

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parent's and Caregivers

What an amazing start we have had to the school year. I would like to acknowledge the support from all of our families for ensuring the children are set up for a successful school year. We are very mindful that the start of the school year can be very expensive, so thank you.

A very warm welcome to all our new families and their children who have joined us. We trust you enjoy a very positive partnership with Whenuapai School.

We also have had the pleasure of welcoming to our school the following teachers:

Molly Fletcher – Deputy Principal

Jill MacKenzie – Learning Support Coordinator

Rebecca Archer – Year 7/8 Teacher

Kenna Anderson – Year 5/6 Teacher

Jessica Matiaha – Year 4 Teacher

Lara Taylor – Year 3 Teacher

Fiona Sutherland and Sarah Bone will both again be providing release for our Beginning Teachers and Team Leaders.

We are very much looking forward to our classrooms getting refurbished over the year. Work on Rooms 7-10 has begun and the contractors are part way through refurbishing the toilet blocks. The ones that have been completed are wonderful and have been well-received by the children.

Please see attached Greg Berry's wonderful account of an amazing week at Hillary Outdoors. It was an absolutely wonderful opportunity. What a way to start the school year. A big thank you to those families who supported this initiative.

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to help us with Road Patrol. We are extremely appreciative of your support.

I would like to acknowledge the many families who have delayed the start of the school year as a result of the Coronavirus and the Health Department directive to self-isolate. We acknowledge that it hasn't been an easy time for you and really value your commitment to keeping our school community well. We are all looking forward to having your children back with us in the near future – safe and well. We appreciate it is such a worrying time for those who have family overseas.

Once again, thank you for an amazing start to 2020.

Please remember our doors are always open.

*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 14th Feb: 9:15-10am
Tui Team Assembly

Friday 21st Feb – 10am
Kakapo & Kahu Assembly

Friday 28th Feb: 9:15 – 10am
Tui Team Assembly
Piwakawaka Assembly
10-10:45am

Thursday 5th March
Kea Team Assembly
9:20 – 10am

Friday 13th: 9:15-10am
Tui Team Assembly
Piwakawaka Assembly
10-10:45am

Friday 20th March: 9:15am
Kea Team Assembly

Friday 28th Mar – Earth Hour
Day
Tui Team Assembly
9:15 – 10am
Piwakawaka Assembly
10-10:45am

Friday 3rd April
Kea Team Assembly
Kakapo & Kahu Assembly
10am

Diary Dates

24th Feb: School Hui: 9:15am

26th Feb: Board Meeting at 6pm

6th March: Teacher Only Day

9th March: Whenuapai
Swimming Sports

23rd Mar: School Hui: 9:10am

10th April: GOOD FRIDAY

NEW STAFF AND STUDENTS WERE WELCOMED TO THE SCHOOL WITH A TRADITIONAL POWHIRI



On Friday last week the Piwakawaka Team were celebrating Māori culture by creating some beautiful items including a traditional Māori cloak called a Korowai. Here are some examples of their work.



PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - WHENUAPAI SCHOOL VALUES

- Respect Others
- Respect Self
- Respect Learning
- Respect Environment





SPORTS

Hi Whenuapai School Parents

Enrolling your son/daughter in sport at Whenuapai School in 2020 for sports is now done through the Enrolmy online platform. You have the option of the following long-term sports to choose from:

- Basketball
- Waterpolo
- Netball
- Hockey
- Touch
- Summer Football

You will be required to click or place the following link in your browser, create a password and then select from the sports listed and complete and agree to the terms and conditions if your son/daughter wishes to participate. You must enter in the correct age or grade for the sport selected and a pdf document is provided with additional information for all sports. Please note costings, competition dates and crossover of dates across sports when selecting and committing your son/daughter.

