



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's hard to believe it is the last day of Term 1 already and what an amazing term it has been. Our teachers are very committed to being the very best they can be for your wonderful children.

Our children throughout the school have been showing how committed to their learning they are. The classroom walls certainly depict a wonderful learning story. As part of our learning about each year level, staff completed a classroom walkthrough on Tuesday afternoon. It was great to see our children's learning journey from Year 1-8. The first of our classrooms to be refurbished are on schedule to be ready for the start of Term 2. We are so looking forward to having our children learn in lovely learning environments.

Congratulations to all our children who have represented us beyond the school gate in Term 1. We are not only very proud of their achievements, but of the way in which they have conducted themselves. I would also like to acknowledge the high level of parent/caregiver support with these events. We couldn't do all of these wonderful things without your help.

Recently we were invited by Fletcher Living to provide a poppy theme for the fence around their show home. Once again our teachers have worked with their children to come up with very unique displays for ANZAC Day. If you are enjoying a coffee at the Parkhouse Cafe while the children play in the playground, you will be able to see the children's creations. The address is 10 Ripeka Lane, Whenuapai, right next to the playground. The picture below is the creations from our Year 4 Takahe Team. Aren't they wonderful.

I have included an article for you to ponder. Happy reading.

To all our families, have a wonderful break with your children and if you are travelling, I wish you safe travels.

*Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi.
Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.*

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris, Principal



ASSEMBLY DATES

Monday 29th April
9.10 – Welcome Powhiri

Friday 10th May
9.15am - Year 2/3 (Tui)

Monday 13th May
9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 16th May
9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th April
9.10 – Welcome Powhiri

29th April – 9th May
PTA Mother's Day Raffle

Wednesday 8th May
Year 5-8 Orienteering

Thursday 9th May
Ripper Rugby Tournament

Thursday 9th May
1.15 – 7.15pm -Student
Progress Meetings
*School finishes 12.30pm

Wednesday 15th May
2nd Hand Uniform Sale
6pm – BOT Meeting

Friday 17th May
Pink Shirt Day

TERM DATES

Friday 12th April
Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th April
First day Term 2

Friday 5th July
Last day of Term 2




PB4L – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING WHENUAPAI SCHOOL VALUES

 Respect Others

 Respect Self

 Respect Learning

 Respect Environment



SPORT

U14 Basketball Slammers Team

Thursday night at the YMCA Massey was thrilling to say the least for our Under 14's basketball team! Our valiant players matched up against the Hobsonville Magic, a team privileged to have a number of subs. Our team had faced a tough couple of rounds of grading games on the courts over the last weeks facing some talented and seasoned and older opposition. We worked our own magic, a valiant effort on the court by all, both on defence and attack. The game was close throughout with some masterful and spectacular shooting, at one stage there was only one point in it.

The boys showed courage in what was a very physical game from both sides, all kids throwing their bodies on the line, and with no subs, played beyond our expectations. They are a team of five brave young men who are improving at each game. Barry, the senior referee from YMCA commented "I can't believe how much they have improved in such a short space of time". Us proud parents and spectators on the side line were almost shouting ourselves hoarse. Even the opposition were on the edge of their seats.



The Whenuapai Slammers gave it their all, and even with the points mounting against them at one stage our five boys, dragged it back within one point, Aston Coyle was fouled off, our hearts were in our throats, and then there were four. Kayne, Caleb, Dante and Bowen dug deep and played an outstanding game for the remainder and finished strong. The final result of 19-14 to Hobsonville could have swayed either way. There were moments of glory and style, moments of breaths held and pure frustration but our boys remained great sportsman and made us incredibly proud. Special shout out to Kayne for Player of the Day, difficult choice as was such a team effort, Bowen scored highest out of our boys, all boys playing unselfishly sharing the ball around and strongest communication on the court so far this season.

Well done and go the Slammers!

Year 5-6 Whenuapai Orions Flippaball Team

Well done to the Whenuapai Orions Team on a great Term 1 of Flipperball. We look forward to seeing you in action in the pool again in Term 2.



HOBSONVILLE/ALBANY CLUSTER CHESS TOURNAMENT (PRIMARY)

Open to: Year 1-6

Date: Wednesday 15 May, 2019

Time: 9:00AM – 2:15PM

Host School: Hobsonville Point School, 18 De Havilland Road, Auckland

Enter at: <https://www.chesspower.co.nz/event/346629>



PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Our PB4L Focus for Term 1 Weeks 8-9

Whenuapai School is a PB4L School (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We teach behaviour through the use of our school values - **Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Learning and Respect Environment.**

Every fortnight at the school hui we introduce a new values focus for the entire school to focus on. We then share our learning around this focus through photos at the next hui, and introduce our new PB4L focus.



