



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**11 FEBRUARY 2021**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Friday, 12 February**

9.15am – Year 1-2 Assembly

### **Monday, 15 February**

10.00am–2.30pm - Year 5-8  
Swimming Sports

### **Friday, 19 February**

9.15am – Year 3-4 Assembly

### **Wednesday, 24 February**

4.00-5.30pm – PR1ME  
Information Parent Evening

### **Friday, 26 February**

9.15am – Year 5-6 Assembly

## **BOT MEETING DATES**

### **6pm Start**

Wednesday, 24 February  
Wednesday, 24 March

## **2021 TERM DATES**

### **Term 1**

4 February – 16 April

### **Term 2**

03 May – 09 July

### **Term 3**

26 July – 01 October

### **Term 4**

18 October – 16 December

## **A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...**

Tēnā koutou,

Welcome back and also a very warm welcome to all of our new families and their children who have joined us in 2021. We are extremely pleased to welcome you to our Whenuapai family and we trust that you enjoy a very positive partnership with Whenuapai School.

Last Thursday, we honoured our new families and staff with a Pōwhiri on the first day of school. It was a wonderful occasion and an amazing way to start the 2021 school year. I would like to acknowledge the support from all of our families for ensuring your 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.

Prior to school starting, the teachers engaged in a breadth of professional learning. For one of our professional development days, we joined our other Kahui Ako schools for a day of learning. It was wonderful to have us altogether at Matua Ngaru School, who did a superb job of hosting us all. Additionally, over that time our teachers spent considerable hours in their classrooms, creating wonderful learning spaces for their children. We were all counting down to having the children back in school with us.

Our amazing students have settled back into school life really well. Our classrooms are already buzzing with lots of learning, questions, imagination and teamwork. We are all looking forward to a great year ahead. We acknowledge that it is sometimes difficult to make new friends or reestablish friendships after a long holiday and we will be supporting your children in this area. Additionally, attached to the newsletter is a helpful guide that your children will see displayed in their classrooms. You may also like to unpack this at home.

If you have any queries regarding your child/ren at school, please in the first instance contact your child's classroom teacher. You can contact them via email or pop in to see them during drop off and pick-up times. Additionally, you have the support of your child's Team Leader, their year group Dean as well as our Deputy Principal, Mrs Molly Fletcher, myself and our administration team. You can find contact details on our website's staff page [www.whenuapai.school.nz/staff](http://www.whenuapai.school.nz/staff). Please remember our doors are always open.

A group of our Year 7 and 8 students started their school year with a camp on Great Barrier Island. Please see attached Greg Berry's wonderful account of this amazing week at Hillary Outdoors. It was an absolutely wonderful opportunity for our students - what a way to start the school year. A very big thank you to those families who supported this amazing event.

Once again, thank you for a great start to 2021.

*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



This year we are using our new student management system, **HERO** for sharing information, updates and student reporting.





If you haven't already done so, please sign up to HERO using the following link:

<https://hero.linc-ed.com/parents/>

## **PB4L**

### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

#### **OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

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



A clear pathway to success in maths!

Here at Whenuapai we use the PRIME maths programme. This is a programme built on clear, well structured progressions mapping out a pathway through Year 1-8 based on practices used by top performing countries in international studies.

In 2019 we inquired into ways we could improve student achievement in maths. PRIME was supported by strong academic data worldwide and schools we contacted who were using the programme loved it. After engaging with experts to familiarise our staff with PRIME, we trialled it in 2020. Our student achievement data and community feedback supports the success of the programme, despite a COVID interrupted year.

Please be advised that due to the amount of home learning that occurred last year, in some cases we have needed to check student placement with our own testing to ensure we deliver learning that targets our students needs. All books will be ordered this week. In future years this will be done earlier as students will simply pick up where they left off. Rest assured we have access to PRIME online though, so students will be receiving the maths curriculum in class.

If you have any further questions about PRIME, don't be afraid to contact your child's classroom teacher.

