

Newsletter – 22 September 2026

Kia ora whānau,

A huge congratulations to all of our tamariki who represented our kura at the recent AIMS Games held in Tauranga. Our staff received glowing feedback from opposing teams, venue staff, and the wider community praising our students' sportsmanship, behaviour, and the way they lived our school values. You represented our school with immense pride and mana.

A special thank you to our dedicated staff and parent helpers. Without your time, energy, and transport support, experiences like this simply wouldn't be possible. The feedback from our competitors has been incredibly positive, and many are already gearing up for 2027.

As shared last week, the Ministry of Education has made the decision to demolish 12 classrooms on the home campus. Work is scheduled to begin during the upcoming school holidays. This action directly addresses the persistent odour issue present in several spaces, ensuring our school environment is safe, healthy, and inviting for everyone.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to our School Board for their ongoing advocacy, hard work, and dedication in navigating this complex process and working towards a clear resolution for our community. We will keep you updated as demolition progresses and our transition plans take shape.

Term 4 is shaping up to be an exciting and action-packed final stretch of the year. Here is a preview of what's coming up:

- **Learning Inquiry:** This term, our tamariki are stepping into science as we explore *"Pushing the Limits: The Science of Motion and Forces."* Through hands-on experiments and scientific inquiry, students will investigate how forces shape the world around us, from gravity and friction to momentum, air resistance, and energy transfers.
- **Athletics & PE:** Each team will be holding their own Athletics Day. Keep an eye on HERO for specific team dates and parent helper sign-ups.
- **Student Progress & Assessments:**
 - During the first half of the term, Year 3–8 students will complete their second round of SMART assessments across Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.
 - We will also be introducing the new Ministry of Education Year 2 Mathematics assessment.
 - End-of-year written reports will be sent home to whānau on the final day of Term 4.
- **Yearly celebrations:** farewells to our graduating Year 8 students, sports prizegiving, and festive end-of-year events will cap off a memorable Term 4.

We wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing you in the new term. Please remember the school grounds are closed during the holidays.

The first day of Term 4 is Monday, 12 October 2026.

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Friday – 25 September Final day of Term 3	Thursday – 12 November Tough Kid Event (Air Base)
26 September – 11 October School Holidays	Monday – 16 November Kākāpō Motat Trip - Year 5
Monday – 12 October First day of Term 4	Tuesday – 17 November Kākāpō Motat Trip - Year 6
Monday – 26 October Labour Day – No School	Thursday – 19 November NW Athletics – Year 7&8
Tuesday – 27 October Teacher Only Day – No School	Friday – 20 November Kākāpō (Year 5&6) Athletics
Wednesday – 28 October NW Badminton - Year 7 & 8	Tuesday – 24 November NW Touch/Tag – Year 5&6
Tuesday – 3 November Pīwakawaka (Yr 3&4) Athletics	Friday – 3 December Rainbow's End CARE Day
Tues 4 and Wed 5 November School Photos	Wednesday – 9 December 6.00pm Board Meeting
Friday – 6 November Kāhu (Year 7&8) Athletics	Friday – 11 December Mistletoe Mania
Wednesday – 11 November NW Cricket – Year 5&6	Friday – 18 December Last Day of Term 4

More Cricket Success for Bharath! 🏏

It's been another exciting few weeks for our Year 7 student, Bharath N, with more success on the cricket field!

Bharath was once again given the opportunity to play alongside older players, stepping up to the U15 grade for the North Region Championship held at Action Central Indoor Sports Centre on Saturday, 12 September. His team had an outstanding tournament, winning all four of their matches, including the final, to be crowned North Region Champions! 🏆

Bharath has also recently travelled to Brisbane to compete in the Century Champions League, after being selected as one of only a small number of New Zealand-based players to join a Brisbane-based franchise.

We are so proud to see Bharath continuing to challenge himself and take up these exciting opportunities. Congratulations on your latest success, Bharath, and we look forward to hearing more about your Brisbane experience!



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AIMS WRAP UP!

NETBALL



The AIMS Games were one of the most amazing experiences! We had the best time, and made so many fun memories that we will remember forever. On Sunday, we had the Opening ceremony, and it was so cool!

One of the people they interviewed was Amelia Walmsley. She played for the Pulse, which is Wellington's Netball team.

On days with late games, we would walk towards the Mount and then walk home along the beach. Our first couple of games we lost. The first win was on Wednesday, and from then on we won every game. Going to the courts was so fun, there were teams everywhere.



On Wednesday night, we went to the movies and watched Spiderman. It was so much fun and we had too much popcorn! Also on Thursday night we had a "Last Night Party". We all got \$10 and got to buy

anything from the supermarket, and put it all in the middle of the table. After that, our coach Tam had games for us. One of them was that you had to put on a blindfold and march in a square, and after a minute whoever was closest to the square won.



ZESPRI AIMS GAMES 2026

Mercury

By Ruby and Romy

CROSS COUNTRY

Molly Murch



Hi, my name is Molly. This year I had the opportunity to participate in the AIMS Games Cross Country. Before the race, I felt nervous as I lined up at the start. I'm fit from playing soccer, but I hadn't done much running training recently, so I knew it was going to be challenging. I still wanted to give it a go and do my best.

