

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.

Dance Classes with Alexandra McIntosh

Fun, affordable modern dance lessons for kids ages 8 - 13 years. Only \$8 per class. Great fun, improve fitness and coordination, learn a combination of dance styles including Hip Hop, Jazz and Cheerleading, performance shows and private lessons. Starting the week commencing 2nd March, classes are held weekly on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 4 - 4:50pm. Dance teacher Alexandra has danced for Otago Highlanders and Sky City Cheer team. Contact Alexandra 412 5511 or 021 805 387

Kumeu Junior Rugby Club

Registration for all players on Wednesday 25 Feb 5 - 7pm, Saturday 28 Feb 9 - 12pm, Wednesday 4 March 5 - 7pm. Registration will be held at Kumeu Rugby Club Rooms, Alexandra Street, Riverhead. Registration \$60 includes: rugby shorts, rugby socks, mouthguard and new rugby ball.

All Star Cheer Leaders

All Star Cheerleaders is running FREE American Style Cheerleading classes in your area. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or visit www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz

Garden Maintenance

Done on a regular basis or as a one off garden clean up. Also landscaping advice, construction of fences, decks and paving. Phone Hamish 021 326 508

Community notices must be received at the School by 11am of the Wednesday preceding the newsletters distribution and are published at the discretion of the School.

Contacts

BoT Chairperson: 027 4815120
PTA Chairperson: 416 4740

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

Sponsors

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

**NEWSLETTER 1
19 February 2009**

Important Dates

Soccer Promo Day
Friday 20 Feb

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

PAT Testing Begins
Years 3 — 8
Monday 2 March

**Keeping Ourselves
Safe Parent Meeting**
Years 0 - 4
Thursday 5 March

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

Buses Update

After speaking with Colin Davies from the Ministry Of Education Transport Division and pushing the Whenuapai case for 2 buses in the afternoon to leave School at 3:05 - 3:10pm a verbal okay was given. The timeframe was 2 weeks to allow an adjustment of another run to enable this to happen. I remain hopeful and believe it is the duty of the Ministry of Education to ensure that we receive the appropriate service for the 113 eligible bus pupils. The morning run appears to be going well with one bus picking up the Whenuapai Village children then going straight on to Herald Island. The pupils are arriving at school between 8:40 and 8.45am.



Warren Spanhake
Principal

Yummy Stickers Promotion

It's "Yummy" apple time again, The "Healthy Eating, Healthy Living" "Yummy" sports promotion has even more sports money for schools with \$200, 000 of free sports gear available to every participating Primary and Intermediate School in the North Island. Crunch your way through "Yummy" apples, collect the stickers and send them in to school. Thanks to everyone who has already started supporting this Fundraiser. It is great to see all the classes filling up the sticker charts. Remember, the more stickers we get as a school, the more free sports gear we will be able to select.



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School Notices

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

Charles Day

School Star Children
acknowledged at school
assembly for good citizenship
Georgia Johnson
Tia McNicholl

Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Piper Barrack
Rm 2	Renee Robson
Rm 3	Hsi Hxi Wong
Rm 4	Jacob Humphrey
Rm 6	Jade Young
Rm 7	Aimee Hendren
Rm 8	Rachel Berry
Rm 9	Anna Larsen
Rm 10	Sarah Munn
Rm 11	Alex Woodroffe
Rm 13	Hugh Marshall
Rm 15	Renee Scott-French
Rm 16	Georgia Johnson
Rm 17	Liam Pollock
Rm 18	Madeleine Torckler
Rm 19	Holly Frisbie-Moir
Rm 20	Finnley Paul

PTA Chocolate Fundraiser

The PTA chocolate fundraiser got off to a great start this week, with approximately 20 additional boxes being distributed on Monday. There will be a draw for a \$20 Warehouse voucher at Monday's assembly for each child that has sold a box of chocolates and returned their money. A reminder that money return is on a Monday and Thursday 8:30 - 9:00am in Room 5. Additional boxes for selling may also be ordered on those days. Any queries please phone Sally Brinkman on 833 1314. Thanks for your support.

Stage Challenge and Dance Academy Update

Due to the overwhelming response from the students, auditions for places in Stage Challenge and the Dance Academies are required. These will be held with choreographer Eliza Clifton on Thursday. Final listings will be posted soon.

