

Kahu Team Year 7&8 Newsletter

Term 1, 2018

Welcome

Welcome back to all our Year 7 and 8 students and parents. A very special welcome to those who are new to Whenuapai School. Get ready for an exciting year ahead of us filled with fun, learning and broadening horizons.

Please expect to receive our newsletter each term informing you of the terms learning and events ahead as well as a (much shorter!) weekly round up email highlighting our achievements and reminders of up and coming dates.

If you were unable to join us on Monday for interviews, please feel welcome to contact us to make a time for this.

Please scroll down to see recent notices, key dates and reminders, as well as information about learning at school and home.



Meet the Kahu team.

(We have named our team “Kahu”, after the harrier hawks we see so frequently in this region.)



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Recent notices

These are notices we have sent home recently (you can click to access these if your paper copy has been misplaced):

- [Year 7&8 Camp \(sent late last year\)](#)
- [PLD Agreement](#) (required for students to use digital technology at school)
- [NZ AIMS Tournament](#)
- [Whenuapai School Sport Programme](#)

Reminders

Camp - April 9th - 13th - Parent helpers needed and police vet form required; please see Sera in the office to get this process underway. Thank you to those who have returned the permission slip. We request that all parents do so promptly or let us know if your child definitely will not attend. We urgently need this information to finalise costs.

Brain Food - Usually around 10:00. Please ensure a small healthy snack is included in your child's lunch box or a separate container. This is an addition to a morning tea snack. Some examples are fresh fruit or vegetables (pre-cut and peeled). No nuts please. We are a nut free school.

Hats - Compulsory for Term 1 and Term 4. No hat...no play. Please check your child's hat is named.

Key Dates

- **19th February**- 9.10 Assembly Yrs 4-8
- **20th February** - PLD info night 5.30-6.30 staffroom
- **22nd February** - Family fun evening (A PTA organised event. More information coming home soon)
- **5th March**- 9.10 Assembly Yrs 4-8
- **7th March** - Blue Mushroom Books
- **8th March** - Junior and Senior Disco
- **12th - 23rd March** - Easter hamper sales
- **19th March** - 9.10 Assembly Yrs 4-8
- **30th March** - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- **2nd April** - Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
- **3rd April** - Easter Tuesday NO SCHOOL
- **9th - 13th April** - Year 7&8 Camp
- **30th April** - Term 2 begins

Home Learning Expectations

Home learning in Year 7&8 is an extension of the programmes taught in the classroom. We expect students to work hard to complete their learning tasks to a high standard while they are at school. Homework will arise when students need more time to do so. Additionally, we encourage students to do reading and mathematics for enjoyment. Athletics and

Reading Eggs provide good opportunities for this.

Curriculum Learning

Context 1

Where we are in place and time

7th Feb-1st June

Idea 1

Why do we study the past?

How have today's games been shaped by the past?

We will be inquiring into how our games and sports have been shaped by the past, as well as the reasons for their development and adaptation. We will reflect on the patterns we see, and try to extend our understanding of the key concepts change and connection by using the past and present to imagine the future.

Idea 2

Exploration is a response to human circumstances and challenges.

The discoveries, explorations, and migrations of humankind

1) What are important explorations that have happened over time? (form)

2) Why do people explore? (causation)

3) What are the consequences of exploration? (change)

Understandings, Skills and Values

Key competencies: participating & contributing, self-management, symbols and text, thinking, relating to others

Values: Respect Ourselves, Respect Learning, Respect Others, Respect Our Environment

Principles: High Expectations, Treaty of Waitangi, Cultural Diversity, Inclusion, Learning to Learn, Community Engagement, Coherence, Future Focus.

Numeracy

- *Knowledge of whole numbers and decimals, and strategies for manipulating these numbers*
- *Statistics and probability*

Literacy

- *Research skills*
- *Specific comprehension hotspots*
- *Writing, linking to context*

Summerset Retirement Village - We will continue our community connection with Summerset Retirement Village at Monterey Park in Hobsonville. Summerset are supporting Context 1 by sharing stories of how the past has shaped the future. Visits will start Wednesday 21st February. (This is for Year 7s who participated last year.)