



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā koutou,

It's hard to believe we are in the final two days of school for 2020 and what an unprecedented year it has been. I would like to acknowledge our parent community, including grandparents and wider whānau, for the very many ways you have supported your children and Whenuapai School throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge and thank you for your attendance at our celebrations over the past few weeks.

It's been very busy the past two weeks, with EOTC week, Mistletoe Mania last Friday and this week the final of Whenuapai's Got Talent as well as our end of year assemblies and Year 8 prize giving and graduation. There has been much to celebrate. Well done to all of our amazing children.

On Monday your children spent time in their 2021 classrooms and met their new teacher. There is an additional opportunity for you and your children to meet your classroom teacher on a one-to-one basis on Wednesday, 3 February 2021 for a 15-minute prestart interview prior to school starting. Interview times can be booked online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) by entering the code **kkx78**. Should you be unable to book online, please contact the school office on 09 416 8779.

To our Year 8 leavers and their whānau - thank you sharing a part of your educational journey with us. We wish you all the very best for the exciting times ahead at high school. Please remember, our doors are always open and we would love for you to come back and visit.

To our staff leaving us at the end of this term, Andrew Kent, Leanne Morrison-Jones, Georgia Jones and Emma Hopper, we thank these wonderful teachers and teacher aides for their dedication to our school and wish them every success with their future endeavours. Both Georgia and Emma are embarking on teacher training in 2021. We are very proud of both of them for taking this step and know that they will be a great asset to the teaching profession. We also wish Mone Brindle well for her pending arrival early next year.

If you are travelling over the summer break, safe travels and on behalf of the Whenuapai team, I wish you all well for the festive season.

Merry Christmas!

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

*He iti hau marangai E tū te pāhokahoka  
After the storm, the rainbow appears*

Ngā mihi nui,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris  
Principal



**17 DECEMBER 2020**

### REMINDER

#### **LAST DAY TOMORROW**

**Friday, 18 December**

12.30pm finish

Buses will leave at this time.

### 2021 Term Dates

#### **Wednesday, 3 February**

Introduction Interviews

#### **Thursday, 4 February**

First day of Term 1

9.00am – Welcome Pōwhiri

#### **Term 1**

4 February – 16 April

#### **Term 2**

3 May – 9 July

#### **Term 3**

26 July – 1 October

#### **Term 4**

18 October – 16 December

### 2021 Teacher Only Days

Friday, 12 March

Friday, 04 June

Friday, 12 November

**In a world where  
you can be anything  
Be kind!!**

### **PB4L**

#### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

#### **OUR SCHOOL VALUES**



Respect Self



Respect Others



Respect Learning



Respect Environment



# WHENUAPAI SPORT IN 2021

Enrolling your son or daughter in sport at Whenuapai School in 2021 will again be done through the Enrolmy online platform. The information will be emailed to all parents in late January/early February 2021. Parents are kindly asked to start thinking about what long term sports their son or daughter would like to participate in and parents are also advised that there will be a deadline and cut-off date for registrations of which must be met.

1. Teams that are entered will be based on availability of coaches and managers acting as support to our school teams and students' numbers registered.
2. Enrolmy website will give all relevant information specific to each sport.
3. Individual student payment through KINDO will be required after teams have been finalised.
4. Parents will be required to complete the Enrolmy online registration and agree to the terms and conditions if your son/daughter wishes to participate.

You will have the option of the following long-term sports in 2021 to choose from. Please Note: Further information about each sport including year levels and age grades specific to each sport will be given out when parents are asked to register in 2021.

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



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE TRANSPORT PLANS FOR NORTHWEST AUCKLAND!

Community feedback on a range of proposals for public transport, road improvements, and new walking and cycling paths is open from 30 November 2020 to 15 January 2021.

Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth, a collaboration between Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, is leading the planning and public consultation process for future transport solutions for growth areas in the northwest. A Detailed Business Case is being prepared and they'd like to hear from the community to help them make decisions on preferred routes.

To find out more and have your say, visit: [www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/have-your-say/north-west-auckland/](http://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/have-your-say/north-west-auckland/)

### Leaving Whenuapai School?

If your family is moving to another school that does not use [ezlunch](#) or [myKindo](#) for school payments, you need to close your account.

If you're not sure about the new school, log in to your account, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

Note that one family account can manage students at multiple schools.

If your new school is NOT on the list, use the '**close account**' button on that screen.

You can choose to donate your balance to school (where available) or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

**mykindo**

## END OF YEAR REMINDERS

### Lost Property



Please check Lost Property! There is a significant amount of lost property at school including – uniform items, mufti clothing and shoes. We would love for these items to be claimed by their rightful owners before the end of the year.

Any unclaimed property will be cleared out and donated.

### Sports Uniforms



Please return any sports uniform to Mr Berry in Room 22. Uniforms must be placed in a bag with the student's name and room number on it please.

### Library Books

Please return any library books and/or early readers.