School Hockey and Netball

Children interested in playing either hockey or netball for the school have received a letter to take home. If you did not receive the letter but your child is interested in playing for the school, please see Mrs Mallabar in Room 19. Any parents who are able to offer coaching in any of these areas please also contact Mrs Mallabar. All notices due back by next Friday 27 Feb.

Staff Professional Development

This year the staff of Whenuapai School are participating in the Active Schools initiative alongside Sport Waitakere and Team Solutions. The purpose of the programme is to increase awareness, skills and education regarding quality physical activity within school communities to enhance student physical activity and overall well being. Some of you may have seen the staff out developing our tennis skills in the playground yesterday afternoon.

Soccer Promo Day

On Friday 20 February each class will be participating in a Soccer Promotional Day. This is being run by qualified coaching staff from United Soccer 1. The purpose of the day is to give the children the opportunity to experience soccer in a fun, safe and professional environment. Each session will run for 30 minutes. For children that show a lot of interest a further 6 week soccer skills clinic will be run at school. Those interested will be given a leaflet with all the necessary information to take home to parents.

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme

This programme is designed to enhance positive family relationships and empower parents to make change and to manage difficult behaviour. Consisting of 14 x two and a half hour sessions, the programmes are offered at a variety of venues. There is no cost to families. If you are interested in attending either the 2 -7 years or 6 -12 years basic programme or would like further details, please contact Cherylene Neels.

Happenings and Achievements

House Captains

Congratulations to these pupils selected as House Captains for 2009.

House of Knowledge - Sean Crawford and Abby Fitchett
House of Striving - Shannon Henry and Kita Hanita-Paki
House of Growth - Brandon Lunny and Caitlin-Rose McNeill
House of Friendship - Logan Douglas and Emma Gribble

A reminder that the House bracelets are a compulsory part of the School Uniform, costing \$2 each.



School Patrols

The following pupils have completed their road patrols training with Constable Wilson and have officially joined our team of school patrols; Drew Prescott, Dani Franken, Georgia Johnson, Sean Crawford, Neville Martin, Kita Hanita-Paki, Regan Foulds, Ethan Judd, Thomas Watson, Matt Crook, Luke Jones, Georgia Whittaker, Hayden Schuurman, Jake Godfrey, Molly Watson, Alicia Webb, Kamen Cowie, David Matthews, Samantha Waters, Devon Uganezc and Jaden Carrington. Many thanks to Catherine Watson for assisting the staff by taking on patrol duties.

Golf Academy

Over the last two years Whenuapai has competed in the North Harbour Primary and Intermediate Golf Tournaments. We have been successful in finishing in the top two categories each time and have now developed a Golf Development Academy catering for children from Years 3 - 8. We have been able to facilitate coaching lessons via North Harbour Golf for children identified from our Kiwi Golf days which take place during Term 4 and from children already in existing teams. We hope to keep children in this academy and develop their skills during their schooling at Whenuapai. Our waiting list is kept to accommodate children as others leave and to allow other children the opportunity.

Sporting Development Academy

During the Primary School years children are encouraged to have a wide and varied experience towards Physical Activity. Our Development Academy is designed to offer as many sports activities as we can facilitate making particular use of our local sporting contacts. Students are identified from school lessons and sporting profiles are developed for these children so we can target their needs where possible. At the moment we have a Golf Development Academy, Tennis lessons lined up and we have joined the school up to the Grasshoppers Tennis Programme via Tennis NZ. This term we will also be offering Soccer lessons and a training skills programme from United Soccer. Next term we will be working with Korbond North Harbour Rugby and setting up Rippa Rugby and Junior Tackle teams. We also facilitate School Hockey and Netball teams that take place outside of school hours. We want to offer as many children as possible a variety of experiences. For further information about the Sporting Development Academy contact the teacher in charge Viv Mallabar (viviennem@whenuapai.school.nz)

Rotary Club of Waitakere City Soapbox Derby

Sunday 15 March Westgate Drive 8:00 am start. Whenuapai School traditionally enters this event and won it several years ago. We have the trolley, however we require 4 drivers and 4 pit crew of Year 7/8 pupils. We also require parents to help in the lead up and on the day. Thank you to Mr Gribble who has already shown interest. If you could help, please contact Mr Spanhake or email warrens@whenuapai.school.nz

Whenuapai School Weetbix 'Tryathlon' Team

Whenuapai School have a group of students competing in the 'Weetbix Tryathlon 2009' on 29 March. They will be participating either individually or in a team. This is part of our Active Schools programme and gives children a taste of a sport they may otherwise not be exposed to. Good luck to all the competitors.