

## 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.

# Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes Day takes place on 5 November. The day celebrates the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. Fawkes is the best-known figure in the conspiracy which aimed to blow up the Parliament building while James I and his chief ministers met within. Guy Fawkes Day is a commemoration of the plot, during which an effigy of Fawkes is often burned. The word "guy", meaning "man" or "person", is derived from his name.

While fireworks are lots of fun be sure to Stay Safe!

- Attend a professional public fireworks display
- Use fireworks outdoors only
- Always have water handy (a hose or bucket)
- Only use fireworks as intended, Don't try to alter them or combine them
- Never relight a 'dud' firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from where the fireworks are being lit.
- Small children should not be allowed to light fireworks
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks



## 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*

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### Important Dates

**School Disco**  
Friday 13 November

**Iron Brion Show**  
Tuesday 10 November  
Years 1—6

**PTA Meeting**  
Tuesday 10 November  
7:30pm Staffroom

**APPA Choir**  
Wednesday 11  
November

### Term Dates

Term 4 begins:  
Monday 12 October

Term 4 ends:  
Tuesday 15 Dec

### Dear Parents / Caregivers

Our School Uniform is an important part of the image and culture of Whenuapai School. The uniform is now firmly entrenched in the day to day running of our School and congratulations to 95% of the pupils for regularly wearing the required items that make up our uniform. The concern is the 5% of the pupils who continue to wear incorrect items of uniform. The required colour of footwear is 'black'. The socks of corresponding colour. The rest of the uniform (trousers, skorts, shirts and t shirts, jackets and jerseys are as per the School requirements. We understand that there may be instances when a child has lost an item or it is in the wash but we accept a note from parents for genuine reasons. Please remember the lost property bin is full of shoes and socks, jackets and jerseys so ask your child / children to check it if they have not returned home with their clothing they took to School. The pupils look great in the correct uniform so please remind them, as the teachers do, to pick up clothing and footwear they remove during the School day.

### Marbles Season

The 2009 Marbles Season ends on Friday 6 November. The pupils have enjoyed the opportunities to use their skills and we wish to thank those children who have helped and supported others by gifting marbles and developing an understanding of the rules. Remember to put them in a safe place for the 2010 Season. The Marbles Trophy will be presented to a pupil who has shown outstanding sportsmanship during the Marbles Season at an upcoming School Assembly.

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## School Notices

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

**School Star Children** acknowledged at the last school assembly for being good citizens...



**Principal's Award Certificates this Week**

Rm 18 Anderson Thompson  
Rm 19 Clarke Foulds  
Rm 20 Dominic Pusich



### 2010 School Dates

<b>Term One</b>	Tuesday 2 February - Thursday 1 April
<b>Term Two</b>	Monday 19 April - Friday 2 July
<b>Term Three</b>	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
<b>Term Four</b>	Monday 11 October - Wednesday 15 December

### School Disco

Friday the 13th is 'Freaky Friday!' Put your Halloween costume back on next Friday for the last School Disco of the year. Check out [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) for more ideas on costumes. The Junior Disco (Teams 3 and 4) is from 5:30—7:00pm and the Senior Disco (Teams 1 and 2) being 7:30—9:00pm. Entry fee \$4.00 per child. Lollies and drink for sale and sausage sizzle from 6:00—8:00pm.

### Calendars

If you didn't place an order last term or would like to order more calendars / cards it's not too late! Order forms at the Office. Calendars \$11.00 each and cards \$12.00 per pack. Remember these make great Christmas presents from your kids.

### Carboot Sale—Sunday 29 November

8:00am—12:00 noon on the Green. \$10.00 per vehicle to sell. You keep the profits! No bookings necessary. Now is the time to have a clean out and turn your pre loved possessions into cash for Christmas. The PTA will be holding their own stall so if you have anything you would like to donate please phone or text Linda on 027 272 6891 or leave your details at the Office.

### Book Amnesty Reminder

It is that time of the 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. Thank you to those families who have already taken the time to hint out resources and placed them in the box in the Office Area.

## Happenings and Achievements

### Year 6 Outdoor Education Experience

In Week 3 the Year 6's attended a four day camp at Shakespear Bay Outdoor Education Camp. They all took part in a fun range of activities from tramping to archery, orienteering and Beach o'clock. The following are some of the comments about the favourite things our Year 6 pupils enjoyed most:

**"The best thing about camp was the kayaking because we had to stand on other people's kayaks and they tipped over and we got wet"**  
(Reagan Davis)

**"Archery was the best because we had a competition to see who got the most points"** (Jade King)

**"I liked rock climbing because when you get up to the top of the rock wall you have to abseil down"** (Georgia Cross)

**"The most fast and exciting activity was the Mountain Boarding because you zoomed down steep paddocks. Even falling off was real fun"** (Andrew Hathaway)

**"At night we got to go for a night walk with torches and we went up to the lookout. It was a cool view"** (Hunter Reid)

**"I thought all the activities were very interesting because I had never done any of them before."** (Danielle Thomson)

**"I liked Beach O'clock because we found a blue crab and lots of starfish in the rock pools. I also held a crab."** (Lauren Davies)

**We all arrived back tired and exhausted but sad we had to leave because it was so awesome and we had heaps of fun. We are sure the Year 6's will have just as much fun when they go next year. A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped on camp. You were magnificent and we hope that you enjoyed the experience as much as the pupils did. A huge thank you to Mrs Mallabar and her team for all their work also**

**WATCH THIS SPACE NEXT WEEK FOR PHOTO'S OF THE CAMP**