



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to our new families who have recently joined us. What a wonderful start we have had to Term 4. There is a real buzz across the school with all of the learning that has been happening both in and out of the classrooms. We are very much looking forward to the School production of the Lion King next Friday, 01 November at 6.00pm. From what I have seen so far it is going to be an amazing show and is a credit to all involved.

It is this time of year that we look back and reflect so we can look forward - *Titiro whakamuri, kia whai whakaaro whakamua kia taea ai e tatou te titiro whakamua*. The Whenuapai team are currently working through a process to help inform our 2020 journey.

Carli, Karl and I have been interviewing wonderful teachers for 2020. It has been heartening to meet so many vibrant, enthusiastic young people hoping to join our team. We are now in a position to finalise the class organisation for next year and begin class placements. We will start the year with 18 classes across the year groups and anticipate opening additional junior classes during the year. The team compositions will remain the same but with an additional class at both Year 4 and Year 5/6. We have had a significant number of enrolments this term which is wonderful for the school.

At the end of the year we will be saying farewell to Janae Gaskell who is off on her OE, Jess Powell who is returning to Blenheim and Bri Winter who is off to Takapuna Normal Intermediate. We wish them well for their journeys ahead.

The Ministry of Education has signed off the additional monies for our refurbishment. This is great news for us and it means that by the end of Term 1 2020 our classes and toilet blocks will all be refurbished. Next week work begins on the toilets adjacent to Rooms 13 and 14. We are looking at having approximately \$1.2 million spent on our school to improve the learning environments for our children.

Thank you to everyone who is and continues to vote for our school in The Trusts Million Dollar Mission. Yesterday the playground committee met and are excited that a new junior playground could actually be installed sooner than we had initially thought. The team have been comparing designs and looking at value for the investment as well as installed and flat pack options. Once we know the outcome of the Million Dollar Mission the playground committee will be better positioned to share design options and a proposed timeline. We continue to have dialogue with key playground suppliers to ensure we get the best outcome for the monies raised. We are very grateful for the on-going support from you all, as well as your extended families and friends.

On behalf of the Board, Michael Farac our Board Chair, has continued to have dialogue with members of our community who have contacted him following the School Hui last term in regard to Maori representation at a governance level. Michael invites contact from any other interested members of our community who may be interested in fulfilling this role. If you would like to discuss this further or wish to put your name forward in this capacity, please contact Michael at wbsot@whenuapai.school.nz.

The School would also like to hear from anybody who has the time, knowledge and skills to take on the role, in a voluntary capacity, to apply for local and national grants. We acknowledge that applying for grants is a time consuming process so would be very grateful to anybody who could take this role on. Again, if this sounds like you, please contact Raewyn via email (rmatthys-morris@whenuapai.school.nz) or pop in at any time to discuss.

*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 28th October

9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 1st November

9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

Friday 8th November

9.15am – Year 2/3 (Tui)

Monday 11th November

9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 15th November

9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

Friday 22nd November

9.15am – Year 2/3 (Tui)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 30th October

School Discos

Thursday 31st October

Year 7/8 Athletics

Friday 1st November

Year 7/8 Badminton

Year 4 Cupcake Sale

Norwest Cultural Festival

Lion King Production

Wednesday 6th November

6.00pm BOT Meeting

Thursday 7th November

Year 5/6 Athletics

Thursday 28th November

Year 4 Athletics

Thursday 5th December

Year 2/3 Athletics

Wednesday 11 December

Year 0/1 Athletics

Friday 20th December

Last Day - 12.30pm finish

2020 DATES

Tuesday 4th February

Meet the Teacher Day

Wednesday 5th February

First day of school

Diary Dates 

PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - WHENUAPAI SCHOOL VALUES

 Respect Others

 Respect Self

 Respect Learning

 Respect Environment



SPORTS

Sports Prizegiving 2019

We are holding a formal whole school sports prizegiving on Friday 13 December 2019 in the school hall. This will be starting promptly at 1:45pm and running through until approximately 4:30pm. Please note that the prizegiving for Year 0-4 will be held first then with an intermission followed by the Year 5-8 sports prizegiving. All parents and family are kindly invited to attend and celebrate our sporting accomplishments for the 2019 year. We would appreciate if all parents and family could please be seated in the hall at 1.40pm and stay until the first session is over at approximately 2:45pm. All students should be seated for their respective prizegivings 15mins prior to the start.

