

Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 28 July 2026

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together. It has been wonderful to see our tamariki returning to school refreshed, settled, and ready for another busy term of learning.

A very warm Whenuapai welcome to all of our new families joining us this term. We are delighted to have you as part of our school whānau and look forward to getting to know you and your children as they become part of our kura.

Over the school holidays, there have been a number of changes around our school site as work has continued on our new learning block and further investigations have taken place into some of our existing classrooms. As a result, some classes have remained temporarily relocated while this work continues. We appreciate the flexibility and understanding shown by our students, staff, and whānau as we work through these changes.

A huge thank you goes to our staff and students for the way they have adapted to these changes. Moving classrooms and adjusting to different spaces is not always easy, but our tamariki have shown great resilience and our teachers have continued to provide wonderful learning opportunities.

This afternoon and tomorrow afternoon we look forward to welcoming whānau into school for parent interviews. These conversations are an important opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, celebrate their progress, discuss their learning, and talk about next steps. If you have not yet booked a time, there are still some spaces available. Bookings can be made through HERO.

Later this week we will share more information about our upcoming lockdown training, which is scheduled to take place in Week 3. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring our school continues to be a safe and prepared environment for all students and staff.

Term 3 is always a busy and exciting term, with many opportunities for our tamariki to participate, challenge themselves, and celebrate their learning. Some of the events we are looking forward to include:

- Cross Country
- School speeches
- Tough Guy and Tough Gal Challenge
- Book Week, including our much-loved Book Character Parade
- AIMS Games week

We know these events create wonderful memories for our students and provide opportunities to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, and school pride.

A reminder for families to please mark Friday 28 August in your calendars. This will be a Teacher Only Day, with staff completing Ministry of Education professional development focused on Mathematics. School will be closed for students on this day.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We appreciate the way our whānau work alongside us to support the learning, wellbeing, and success of all our tamariki.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term at Whenuapai School.

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Tues & Wed 28 and 29 July Whānau Interviews	Tuesday – 18 August Year 5-8 NW Cross Country
Tuesday – 4 August Lockdown Exercise – Home Campus Year 7&8 – NW Netball	Thursday – 20 August Years 3-6 Rippa Rugby Festival
Wednesday – 5 August Lockdown Exercise – Senior Campus	Mon 24 Aug – Thurs 27 Aug Book Week
Friday – 7 August Senior Cross Country	Friday – 28 August Teacher Only Day – No School
Monday – 10 August Tough Guy and Gal Challenge	Wednesday – 2 September Junior Cross Country
Wednesday – 12 August Year 5&6 NW Netball	Sun 7 Sept – Fri 11 Sept AIMS Week

Scholastics Book Club - Issue 5



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Welcome to Whenuapai Physiotherapy and Pilates!

We're delighted to welcome **Whenuapai Physio** to our growing community!

Located in the new Whenuapai Medical Centre, this wonderful new local business is now open and ready to support the health and wellbeing of our community.

Their experienced team offers physiotherapy, rehabilitation, and Pilates services for people of all ages.

It's always fantastic to see new services opening in the heart of Whenuapai, making quality healthcare more accessible for our local families.

Check out the flyer below to learn more, and join us in wishing Alana and the team every success in their exciting new venture.

Welcome



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TE KAPA HAKA O WHENUAPAI

Massey High School Showcase | 2026



Te Kapa Haka o Whenuapai proudly represented our kura at the Massey High School Showcase in Week 11, Term 2. A huge shout-out to our incredible humans for their outstanding performance! Their hard work, dedication, and commitment shone through on stage as they performed with confidence, pride, and mana. They represented our kura exceptionally well, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Ka mau te wehi!





On the 26th of June, we went to the Te Manawa Library to participate in the 2026 Book Battle. The year 5/6s went in the morning and the 5 year 7/8s went in the afternoon. We were all given a clipboard with the multi choice questions about the books and a few random ones with a one shot question.



As a team, we listened to the host and answered the multi choice question. Once we had finished the round, one of us would go and bring the paper to the front. The year 5/6's got a \$50 voucher for our school library!

