



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**25 MARCH 2021**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday, 29 March**

6.00-7.00pm NEST Year 5/6  
Parent Information Evening

**Tuesday 30 March –**

**Thursday 1 April**

Year 2/3 Beach Education

**Wednesday 31 March &**

**Thursday 1 April**

Year 4 – Pool Visit

**Friday 2 April –**

**Tuesday 6 April**

Easter Holidays

**\*\*No School\*\***

**Friday, 16 April**

Last Day of Term 1

## BOT MEETING DATES

6.00pm - Wed, 31 March

6.00pm – Wed, 26 May

## 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



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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā koutou,

Firstly, this week I want to wish a very warm welcome to those students and their families/whānau who started their schooling journey with us last Monday. We trust that you enjoy a very positive partnership with Whenuapai School. Please remember our doors are always open and we welcome and value your feedback at any time.

We also welcome to the teaching team, Natasha Howard, who will be opening a new entrant class in Term 2. Currently Natasha is providing classroom support and release across the school.

It has been a busy two weeks at school and it's been lovely to see children enjoying themselves both in and out of the classroom. Well done to those children who competed in the senior swimming sports last week, as well as those students who competed at the Norwest Cricket tournament and Auckland Athletics Championship. A huge thank you to the parent helpers who make these events possible.

Next week we have the Year 2 and Year 3 teams heading to Mairangi Bay for their Beach Education Day, as well as the Year 4 team visiting the Base Pool. With both being water activities the number of adults to children ratio increases, so again, thank you to the many parent helpers who are attending and supporting these trips.

Over the weekend we had some much-needed work done on our beautiful trees. The area outside Room 1-6 is now looking more open and the trees are very healthy.

Your children may have mentioned to you that this year we have introduced School Houses. As a tribute to our wonderful neighbours on the Air Force Base and the close association our school has with the Base, we decided on the following four house names: Hercules, Boeing, Orion and Seasprite. All students have been placed in a 'House' and various school activities and events over the year will contribute to a point system and accumulate to an overall House winner at the end of the year. We look forward to some friendly competition ahead.

Earlier in the week you would have received an invitation to our 'Whānau Learning Conversations' due to be held just after Easter weekend on the afternoons of Wednesday, 7 April and Thursday, 8 April 2021 between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. You and your child/ren are invited to meet with your classroom teacher for a 10-minute learning conversation to discuss your child's progress and goals so far. To make a booking please use the following website and school code [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) School code: **vgpnw**. If you are unable to make either of these afternoons or require longer than the allocated 10 minutes, please contact your classroom teacher to discuss.

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*

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





Ngā mihi nui,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris  
Principal

## PB4L

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR  
FOR LEARNING**

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

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

# SPORT

## Norwest Cricket -

On Thursday 18th March Whenuapai School was represented at the Norwest Year 7 & 8 Cricket tournament held at Huapai Domain with a boy's Year 7 & 8 team. The team started slowly but developed progressively across the day and ended the day with two wins and a loss to Waimauku. The team are to be commended on their support of each other and their willingness to learn a new sport and adapt. All students demonstrated respect for others, themselves, officials and other players from other schools. The catch of the day went to Aston Coyle and it was great to see some improvement in bowling and batting technique. The school would like to thank Jan and Karen Peterson who kindly assisted with transport both to and from school. The following players represented the team on the day.



**Year 7&8 Cricket Team** – Charlie Farac, Taine Rawhiti-Wall, Ricoh Hartwell, Tanush Udyawar, Josh Christie, Hriday Mahida, Jack Peterson and Aston Coyle.

## Whenuapai School Swimming Sports 2021

Whenuapai School held their annual swimming sports at the base pool on Monday, 15 March 2021. The performances were amazing and it was great to see our students getting the opportunity to compete.

The event started off with freestyle events moving to backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. The event was open to all competitive swimmers with the distance across 50 metres. This created strong competition between swimmers and many of the finals were very tightly contested with a touch at the finish being the difference between winning, placing second or third. There were also two relay events on the day – this was a boys verses girls competition and the girls were the outright winners on the day.

All the students are to be commended on their performances and they all represented the school to a very high standard. Parents are thanked for their support of the event in time keeping, organising, administration and officiating. We appreciate your support and service to the school. The students that qualified from the Whenuapai Swimming Sports will now attend the Norwest Zone swimming event being held on Thursday, 25 March 2021 which is followed by the Interzone event which is on Wednesday, 31 March 2021. Our 2021 Swimming Champions are listed below:

Category	Name	Placings	Category	Name	Placings
Year 5 Girls	<b>Darcie Fletcher</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Boys	<b>Luka Govorko</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys	<b>Cory Saunders</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 7 Girls	<b>Jazmin McMurdo</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 7 Boys	<b>Lachlan Hosking</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 8 Girls	<b>Talia Hosking</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8 Boys	<b>Jack Peterson</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>



## Auckland Athletics Championships

Bradley Uren and Fletcher Uren both ran and placed in the 800m at the Auckland Athletic Championships on Sunday 21st March. Bradley was 1st in the 9yr old boys and Fletchie placed 3rd! Peyton Hennessy also competed and came 2nd in the 100m as well as 3rd in 60m, 200m, 800m and in long jump for the 8 year old girls. An outstanding effort by all three of our amazing students.

