerleaders is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEER-LEADER or visit www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz

Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports is offering another chance to join their after school sports fun! Starting next week for only \$30.00 your child can attend the second half of the sports programme. Over the 3 weeks they will experience soccer, cricket and rippa rugby. To give your child the chance to have a taste of these sports simply email Jeremy at jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 443 0254. Hope to see you there!

Lost

New School cap clearly named inside Oliver Abplanalp. Please return to Room 6 if found.

Car Pooling

If you live in Royal Heights and would like to car pool with someone please give Andrea a call on 833 7160.

Video Player Wanted

Our School video player has died. Has anyone got an old but working player no longer needed that they would be willing to give to the School? Please email shannonc@whenuapai.school.nz if you are able to help us out.



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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4 March 2010

Important Dates

Swimming Sports

Teams 1 and 2
Tuesday 9 March

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 9 March
7:30pm

SPCA Trip

Rooms 14 and 20
Monday 15 March

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

Student education is a partnership between School and the home. Parents / Caregivers are an important tool in the education of children in their care. The range of learning experiences coupled with positive and supportive parents provides children with a sound base to effectively move along the learning continuum. Parents can help the process by asking about the great things that occurred during the School day. It is this communication time that is vitally important in building the child's confidence to speak openly. Take the time to share their experiences and it is this challenge that parents need to undertake on a regular basis. The second area that is vitally important is encouraging independence. That is getting children to do the little things and not always doing it for them. These actions need positive reinforcement and they will reinforce what teachers do during the School day. The third area is the effective use of time. Time management is another crucial factor in the level of success students develop over time. Regular homework periods in short bursts with rewards enable children to set up solid time management routines and this is so important with the busy life styles many parents and families have. Our goal at Whenuapai School is to produce students who are thinkers, confident, good communicators, have a positive self esteem, relate well to others, manage time effectively, are able to work in a team, are excited about learning and have a sound curriculum knowledge. We congratulate families who strive towards achieving these goals and as a Team, both parents and the School can feel they have done their jobs effectively.

Warren Spanhake
Principal

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School Notices

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

School Star Children acknowledged at the last school assembly for being good citizens...

Luke Wang
Cara Blackford

Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Tayla McDonald
Rm 2	Joshua Roberts
Rm 3	Tom Richardson
Rm 4	Jordan Hathaway
Rm 6	Brooke Karatau
Rm 7	Joseph Backhouse—Smith
Rm 8	Natalie Wilson
Rm 9	Blake Nicholas
Rm 10	Cayla James
Rm 11	Paris Broughton
Rm 12	Bada Choi
Rm 13	Ella Charman
Rm 14	Petra Brinkman
Rm 15	Luke Wilson
Rm 16	Daniel Wilson
Rm 17	Kamen Cowie
Rm 18	George Robertson
Rm 19	Chloe Martin
Rm 20	Danielle Anderson

School Roll

We have just completed our March 1 Roll Return for the Ministry of Education and the following pupil numbers were submitted. It makes for interesting reading;

	Male	Female	Total
Year 1	18	25	43
Year 2	33	39	72
Year 3	32	29	61
Year 4	35	35	70
Year 5	31	29	60
Year 6	22	27	49
Year 7	35	21	56
Year 8	22	21	43
Totals	228	226	454

Given the number of enrolments due before the end of the School year, the School roll should be close to 500 students. Just a reminder if you live in zone and you have a child who will be of School age this year and you haven't already notified the School, please do this immediately.

School Bus Behaviour

We are very fortunate to have a free bus service for our pupils who live on Herald Island and Whenuapai Village including all roads along this route. The right to use this service is determined by the positive behaviour students show on the bus and at their bus stops in the morning or afternoon. The following behaviours are not acceptable;

- Excessive noise
- Moving seats
- Bad language
- Eating on the bus
- Inappropriate gestures made on the bus
- Putting arms / heads outside windows on the bus
- Squirting water on the bus
- Climbing or graffiti on bus shelters
- Playing games at the bus shelter / stop that would endanger pupils

The following bus monitors have been appointed for Term 1 and 2. They will be required to sign a contract outlining their

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responsibilities and actions they need to carry out when a pupil or pupils are in breach of the Bus Rules.

Herald Island

Logan Hunt
Georgia Johnson
Shae Cleaver

Whenuapai

Sasha Heiplik
William Taungahihifo
Phillipa Lamberton

Pupil Arrival Times at School

At Whenuapai School we encourage parents to get their children to School no later than 8:50am to enable pupils time to hang up their bags and get ready for School. Unfortunately a number of children are arriving before 8:00am and after 9:00am. Regular offenders will be sent a letter as of the end of this week. Please remember that children arriving late are disadvantaged in their learning and those arriving early have no duty teacher to ensure they are safe. We ask for parent support in this area as your child's well being and education is very important to us.

North West Schools Year 7/8 Softball Tournament

Last week Whenuapai sent a boys and girls team to the North Western Softball Zone Day organised by Mr Spanhake. The girls led by Renee French did very well considering all of them were new to the game. Jordon Firth and Georgia Cross both pitched consistently throughout the day. The girls finished the day with 2 wins and 2 losses. The boys played some good teams and won all but one game. Unfortunately that loss meant that on a count back they missed out on a place in the finals. Great pitching from Conor Flanagan and the positive encouragement of our 1st basemen Luke Jones helped the boys come 3rd overall. Thank you to all Viti Flanagan and Lloyd Jones for taking the boys team and to the parents that came on the day to support our teams.



Chocolates

Chocolate sales finish this week, but for those wanting to aim for the most boxes sold, you have one last chance to take another box on Monday 8 March. Remember we have a prize of a Family Super Pass to Butterfly Creek for the student that sells the most boxes of chocolates. Congratulations to Maia Tamehana in Room 8 for winning this weeks \$20 Warehouse Voucher in the lucky draw. The last \$20 Voucher will be drawn this Monday, everyone who has returned their money will be in the draw. Please note that all money needs to be in Friday 12 March. Come and see us in Room 5 on Friday or Monday mornings between 8:30—9:00am or hand in the money to the Office if you are unable to come on those days. We really appreciate all your support with this fundraiser.

Parent Education Forms

Please remember to return expression of interest forms about parent education nights as soon as possible so we can get planning underway.