

# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 18

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parent's and Caregivers

A very big thank you to all those people who made last night such a wonderful evening for our community. To see our families enjoying an evening of student performances, an awesome band, great conversation, and wonderful food was special.

A lot of hours went into making this event what it was and is a credit to all those involved. It was such a wonderful way for our community to come together. I am sure families took home very wet, tired but excited children filled with stories to retell with their friends today.

As we head in the last weeks of the school year, we are mindful of what we are asking our families for. Throughout the year, our families have been so generous with supporting us, whether it is in school or beyond the school gate - we are so grateful to you all.

Thank you for the wonderful feedback we have had regarding our 2020 organisation that went out yesterday. We are very excited to be growing the Year 4-8 Teams by an extra class in each.

Last Monday we were all very excited to be included in the Royal's visit. Unfortunately, the weather and their timing weren't overly kind to us, but the adults did their best to ensure our children saw The Royal Highnesses motorcade. I had the absolute privilege of attending the formal ceremony on Base.

We have now met with three playground suppliers and are waiting on their options and pricing schedules. We will keep you updated as our conversations progress and we have something tangible to share with you.

Tomorrow is our wonderful Jo's last day in the office, you are very welcome to pop in and see her throughout the day should you wish. Jo has been working with Sarah this week doing a handover and will be in and out of the school over the next few weeks as a Mum. We wish Jo and her family all the very best for their move North.

I look forward to seeing you all and touching base in the final weeks of the school year.

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**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.15am - Year 2/3 (Tui)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am - Year 4-8

Friday 29th November 9.15am - Year 0/1 (Kea)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.10am - All School Hui

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am - Year 2/3 (Tui)

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 28th November Year 4 Athletics

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Year 5 Beach Education

Wednesday 4th December 6.00pm BOT Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Year 0/1 Air Base Water Safety Year 2/3 Athletics Year 6 Beach Education

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Year 0/1 Athletics & Water Fun

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am 0/1 Final Assembly

11.30am 2/3 Final Assembly 1.30pm Sports Prize Giving

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

2pm - Year 4-6 Prize Giving 4pm - Senior Prize Giving

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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











# **PTA NEWS**

#### **Request for Uniform Donations**

If anybody has and size 12 girls skorts or any size 16 boys shorts they would like to donation to the PTA we would be extremely grateful. All uniform donations can be left at the school office. Thank you!

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> 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! See the Toyworld flyer below.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Treasurer 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.

A huge thank you to all of those who helped make our Family Christmas Night such a huge success! We would also like to thank all of the amazing sponsors!

Don't forget Toyworld Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov



Some snaps of the Family Christmas

















# **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

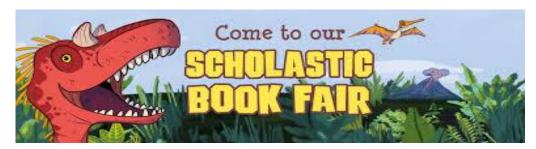
We look forward to celebrating the 2019 sports prizegiving with you and recognising the amazing achievements of Whenuapai students, coaches, managers and parent supporters.

#### Whenuapai Athletics Sports Year 5 & 6 2019

Whenuapai School held its annual year 5 & 6 athletics day on Thursday 7th of November 2019. The weather was fine with temperatures increasing throughout the day. The day started with over 90 students dressed in their team class colours with many shades of red, yellow and green marching down to the field. The day started with the 1500 metres with a large group of students testing themselves over this long distance event. Once completed the students moved through the field events including shot put, high jump, long jump and discus and the track events which included 100m, 200m, 800m and 400m. A large number of students crossed over many events and these students competed in as many running, jumping and throwing events as they were able. Some students attempted a new event for the first time and were successful in accomplishing new personal bests. The competition for the top student in each age category was fierce and every student was attempting to improve across the day. It was evident from the final results that some students performed well in field events like throwing and jumping while other students had greater success in the running track events. Some students preferred the sprints while others enjoyed the longer distance. The day finished with relays with rooms 8, 9 and room 10 competing against each other with room 8 being the fastest class overall. The event was made more successful with the support of teachers Briana Winter, Chris Groen, Mone Brindle, Claire Brain a wonderful parent Janice Chiu, and Year 7 & 8 students coordinating their events, recording, timing and general organisation. The 2019 Whenuapai Athletics event was a tremendous success and the school would like to thank everyone for their support and the students for their top efforts!

