

## 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.

### West Bike Fest 2010—Family Bike Event

Saturday 13 February, free entry. Held at the Corban Estate on the field behind the Art Centre 10am—12pm rain or shine! There are activities to take part in so bring your bikes, helmet, drink and sunscreen. For more information phone 836 8000 x 8524 or see Mrs Carr-Neil in Room 4. Posters with information are also up around the School.

### Drama Develops Kids!

Now enrolling for 2010 Helen O Grady Drama Academy. We teach children to act confidently, speak clearly and develop life skills. Fun for all levels! Classes held weekly through West Auckland. Phone 810 8242 or visit our website [www.helenogradey.com.au](http://www.helenogradey.com.au) for more information.

### Western United Netball Club Registrations

Huapai Domain Netball Court for grades Year 1—8 on Tuesday 23 February 3:30—4:30pm and Wednesday 24 February 4:00—5:00pm. For further information or online registrations go to [www.sportsground.co.nz/westernunitednetball](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/westernunitednetball)

### Auckland Waitakere Roller Sports Club

Learn to skate at Liston College Gym Thursdays 5:30—6:15pm. \$5 per session including skate hire. For more information visit [www.westiesonwheels.com](http://www.westiesonwheels.com)

### Norwest United Soccer Club 2010 Registration Dates

Thursday 11 February 4:30—6:30pm and Sunday 14 February 10:30am—2:00pm at the soccer club, Huapai Domain.

### Piano / Keyboard Lessons

Teacher available at school or home. Please contact Diane Hunn 416 5843.

### Kelly Sports 6 Week Indoor Soccer League

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 23 February for kids 6—10 years. Registrations can be made as individuals or a team. For more information phone Jeremy on 443 0254 or visit [www.kellysports.co.nz/eastcoastbays.asp](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/eastcoastbays.asp)

### Kids Basketball Season One 2010

Games played at YMCA Westgate during the week starting at the end of February and running until the end of Term 2. Cost is \$70 per player. Please contact Joy 021924552 or Matt 021924551 for any further information or to register your child.



## 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

##### Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday 15 Feb  
7pm Staffroom

##### PTA Meeting

Tuesday 16 February  
7:30pm Staffroom

#### Term Dates

##### Term One

2 February—1 April

##### Term Two

19 April—2 July

##### Term Three

19 July—24 September

##### Term Four

12 Oct—15 December

#### Dear Parents / Caregivers

All Schools throughout New Zealand are required to have a Charter in which the vision for the School is included as well as the values that are part of the teaching and learning process. At Whenuapai School our vision is; “Our Students will be Actively Involved in Learning for Life”. The School Values chosen are: honesty, respect, compassion, fairness, reliability, tolerance, dedication and hard work. In the Charter, we recognise that 6 Key Drivers are essential in providing a balanced learning environment in which all children have the best possible learning opportunities to enable them to reach their true potential. These Key Drivers are; Staff, Resources, Reporting Feedback, Curriculum Delivery, Funding and Student Performance. Each of these drivers operates in tandem to improve student achievement levels across all curriculum areas. In addition to the School Charter, each School has a Strategic Plan over a 3 year period and an Annual Plan based on the goals chosen for the School that year. These goals are evaluated in the School’s Annual Report that is a Ministry of Education requirement.

#### House Captains 2010

Congratulations to the following Year 8 pupils who have been selected as House Captains for 2010: Shae Cleaver, Brody Dawson, Kaitlin Edmonds, Renee French, Willow Harfleet, Logan Hunt, Phillipa Lamberton, Ryan Panchia—McGregor, Gysbert Scholtz, Kieran Stockley, Devon Unganecz, Daniel Wilson.

#### Watch this Space

An update on the National Standards will appear in next weeks newsletter. We await the information the Minister of Education is sending to parents before writing the article.