Prizegiving Schedule

1.45pm Prizegiving commences for Year 0-4 students

Whenuapai Dribblers Under 9 Basketball Team
Whenuapai Flyers Under 11 Basketball Team (Includes some Year 5 players)
Whenuapai Hercules Year 3-4 Flippaball Team
Whenuapai Lancasters Year 1-2 Netball Team
Whenuapai Orions Year 3-4 Netball Team
Whenuapai Spitfires Year 3-4 Hockey Team
Whenuapai Hercules Bombers Year 0-2 Touch Team
Whenuapai Lancaster Bombers Year 0-2 Touch Team
Whenuapai Hercules Bombers Year 3-4 Touch Team
Whenuapai Lancaster Bombers Year 3-4 Touch Team
Whenuapai Summer Soccer Spitfires Grade 7 & 8 & 9

2.45 – 3.05pm - Light refreshments for adults and children will receive an ice block

3.10pm - Prizegiving commences for Year 5-8 students

Whenuapai Slammers Under 14 Basketball Team
Whenuapai Orions Year 5-6 Flippaball Team
Whenuapai Boeings Year 5 Netball Team
Whenuapai Orions Year 5-6 Hockey Team
Whenuapai Hercules Bombers Year 5-7 Touch Team
Whenuapai Lancaster Bombers Year 5-7 Touch Team

4:30pm (approximately) Prizegiving concludes

We look forward to celebrating the 2019 sports prizegiving with you and recognising the amazing achievements of Whenuapai students, coaches, managers and parent supporters.

Key Sports Dates - Term 4 2019

Year Level	Date	Saver Date
Year 7 & 8 Athletic Sports	Thursday 31 st October	Wednesday 6 th November
Year 5 & 6 Athletic Sports	Thursday 7 th November	Friday 8 th November
Year 4 Athletic Sports	Thursday 28 th November	Friday 29 th November
Year 2 & 3 Athletic Sports	Thursday 5 th December	Friday 6 th December
Year 0/1 Athletic Fun Day	Wednesday 11 th December	Thursday 12 th December
Sports Prize Giving	Friday 13 th December	

PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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.**

PB4L Focus for Term 4 Weeks 1-2

Our current focus is **Respect for Self** and in particular; **Know when to take a brain break.**

We would love for you to discuss at home what these mean and look like in and around your child's classroom and at home.



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 colds and tummy bugs 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>



PTA NEWS

30th October – Junior and Senior Halloween Discos

Come dressed-up and join in for spooky fun at the Disco in the school hall. There are spot prizes for best dressed so get your costumes ready! Pre-pay for your disco entry (\$5.00/child) on Kindo (mykindo.co.nz) and remember that it is **CASH ONLY** on the night. *Kindo will be closed for ticket and pizza purchases on Tuesday, October 29th.* Thank you to all who have put up their hand to help - this event wouldn't be possible without you!!

Junior Disco (Years 0-4) - 5:00-6:30pm - Snacks, Sausage Sizzle, Water bottles and Glow Products will be available for purchase. **Senior Disco (Years 5-8) - 7:00pm-8:30pm** - Pizza (*pre-pay for your large slice on Kindo*), Snacks, Water Bottles and Glow Products will be available for purchase.

20th November – Christmas Family Fun Night

Join us from 5.00 – 7.00pm for the Whenuapai end-of-year Christmas celebration where there will be class performances, a Kapa Haka performance, the RNZAF Fire Truck and a special visit from someone very jolly! Pack a picnic or enjoy the food and drink selection available for purchase on the night! Food and drink options include: sausage sizzle, burgers, nachos, potato man, lollies, coffee, ice cream and more. This is always a special time to enjoy our awesome community of families and staff before heading off on summer break. More information will come home at the start of November.

22nd November – Toy World Event Westgate

Come in for a VIP night at Toy World in Westgate and finish off that Christmas shopping early! A percentage of the money spent on the evening will be donated back to Whenuapai School! More information will go out closer to the time!

3rd December – PTA AGM

Join us in the staff room from 7.00 – 9.00pm for our final PTA meeting of the year and the Annual General Meeting, where we will summarise our year and talk about next year. We are currently looking for someone to fill the roles of Chair and Secretary for next year so if you are interested then we would love to hear from you. Please email us at pta.whenuapai@gmail.com.

Thank You

Thank you to Serena from Naturally Gifted for producing such beautiful products with our children's artwork on last term. If you missed out or would like to purchase more items, please contact us at pta.whenuapai@gmail.com with the item you would like as well an attached image you want used.

Thank you to all those who helped make the Pizza Day such an exciting way to end Term 3!

thank you 😊





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CUPCAKE SALE

*When? Friday 1st November 2019
@ morning tea
Where? Outside Room 11 & 12
Cost? Ranging from 50c to \$2
We are fundraising for our end of year celebration!*

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



HELP US BUILD OUR PLAYGROUND

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HOW CAN YOU HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL?

-  Every vote earns our school \$5
-  Vote Everyday
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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

NOTICES:



A FORCE FOR
NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Cadet Forces are currently looking for new recruits for their 2020 intake. These will be students in Year 8 who will be starting secondary school next year.
The **open day is on 15 December**.
Anyone interested in joining please email: 30sqn@cadetforces.org.nz
and you will be sent more information.

The New Zealand Cadet Forces (NZCF or Cadet Forces) is a voluntary life skills and leadership development organisation for New Zealand youth. Run in partnership between the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and a number of community organisations, the NZCF is modelled on the NZDF in terms of structure, systems, ethos and values.

The Air Training Corps (Air Cadets) is the aviation branch of the NZCF. It was initially formed in 1941 and is aligned with the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

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