

# 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.

## Piano / Keyboard Teacher Available

Lessons at School or at home, 2 vacancies only. Phone Diane Hunn 416 5843

## Wanted

Preparations are well underway for the 2010 Book Fair. If you have anyone unwanted duvets with a synthetic inner that we could have we would appreciate it. The inners will be used to create an awesome Book Fair display in the library. Please take any duvets you can donate to the library or Office.

## NEW! After-School Computer Programme at Whenuapai School

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Whenuapai School this term on Thursday afternoons for 8 weeks starting May 13th. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6-11 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited. If you would like further information or have any questions please phone 09 622 0670 or Email: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or visit [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz). Contact Shannon Corsan at [shannonc@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:shannonc@whenuapai.school.nz) to make a booking.

*The photos below are of Whenuapai Students who presented medals the New Zealand Open Swimming Champs—a great honour! In these photos the students are with swimming legends Danyon Loader and Ian Thorpe.*



## Contacts

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PTA Chairperson: 416 4740

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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*

**NEWSLETTER 11**  
**29 April 2010**

**Dear Parents / Caregivers**

One of the key factors in a successful school is valuing your teaching staff. Teachers are incredible people who always go the extra distance in terms of time and effort to provide the learning opportunities for all children under their care. The teaching day does not begin at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm, and the teaching week goes well beyond Friday. Teachers at all levels of the School are a valuable asset that together provide children with the skills required to be successful in later education. The strong bond they develop with their students provides a positive link between teacher and pupils which is critical in the learning continuum. We work very hard to acknowledge the work and achievements of all teachers and the icing on the cake comes in the form of a positive comment, either verbally or in written form from a parent or a community member. We are very fortunate at Whenuapai School to have a group of dedicated teachers and as Principal of the School I am proud to be a part of this group of dedicated individuals. We regularly get comments from parents of existing and new pupils on what a wonderful School we have. Well done and keep up the great work.

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 4 May**  
**School closes**  
**at 1:30pm**

**Parent Interviews**  
Years 5—8  
Wednesday 5 May  
2:10—7:30pm

**Book Club Orders**  
Close Friday 30 April

### Term Dates

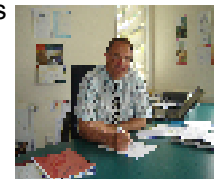
**Term Two**  
19 April—2 July

**Term Three**  
19 July—24 September

**Term Four**  
12 Oct—15 December

### **Disabled Car Parking Spaces**

There are 3 disabled car parking spaces in the School. They are clearly demarcated by yellow lines and signs. Please do not park in these spaces even for a short time as they are solely for our parents who carry a disability card. We would appreciate your compliance in this area.



**Warren Spanhake**  
**Principal**

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Whenuapai

## 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...

Olivia Edwards  
Mia

Rm 1 Tadhg Farac  
Rm 2 George Williams  
Rm 3 Hunter Burnett  
Rm 4 Ben Robinson  
Rm 6 Maia Carrie  
Rm 7 Isha Miller  
Rm 8 Kaeli Harkness  
Rm 9 Rory Hancock  
Rm 10 Abby Gallagher  
Rm 11 Liam Anderson  
Rm 12 Ellie Dale  
Rm 13 Madison Hunter  
Rm 14 Ben Ramsay  
Rm 15 Torrin Cambell  
Rm 16 Georgia MacMillan  
Rm 17 Georgia Cross  
Rm 18 Leon Graham  
Rm 19 Katelyn O'Sullivan  
Rm 20 Lucas Richadson



### PTA AGM Elections

Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected to their respective position on the PTA.

<b>Paula Pearson</b>	Chairperson
<b>Cherie Walters</b>	Vice Chairperson
<b>Linda Pullen</b>	Secretary
<b>Nicky Frith</b>	Treasurer
<b>Carol Miller</b>	Lunchroom Coordinator (from Term 3)
<b>Margaret O'Connor</b>	BOT Representative

We now have 14 mums and 1 dad on the PTA and it's still not too late to join us! We meet once a month on a Tuesday evening in the staffroom at 7:30pm, where we discuss fundraising ventures and very much welcome new thoughts and ideas. It is not imperative to make each and every meeting. Being a member is not an all consuming task either—we all realise that time is precious and the need to balance work and family. Each PTA member shares the same vision, to give some time and energy to provide additional funding for the School for the ultimate benefit of our children. PLEASE consider joining our team. We are a happy group and look forward to meeting YOU! Our next meeting is Tuesday 11 May. For more information contact Kay Tomlinson 416 6395 or 021 117 4144 , or Linda on Linda.zac@xtra.co.nz.

### Board of Trustees Elections

On Friday 23 April nominations closed for the BOT parent representatives. There are 4 positions available and 5 nominations received. The nominations are (in alphabetical order) Tracy Collins, Brendon Harkness, Peter Lambertson, Craig McGowan and Les Stockley. Voting forms were posted on Tuesday and need to be returned or postmarked, in the envelope included with your voting paper, no later than noon Friday 7 May 2010.

### NZEI Teachers Union Meeting

A reminder that School will close at 1:30pm on Tuesday 4 May to enable teachers to attend a Stop work Meeting. Buses will be rescheduled and After School Care notified.

### Habits of Mind

This week is **Managing Your Impulsivity**. Take your time with things. Think before you act or speak. Remain calm, thoughtful and deliberate. Be the wise old owl rather than blurting things out like a frog!

## Happenings and Achievements

### Sports Draws

#### Hockey

**Yr 3/4 Boys** Whenuapai 1 NA  
Whenuapai 2 NA

**Yr 3/4** NA

**8 Aside Boys** NA

**8 Aside Girls** NA

**Year 7/8** NA

#### Netball

Racers (Yr 1 / 2) NA

Bullets (Yr 2) NA

Magic (Yr 3) NA

Rebels (Yr 4) 9:20am Court 16

Rockets (Yr 6) NA

A reminder that hockey and netball fees are due now. If you are hiring a uniform the \$50 needs to be paid before the uniform is given out (\$25 refundable on return of the uniform at the end of the season).

### ANZAC Day Commemorations

A huge thank you to Jordan Firth and Cara Blackford for laying a wreath on behalf of Whenuapai School at the ANZAC Day Commemorations at Hobsonville RSA on Sunday. Well done and thank you very much for being our representatives.



**Year 7 and 8 Boys Football Trials:** Trials for the Whenuapai Football Field Day team will be held on Friday the 30 April from 3:30 to 4:30 at Whenuapai School. Boots and shin pads are compulsory.

### Entertainment Books

These have gone out this week and have some great money saving coupons inside. If you do not wish to purchase a book please return it in the envelope it came in and drop it into the box located in the Office foyer. Additional books may be purchased by ordering on the envelope the book came in and dropping it into the box. Books cost \$65 each with \$13 going back to the School.

### ACTIVBoards in Classrooms

It is very exciting seeing teachers in the following classrooms (Rooms 15, 16, 17, 19, 9 and 4) using their interactive whiteboards in their teaching this year. These were installed over the Christmas break and have only been used in our classrooms this year. They are an amazing tool and enable children to learn in the digital environment this generation are growing up with.

### Extension Groups

Are there any parents out there who would be interested in taking an extension group? The subject could be anything you have a passion for. If interested please contact Cherylene Neels or Karney Dawson at School.