

## 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.

### Free 4U Computer Courses

For New Zealand Residents or permanent residents aged 16 years plus. Course designed for the complete beginner. Up to 10 x 90 minute sessions on first steps in computing or getting started. Courses also available for those with basic computer knowledge. Learn new programmes or update your existing skills. Up to 12 x 90 minute sessions in word processing, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Publisher, Internet and Email. Enrolment and booking essential. Courses held on weekdays at 9am, 10:30am and 1pm in Henderson and Takapuna. Phone 815 4321 extension 5610 or phone 0800 10 95 10 form more information.

### Book Fair Fundraiser for Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

15 000 second hand books at bargain prices! This is possibly the last Book Fair form some time and ALL books must be sold! Proceeds used to support groups in keeping their streets crime free and a friendly place to live. Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 September 9am—3pm, Masonic Hall, Henderson (corner of Great North Road and McLeod Road).

### Introduction of Golf with Gary Parkinson NZPGA Professional

School Holiday coaching clinics for beginners aged 9 to 12 years. A fun and correct way to learn the basics of golf covering the correct grip, alignment, posture, balance and basic golf swing. Huapai Golf Course, Riverhead / Coatesville Highway, Tuesday 28 September 10am to 12pm (includes 15 minute break, please bring a drink and snack). Cost \$25.00 per person with a maximum of 8 players. Contact Gary Parkinson 09 413 7087, 021 815 070 or email gpro@xtra.co.nz to book.

### Riverhead Athletics Club

Starting Wednesday October 13 at 5:30pm for children aged 2—14 years. Registration night Wednesday 22 September 4—7pm at Riverhead Memorial Park. For more information visit our website at [www.sportsground.co.nz/riverheadathletics](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/riverheadathletics)



**BOTTLES AND WRAPPING PAPER  
BRING THEM NOW FOR THE  
SCHOOL GALA!**

## Contacts

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## Whenuapai School Newsletter

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

The Newsletter for the Whenuapai School Community published every Thursday

**NEWSLETTER 28  
9 September 2010**

### Dear Parents / Caregivers

Another area where concerns were raised in the recent Community Survey was in relation to the question on School Uniforms. ‘The Whenuapai School Uniform reflects the high standards we maintain in all other aspects of School organisation’. In response we had 20 Strongly Agree, 64 Agree, 12 Disagree and 2 Strongly Disagree. Some of the respondents comments included;

- Kids look great in their uniforms
- Uniforms made more affordable
- I don't think enough effort is being made to have a standard uniform
- Still too many not adhering to Uniform Policy
- There are too many choices in uniform
- It is disappointing to see some children not in correct uniform
- Disagree with children wearing bare feet
- One rule for all regarding uniform

### Important Dates

#### Teams 4 & 5 Cross Country

Thursday 16 September  
1:45pm

#### Whenuapai School Gala

Saturday 20 November  
That's 69 days  
(and counting!)

### Term Dates

**Term Three**  
19 July—24 September

**Term Four**  
11 Oct—15 December

In response to the Community Survey and as an on-going review of School Uniform the following actions have been taken to ensure greater adherence to the correct uniform requirements and the monitoring of this requirement. This has involved the rewriting of the Whenuapai School Uniform Policy to include;

- A reduction in the number of items that make up the uniform
- A clear dress code of uniform requirements
- Setting of a clear process for monitoring uniforms and actions to be followed re incorrect uniforms

A huge thank you to Mr Dawson and Mrs Strother for all the work they have done regarding the development of a clear policy for School Uniforms as we move towards the 2011 year. Continued overleaf...

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## School Notices

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

Corbin Bentley  
James Carter  
Luke Collings



### Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Kristijan Anderson
Rm 2	Hunter Murray
Rm 3	Daisy Hart
Rm 4	Tom McNicholl
Rm 5	Eleanor Davies
Rm 6	Oliver Abplanalp
Rm 7	Quinn Tawhai
Rm 8	Juliette Crawford
Rm 9	Paris Broughton
Rm 10	Grace Haylor
Rm 11	Jack Howes
Rm 12	Kyla Dovey
Rm 13	Jasper Ryder
Rm 14	Sarah Buckwell
Rm 15	Taine Carrington
Rm 16	Georgia Whittaker
Rm 17	Callum Collins
Rm 18	Ashley Williams
Rm 19	Zachary Pullen
Rm 20	Waiora Mato

### School Uniform Continued...

One requirement in finalising the Policy will be an opportunity for the public, staff and parents to read the draft policy and make submissions to be considered by Mr Dawson, Mrs Strother and the School Management. The final version will be taken to the Board of Trustees for approval and rubber stamping.

