

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.

Bev Birch School of Dance: Tap: Jazz: Ballet

For boys and girls of all ages. Pupils prepared for exams, stage performances or just for fun. Hall on corner of Great North Road & McLeod Rd, Henderson. Personal attention by qualified tutors. For more info phone Bev 818 5536, fax 818 5877 or www.bevbirch.com

Massey High School 40th Reunion - Easter 2009 - April 10, 11, 12

The Past Student Association would like to extend an invitation to all past pupils and teachers to join us in this celebration. For details phone 831 0506 or email reunion09@masseyhigh.school.nz

Lincoln Music School

Small group classes in classical and popular guitar, flute, recorder, violin and viola. \$70 per year for primary and intermediate aged children, \$220 per year for high school students and adults. This is an incredibly affordable way to learn an instrument. Lessons for all instruments are on Saturday mornings, flute and guitar also available Monday and Tuesdays after school. Enrolment day Saturday 14 Feb at Lincoln Heights school office 9 - 10.30am, or ring Nellie on 416 7547 before Feb 16 to enrol.

Norwest Soccer Registration

Saturday 7 Feb 10am - 2pm, Wednesday 11 Feb 4:30 - 7pm, Sunday 15 Feb 10am - 2pm. Alternatively download a registration form from www.norwestsoccer.org.nz, fill it out and post with payment to P O Box 520 Kumeu. Registration and payment must be received before 28 Feb. Any entries received after this date will go on a waiting list. Let us know if your daughter is interested in girls only football and we will find an appropriate team for her. Girls may play in a mixed grade if they prefer. Last year three of our girls only teams won their grade. If you have any preferences with regards to your child's requirements, please note this on your registration form.

Saint Kentigern College Open Day Wednesday 4 March 9:30 - 12:00pm

Applications are now invited for enrolment at Saint Kentigern College in 2010. Visit our Open Day to find out more about boarding. For further information please contact Saint Kentigern College Admissions. Phone: 09 577 0703 Email: admissions@skc.school.nz

Contacts

BoT Chairperson: 027 4815120

PTA Chairperson: 416 4740

Offsite Dental Clinic: 417 0235

After School Care: 021 737 147

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Bronze

Mr and Mrs
McNicholl

Bronze

Gregg and Linda
Carrington

Support Whenuapai School by becoming a Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsor. Contact Warren Spanhake or visit our website at www.whenuapai.school.nz for details.



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

Patrols Training
Thursday 12 Feb

PTA Meeting
Tuesday 17 Feb
7:30pm in the staffroom

Dance Academy
Starts Thursday 19 Feb

Vaccination Talk
Thursday 26 Feb
Yr 8 Girls 9:30am

Term Dates

Term 1: 2 Feb, 9 April

Term 2: 27 April, 3 July

Term 3: 20 Jul, 25 Sep

Term 4: 12 Oct, 15 Dec

Dear Parents / Caregivers

School Bus Update

Over the past week I have been in touch with Transit New Zealand, Ministry of Transport personnel, the Ministry of Education Transport Manager and Ritchie's Bus Company to see where we stand in relation to the contracted bus service for Whenuapai School. The plain fact is that the Ritchie's Bus we use has a carrying capacity of 79 seated and 35 standing. This is the legal capacity for Primary School children. The morning runs are light and on the average 35 pupils are on the Whenuapai run and 27 on the Herald Island run. The afternoon run has on the average 75 pupils. Thank you to senior children for standing and allowing the younger children to be seated. One issue that will be addressed from Monday 16 February is that the morning bus will pick up Whenuapai Village pupils and go straight to Herald Island so pupils on the Island will be picked up between 8:30 - 8:35am allowing children to reach school no later than 8:45am. Please remember any issues relating to buses can be addressed through contacting Mr Spanhake.

Reminders

Please remember if your child arrives at school after 9am, they need to report to the Office so that the Office staff can note the late arrival in the absence book. Remember also if your child is absent, we request that you ring the school and let us know.

Meet the Teacher Evening

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 11 February. We hope that you found it valuable and took time to meet with your children's classroom teacher and the Team Leader. Many thanks again for taking the time to attend.