Click link or place in browser:

<https://enrolmy.com/whenuapai-school>

Please Note:

1. Teams that are entered will be based on availability of coaches and managers acting as support to our school teams
2. Enrolmy website gives all relevant information specific to each sport
3. Individual student payment through KINDO will be required after teams have been finalised
4. Please complete the Enrolmy online registration and agree to the terms and conditions if your son/daughter wishes to participate. This registration process for all 2020 longterm sports needs to be completed by **Wednesday February 12th 3.00pm 2020 – you should have received this electronically so this is just a reminder for parents**

Any questions please email: gregb@whenuapai.school.nz

Greg Berry

Head of Sport

Whenuapai School

Whenuapai School Hillary Outdoors – Great Barrier Island 2020

Dates: From the Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February 2020

Destination: Great Barrier Island – Orama Trust – Karaka Bay – 4km from Port Fitzroy

Objective of the week: Mindfulness and respect in accordance with our four Whenuapai school values

Group:

Oscar
Sophie
Tylah
Talia
Payton
Tonioka
Sophie
Kathryn
Tarion
Olivia
Jayne
Sophie
Joshua
Charlie
Aston
Tavita
Parents
Greg
Robbie
Marty
Dave
Julia



Day 1: Monday 3rd February

Students and parents flew out from Auckland Airport on two flights in little 12 seater airplanes heading for Great Barrier Island. The students were a little nervous as this was for some of them their first flight on a plane. The view however was great flying over the city and coming into the Barrier over the range and landing was very exciting. The students then got in minivans and travelled for 30-40 mins to their destination which is Orama Trust Lodge in Karaka Bay where they would spend their next four nights. On arrival at the lodge students were introduced to their instructors Tom and Seth who welcomed us. These two guys would be our guides to life on the Barrier for the next five days. The Whenuapai group was split into Hillary X and Hillary Y with the plan for each group doing separate activities culminating in them coming back each day to share their experiences with each other. After this we got into our rooms and were straight into activities and learning with one group on the water doing team building and cooperative skills in kayaks finishing with swimming off the wharf. While the other group navigated their way up a nearby stream building confidence in climbing through rocks and finding their way through rock pools. This group then did some cooperative based work on a paddle board that can hold in excess of 8-12 people at a time.

Objective was to paddle in unison, maintain balance and work together. Both groups during and after activities had a great time jumping off the wharf into the water. The group showered and prepared themselves for the evening meal and finished the evening with a group reflection on the first day and some areas of improvement and successes that they had while looking forward to the next four days. This was a great debrief and was an opportunity for us to practice our full value contract and ways we had been mindful across the day of others, ourselves, learning and the environment. A quick cooperative game that went till dark then lights were out at 9.45pm and the group were asleep in their rooms.

Day 2: Tuesday 4th February

The day started with breakfast at 7.30pm and then students made their traditional lunch of sandwiches and "Dingle Biscuits" which are named after Graeme Dingle who in 1972 established the Hillary Outdoors Centres. This lunch is what the students prepare each day and take with them out on each activity they are doing. Generally it is good old kiwi kai fuelling our students for the day ahead. While some students prepared lunch other students were cleaned up after breakfast in the kitchen. These routines are consistent and part of expectations for our students while on the island. Once this was done teachers, parents and then students met with the instructors for the plan for the day. Group Hillary Y went to Maybes Beach kayaking which involved firstly loading and offloading the kayaks as a team. Once there they went for a swim and completed some cooperative learning and team based activities. This was followed by coasteering which includes navigating a part of the coastline of which at times involved swimming parts of the coast that can't be walked. Snorkelling was followed which was an enjoyable experience with the water warm and reasonable clear giving an opportunity for students to a vast array of underwater sea life. Group Hillary X used their paddle board again and team paddled it around a series of points on the island to a beach. They then also did coasteering to which involved a rock jump which all the students challenged themselves to complete. Tom the instructor gave us a back flip but it was great to see the students get past the nerves and complete the challenge. The return trip involved going back to the beach with more rock hopping and navigation both on land and in the water. Students had some spare time then the group also did some snorkelling retuning by paddle board back to the lodge. We finished with a evening meal and then did some orienteering which all the students enjoyed and actively engaged even after a full day of activities. We now after day two have a few tired students but off the back of some great experiences that they have all shared, experienced and been part of. One of our instructors tonight highlighted that willingness is something that will support us across activities in the next few days so we will be looking for our students to be willing to take up challenges and extend themselves. We have a planned swim at 6.45am in the morning to freshen us up before the day starts so lights out at 9.30pm tonight to get some well-earned sleep.

