Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 3 November 2026

TERM FOUR

Kia ora whānau,

Despite high levels of tamariki and staff sickness during Term 3, our school community made impressive gains, boosting student attendance by 10% compared to 2025. In Term 3, 58% of our tamariki attended school more than 90% of the time.

A huge thank you to all our families for partnering with us to prioritise school attendance. Regular presence in the classroom directly fuels student achievement, social growth, and overall well-being. Our school-wide goal this year is for 70% of our students to achieve 90%+ attendance. If we maintain our momentum throughout Term 4 (70% for Term 4), we will hit this target.

If your family needs any support to help get your children to school regularly, please reach out to your child's teacher or any staff member you feel comfortable speaking with. We are here to help.

We are currently in the middle of our second round of Ministry of Education Reading, Writing and Math assessments. This assessment window aligns with Ministry of Education guidelines, and we are utilising both **SMART** and **PAT** assessment tools to evaluate student growth and learning progress.

Our teaching team will compile these results to share detailed achievements in your child's end-of-year report at the conclusion of Term 4. If you have any questions regarding these assessments or your child's learning journey, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Earlier this year, our tamariki achieved strong results under the updated assessment framework at the end of Term 2. Across our school, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding national expectations was:

- **Reading:** 79%
- **Writing:** 73%
- **Mathematics:** 86%

These results reflect the dedication of our students and the high standards of teaching across our kura. We look forward to our children's continual progress throughout the remainder of the year.

A Busy Week Ahead - We have a busy week ahead, with school photos taking place on Wednesday and Thursday and our school disco on Thursday evening. Please check HERO for further details about both events.

We have been overwhelmed by the response to this year's disco! Due to the capacity of our school hall and the number of tamariki attending the Junior Disco, we have had to cap ticket sales and unfortunately limit the number of parents able to attend. As outlined in yesterday's HERO post, parent attendance will need to be prioritised for tamariki who genuinely require additional support to participate comfortably. If you feel this applies to your child, please email your classroom teacher so we can discuss whether arrangements can be accommodated. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Term 4 athletics programme also kicked off today with our Pīwakawaka team, with Kāhu athletics planned for Friday and our other teams taking part over the coming weeks. Term 4 is always a fun mix of exciting events and plenty of learning.

Congratulations to Mrs Jacqui Ziegler (Room Waru) and Miss Isabella Dawson (Room Tekau mā Tahi) for gaining their full teacher registration. This is a well-deserved achievement. We are so lucky to have them at Whenuapai School, where they continue to provide exceptional educational opportunities for our Year 7 and 8 tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels



Dates for your diary ….

Wednesday – 4 November 6.00pm Board Meeting	**Thursday – 26 November** Kahu Campout
Wed 4 and Thurs 5 November School Photos	**Thursday – 3 December** Rainbow's End C.A.R.E Day
Thursday – 5 November School Disco	**Friday – 4 December** Tūī & PWW - Junky Monkey Day
Friday – 6 November Kāhu (Year 7&8) Athletics	**Tuesday – 8 December** Kea (Year 0/1) Junky Monkey Day
Wednesday – 11 November NW Cricket – Year 5&6	**Wednesday – 9 December** 6.00pm Board Meeting
Thursday – 12 November Tough Kid Event (Air Base)	**Thursday – 10 December** Sports Prizegiving (TBC)
Monday – 16 November Kākāpō MOTAT Trip - Year 5	**Friday – 11 December** Mistletoe Mania
Tuesday – 17 November Kākāpō MOTAT Trip - Year 6	**Monday – 14 December** Kea (Year 0/1) Prizegiving
Thursday – 19 November NW Athletics – Year 7&8 Kea MOTAT Trip-Rms 3,4,6,7,8,9	**Tuesday – 15 December** Meet the Teacher 2027 Year 8 Day - Offsite
Friday – 20 November Kākāpō (Year 5&6) Athletics Kea MOTAT Trip-Rms 5,22,23,24	**Wednesday – 16 December** Pīwakawaka (Yr 3/4) Prizegiving Kākāpō (Year 5/6) Prizegiving
Tuesday – 24 November NW Touch/Tag – Year 5&6	**Thursday – 17 December** Kāhu (Year 7&8) Graduation
Wednesday – 25 November Kea (Years 0-1) Athletics	**Friday – 18 December** Last Day of Term 4 3.00pm Finish
Thursday – 26 November Tūī (Year 2) Athletics	