Congratulations Bradley, Fletchie and Peyton. We are very proud of you all! –



## Tui Team

This week in Tui we explored safety in the Science lab and we made Magnesium Sulfate Crystals. We used this as a good opportunity to explore the elements of the Periodic Table as well.

It has been very exciting watching our crystals grow.



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.

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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.



Please help our students to show Respect for our Environment by packing 'Nude Food' (rubbish free) school lunches.

We are an **Enviroschool** now and we would really like to eliminate all the rubbish from school lunch boxes that unfortunately doesn't always end up rubbish bins. Let's work together to be rubbish free Whenuapai school!!



It was great to see so many happy, healthy children walking to school on Wednesday.

Thank you to those families who walked with us.

Thank you also to the Parkhouse Cafe and the Upper Harbour Local board for the coffee and plants.

## 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.**



## 2021 Great Kiwi Science, Maths and English Competitions



**Register now!**

Registrations are now open for the 2021 Kiwi Competitions. Please click on the google form link below to register your child (Years 5-8 only).

[University of Canterbury Kiwi School 2021 Entry form](#)



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## sKids are OPEN!

Tuesday, 6 April 2021 (Easter Tues)  
From 7.30am – 6.00pm

**For bookings contact:**

M: 0211748473

E: [Whenuapai@skids.co.nz](mailto:Whenuapai@skids.co.nz)

W: <http://www.skids.co.nz/locations/whenuapai/>



## ANZAC DAY PARADE 2021



Sunday, 25 April 2021 - 10.00am

Whenuapai students and their families are invited to attend the Hobsonville RSA ANZAC Day Parade and Service on Sunday, 25 April 2021. The parade starts at Hobsonville School and finishes at Hobsonville RSA.

Students to assemble at Hobsonville Primary School at 10.00am.

Students must wear their school uniform.

Students will be laying a wreath on behalf of Whenuapai School.

Parents/caregivers are responsible for bringing their children and will need to remain with them for the duration of the parade.



## Lunchtime Clubs - Warhammer



## Library Books - Reminder

Please remind your children to check under their beds, clear their school bags and return all Library books – Thank you!



## Children and their take on life...

Many of our gorgeous children love to share interesting stories from home and with the roll out of the Pfizer vaccine some children are getting a little muddled between a vaccination and an actual Covid test.

Whilst absolutely respecting your privacy, if you think your child may share such information that could potentially be misinterpreted, then if you are able to, it would be helpful to share the correct information with the class teacher first so that we can best manage any situation.

*Reminder* - if you have been tested for Covid-19 and are awaiting results, your child/ren should remain at home with you until a negative result has been received.

Whenuapai School is proud to be a Water Only school.



**\* SURPRISE! ezlunch PARTY \* Party on!**

Let's bring the party to you! Order ezlunch 8-19 March and win party bags for your whole class including a \$10 ezlunch voucher per child ...AND there's 10 cupcakes for the school office!

**THANK YOU, FROM US!**

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. One chance per order. Winner will be drawn on Friday 19 March 2021 and will be notified by phone or email. 25 correspondence will be entered into the draw. 2nd winner 1 April :)

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

**10am - 2pm**  
**Saturday 24th April 2021**  
**Kumeu Community Centre,**  
**35 Access Road**

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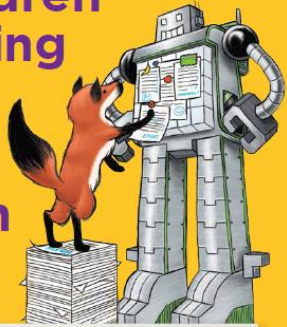
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**MASSEY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING** is the best way to keep fit during winter!! Fun runs, relays, and races are on Saturdays at 3:00pm at Moire Park Massey and interclub events held at other venues around Auckland. The season starts at the end of March and continues to the end of September.

Cross Country is for kids aged 7-16 years old. Distances start at 2km for U8's and U10s, 3km for U12 and U14 and 4km for U16. Adults can run too.

There will be a 2km time trial at Moire Park on Saturday's 27th March and 10th April at 3.00pm starting at the Massey Athletics Club on Granville drive Massey.

For more information, check out the website: [www.masseyathletics.org.nz](http://www.masseyathletics.org.nz) look for Cross Country and/or e-mail [masseycrosscountry@gmail.com](mailto:masseycrosscountry@gmail.com).




**Herald Island Playgroup**

Come along and meet other families and caregivers while your little one plays, learns and makes new friends!

**Tuesdays open from 9:30-11:30am** at the Herald Island Hall in the Domain  
Bring along a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.

Lots of creative crafts and activities, Sensory play, books, baby area and plenty of toys!

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10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday 28 March


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For registration and more information

**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 worked 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  
          2:00pm - 3:00pm  
Where? Hall

For more information, contact  
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