Day 3: Wednesday 5th February

Day started with a 6.45am swim for some of the students that opted into it. Breakfast was at 7.30am followed by duties and group responsibilities. Group X met their instructor Tom and got prepared with helmets and harnesses for a day of high ropes and rock climbing. Tom our instructor gave students the ownership to set up their systems on the ropes course and by doing so the students learnt valuable skills in safety management and risk assessment. Students then applied these new skills to their rock climbing session on natural crags a 30 min walk from camp. The students climbed some grade 11 and 6 climbs. In New Zealand the grading scale of climbs goes to 36. The day for group Y started with some technique practice on abseiling descents by Seb the instructor then this was applied with students abseiling down a waterfall and the group finished with some high ropes which was a cooperative learning activity involving the whole group with one member of the group being swung into the air by all other members of their team working together. The day finished with some students swimming off the wharf then an evening dinner and team building activities with Hillary X vs Hillary Y. This involved one activity which involved a pipe with a tennis ball in it. Objective was to collect water and fill up pipe as a team till the tennis ball pops out the top. The pipe however had holes in it so the team had to cooperate to seal the holes with parts of their body to prevent water leakage while more water was collected.

The activity placed significant demands on our students to cooperate, think, apply strategies and pull together to successfully accomplish the challenge. Although they didn't complete it in its entirety Hillary Y were the eventual winners. It has been a great day overall and students are getting to grips with expectations and success at Hillary Outdoors and what that means. Tomorrow is our overnight expedition and we will all be detailed our plan in the morning of what that will include.

Day 4: Thursday 6th February

The morning started a bit more relaxed with students anticipating the adventure before us with our overnight expedition. Breakfast was at 7.30pm then some students did duties and made lunches. We then met our instructors and did some energiser activities. Students were then told that we would be tramping but not given the distance, terrain or destination. First step was to clean our bunk rooms and then students met as a group to prepare their tramping packs. Students identified and were supported with specific learning related to appropriate clothing to tramp given the weather and then were given instructions on correctly packing their pack. Part of packing their pack also required all our group gear to be spread across the group. This included gear like food, cooking equipment and tents. Once completed many of the student's packs were potentially two thirds the size of them. Time was now 11.30am and we had lunch before setting off beginning with a steep climb for 45-1hr to a look out at approximately 260metres above sea level. During this climb although challenging the students pulled together and supported each other. One at this peak then students then descended and followed a ridge down to Onewhero Bay which was going to be our camp site for the night. The camp featured big native Pohutukawa trees that formed a canopy above the camp site with intertwined branches all around. The camp site had a nearby stream and also a series of rope swings for the students. The students firstly set up the tents with the girls kindly assisting the boys then students occupied themselves having great fun swimming, making sandcastles and playing on the rope swings. The evening approached and a number of students supported our instructors in making our evening dinner which was burritos in wraps topped off with Tim Tam biscuits for dessert. After these students grouped together and played some cooperative games which were hunger games and sardines. Students were in their tents at 9.30pm. The night sleep was interesting for the students as the boy's tent fell down and required again the girls assistance at 12.30pm at night to partially put it back up and there were suggestions of hearing a wild pig during the night. The parents slept under the stars on the beach with varied responses in the morning of how each of them slept given they only had a foam mattress and no pillow.

Day 5: Friday 7th February

Everyone woke at 7.00am in the morning and packed up. With a set number of tent pegs given out the night before it was important that all were returned when tents were packed up so the group spent time hunting for tent pegs and canvassing the tent site to find them. Breakfast was Weetbix and peaches with the odd 'Dingle biscuit' thrown in. We set off heading back to the Hillary Outdoors centre at 9.30pm with approximately 2-2.30 hours return trip. Students arrived back at the centre with a sense of accomplishment and confidence in what they had achieved. All packs were unpacked and issued gear returned then students had some lunch followed our group debrief. The instructors during this time were thanked for their support, expertise and guidance across the week and they talked about the students reflecting in 2-3 weeks on their experience and drawing some learning that could assist them in their life and schooling. Sir Edmond Hillary and Graeme Dingle were talked about and used as role models then each student was given a sticker "In the spirit of Sir ED – Hillary Outdoors". Students were thanked and our parent support group of Dave Gurgenvin, Robbie Hannon, Julia Coyle and Marty Greentree were thanked for their valued support of the students and the programme across the week. This was followed by a lolly scramble and then final farewells before students boarded the minibuses and headed to the airport for their flight back to Auckland. Two flights returned students and parents safely into Auckland Airport for what had been a great week of adventure, learning, excitement and experience for all involved.