Throughout the year, the SchoolDocs team updates our content to reflect policy changes, new legislation, and general improvements for clarity, readability, and purpose. The changes are summarised on the What's New? Page on the SchoolDocs website.

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Term 1 saw significant changes being made to the **Concerns and Complaints** section as well as the **Behaviour Management** section. **School Bus Transport** has also had an overhaul and we now have a new policy for **Dogs on School Grounds.**

Whenuapai School

Dogs on School Grounds

Dogs are an important part of life for many Whenuapai School families, and are often included in activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values the place the dog has within a family. It also acknowledges that some people can find contact with dogs stressful, and even frightening.

Parents who bring dogs on to school grounds do so on the understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children, and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.

Owners bringing a dog or dogs on to the school grounds must follow the guidelines below.

Guidelines

- Adults need to be sensitive to the anxiety others may feel around their dog.
- All dogs must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult. The leash must be held by an adult.
- Dogs can be tied up for brief periods e.g. long enough to take a child to their class. The dog must be on a short leash and away from entry points so that people in the school grounds have a choice about whether they come into contact with the dog.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must be kept off school grounds.
- Dogs that have been approved to visit inside school buildings must be kept on a lead and remain supervised by the adult in charge of the dog.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog, and provide water for the duration of an extended visit.

Whenuapai School is committed to teaching children appropriate behaviour when approaching dogs so that they have a positive experience interacting with the animal, and in order to reduce the risk of accident or injury.

Stray dogs

Any stray dog at school will be reported to dog control and taken away so there is no danger to our students.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

We would like to remind parents and caregivers about the spread of viruses in school. If your child is unwell please keep them home.

We have reported cases of nits and school sores in the school.

The Ministry of Health site has information on a number of conditions or illnesses that can be searched to help families understand what their child may have and what action should be taken. Please see a doctor if you are concerned.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses>

GUMBOOT DAY!

On gumboot day we joined forces with one of our favourite local businesses (The Amazing Milk Bar) and together we raised \$510.00 for Gumboot Friday.

Gumboot Friday was a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and I Am Hope. The aim was to raise \$2million for kids who need some mental health support. All funds raised on the day is going to help provide free counselling to kids who need it.

A big shout out to Erin, Shannon, Leigh and Annabel the amazing Milk Bar team, for supporting Whenuapai School and helping to raise money for such a wonderful cause!



THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to the very generous Brinkman family for their kind donation of a piano. It is much appreciated will be well loved.



ANZAC DAY 2019



Our students have been working hard making beautiful poppies this week. These amazing creations will be able to be viewed on the Fletcher Home Show home fence at 10 Ripeka Lane, Whenuapai (opposite the Parkhouse Cafe) on ANZAC Day.

As you may already be aware the number of official ANZAC Day ceremony's around Auckland have been limited this year due to safety concerns. This unfortunately means we will not be attending a parade and laying a wreath at the Hobsonville RSA.

PTA NEWS



Hellers Sausage Sizzle, Ice Block & Mufti Day

Many thanks to the team who ran the sausage sizzle on the final day of term! What a treat for the kids to have ice blocks at morning tea and they loved the sausage sizzle lunch! Many thanks to Hellers who donated all of the sausages!

Entertainment Books

You can now order your 2019-2020 Entertainment Books online. Hard copies of the books are available as well as digital copies. All information you need can be found at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82>

The cost of an Auckland book is \$70. You are also able to purchase books from other regions such as Christchurch, Wellington, Dunedin and even Australia. If you have any questions please contact one of your PTA Teacher Reps, Stephanie Brook stephanieb@whenuapai.school.nz or Hayley Moore hayley@m@whenuapai.school.nz

Wishlist

At our recent PTA meeting, we discussed the best use of the hard-earned money the PTA raises. We would love your feedback on any items that you would like to add to the PTA wishlist, and also whether you think that we should raise and save for a larger purchase. Please email Pam at pta.whenuapai@gmail.com with your comments, or join us at the next PTA meeting on May 7th to bring your ideas to the table! All are welcome!

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who have supported the PTA in term 1, at the Family Fun Day, the Hawaiian Disco, the Sausage Sizzle or attending the PTA meetings. Your time and input is invaluable! Have a safe and happy holiday and get excited about the wonderful PTA events in Term 2.



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ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock at email: thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz

Bank Account details: 12 3085 0494188 00

Reference: Students Name

Details: The activity the payment is for

If you pay online for more than one activity or pay for more than one student and various activities, please email Tony detailing what payments are for.