Warren Spanhake Principal

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School Notices

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

Cameron Haskins

A warm welcome to Student Teacher Emma Howieson who will be in Room 6 until 20 February.

Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Jayde Brogden
Rm 2	Caroline Richardson
Rm 3	Jordan Hathaway
Rm 4	Ella Charman
Rm 6	Samuel Pearson
Rm 7	Abigail Pearson
Rm 8	Talia Backhouse-Smith
Rm 9	Conor Sutton
Rm 10	Joshua Holmes
Rm 11	Petra Brinkman
Rm 13	Jennifer Berry
Rm 15	Connor Harvey
Rm 16	Joshua Campbell
Rm 17	Caitlin- Rose McNeil
Rm 18	His Lyn Wang
Rm 19	Hayden Schuurman
Rm 20	Owen O'Neil

PTA Fundraiser - Cadbury Chocolates -

All eldest and only children at the school will be bringing home a box of Cadbury fundraising chocolates on or before Monday 16th February to sell on behalf of the school. The PTA request your support in this popular fundraiser. Any questions or queries, please contact Sally Brinkman at home on 833-1314.

Staff Car Park

It is of major concern that parents are walking through the Staff Car Park, sometimes with children and other times when children are around. This area is OUT OF BOUNDS and we ask parents to please observe this rule. Children who see this happening will one day walk through this area and the potential for a serious accident is high.



Pick Up / and Drop Off Zone / Bus Stop

With only just over a week back at School, we are having parents parking their cars in the pick up / drop off zone and walking their child / children to the classroom. We are also having parents stopping on the bus stop area. The pick up / drop off zone is simply a place to drop off and pick up your child / children. The bus stop is for the School Bus and should not be used between 8:30 - 8:45am and 3:00 - 3:15pm.

School Patrols Volunteers

Many thanks to Diane Nayler and Vicki Larsen for offering to do afternoon patrols. You are wonderful! It is not too late for other parents that would like to volunteer to help with supervising Road Patrols before or after school to come forward. Please contact Warren Spanhake or Cherylene Neels at school. All help is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Announcements

Each year Whenuapai School selects a small number of Year 8 students who represent the culture, spirit and ideals of the School as prefects. At our whole school assembly next Monday morning the prefects will be announced. They will be known as House Captains, leading the school Houses (2 House Captains per House) along with other duties throughout the year. Students from every class will also be selected to form part of the School Council.

Dance Academy

Students interested in joining our School Dance Academy will be asked to put forward their names next week. With dance teacher Eliza, 20 pupils from Years 2 - 4 will form a Junior Academy, pupils from Years 5 - 8 a Senior Academy. Students wanting to audition for the 2009 Stage Challenge team will also be asked to enter their names soon.

From the Board of Trustees

ICT Levy Community Response

Thank you to all parents who provided responses regarding the proposed ICT levy at Whenuapai School. Generally, concern was raised that the proposed levy is untenable on top of the current levies / donations, especially within the current economic climate. The Board of Trustees considered the responses received and as such, the ICT levy will remain at the current cost of \$10 per child per term.

Whenuapai School chooses to include ICT in it's education programme as we believe children will be disadvantaged moving onto High School if they have not had ICT grounding. Whenuapai School's current ICT programme provides an equal exposure to ICT regardless of what year the student is in; the content of the lesson is adjusted to provide relevance for the particular class.

Obtaining Grants is relatively simple, but time consuming. As such, we are now approaching parents to request whether they could donate a little time to the school, rather than the cost of increased ICT levies. Applying for Grants requires the filling out of forms, and obtaining quotes from various companies. These tasks could be completed from home using the telephone and computer.

If you have a little spare time and feel you could assist in this area, we would be very interested in hearing from you. If helping out on the Grants side of things doesn't appeal, perhaps you might consider joining the PTA? Their role within the School is focussed largely on fundraising and they would welcome keen, new participants with fresh ideas. If you have an interest in either of these areas, please email office@whenuapai.school.nz if you are available or would like more information.

School Donations

A reminder that your school donations are tax deductible. If paid by 31 March you will get the refund for this financial year.