### School Production Update

Tickets to the Production are selling steadily. Don't forget to buy yours for the last week of school. Next week the costumes, set and props arrive from Napier. The students will be involved in intensive rehearsals all week so it is **IMPERATIVE** that they are at school every day. We are still requiring parent help for the night for makeup and student supervision. Any offers of help will be gratefully accepted. We also need racks to hold the costumes too. Many thanks to the parents who have come forward already.

### Special Thank You

A special thank you to the Waitakere City Council for donating a copy of the book 'West— A History of Waitakere'. The book records the voices of many writers as they tell the story of Waitakere from the early days to the present. The copy will be in our School Library and is full of amazing information.

### Pupil Success

Congratulations to Willow Harfleet who was a finalist in the Trash to Fashion Awards 2010. There was less than a 1 in 3 chance of being accepted into the finals, so the fact Willow got that far meant that the judges were very impressed with her work. Well done Willow!

### Habit of Mind

Finding humour. Laugh a little! Find the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Be able to laugh at yourself!

### Uniform Shop News

As you are aware GST increases to 15% on October 1. It has been decided to absorb the extra cost in the Uniform Shop for Term 4 but there will be price change at the beginning of 2011. We suggest that you take advantage of this and purchase uniforms before the end of the year. Please note the Uniform Shop hours are Monday and Thursday mornings 8:30—9:15am. Thank you to our volunteers—Lee Howes, Sharon Horsfall, Nicki Gallagher and Jo Jeffries for your time and support.

## Happenings and Achievements

### Sports Draws

Intermediate Boys are the only team with a game remaining. Unfortunately the website was experiencing problems at the time of publishing the newsletter and we were unable to access the time. Please contact your coach for game details.

### Sports Uniforms Return

Now the winter sports season is over it is time for all the hockey and netball uniforms to be returned. Refunds will be given once the uniform has been checked for cleanliness and good condition. Please return your uniform in a named plastic bag to the School Office.

### Team 3 Cross Country

Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to support our Team 3 pupils at their Cross County on Tuesday. We were lucky to have a gap in the weather for the children to compete. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part and to the place winners. We are very proud of you all for doing your best.

### School Gala

This week for the gala, we're making a special effort to collect bottles and wrapping paper. The bottles are for the bottle tombola—for those of you not familiar with it, it's like a lucky dip where you win a bottle prize. It would be a bottle of wine (for the adults) or could be a bottle of sauce. So could everyone please make an effort to send along a bottle of any sort—a drink, a cleaner, a sauce or anything in a bottle at all. Bring them along to class this Friday or next Friday (10th or 17th) and they will be collected. Of course the bottle must be unopened. We are also wanting to collect wrapping paper. Again any sort of wrapping paper will do whether it be Christmas, birthday, small or big, left over's or cut offs, anything so long as it can be used to wrap up prizes big and small. They'll be collected on Friday too. Children who bring them along will earn 5 bonus points for their House. Thank you so much!

### Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori Colouring Competition

On Monday morning Cara Blackford and Hunter Murray were awarded prizes for 1st and 3rd respectively in the Te Wananga o Aotearoa's Colouring Competition by Davina Hughes, Neville Rogers and Hamu Lacey. In addition to their wonderful prizes, Whenuapai School was given \$700 worth of vouchers to purchase books and resources. A fantastic effort. Well done.



### Past Pupil Success

Ex pupil Melanie Hollis competed in the Barista Competition at the National Culinary Fare and was awarded the supreme winner overall in that category. Well done Melanie!

### Yummy Sticker Promotion

Only a few weeks left so get those stickers in QUICKLY!