#### PRIME Mathematics Parent Information Evening

- Open door to Room 9 to learn more about PRIME
- **When:** Wednesday, 24 February 2021
- **Time:** 4.00 - 5.30pm

*We would love to see you there!*



We are starting up a Lego club at school during lunch times and we would love some donations of Lego for children to use for this.

Please send donations to Room 18. Thank you!

## MARRZIPAN

### Self-Confidence classes at Whenuapai Space Available for Term 1 2021!

Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism.

Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children.

Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions.

Our classes will be running on:  
Thursday, at 10:05-11:05 in the hall.

**Spaces are limited to 14 students, to sign up for a non-obligatory trial lesson.**

Please register your interest by:  
emailing: [manon@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:manon@marrzipandrama.co.nz)  
or calling 0272206030. See you there!



## 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 11th 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 four 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 11th Feb  
**Times?** 8.00am - 9.00am  
2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Where?** Hall

For more information, contact  
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**MUSIQHUB**  
PLAY SMART



**Reminder** - School hats are compulsory in Term 4.

These can be ordered online through  
[MyKindo](https://www.mykindo.co.nz/).

## 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.**

Our PB4L focus for Term 1 2021: 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.





# KIWI KICK STARS

FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME  
WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS  
FOR KIDS AGE 5 TO 10**

Our sessions are full of fun activities, football drills and games.

During the programme players work on their Agility, Balance, Coordination and football skills

When: Wednesdays (Starts 17th February, finish 7th April)

Where: Whenuapai School fields

Time: 12:35 - 1:20 pm

Cost: \$100 per term (8 weeks)

TO REGISTER GO TO [WWW.KIWIWICKSTARS.COM](http://WWW.KIWIWICKSTARS.COM)

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we make payments simple

All school payments can be made through your myKindo account.

You can pay via POLi or bank transfer (no fees) or with Visa, Mastercard, American Express, UnionPay (fees apply).

Add regular top-ups if you'd like, then allocate to payments when you're ready, or just pay as you go.

Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website.

For more information visit [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz)

- Donations
- School Hats
- School lunches
- Sports Uniform
- School Events
- PTA Events

**School Docs**  
Policies and Procedures



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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As a School, we have become more and more aware that some children and families in our community are in need. For this reason, we are setting up "The Hunger Buster Project" where we encourage families who are in a position to help, to be able to.

This could be by way of a monetary donation or it might be dropping off some of the following items which we can use to keep our beautiful children well fed. At this stage we would be asking for food donations of the following items:

- Fruit, Muesli Bars, Cup of Soup, Margarine, Bread and Milo

All of these items will help us to make sure hungry tummies are full which encourages a much more productive learning day for them. Alternatively, if you would like to contribute financially, we have set up a separate bank account for us to purchase such items.

**ASB 12-3085-0494188-50**

We thank you so much for any support, little or large. Every bit helps and we know as a community there will be many of you who will want to help in any way you can. Your generosity is so much appreciated.

## 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.



## HEALTH & WELLBEING

We would like to remind parents, caregivers and whānau about the spread of viruses in school.

Please remind your children about the importance of good hygiene, proper handwashing and sneezing into their elbow.

**If your child is unwell please keep them home.**



## COACHING PROGRAMME

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 Fridays 12 February 2021. The last session will be held on Fridays 16 April 2021. This is 8-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 schoolgroup 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

## Whenuapai Chess Club

Sessions will be held weekly on Fridays from 9.45-10.45am in the Library.

Classes start tomorrow:  
12 February 2021

For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration>

# TE TIRITI O WAITANGI ACTIVITIES



## KEY CONTACTS

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## ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please email Mr Tony Hitchcock at: [thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto: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 the payments are for.

Payments can also be made via our online school shop at [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)



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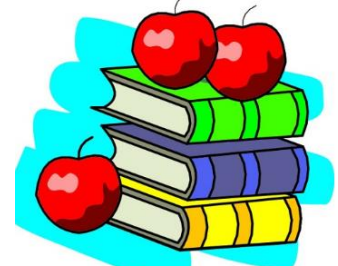


## MAKING FRIENDS IN A NEW CLASS AND SCHOOL

We all want to make friends but sometimes in a new school or new classroom it can be hard. So, some school students were asked for their advice. They had really good ideas that you may find useful.