Thank you to all 16 students and 5 parents for your mindfulness and respect of self, others, learning and environment across the 5 days at Hillary Outdoors Great Barrier Island 2020. To all the students - you were all great ambassadors and representatives for Whenuapai School and we all thank you for that and wish you the best for your 2020 year.



**A HUGE THANK YOU TO
GREG BERRY AND ALL OF THE
PARENTS WHO HELPED MAKE
THIS TRIP POSSIBLE**

NOTICES:

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FREE BARK

With our new playground in the pipeline, we wanted to reach out to any of our families who might be in need of some bark. We want to gauge if there is enough interest for anyone who might like it for their gardens etc, before we organise and pay for its disposal. If you think this is something you would like, please contact our Caretaker, Ian on ians@whenuapai.school.nz.

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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:

DANCE CLASSES

"Tania Foster school of Dance" offers classes in Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical Styles of dance for all ages and abilities, new students welcome to trial a class at no obligation to enrol.

We offer students Graded exams, Fun classes, Competitions and Yearly shows.

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Please enquire to Principal Teacher Tania Foster JDNZ Examiner and Registered Teacher with 40 years' experience nurturing young dancers. Phone 027 280 8857 or email taniafosterdance@gmail.com



HEALTH & WELLBEING



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE KEEPING THEMSELVES SAFE WITH THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK OVERSEAS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK AS SOON AS THEY ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

We would like to remind parents and caregivers about the spread of viruses in school. 'Please remind your children about the importance of handwashing, and if they are 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.

Time Capsule

According to local legend, there was once a time capsule buried somewhere on the grounds of Whenuapai School by former teachers and students. If you have any information regarding the capsule's contents or location, please contact Inspector Ganda at karlg@whenuapai.school.nz



Free Outdoor Entertainment

Make the most of warm summer days at NorthWest Shopping Centre. Check out the free outdoor family fun for everyone. Park on the ground level and walk straight through the shopping centre.

Free Movies in the Square

THE LION KING FRIDAY 28TH FEB AT 7:30PM

Featuring the voices of Beyoncé, Seth Rogan and James Earl Jones. This movie will be shown on the giant outdoor movie screen in the NorthWest Town Square. Bound to appeal to new generations and rekindle memories for the 80s/90s generation. Bring the whole family for a night to remember.

GREASE FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 7:30PM

Everyone's favourite classic movie – watch Sandy, Danny and all the Pink Ladies on the giant movie screen in the NorthWest Town Square. Make it a night out with prizes to be won for best dressed! Grab dinner from NorthWest food retailers, pack a blanket and snuggle in amongst the beanbags.

Copthorne Rotorua Off-Road Half Marathon

1 week until the late fee kicks in...

Enter before Wednesday next week and save up to \$10 on your entry fee.

Event Options

21km Copthorne Rotorua Half Marathon

10km Mitre 10 Mega Run or Walk

5km Red Stag Timber Fun Run/Walk

1.5/2.5km Lance Lawson Little Devils Race



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 1

For the beginning of Term our focus is on all four School values, what they are, what each one means and how we can live the values every day.

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.





MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

Would your child like to learn to play music?
 Would you like in-school lessons with qualified music teachers?
 Enrol your child in music lessons at Whenuapai School!

MusiqHub is holding a Have-A-Go Day on Thursday 20th February in the Hall, where your children can try out an instrument and you can meet the music tutor Gloria Arboleda Martinez.
 Gloria has a Bachelor of Music and has tutored in schools in Colombia, the UK, and for the past three years with MusiqHub here in Auckland. Gloria offers music lessons in guitar, ukulele, keyboard/piano, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone and trumpet.

WHAT? Have-A-Go Day at Whenuapai School
 When? Thursday 20th Feb
 Times? 8:00am - 8:45am
 2:45pm - 3:30pm
 Where? Hall

For more information, contact
 Gloria Arboleda Martinez
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