Also payments can be made via our online school shop at mykindo.co.nz

For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: www.schooldocs.co.nz/ User- whenuapai Password- airport

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STAGE SHOW AND CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

In the previous school newsletter, we talked about the amazing Yipadee stage show that students in Years 0-6 all enjoyed last week. Following the hilarious and very entertaining show a group of Year 5/6 students participated in a Creative Writing Workshop with Deano Yipadee. The children were set a task of writing the World's Greatest Story in world record time. The purpose of the story was to make people laugh. The children started out by making a list of things that made them laugh. Then all of the things written on their list needed to be included in their story. Following is the masterpiece that they all came up with. Please enjoy

World's Greatest Story

Written in world record time

Purpose: To make people laugh

Written by: The Year 5-6 Creative Writers

Once upon a time there lived a cat lady that had 5006 cats. This cat lady's name was John Cena. She lived in the tiny french village of Toilet-de-pleep. It was a lovely village just near the huge town of Sandwiches. John the cat lady was very famous in the village because she had at least 7 subscribers on youtube. The whole town just loved her because she shared her cats with all of the villagers and they all stayed warm in winter!

But then (din din) there was an evil villain in the village called Dark Mummy. She had an evil side kick called Memes. They hatched an evil plan to capture Cat Lady so the villagers would be cold over winter. They snuck into the village at night and captured her in their toy car Lamborghini.

The villagers woke up and realised cat lady and all of her cats were missing. They all started crying.

But then (din din) a superhero heard that crying and her name was Donald Trumpet. She was furious and she immediately flew in her smellicopter to the evil villain's house. She knew it was this house because it had a sign saying "Evil Villains House".

She knocked on the door and the evil villain opened it and said "do you want a slice of cake?". The evil villain was excited because he had poisoned the cake with MLG Peppa Pig. But, Donald the superhero said "no that's not it, ummmmmmm, I was looking for a lovely biscuit called the pooooooppppeeeeeee". The evil villain was very confused and said, I don't know and will have to check my cupboard and see if I have those beside the gingernuts. While the evil villain was looking, The superhero snuck in the front door with a bowl of milk and some cat food called Nana Nae and unlocked the cage so all of the cats and the beloved cat lady could sneak out.

Before they left they pushed the evil villain into his biscuit cupboard and locked the door. He cried and cried until he did an evil laugh because he picked the lock with a biscuit called jokes and ran away forever doing his evil laugh HAHAAHAHAHAHAHA and belly flopped into a pool.

The villagers all then had a celebration party at a club called Dogtooting and all of the dancing cats went on the stage and they recorded GIFs. Those went viral and Cat Lady got at least another 2 subscribers.

At the end of the party the cats said "can I tell you three things?"

But everyone was so tired that they fell asleep.

THE END

Deano, aka Mr Yipadee, is an international best-selling kiwi children's author and musician, who has topped the UK, New Zealand and Australian Children's Best-Sellers Charts on numerous occasions. His hilarious books include, Jingle Bells Rudolph Smells, Nee Naw The Little Fire Engine, Stink-o-saurus and Ron The Royal Guard. It was an absolute privilege to have Deano at Whenuapai School.



LOCAL NOTICES:

Take your language studies seriously and experience French culture at home

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE

- ✓ Experience a new culture
- ✓ Learn a language at home
- ✓ Rediscover and share the beauty of New Zealand

Students from France will be arriving in early June who will live with a host family and attend a local private school for 3 months. All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact Sandra Harders on 0800 440 079, +61448 286 461, info@studentplacement.co.nz

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sKids Holiday Programme

for 5 to 13 year olds
15 to 26 April 2019

15 April - MON MINION PARTY Come dressed to party and let the craziness begin!	16 April - TUE TRIP DAY LILIPUT - MINI GOLF & BEACH ACTIVITIES Arrive by 9:15am. We are going to the Safari & T. Sea Mine Golf course as well as some fun activities at the beach. No swimming!	17 April - WED EASTER DAY Join us for our Easter Day with an Easter egg hunt and other fun Easter activities!	18 April - THU TRIP DAY FLIPPIN' FUN TRAMPOLINE PARK Arrive by 9:30am	19 April - FRI CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY Sorry WE'RE CLOSED
22 April - MON CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY Sorry WE'RE CLOSED	23 April - TUE PREMIUM DAY MASTERCHEF JUNIOR Have you got what it takes to win the competition?	24 April - WED TRIP DAY EXTREME ENTERTAINMENT Arrive by 9:15am. Wear Socks! Indoor Playground and choice of Laser Tag, Tension Bowling or Arcade Games.	25 April - THU CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY Let Us Forget ANZAC DAY 25 April	26 April - FRI NERF WARS The battle is on! Verse your friends in the ultimate nerf war! NERF