- ◆ Be nice to everyone.
- ◆ Talk to people and make them laugh.
- ◆ Ask to play with people.
- ◆ If you want to have friends – be friendly.
- ◆ Help people in the classroom and in the playground.
- ◆ Say nice things about people.
- ◆ When you have a nice friend, always try play with them.
- ◆ If you feel really shy when you are meeting new friends, say hello. Then they say hello back and you can keep talking together.
- ◆ It's easy if you just get to know one person at a time. It's harder to go into a big group.
- ◆ If you feel lonely and you want to make some friends, the worst thing to do is to keep to yourself or be shy because then people will probably not notice you.
- ◆ The best thing to do is to answer questions and make suggestions in class and be a happy person to have around, then people might want to be your friend.
- ◆ Smile at people and they will want to be your friend.
- ◆ Don't tell fibs about yourself.
- ◆ Don't try to show off - just be yourself.
- ◆ Be your own friend – care for yourself and stand up for yourself without being nasty.
- ◆ You will feel a bit strange at first, but just go slowly getting to know people, and join in groups or clubs.
- ◆ Other kids will help you if you ask – and it's a good way to get to know others.
- ◆ Other kids might be feeling a bit lonely too so talk to them.



# NOTICES:

2021



**GENTLY LOVED MARKETS**  
Preloved Clothing, Accessories & Homewares

**10am - 2pm**  
**Saturday 20th February 2021**  
**Kumeu Community Centre,**  
**35 Access Road**

**Free entry**

A range of stalls selling preloved, vintage and retro clothing, accessories and homewares

We love a sustainable lifestyle and what better way to do that than buying preloved. Grab a coffee, your favourite fabric bag and come have a preloved treasure hunt with us. The event is cash only.

Interested in becoming a stall holder? Email  
gentlylovedmarkets@gmail.com

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETSNZ



## Registration Day 2021

**New and returning player's welcome!**

**Sunday 21st February**

**12pm to 3pm**

**Come down to Brains Park**

**7-9 Tamariki Avenue, Kelston**

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**Other registration days:**

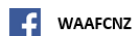
**Wednesday evenings 530pm to 830pm**

**Contact:**

Debbie McLarin: 027 764 5502

Kate Crawford: 0212 440 778

Email: westaucklandafc@xtra.co.nz



<http://westaucklandafc.co.nz/>

**Babysitting and Tutoring** - Hi! I'm Sarah and I am a local, fully registered Primary School Teacher. I am available for **babysitting and/or tutoring** in the evenings and on weekends. Please text or call me on 0211437180 for more information.

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## Riverhead Brickfair!



**Sunday 7th March**  
**9am - 5pm**  
**\$4 p/p under 3's free**



**Riverhead Citizens Hall**  
**1011 Coatsville Riverhead Highway**  
Coffee and BBQ available



## Speech and Drama Classes

Your first class is **FREE!**



*Develop*

**Drama Performance Skills**  
**Public Speaking Skills**  
**Speaking Confidence**

**THURSDAYS**

3.30pm Year 4-6

4.00pm Year 1-3

4.30pm Year 4-6

5.00pm Year 7-8

6.30pm Year 9-11

@ Old School Building, Greenhithe

\* SAT 20 FEB \* 1PM - 7.30PM \* EDEN PARK \* BLUES vs CRUSADERS \*



\*\*\*\*\* **FEATURING** \*\*\*\*\*  
**"THE RE REMATCH"**



**KIDS ZONE \* LIVE MUSIC \* FOOD MARKET \* GARDEN BAR \* PLUS MUCH MORE**





22 January 2021

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Blues Kick off Season with Family-Friendly Blues Footy Fest

Following the Covid-19 related cancellation of the Blues sell-out clash against the Crusaders last August, a much-anticipated re-match will take centre stage at New Zealand's first dedicated summer rugby festival, the Blues Footy Fest.