Below are the Year 5 & 6 Athletics Champions for 2019

Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 8 Boys	Year 8 Girls
Harry Barrett Rm10	Leila Peck Rm 10	Michael Morton Rm 8	Fala Timaio Rm8
(160 pts)	(140 pts)	(170 pts)	(210 pts)



## Opening - Friday 22 November - Friday 29 November

Our Book Fair is being held in the school library and children will be visiting with their class teacher at a prescheduled time where they will be given wish lists for them to record their favourite items.

Parents are more than welcome to visit the book fair during the following times:

Friday 22nd November - 2.30 - 3.30pm

**Monday 25th – Friday 29th November –** Daily between 8.00 - 9.00am as well as Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 - 4.00pm.

Books will be available for purchase with cash, EFTPOS or cheque at these times. Alternatively, a form will be sent home with your children this week which has order and credit card payment options on the reverse. Any cheques need to be made out to Whenuapai School.

The brochure is just a snippet of the books that will be available, there will be so many more to choose from at the book fair. So please wait to place your order until you and/or your children have had a chance to have a look – just in case.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and stocking fillers as the books and novelty items are usually well priced with lots of variety. Please support us if you can, it is a great way for us to raise funds to benefit your children and the school. We can earn up to 30% commission with your invaluable help.

#### **Book Character Parade** – Friday 22 November

As part of our book week celebrations the children are able to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character. We will be holding a parade starting at **9.30am** and families are more than welcome to attend (dressed up if you wish). There will be a colouring competition, spot prizes and prizes for the most imaginative recreations.

The Book Fair will be open for purchases after the parade until the start of morning tea.



## **PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

#### **OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

Whenuapai School is a PB4L School. 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 6-7

Our current focus is Respect for Self - Make sure you're in the right place at the right time.

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.

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/conditionsand-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses

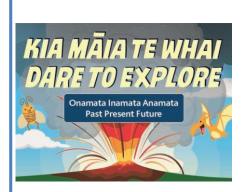
## **2020 ENROLMENTS**

If you have a child that you intend on starting on the first day of Term 1, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 please feel free to pop into the reception during office hours 8.00am-4.00pm to complete a pre enrolment form.

We look forward to seeing you!

# Dare to Explore (Kia Maia te Whai) Summer Reading Adventure

Looking for fun, free ways to keep your Children/ tamariki learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for Kia Māia te Whai- Dare to Explore, Auckland Libraries' summer reading programme for children aged 5-13 years.



Don't miss out! You can register online from 18 November at <a href="https://www.daretoexplore.nz">www.daretoexplore.nz</a> and collect your free booklet from any one of the 54 Auckland libraries from December 9th onwards. This is a great activity to do with friends, so encourage your child's buddies to come along and join the adventure. Fill your children's summer holidays with exciting challenges and take part in the free activities offered at your local library. There will be parties at the end of the programme to celebrate your success.

Children can join the programme from home, at the library, online, or away on holiday.





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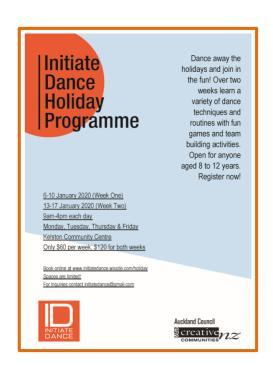
Thank you to our wonderful sponsors of student activities and our Kahui Ako.

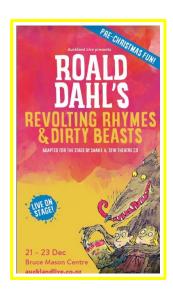


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Board of Trustees PTA	wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz pta.whenuapai@gmail.com	If you pay online for more than one activity or pay for more than one student and various activities	
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Year 5-6 – Chris Groen	chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz		
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@whenuapai.school.nz		

# **NOTICES:**







# Free ice skating!

Get your skates on at Westgate
Shopping Centre's free ice skating rink.
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> December.
11am to 6pm daily.
Find out more at: westgate.kiwi