This was such a fun day! We look forward to competing again next year!



By Bailey and Ivy

Celebrating Success

Whenuapai Orions Flippaball Team – Season Champions! 🏆

Congratulations to our incredible Whenuapai Orions Flippaball Team, who finished their season in spectacular fashion with a thrilling 5–4 victory over St Mary's in the final.

The game was an absolute nail-biter, with both teams giving their all from the first whistle to the last. Despite some confusion with the scoreboard during the match, our players stayed focused, continued to give 100%, and demonstrated outstanding resilience and teamwork right to the final buzzer.

What made this final truly memorable, however, was the incredible display of sportsmanship shown by everyone involved. Following the game, parents and coaches from St Mary's supported the process of ensuring the correct result was recognised. Their honesty, integrity, and willingness to do the right thing reflected the true spirit of sport and created a moment that everyone involved can be proud of.

A huge thank you goes to coach Tom Lyons and team manager Chelsea Lyons, whose dedication, passion, and countless hours of volunteering have played a huge part in the team's success. As long-time supporters of Whenuapai School, Tom and Chelsea are an incredible team whose commitment extends far beyond the pool. Their encouragement, organisation, and unwavering belief in our students create opportunities for our tamariki to grow in confidence, develop their skills, and experience the joy of being part of a team. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do for our school community.

Congratulations to all of our Orions players on a fantastic season. Your determination, teamwork, resilience, and positive attitude are a credit to yourselves, your whānau, and Whenuapai School.

We would also like to acknowledge St Mary's School for the wonderful example of sportsmanship shown by their players, coaches, and supporters. Their honesty, kindness, and respect reminded us all that while winning is exciting, integrity and fairness are what make sport truly special. Moments like these are powerful examples for our young people and demonstrate the values that school sport is all about.

Ka mau te wehi, Orions!

We are incredibly proud of you all!



Celebrating Success Continued

Rishi – National Junior Badminton Championships 🏸

Well done!

Congratulations to Rishi, who proudly represented Waitākere Badminton Club at the National Junior Badminton Championships held in Palmerston North during the school holidays.

This prestigious annual tournament attracts more than 900 players from across New Zealand, competing in the Under-13, Under-15, Under-17, and Under-19 age groups. Earning the opportunity to compete at this level is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication, hard work, and commitment required to excel in the sport.

Rishi and his teammates had an outstanding tournament, securing third place in the Under-13 Division 3 competition. This was also Rishi's second appearance at the National Junior Championships, highlighting his continued growth and development as a badminton player.

We are incredibly proud of Rishi's achievement and the commitment he has shown to his sport. We look forward to following his badminton journey and wish him every success for the future.

Congratulations, Rishi, on this fantastic accomplishment!



Bharath N – Indoor Cricket Success Continues! 🏏

Earlier this term, we celebrated Bharath's selection to represent Auckland at the National Junior Indoor Cricket Championships in Wellington.

We are now delighted to share an exciting update on his incredible cricket journey.

Competing against some of the country's best young indoor cricketers, the Auckland Under-14 team finished an impressive third overall, behind Canterbury and Wellington. Playing alongside older and more experienced teammates, Bharath embraced the opportunity, gaining valuable experience, building lifelong friendships, and growing in confidence throughout the tournament.

Adding to an already outstanding tournament, Bharath finished as Auckland's leading wicket-taker, claiming 10 wickets in just four games—an exceptional achievement at national level.

As if that wasn't enough, Bharath has since been selected as the only New Zealand player to be drafted into the Brisbane Juniors T20 Competition, an international tournament taking place in September. Bharath was the third player selected overall in the draft and will represent Team Magic against talented young cricketers from Australia and beyond.

These achievements are a testament to Bharath's dedication, perseverance, and passion for cricket. While he narrowly missed selection for the New Zealand Under-14 Indoor Cricket team this year, the experience has only strengthened his determination, and we have no doubt he has an exciting future ahead.

Congratulations, Bharath, on your outstanding achievements!

Congratulations!



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TERM 3

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Where: Whenuapai School fields

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Time: Lunch time

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