More than just a game, the Blues Footy Fest is being held at Eden Park on Saturday 20 February 2021.

Fans are being encouraged to bring the whole whanau and arrive well before the 3.35pm kick off (gates open at 1pm) so that they can enjoy the Kids Zone, live local music, food trucks, garden bar, marketplace and much more, whilst supporting community charities and businesses.

Andrew Hore, Chief Executive Officer, the Blues says; "After the tough year that was, we wanted to reward our loyal fans with more than the highly anticipated Crusaders vs Blues re-match. The Blues Footy Fest embodies our Blues ethos. It's about celebrating and giving back to our whanau and local community by helping those who continue to do it tough."

When the game kicks off at 3:35pm, fans will be thrilled to see appearances from All Blacks on both sides who will be looking to play their first games of the 2021 season on Eden Park's new field.

There will also be an opportunity post-game for fans to get autographs with the players and return to the fun of the Blues Footy Fest which is expected to wind up at 7.30pm.

"We are one of the few places in the world that find ourselves lucky enough to be able to hold a mass sporting event such as this so we felt we had a responsibility to give back to others. With this in mind, we welcome fans, families and friends to join us in showing the country, and the world, just what it means to be in the 09 for a summer rugby festival," says Andrew Hore.

A portion of ticket sales from the Blues Footy Fest will be donated to children's charities; *I Have a Dream Charitable Trust* and *KidsCan*.

The Blues have also partnered with the Graeme Dingle Foundation. Supporters who buy a ticket to the Blues Footy Fest will have the opportunity to gift a \$9 ticket, which the Graeme Dingle Foundation will provide to a deserving young Aucklander who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend.

Sian Neary, General Manager, Graeme Dingle Foundation says; "We are really proud to be partnering with the Blues for the Blues Footy Fest. Not everyone gets the same start in life, and for some of our rangatahi, this ticket donation will enable them to experience not just the excitement that comes from a live Blues game for the first time, but also to take part in what is set to be a fun filled community event."

Already 18,000 fans who had purchased tickets to the cancelled game in August have transferred their tickets to the Blues Footy Fest.

Tickets are at the family friendly price of \$20 for adults and free for accompanying children with each adult ticket purchased. To avoid the stress of driving, simply show your match ticket and enjoy free travel on Auckland Transport.



Visit [Ticketmaster.co.nz](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz) for tickets.

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**Editor's Note:**

**About The Graeme Dingle Foundation**

The Graeme Dingle Foundation runs a suite of school-based programmes across the country which include Kiwi Can, Stars, Career Navigator and Project K. Their programmes use inspirational classroom leaders and world-class mentors to help our young people keep on track, learn good values and set goals for the future. By helping young people build resilience, self-belief and life skills, the Foundation's programmes empower them to succeed and overcome life's obstacles. For more information please visit - [dinglefoundation.org.nz/](https://dinglefoundation.org.nz/)

**About I Have a Dream Charitable Trust**

Using an evidence-based, whole-child approach, the I Have a Dream Charitable Trust works with Kiwi kids for up to 15 years, from their first years at school until they move on to tertiary study or employment. They provide wraparound services and do whatever it takes to keep each of their young Dreamers on track - because they believe that giving kids access to the support and resources they need will lead to improved academic and life success. They are currently working with four schools north of Whangarei and making a positive difference to the lives of over 850 Kiwi kids and their whanau. For more information visit- <https://ihaveadream.org.nz/>

**About KidsCan**

KidsCan is New Zealand's leading charity dedicated to helping Kiwi kids affected by poverty. They help children experiencing hardship by providing food, jackets, shoes and health products to schools and early childhood centres across New Zealand. With these essentials, kids can participate in learning and have the opportunity for a better future. Visit [www.kidscan.org.nz](https://www.kidscan.org.nz) for more information.

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