

Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 11 August 2026

Kia ora whānau,

It's been another busy few weeks across Whenuapai School, with plenty happening both in and out of the classroom. It has been wonderful to see our tamariki getting involved, challenging themselves, and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

Lockdown Practice - A huge thank you to our tamariki and staff for the calm and sensible way they responded to our lockdown practices at both campuses last week. Regular practice is important to ensure everyone knows what to do and can respond safely in an emergency. We were incredibly proud of how well our students handled the exercises. Thank you also to our whānau for your support.

Cross Country - A huge congratulations to all of our runners who took part in our Senior Cross Country event on Friday. It was fantastic to see so many students giving it their all.

We are incredibly proud of the determination, perseverance, and teamwork shown by our tamariki. Thank you to our staff, volunteers, and whānau who came along to support and cheer on our runners. It was a wonderful celebration of perseverance and whanaungatanga.

Congratulations to those students who have qualified to represent Whenuapai at the NorthWest Cross Country on Tuesday, 18 August. We wish you all the very best!

Our Junior Cross Country will be held on Wednesday, 2 September, and we look forward to seeing our younger runners take on the challenge.

Tough Guy and Tough Gal Challenge - Yesterday we had a fantastic group of students take on the Tough Guy and Tough Gal Challenge in Kumeu. There was plenty of mud, plenty of fun, and certainly no shortage of determination.

It was wonderful to see our tamariki encouraging one another, tackling the challenges head-on, and enjoying the experience together. A huge well done to everyone who took part. We hope the mud has finally come out of your clothes and that the washing machines have recovered!

Our New Learning Spaces - It has been very exciting to see our tamariki and teachers move into the next three classrooms in our new learning block this week. The move has gone incredibly smoothly, thanks to the hard work and preparation of our staff and property team. The new classrooms are fantastic learning spaces, and it is wonderful to see them now filled with students, learning, and the everyday buzz of school life.

As these classes are located on the upper floor, we have developed clear [Stair Expectations and Routines](#) to support the safe and orderly movement of students between learning spaces. In line with our Science of Learning principles, these routines are explicitly taught, modelled and practised so that expectations are clear, consistent and become familiar habits for our tamariki. Establishing predictable routines for using the stairs helps reduce unnecessary distractions, supports calm and smooth transitions between learning spaces and, most importantly, keeps everyone safe.

We really appreciate the support of our parents and whānau in reinforcing these expectations with your children. Consistent messages between home and school help our tamariki understand the importance of using the stairs safely and responsibly.

These are beautiful new spaces for our tamariki, and we are very excited to see the remaining classrooms come online as the project progresses.

NorthWest Netball - Last week our Year 7 and 8 netballers competed at the NorthWest Netball event. It was a fantastic day, and our students represented Whenuapai School incredibly well. We were proud to see our tamariki demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship, determination, and school pride throughout the day. A huge thank you to our coaches, managers, and whānau who supported the teams.

We wish our Year 5 and 6 netballers all the very best for their NorWest event tomorrow. We know you will represent Whenuapai with pride.

Speech Finals - We are also looking forward to our Year 5–8 Speech Finals being held at the Senior Campus this Friday. Our students have been working hard to prepare their speeches, and it is always wonderful to see the confidence and courage they demonstrate when standing in front of an audience.

We look forward to hearing our finalists on Friday. Good luck to everyone.

We have some more busy weeks ahead, with Book Week, our much-loved Book Character Parade, and AIMS Games all on the Term 3 calendar. A reminder to pop Friday, 28 August into your diary — this is a Teacher Only Day, so there will be no school for students on this day.

Have a great week, and we look forward to another busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Cels



 Dates for your diary	
Wednesday – 12 August Year 5 & 6 NW Netball 6.00pm – School Board Meeting	Sun 7 Sept – Fri 11 Sept AIMS Week
Friday – 14 August Year 5–8 Speech Finals	Monday – 14 September Year 7&8 NW Volleyball
Tuesday – 18 August Year 5–8 NW Cross Country	Wednesday -16 September 6.00pm – School Board Meeting
Tuesday – 18 August Interschool Speech Competition	Friday – 25 September Final day of Term 3
Thursday – 20 August Years 3–6 Rippa Rugby Festival	26 September – 11 October School Holidays
Friday – 21 August Sushi & Juicies - Fundraiser	Monday – 12 October First day of Term 4
Mon 24 Aug – Thurs 27 Aug Book Week Thurs – Book Character Parade	Monday – 26 October Labour Day – No School
Friday – 28 August Teacher Only Day – No School	Tuesday – 27 October Teacher Only Day – No School
Wednesday – 2 September Junior Cross Country	Friday – 18 December Last Day of Term 4

Scholastics Book Club Issue 5



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WSC CROSS COUNTRY

The annual WSC cross country was an absolute blast for Years 5, 6, 7, and 8 on Friday August 7th! Even though it was freezing cold, the sun came out to play, making it an awesome, crisp day to race.

Parents cheered from the sidelines with hot drinks from the coffee cart, while the whole school resembled a bright rainbow of house colours. After weeks of hard training, everyone was ready to zoom through the course, which took a wild turn from the school fields straight into the neighbouring cow paddock. The students ran like legends, zipped over the finish line, and showed incredible Kotahitanga! Thank you to Miss Mead for all your organisation on this event.



OUR AMAZING NETBALLERS

On Tuesday 4 August, our Year 7 & 8 netballers proudly represented our kura at the Norwest Interzone Competition held at Te Pai.