SAVE THE DATE – MISTLETOE MANIA 2026

Our biggest school event of the year is back!

Join us at Whenuapai School Junior Campus on Friday 11th December for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

With entertainment for the kids, a spray from the infamous fire truck, delicious food stalls, student performances and a special visit from Santa, there's something for everyone.

More details coming soon. We can't wait to see you there!



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Training: Friday 20th November
⏰ 9:30 am
Come along, get trained by NZ Police, and help make a difference in our school community!
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Every volunteer counts. Thank you for your support!
contact Jennyc@whenuapai.school.nz for more info

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For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:

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Does your child want to learn to play music?

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December
1 Dec - 19 Dec
Tue 3pm-6pm
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January
9 Jan - 30 Jan
Tue - Thurs 9:30am-6pm
Fri - Sat: 9:30am-3pm

February
2 Feb - 5 Feb
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Fri 9:30am-3pm

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WEDNESDAY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE
CHANGE THE WAY YOU TRAVEL FOR GOOD

Kia ora koutou

Reduce school gate gridlock. Use sustainable travel modes to and from school. Improve health and well-being. Be in to win amazing prizes!

Introducing the Wednesday Challenge – a national mode shift programme that encourages us out of single-household cars and opting for healthy modes of transport to and from school, including walking, biking, scootering, public transport and carpooling with other families, on Wednesdays.

It's easy, fun and, most importantly good for your school community. Benefits include:

- improved physical and mental health
- reduced congestion and improved safety around schools
- caring for our environment by reducing emissions
- saving money on fuel
- quality time and connecting our communities
- fun, competition and prizes!

We have a short video about the programme here.

Help your school earn points and win rewards and prizes. Points are accrued by students **not using** a single-household car travelling to school on a Wednesday. Classes compete within schools, with other schools within cities and nationally for a variety of prizes.

Be a part of this initiative that changes the way we travel, for good.



WEDNESDAY CHALLENGE FOR SCHOOLS

减少校门口交通拥堵，选择可持续的出行方式往返学校，提升身心健康，还有机会赢取丰厚奖品！

Kia ora koutou 大家好：

我们隆重推出 **“星期三挑战（Wednesday Challenge）”**。它是 一项全国性的交通方式转变计划，鼓励大家在每周三减少使用家庭车辆接送孩子上学，改为选择更健康、更环保的出行方式，例如步行、骑自行车、滑板车、公共交通，或与其他家庭拼车往返学校。这项活动简单、有趣，更重要的是，它能为整个学校社区带来积极影响。

参与活动的好处包括：

- 改善身体健康和心理健康
- 减少学校周边交通拥堵，提高安全性
- 通过减少碳排放来保护环境
- 节省燃油开支
- 增进亲子时光，加强社区联系
- 享受乐趣、参与竞赛并赢取奖品

我们还制作了一段关于该计划的简短介绍视频，欢迎点击此链接或复制粘贴到浏览器观看 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1FoH196lxk

还能帮助您的学校赚取积分，赢取奖励和奖品！

每逢星期三，学生只要不是乘坐家庭车辆上学，就可以为学校累积积分。

学校内部各班级之间将进行竞赛，同时学校之间也会在城市范围及全国范围内展开竞争，争夺各种奖励和奖品。

加入这项改变未来出行方式的行动，让我们一起为更健康、更安全、更环保的社区而努力，推动可持续出行成为我们的日常习惯！

