

## 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.



Enter the raffle draw to win a spin around the Pukekohe race track in this car.  
See the front cover for details.

## Contacts

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## Sponsors

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[www.whenuapai.school.nz](http://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 12**  
**7 May 2009**

### Important Dates

**Parent Meeting**  
Wednesday 13 May  
6:00pm Staffroom

**PTA AGM**  
Tuesday 12 May  
7:30pm Staffroom

**Team 3 Art Trip**  
Tuesday 12 May

**Yr 7/8 Girls Soccer**  
Tuesday 19 May

**Yr 7/8 Boys Soccer**  
Wednesday 20 May

### Term Dates

Term 2: 27 April, 3 July

Term 3: 20 Jul, 25 Sep

Term 4: 12 Oct, 15 Dec

**Dear Parents / Caregivers**

### Out of Zone Enrolments for 2010

In August of this year, we will be advertising Out of Zone Enrolments for the 2010 school year. To work out the numbers of out of zone pupils we can accept, we need to know the number of children in the Whenuapai area / zone who are turning 5 years of age in 2010 as soon as possible. We also need to know the children in the area who turn 5 who live out of zone who have a brother / sister already at the School. These names and numbers are critical as the School roll is growing and the interest already from parents who wish to apply for our out of zone enrolments for their children is very high. Please call / email / send a letter to the School Office. This information is extremely important.

### Pukekohe Raceway Experience Raffle Closes 8 May

Whenuapai School is running a \$2.00 (ticket) raffle. A huge thank you to Andrew Anderson who has offered a prize consisting of 3 laps around the Pukekohe Raceway on Friday 15 May as the prize for the raffle. The ITM Commodore will reach speeds of over 200km per hour. An ex pupil of the School and now married with 3 children, 2 of which are at Whenuapai School. Andrew would like to give something back to the School and we hope parents make full use of this opportunity. Tickets are only \$2.00 and the lucky draw will be on 11 May at the School Assembly. Tickets are available from the School Office.

**Warren Spanhake**  
Principal



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**Principal: W Spanhake**  
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Whenuapai

## School Notices

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

**School Star Children** acknowledged at the last school assembly for being good citizens...  
Alice Donovan  
Renee Robson

### Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Molly Richardson
Rm 2	Samuel Parone
Rm 3	Ruby Williams
Rm 4	Nnenna Anibueze
Rm 6	Emma Jones
Rm 7	Liam Collins
Rm 8	Katelyn Nayler
Rm 9	Louis Kelly-Morris
Rm 10	Lachlann Harvey
Rm 11	Karl Voshaar
Rm 13	Willow Ready
Rm 15	Logan Douglas
Rm 16	Stamos Hetaraka
Rm 17	Elliot Dawson
Rm 18	Kaleb Brett
Rm 19	Alicia Webb
Rm 20	Jamie Williams

### RNZAF Community Centre

THE RNZAF Community Centre has been in operation since June 2000. It is a facility used by many defence personnel and their dependants and provides a venue for events and services such as Coffee Groups, the Toy Library, Plunket Services, baby equipment loan and Neighbourhood Support. It is run by voluntary support workers (dependents of personnel) and Plunket staff. I was thrilled to be invited to a ceremony being held to name the current RNZAF Community Centre as Wallingford House in honour of the late Air Commodore Sidney Wallingford (1898 - 1978). The facility is now being used as a crèche, for play activities, cooking sessions, weaving, fitness groups and generally seeking to meet the needs of family and personnel.

### A Huge Thank You

A special thank you to Mr Darrin Thompson for his support in providing the machinery required to lay the concrete along the area outside Rooms 8 - 11 resulting in the concrete being laid at a much faster rate than if wheel barrows were used. A huge thank you for your generosity. We really appreciate it.



### Art Extension Group

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen for the Teams 1 and 2 Art Extension Programme. They have already begun creating the props for our Stage Challenge: Georgia Cross, Molly Watson, Renee French, Cara Blackford, Jordan Firth, Henry Emm, Kaitlin Edmonds, Phillipa Lambertson, Georgia Johnson, Georgia MacMillan, Jordan Kosterman and Dylan Shanley.

### Young Leaders

On Wednesday the House Captains and two of our promising Year 7 students, Shae Cleaver and Kaitlin Edmonds, attended the 2009 National Young Leaders Day. This was a one day leadership event held for primary, intermediate and secondary students throughout New Zealand. The purpose of the day was to inspire students to become great leaders. There was an exciting line up of speakers including Nick Tuitasi (inspirational speaker and former Police Constable), Rob Harley (TV documentary maker), Matt Gibbs and Dayna Vawdry (Children's TV presenters). Thank you to Miss Wilson, Mrs Neels and Mr Spanhake for providing transport to and from the event.

## Happenings and Achievements

### Helen O'Grady Drama School Scholarship

Congratulations to Abby Fitchett who has won a scholarship for the Helen O'Grady Drama School.

### Sports Draws

Well done to all the sports teams that braved the weather last week and took to the field for the first time this season. Sports draws will be published in the Newsletter if available for the first time this season. Sports draws will be published in the Newsletter if available from the sporting associations at the time of publishing. If draws are not available contact your coach or visit either [www.netballwaitakere.co.nz](http://www.netballwaitakere.co.nz) or [www.harbourhockey.org.nz](http://www.harbourhockey.org.nz) for more information. Draws will be displayed on the Office window when they are available.

Netball				Hockey		
Year 1	11.30am	Court 1	Planet Sports	Yr 3/4 Boys	5pm	Crown 2C
Year 2	12:30pm	Court 2	Planet Sports	Yr 3/4 Girls	5:30pm	Crown 1C
Year 3	10am	Court 4	Trust Stadium	Year 5/6	Not available	
Year 4	8.15am	Court 17	Trust Stadium	Year 7/8	7pm	Sand
Year 5	10.25am	Court 19	Te Pai			
Year 6	12.55pm	Court 14	Te Pai			
Yr 7/8	Not available					

### Parent Meeting Wednesday 13 May 6pm in the Staffroom

Come along and have your say at our consultation meeting looking at Physical Activity and Physical Education at Whenuapai School. In 2 half hour sessions we will be looking at a series of questions looking at PA and PE at Whenuapai in consultation with our Active School facilitators. Two classes will be set up with quiet inside games for children if you are unable to find a babysitter for the night. If you are unable to attend but would like a say, then put your thoughts to paper and send to Viv Mallabar in Room 19 (Sports Coordinator). Listed below is a series of questions we will focus on.

#### Physical Activity (PA)

- What are we doing well around PA?
- What sports are currently available?
- What would you like to see available in school / weekend?
- What support can you provide?
- What benefits do you see of regular fitness / PA sessions?

#### Physical Education (PE)

- What are we doing well in PE? What would you like to see included in PE within teaching / learning time?
- Do you see a need for teaching aquatics education? Why? Why not?
- What are the limitations to teaching aquatics and how do we overcome these?
- Are there resources we can tap into?
- What attitudes / values and learning opportunities can be developed through PE?
- Do you have any concerns / questions around PE?
- How much time do you see as important to spend on in-class teaching of PE?
- General comments

*Have your say over a cup of tea or coffee. Be part of the collective voice.*