Whenuapai School is a:



We encourage you to walk your children to and from school as it:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours!)
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn
- Keeps the school crossing area clear of parked cars so it is safer for everyone
- Helps your child to become familiar with their community and to learn road sense skills



## JUST A FEW OF OUR AMAZING CHILDREN:



CONGRATULATIONS





Whenuapai School's

**GOT  
TALENT**



### WHENUAPAI PRIMARY IS NOW AN ENVIROSCHOOL

As part of this exciting new journey that has a focus on sustainability, we are wanting to encourage kids to have nude lunchboxes – what this means, is no packing or wrappers. There is an amazing website you can visit to get some ideas. Head to [www.familytimes.co.nz](http://www.familytimes.co.nz) to find out more.

Here are just some of the ideas they suggest:

- Use beeswax wraps to keep sandwiches fresh.
- Use small, reusable containers for yoghurt from a larger pottle.
- Keep veg and fruit pieces fresh in sealed reusable containers.
- If you just want a lunchbox, and no other containers or bags, find a lunchbox that has at least three dividers: one for roll/sammies, one for veges and fruit, and one for snacks.

And the ultimate saviour from all the packaging waste – use a Bento Lunchbox. These have several compartments to keep everything in order and your kids happy.



For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:  
[www.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/)

User- **whenuapai**  
Password- **airport**

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# YEAR 7/8 PRIZE-GIVING AND YEAR 8 GRADUATION SPEECH

**Wednesday - 16 December 2020**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today to our Year 7/8 prize giving and Year 8 graduation ceremony.

Today's ceremony is an opportunity for the Whenuapai School Learning Community to acknowledge our Year 7 and 8 students. It is also an opportunity to honour our Year 8 students who have completed their eight years of primary schooling and are beginning their next phase of learning.

It is nearing the end of the school year, and some of you will be leaving our school, the place that has been your home away from home. Wherever you are going we wish you well as you embark on the next stage of your educational journey.

The events of 2020 have certainly taught us that there is no place like home. Home is not only where we find security, familiarity, warmth and love; it is also where we find our sense of purpose and meaning. It is where we turn to in uncertain times in order to ground ourselves and to seek support and advice which we can trust. Home provides us with a firm platform from which we can leap into the unknown and it is a place we always know we can come back to, a place where we are known for who we are, not what we have done.

Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to. Home is a sanctuary from a troubled world. It is a place where you can be yourself.

Year 8 students - Whenuapai School has been your second home, your home away from home. Being part of a family has its challenges but each of you have enhanced your school home. You have all made a significant difference. Parents/family/whanau you have worked with us, walked with us and along the way given us great encouragement and confidence to support your children to become the fine young people they are today.

Year 8's now it's time for you to leave your school home. To go out into the world and be good citizens. But know your home will always be here. Oliver Wendell Homes said "where we love is home-home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts".

Year 7 students - 2021 is your opportunity to shape your legacy. We look forward to walking along side you.

Next year is a great change for everyone. Big changes can be exciting and sometimes a little sad. Life does not stand still. We have to keep moving on. We grow older and our view of the world shifts and grows. For most of you, your total school journey is only 12 or 13 years. In a whole lifetime that is a very short time. Yet it is extremely important.

Next year you will all face new challenges, some of them harder than you have met before. This is not a reason to be afraid but a cause for celebration. You are getting older and more knowledgeable. Your brain is developing and becoming better at learning. You know more and more and can do more and more with what you know. You are all ready for that next step whether here at Whenuapai School or further afield.

To excel at school takes determination, effort, and a positive attitude. To those receiving awards today, congratulations. To all our students the greatest prize of all is when you can look in the mirror and say "I have tried my absolute best and know I have done the best I can."

You have all had a phenomenally successful year. Your student achievement data depicts a wonderful story of learning and progress. You have thrived in an environment where there is a deliberate focus on personal responsibility, leadership, academic and sporting success, learning that goes beyond the school gate as well as opportunities to pursue your passions

Your teachers have taught you to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning. They have shown you that being stuck is a great place to be.

On behalf of the school community, I thank you for the positive legacy you leave for those who will follow. I thank the many staff who have taught, supported and cared for you and have been inspiring role models over the years. You leave our school the better for you having been there.

To all our families - thank you for giving us wonderful young people to walk along side. Thank you also to all those parents who not only take time to celebrate with us but also those who take time to provide us with feedback.

One of the most important gifts we can offer our young people is a positive view of themselves. Without this gift they will flounder throughout life and be constantly seeking re-assurance from others, as they cannot see it from within. 2020 has taught us that the world around our children is changing more rapidly than it ever has before.

It's character traits like persistence, ambition, inquisitiveness and grit that will determine your success and perhaps more than anything that will define you as a person is your courage. That is the virtue on which others will depend. We need young people with the courage to say this is our world now and there are going to be some changes. Be courageous and stand up for what you believe in.

