

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.

Kotare Brownies

Now taking enrolments for 2010. Brownies is for girls aged 7 - 10 years. It pays to go on the waiting list at 6 years. We will meet in 2010 at St Chads Church, Huapai every Monday evening from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Registration night Tuesday 9 February 2010. There will be a dad and daughter camp from the 12 - 14 February. If you are interested please phone your details to Alison Hucke phone 412 5821 evenings before 1 December. If you are over 18 years and are interested in working with a neat bunch of girls please contact Alison Hucke at 412 5821 or email whucke@slingshot.co.nz.

Lost Property

In the run up to the end of last term Finlay has 'lost' 3 navy zip up fleeces. All are named either FW, F Wingate of Finlay Wingate. It is a lot of fleece to lose so please check your child has the correct jumper and if found please return the fleeces to Room 18.

Lost Rugby Ball

Possibly left at the bus stop corner of Kingsway and Kauri, marked with the name Jack H. If anyone has found it we would appreciate it being returned to Jack Howes Room 2.

Halloween Parade and Disco Saturday 31 October

Parade and prize giving from 5:30pm at the Herald Island Domain. Disco from 7:00 - 9:30pm at the Herald Island Hall. Lights. Smoke machine, disco ball and great music! Entry fee \$3.00 per child. Tea and coffee, drinks and BBQ available.

The Children's Clothing Exchange at West Harbour Alliance Church

If you'd like an opportunity to *trade* the clothes, sport shoes, and school uniforms that your child has grown out of for other used clothes etc in similarly good condition (i.e. no rips, holes, or excessive fraying), West Harbour Alliance Church is holding a Children's Clothing Exchange on November 7th. To participate, please drop off your donated items with your name and phone number at the church (145 Moire Road) in advance of the event, Sundays through Thursdays from 9:30-noon. For more information, contact Matthew on 416-8991, or mordaunts@orcon.net.nz



Whenuapai School Newsletter

"Our Students will be Actively Involved in Learning for Life"

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Important Dates

Marbles Season
Tuesday 27 October -
Friday 6 November

Halloween
Saturday 31 October

BoT Meeting
Monday 2 November
7pm Staffroom

Guy Fawkes Day
Thursday 5 November

School Disco
Friday 13 November

Term Dates

Begins Monday 12 Oct
Ends Tuesday 15 Dec

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Whenuapai School Roll is now 479 and we predict it will be between 490 and 500 pupils next year. This growth has been steady over the past 3 years and we are now struggling for space. As our request from the Ministry of Education for more classrooms was turned down, the Property Committee looked closely at the options possible. Following discussions with the architect and planner, a decision has been made to gut the 3 rooms that make up the Library and Resource Area and use this area to accommodate extra classes next year. As part of this project, the Library will be shifted to a renovated and upgraded Rooms 12 and 13. These 2 rooms will be joined and the upgrades will allow for a functional Library area. The upgrading / gutting of the present Library and Resource area will begin on Monday 30 November and the renovation of Rooms 12 and 13 will begin on 16 December. This is a huge change but it is an issue of making best use of the available space in the School. A special thank you to Gregg Carrington and Les Stockley for their work as Property Committee members. The costs of these changes will be covered by Ministry of Education funding as part of our 5 year property entitlement. These projects will obviously take place during the Christmas Break so please keep clear of these areas.

Warren Spanhake Principal



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School Notices

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

Madison Hunter

Principal's Award Certificates this Week

- Rm 1 Cayla James
- Rm 2 Noah Tomlinson
- Rm 3 Harry Pritchard
- Rm 4 Tyler Champion
- Rm 5 Andrew Wilson
- Rm 6 Litiana Johnston
- Rm 7 Matt Gallagher
- Rm 8 Liam Goad
- Rm 9 Rebecca McCready
- Rm 10 Nicholas Harding
- Rm 11 Petra Brinkman
- Rm 12 James Beere
- Rm 13 Ashleigh Naylor
- Rm 15 Georgia Whittaker
- Rm 16 Sean Crawford
- Rm 17 Anderson Thompson
- Rm 18 _____
- Rm 19 _____
- Rm 20 _____



Marbles Season

The Marbles Season for 2009 is in full swing and the pupils appear to be having a fantastic time. This will be a learning curve for many and also the decisions they have to make will effectively contribute to their on-going development. As I said last week, come up for a few minutes and view this spectacle - you will be aghast as Wall Street has nothing on Marbles Season at Whenuapai School!



Iron Brion is Coming to School

The Iron Brion BBQ Road show is a fun, interactive show teaching primary school children between Years 0 - 6 about the four basic food groups and eating a well-balanced diet. The show takes about 45 minutes, at the end of which all children will be served a healthy Heart Tick Approved beef burger. Iron Brion was developed by Beef and Lamb New Zealand to combat high rates of iron deficiency amongst young children. Iron Deficiency can have a detrimental impact on concentration and energy levels, which can hamper children's learning at a critical age. Iron Brion will be visiting our school on Tuesday 10 November.



Book Amnesty

It is that time of year when we begin to think of gathering together all of the School resources to count up just what we have. It is more than likely that you may have school journals or the odd library book hanging around and we would very much appreciate them being returned before the end of November. All our books and any other property are stamped or marked with Whenuapai School. A box will be placed in the Office area for returns of any items you may find.

APPA Choir Tickets

We are looking for 1, 2 or 3 tickets to the APPA Choir festival on Wednesday 11 November. If anyone has purchased tickets that they are no longer able to use, we would be happy to purchase them off you. Please contact either Peter or Leigh on 416 0552.

Happenings and Achievements

Year 5 Water Week

Last week the Year 5's took part in four days of fun Water Week activities. We started off by going to visit the Millennium Institute. When we were there, we split into two groups. We put on life jackets and practised life saving skills in the pool. Then small groups took turns at getting into and falling out of a small boat. The best part was that we all got to fall off the boat backwards into the water. The next day, we went to the Maritime Museum. We were split into three groups. One group got to go with Salty Sam and look at the Museum and went into a room where families used to sleep that rocked like a real boat. Another group went on the Ted Ashby, an old sailing boat. We had fun pulling up the sails and sailing underneath the Harbour Bridge. The rest of us had fun finding out about how to read compasses. The following day was Goat Island. Snorkelling and looking at the fish was a lot of fun. Some of us saw stingrays and there were lots of fish as well. The following day was spent at school learning about First Aid. We made a stretcher and saw how to tie knots and we made a leg splint. All in all, it was a busy, fun week and we were glad there was a long weekend coming up to rest and relax.