Our AIMS girls' netball team competed in a tough and highly competitive division, showing determination and resilience throughout the day. Despite some challenging games, the girls played their hearts out and continued to give their best until the final whistle.

A standout takeaway from the tournament was the incredible sportsmanship they demonstrated. They supported one another, showed respect towards their opposition and officials, and represented our kura with pride.

Our boys' team also had an outstanding tournament. With only two weeks of training together, they quickly found their rhythm and worked incredibly well as a team.

Their hard work saw them finish second in their division, narrowly missing out on first place after a thrilling final game that was decided by just two points.

We are incredibly proud of all our netballers for the way they represented our kura, both through their performances on the court and the mana, resilience, and sportsmanship they showed throughout the day.

Ka mau te wehi!







LIVING WHENUAPAI COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY



SAT AUGUST 1ST, 2-4PM

**NGā MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU
THANK YOU WHENUAPAI STUDENTS!!**



Tino pai mahi to
our awesome
Whenuapai
students who
helped plant 350
natives along the
banks of our
beautiful
Waiarohia Stream
with
Living Whenuapai.



**Kaitiakitanga
(Showing Respect for the Environment)**



**Thank you to our amaZing parent helpers for their Kotahitanga (Respect for Others)
and Living Whenuapai for their mahi tahi (Teamwork)!! Together is better xx**



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Whenuapai School

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Sundays: 11am - 12noon
9 August
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13 September
20 September

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WCR SKILLS CENTRE

FUN FOOTBALL TRAINING FOR ALL 9 - 12 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS by our Qualified Coaches

Every Friday
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Just \$95 for the term.
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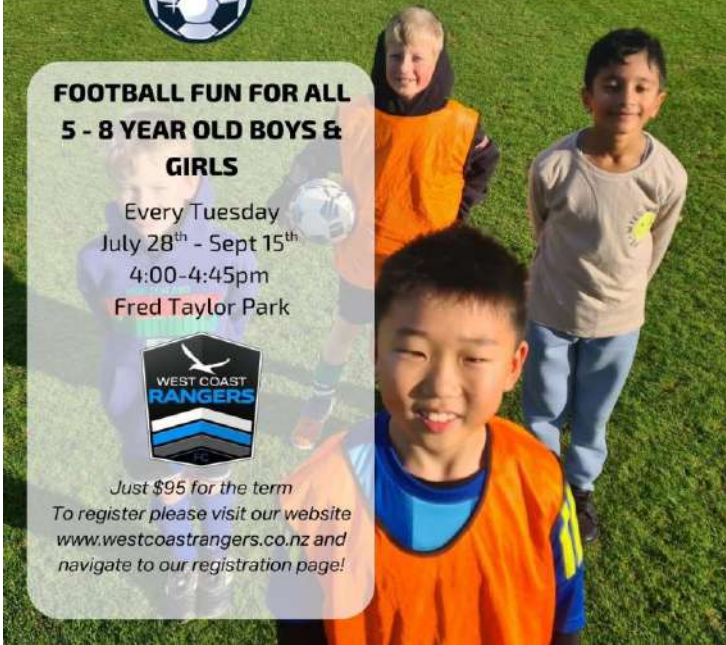
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Nominations are open now!



Orthodontic Scholarship nominations
close 31 August

\$10,000

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x2 AVAILABLE

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE
MONDAY 31 AUGUST**

What is the Scholarship?

McIntosh Dental is offering two \$10,000 scholarships toward orthodontic treatment for deserving students at selected West Auckland schools.

Nominate a young achiever, a future leader, or someone whose life could be changed by a brighter, healthier, more confident smile.

How to Nominate

- 1 Know a Year 7–13 student at a participating school.
- 2 Fill out the online nomination form — open now.
- 3 Tell us what makes them amazing — that's it!



**Nominate now,
closes 31 Aug**

Scan the code, or search
McIntosh Dental Scholarship





PASSPORT to play



Launching 5th Aug

TERM 3 WEDNESDAYS



Wed 5th August
Culture Quest
Discover the colours, traditions and celebrations that make each country unique through hands-on exploration and creative play.



Wed 12th August
Global Games & Dances
Play children's games from around the world and learn how movement sport and fun connect kids everywhere.



Wed 19th August
World Flavours
We're getting stuck into the world of international food, global flavours and food traditions.



Wed 26th August
Science Explorers
Tamariki will investigate global science discoveries through hands on experiments, inventions and challenges inspired by world-famous scientists.



Book TERM 3 now!



Where play meets potential

kindo is getting a fresh new look from early August, designed to make paying and completing forms simpler.

Keep an eye out for the update, and check your email for what's new.

👉 Click here to learn more: <https://bit.ly/4pAel6D>

A new look is coming



kindo.

See & sort school admin in seconds

Arriving in August

- A fresh, cleaner look
- Faster payments
- See and sort what's coming up

The same Kindo you rely on, now even better

EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY and THE VIRTUAL FIX

THE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP: Reset This Spring

AGES 18+

Bring your goals and a friend to help keep you on track!

In this hands-on session, we'll practise tools to manage stress, support healthy eating and exercise, and build routines that stick.

Ashley Clark will help you tailor a realistic plan that can be practised so you can lead a healthier and more balanced life.

We'll cover

- Mindset
- Goals
- Take home tools and more

COMPANION HANDBOOK INCLUDED

Thursday, 17 September 2026

7.30 - 8.45PM

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