I met another girl who was the only one from her school running in the race too. We talked before the race, which helped me feel a bit better. There were around 175 Year 7 girls in the race, and it was really hard, especially with two really steep hills

I finished 88th out of around 175 runners, which I was really happy with. I was really tired at the end, but I sprinted to the finish line and gave it everything I had.

The worst part of the trip was probably our cabin! We were only staying for one night, but it smelled like smoke and there were dirty undies on the floor. Definitely not the best accommodation!

SWIMMING

Xanthe Peterson



AIMS was an amazing experience for Xanthe.

With 489 swimmers competing over four days, she raced in 10 events and came away with an incredible 10 new personal bests, including some new records for her swim club.

One of her PBs was even recognised by the announcer as one of the best PBs of the games, earning her a chocolate bar!

Xanthe also achieved an 8th, 9th and 10th placing, which she was really proud of.

Outside of the pool, she had lots of fun, made great memories and even got to meet Moko.

It was such a brilliant few days of swimming, fun and friendship, and we're really proud of everything Xanthe achieved at AIMS!



BADMINTON

Dev Jayaraj

A huge congratulations to Dev Jayaraj for his exceptional performance at the recent Zespri AIMS Games. Competing against some of the country's top intermediate badminton players, Dev displayed remarkable determination, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

After a series of challenging and highly competitive matches, Dev secured an impressive place in the Division 3 Quarter Finals, finishing among the top eight players in his division. This is a fantastic achievement at New Zealand's premier youth sporting event and reflects the hard work, dedication, and passion he brings to the sport.

We are incredibly proud of the way Dev represented Whenuapai School, both on and off the court. His achievement is one to celebrate, and we look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next. Well done, Dev!



BADMINTON

Joanna Zhu



The Zespri AIMS Games must be the best 4 days experience this year or my life. Even though I didn't have any friends I went with, I still had other friends from different schools. It was really fun, and

I was happy that I got into Division 1, and coincidentally I had versed the girl I versed last year. Unfortunately, I lost my first game on Wednesday but its ok! The point of this was to enjoy everything, and every single second. I also went to different places with my friends, I went to the park, and the beach right outside the stadium.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Zanneja Murray



I went down to Tauranga for Cross Country Mountain Biking and Enduro. To get a seeding you had to do a skill testing course, which involved 5 stages: an uphill sprint, a figure of eight, pedal taps, an item pike up, and a step up for the race on Wednesday.

Then, on Wednesday, we had the cross country race which I finished 2nd in. On Thursday, I had the enduro which is where we race fast down hill and have to do 4 different tracks in a set time. I finished 5th.

I got to meet lots of other kids from all over New Zealand which was cool and some of them I will see at Schools' Nationals for Mountain Biking in a few weeks.



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W H E N U A P A I
AIMS BASKETBALL



MY FAVOURITE PART ABOUT AIMS WAS WHEN WE WON OUR GAMES AND ESPECIALLY WHEN NAYTEN WON GOLDEN POINT! THE FOOD DURING THE WHOLE WEEK WAS DELICIOUS! I AM ALREADY EXCITED FOR NEXT YEAR!

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AIMS WAS REALLY FUN! I GOT TO KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE A LOT BETTER. IT WAS REALLY COMPETITIVE AND I LEARNT A LOT OF NEW SKILLS. WE ALL HAD AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE! I HOPE I CAN GO AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!!
NOAH



ZESPRI AIMS GAMES 2026

Mercury



THEO VAN JAARVELD
VIVAAN PAI MOOGI
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WHENUAPAI
AIMS BASKETBALL



Book Parade Day – What an amazing celebration!

What an incredible day we had celebrating our Book Parade! Our school was filled with favourite book characters, colourful costumes, creativity, excitement and plenty of smiles as our tamariki and staff brought the wonderful world of books to life.

A huge thank you to our amazing whānau for the time, effort and creativity that went into preparing for the day – from homemade creations to much-loved characters, it was fantastic to see everyone getting involved and sharing in the fun.

We also want to acknowledge our incredible staff, who certainly embraced the occasion! Their enthusiasm, creativity and commitment helped make the day such a special and memorable experience for our tamariki.

Days like these create special school memories, and we loved seeing our school community come together to celebrate the joy of reading.



Whenuapai went wild and whacky for Wig Wednesday!

Last Wednesday, Whenuapai School was transformed into a sea of wigs, whacky hair and colourful creations as our tamariki and staff participated in Wig Wednesday to support the Child Cancer Foundation.

It was fantastic to see everyone embracing the fun while supporting such an important cause. A huge thank you to our whānau for helping with the fabulous hairstyles and architectural masterpieces, and for sending along gold coin donations. **Together, we raised an incredible \$849.70!** Every contribution helps the Child Cancer Foundation provide practical and emotional support to tamariki with cancer and their families.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who took part and helped make Wig Wednesday such a fun, colourful and meaningful day!



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