Here we are at the end of the school year. It's time for reflection:

Spend some time thinking about what you were like this time last year:

How much have you changed?

How has your life changed in that time?

Think about the good things that have happened

Think about your hopes: for this summer, for the next year,

Be thankful for your growth, for the increase in your knowledge,

And say yes to all that will be in the year ahead.

**So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they are impossible.**

Finally, I leave you with three questions to guide you as you navigate the years ahead.

How will you respect your parents and honour your family?

How will you share your success and serve others with dignity?

How will you lead with humility and demonstrate moral courage?

To you all please take care over the summer break

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tangata, He tangata, He tangata,

**What it is the most important thing in the world.**

**It is people, it is people, it is people**





# NOTICES:



## Holiday Programme

5 to 13 years old  
11 Jan - 3 Feb 2021

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

Full Day	9am to 3pm	\$45
Half Day	7:30am to 9am	\$6
Half Day	3pm to 6pm	\$9
Trip Day	7:30am to 6pm	\$75

**\* Kids: Please bring your water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day \***  
**\* Please be at the programme by 8.30am on trip days \***

11 Jan - MON <b>MAUI AND MOANA MADNESS</b> Make your own Maui hook and sing along to the movie	12 Jan - TUE <b>TRIP DAY MOTAT</b> Explore the collections that have helped shape NZ	13 Jan - WED <b>NERF WARS</b> Let the nerf wars begin!	14 Jan - THU <b>SKIDS' SCAVENGER HUNT</b> Are you our next scavenger hunt master?	15 Jan - FRI <b>WATER WARS</b> Test your aim with our epic water challenge!
16 Jan - MON <b>TRIP DAY AUCKLAND ZOO</b> Come and make new friends with the animals at the zoo!	19 Jan - TUE <b>CODING &amp; ROBOTICS</b> Learn new coding and robotics skills!	20 Jan - WED <b>DISNEY DAY!</b> Create Disney characters & get active with Disney games!	21 Jan - THU <b>MARBLE DAY</b> Marbles galore! Test your aim with marble challenges!	22 Jan - FRI <b>WHEELS DAY</b> Race your friends with fun obstacle courses!
25 Jan - MON <b>SPACE DAY</b> Bring space to life with crafts and fun skits! Star Wars Lightsaber Battles!	26 Jan - TUE <b>TRIP DAY STRAWBERRY PICKING</b> Come pick strawberries, play on inflatables, and eat ice cream!	27 Jan - WED <b>WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?</b> Do you have what it takes to be our quiz champion?	28 Jan - THU <b>ROAD DAHL</b> Find your inner artist! Design your own Road Dahl themed mural!	29 Jan - FRI <b>COOL SUMMER TREATS</b> Beat the summer with some tasty treats that will cool you right off!
1 Feb - MON <b>CLOSED FOR AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY</b>	2 Feb - TUE <b>TEDDY BEAR PICNIC</b> Let's have a picnic with your favourite teddy bear!	3 Feb - WED <b>BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY</b> Party with skits before going back to school!	Don't forget to bring a change of clothes (bags for water days) as well as a hat and sunscreen.	Don't forget to bring your refillable drink bottle every day!

For more info:  
Call: 021 174 8473 or E-mail: [Whenuapai@sKids.co.nz](mailto:Whenuapai@sKids.co.nz)

Register now at [www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz) click on **Parent Login** MSD-Approved



The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop is back by popular demand and is running from:

Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021 at **Hobsonville Primary School!**

Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. Past workshops have been a great hit, see last year's video for yourself: [Marrzipan Holiday Workshop Video](#)


Spaces are limited to 14 per group so get in quick! Book now or give us a call if you have any questions. See you there!

[Auckland Booking Link](#)

Contact number: **027 367 3334**

NB: Please see below if you need the full link!

Auckland- [https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/holiday-workshops/?utm\\_source=dec-2020&utm\\_medium=school-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=auckland](https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/holiday-workshops/?utm_source=dec-2020&utm_medium=school-newsletter&utm_campaign=auckland)



## COACHING PROGRAMME

GROWING KIDS MINDS

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.


Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world-class.

**WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?**

- ✓ Grow Kids Minds™!!
- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop important life skills - fair play and decision making
- ✓ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✓ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✓ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✓ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme, we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

**CLASS DETAILS**

Sessions will be held weekly on Fridays from 9:45 to 10:45 am in Library starting Friday 5 February 2021. The last session will be held on Friday 16 April 2021. This is 9-weeks program.

The fee is \$110 for the term per student.

**REGISTRATION**

If your child would like to be part of this for Term 1 please visit our website: [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

It is easy to register. Just choose your school/group and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via PayPal.

**TO LEARN MORE:**  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.CHESSPOWER.CO.NZ](http://WWW.CHESSPOWER.CO.NZ) AND CLICK PARENTS CENTRE

# Holiday Programmes

DEC 14-23 | JAN 7-28

Make the most of your summer with a fun-filled learning experience!  
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