**Warren Spanhake (Principal)**

## Contacts

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14 Airport Road  
Whenuapai

## School Notices

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

Madison Ewens

### Principal's Award Certificates this Week

Rm 1	Tadhg Farac
Rm 2	His Hxi Wong
Rm 3	Renee Reader
Rm 4	Rosa Marshall
Rm 6	Bree Ackland
Rm 7	Ivy Barrack
Rm 8	Lily—Victoria O'Brien
Rm 9	Conor Sutton
Rm 10	Bryhana Barns
Rm 11	Jacob Mihaere
Rm 12	Hugh Marshall
Rm 13	Demetri O'Keefe
Rm 14	Camryn Guthrie
Rm 15	Neve Masters
Rm 16	Liam Burr—Knight
Rm 17	Ruby Poulter
Rm 18	Anna Larsen
Rm 19	Erin Curry
Rm 20	Wing Ching Choo

### Pupil Safety

At Whenuapai School, pupils are not allowed to use or be on the Adventure Playground before and after School. This is a safety issue as there are NO teachers on duty at these times. The difficulty we have is that we have parents who bring their children to School and allow their child and pre schoolers to use this facility. The issue is compounded by other pupils seeing these children using the facility and joining in. This then becomes a safety issue so we ask that parents keep children off the Adventure Playground during these times. Pupils may use the sandpit area. We value all of our children at Whenuapai School and urge parents to support us in this area.

### Yummy Stickers

In 2009, Whenuapai School pupils collected thousands of Yummy stickers and we were rewarded by being able to purchase up to \$800 worth of PE equipment. We are collecting stickers again this year. So get them along to the class teacher so they can place them on the sticker chart in the classroom. A wide selection of fruit have the stickers on them.

### PTA News

The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7:30pm in the staffroom. We currently have 11 mums and 1 dad on the PTA and would love to have some new people join and help us with our fundraising. Please come along next Tuesday. We are a happy group and welcome new members!

### Chocolates

On Friday 12 February each eldest and only child will be given a box of chocolates to try and sell. The bars sell for \$2.00 each with a total of \$40.00 per box. Money collection and orders for additional boxes will be every Monday and Friday morning in Room 5 from 8:30—9:00am. At Monday morning assembly every child that has returned their money for a complete box sold will go in the draw to win a prize. This is always a most popular fundraiser, each year raising approximately \$7000 for the School. Please help support the PTA and get your chocolates in time for Valentines Day!

### UNSW Testing

A letter went home with pupils this week about the UNSW tests. If you would like your child to participate in any of these tests please return the form to the Office ASAP. Please note the Computer Skills Test is \$7.50 as the price was left off the letter that went out.

## Happenings and Achievements

### Past Pupil Success

Best wishes to past pupil Erin Nayler who has earned an opportunity to compete for the goalkeeper position in the NZ U20s Woman's Soccer Team. Good luck Erin!

### Thank You

A huge thank you to Diane Nayler, Catherine Watson and Vicky Larsen who have once again offered to do afternoon patrols. Their help is much appreciated. Thank you also to the PTA for the donation of prizes for our Playground Stars. The Star programme will start up again soon.

### Sport Update

Early this term we have a Northwest Softball Field Day and the School swimming sports for Year 5—8. Our swimming sports date is the 9 March and will be held at the Air Base pool. If you are interested helping with a softball team for the field day or assisting with our swimming sports please contact Karney Dawson on 416 8779 or email karneyd@whenuapai.school.nz. We also have Kelly Sports start up their afterschool programme soon and United Soccer taking some lunchtime sessions. More details will be out next week regarding these two sporting opportunities.

### Cell Phones at School

Students are allowed a cell phone at School to be used in emergencies. However, students need a letter from a parent / caregiver asking for permission to bring a phone to School. Please hand this into the School Office. Cell phones may not be used during the School day and must be kept out of sight of other students. For tips on cell phone safety phone 0503 NET SAFE.

### Stationery

All stationery items should have been purchased and at School by now. Please ensure you have bought the correct items. You will be asked to repurchase if items are not correct.

### Parent Reminders

A reminder that we would like parents to model appropriate, respectful behaviour when the National Anthem is being sung by the students at assembly. We are trying to instil pride in our Anthem and request that parents refrain from talking at this time and join in the singing. A gentle reminder also that the old library is now 3 classrooms and as such parents need to be aware of this when waiting for their children at the end of the day, especially with topics being discussed and language used.

### Peer Support

The following pupils have been chosen as peer support leaders for 2010: Taine Carrington, April Rasberry, Luke Wilson, Hope Williams, Georgia Whittaker, Chloe Jones, Mikayla Buckwell, Cara Blackford, Connor Harvey, George Robertson, Holly Frisbee-Moir, Shania McIntosh, Joshua Tawhiao, Katelyn O'Sullivan, Zabrina Schuurman, Hislyn Wong, Lucy Grace, Emma Dorler, Jamie Williams and Jessica Daly.