Kids: Please bring your water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day
Please be at the programme by the time indicated on trip days

For more information, call 021 174 8473
Email Whenuapai@sKids.co.nz
Register now at WWW.SKIDS.CO.NZ click on **Parent Login**

Bookings to be made 1 week in advance of the day to be booked

MSD-Approved Work & Income NZ OSCAR subsidy available!

awareness WALK MAY FAIR

Saturday 4th May 2019

PND Awareness Walk - Cornwall Park 5km walk, 9am registration, 9.30am start. Entry ticket \$16
Join us to reduce stigma and promote awareness of Pre Natal and Postnatal Depression and where women can go for help

May Fair - 9am till 1.30pm, Jack Dickey Hall - book of 10 tickets - \$10
Use your tickets for the sausage sizzle, facepainting, photobooth, make-your-own-badge, colouring-in table, design a cupcake plus lots of other cash stalls and entertainment including the Glow Disco starting at 2pm

Glow Disco - 2pm till 3.30pm - Tickets \$10 per child (primary school and pre-school age children welcome!) Spot prizes for the person who glows the most, best dancer and best hair

Purchase Tickets for all 3 events here: <https://www.mothershelpers.co.nz/shop>

All proceeds from these events will be donated to Mothers Helpers who support women to recover from Perinatal Depression/Anxiety

Supporting Mums Under Stress

Kids Holiday Program

SING DANCE ACT

24th, 25th & 26th April
1pm-4pm
Riverhead Citizens Hall
\$60 for 3days
\$25 per day
Ages 5-15

Contact Jasmine
0211146556
jasmine.donald03@gmail.com

Massey High School

Open Night:

Monday 20 May 2019
3.30pm to 5.30pm
Or 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Meet in the Bruce Ritchie Performing Arts Centre for the Principal's address

EASTER SATURDAY 20th APRIL 2019

STARTING AT 3 PM

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:
EASTER EGG HUNT
PIN the TAIL on the BUNNY
COLOURING IN competition
EGG & SPOON RACE

COME IN YOUR BEST EASTER BONNET

114 RAZA DINING ROOM WILL OPEN FROM 4 PM
BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE PRIOR TO THE DAY

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS

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Beginning Term 2, 2019.

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SOCCERPLUS NZ Holiday Programme

Both weeks of the school holidays

Week 1 - Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April
Week 2 - Tuesday 23rd - Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th 9am - 12pm

Singer Park, Glen Eden Football club, West Coast Road.
Ages: 5 - 13

\$30 per day
Cash or (Preferred) Online
03-568-0051/47-00

Please use child's name and HP as reference.

All abilities welcome.

Please register ASAP!
Blake Semp
Sempblake@yahoo.com
021 298 1590

Child's Name:
Contact Phone number:
Email:

FREE TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE

A free April Issue of the Tots to Teens magazine is available here:
<http://issue1904a.totstoteens.co.nz/>



Massey High School's 50th Anniversary

18th-19th Of October 2019
A celebration of 50 years

To register please visit: www.masseyhigh.school.nz

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HELPING YOUR CHILD STICK AT IT

Does your child sign up for activities - sports, dance, clubs, music lessons - and then quit when it gets too hard or they say they are sick of it? Because parents know how they had to persevere in life, they are naturally worried their child may become a quitter.



Don't think of your child's character as fixed. Most of our worries about our children are about the future. We see the 9-year-old who quits as the aimless 20-year-old. But who they are now is not who they will always be.

Explain the difference between "I don't want to" and "I don't feel like it". Distinguishing long-term desires from immediate feelings will help children understand the difference between an immediate task and ultimate goal. This is a lesson that doesn't register right away, but it's worth planting the seed and emphasising over time.

Let them know you see the areas in which they do work hard or show motivation. Say "I know you're someone who can stick with things when they're important to you".

Get to the root of their concern. Why doesn't they want to go? Perhaps they feel they aren't as good as the others. What might make that better? Extra practice with your help? Help them see we often have to be not so good at things for a while as part of the process of getting good at something.

Children should have control over their own lives but that doesn't mean they can back out of a commitment, or waste the money parents have paid for lessons or

gear. If they are adamant, then expect them to write a letter to the coach or organiser explaining why they are quitting. This makes them take ownership of their decision. They cannot ask parents to phone and get them off the hook.

Keep exploring. It may take a while to find what really motivates and entuses them. There's no rush!

We can't make them develop grit. We can expose them to things they may like, support them in sticking with things as they get harder and express confidence that they can handle the stress or the boredom.

The world is so complex that we have no idea where the things that will turn our kids on come from. If we encourage children to keep seeking what they love, and to work hard at it when they find it, that will help them grow into confident and self-directed young adults.