



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL MINI NEWSLETTER

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A FEW NOTICES AND REMINDERS BEFORE THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM...

Staff Organisation Term 2

As mentioned in a recent School Newsletter, our Principal, Raewyn Matthys-Morris has been awarded a one term sabbatical and will be away for all of Term 2 completing a period of uninterrupted professional learning. As a result of this, there will be the following changes to staff organisation commencing in Term 2:

Acting Principal – Mrs Molly Fletcher

Acting Deputy Principal – Miss Paige Chellew

Acting Team Leader Year 4 - Miss Stephanie Brook

Classroom Teacher Room 23 - Mrs Sarah Bone

Classroom Teacher Room 18 - Miss Natasha Howard for remainder of 2021

Our Term 2 staff movements also provide the opportunity for Mrs Carli Hawley to move into a new role to provide teaching support across the school. Carli will be stepping away from her classroom teacher role but will continue as Team Leader of the Kea Team as well as the Year 1-4 Dean. If you were not already aware, our wonderful Carli is expecting her first child and we are so incredibly happy for her and her husband at this special time.

Book Week 12-16 April 2021

Book Week is a week full of planned fun literacy activities. It includes the following:

Book Fair – Our Book Fair is when children and their caregivers are invited to come to the library and have a look at a huge array of books that can be purchased at very affordable prices. Please see the attached link for a snippet of what is available:

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/book-fair-space-2021>

The Book Fair will be open:

Monday - Thursday - 8.00am – 8.45am

Wednesday - 10.00-11.00am and 2.30pm -3.45pm

Each class will visit during school hours on the following days:

Monday - Rooms 1, 3, 8, 11 and 13

Tuesday - Rooms 4, 7, 9, 16, 19, 20 and 24

Wednesday - Rooms 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18

Thursday - Rooms 2, 10 and 23

During their visit, children will be able to record their favourite items on a wish list and bring this home. Children then have the option to return to school with money to purchase their chosen book.



Helpers needed - Are you available to help with the sales of the books for the morning and/or afterschool shifts? Please contact Lara Taylor at larat@whenuapai.school.nz if you are available to help.

Book Parade – As part of our book week celebrations, children are able to come to school on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 dressed as their favourite book character. We will be holding a parade at 9.15am and families are more than welcome to attend - dressed up if you wish).

Sausage Sizzle – The PTA are holding a sausage sizzle on **Wednesday, 14 April 2021** at lunchtime. This will be for a gold coin donation on the day.



Community Connector Community Waitakere Pantry Unveiling

Please join us for this wonderful occasion and community event.

When: Friday - 16 April 2021

Time: 7.45am

Where: Whenuapai School

Working with our incredible friends at Fletcher Living the children of Whenuapai School have helped to design and develop a Community Pantry (Where) – a place to easily share donated food, pantry items and books with the community.

This has been an amazing project to be a part of and we will be officially opening the new Where with a special morning ceremony.

We would love to see you there!

**** Small breakfast supplied ****
Coffee cart available

School Uniform Expectations and Update

Heading into Term 2 and into the cooler months we would like to remind you of the following:

1. Students can wear any plain navy pants or shorts and they do not need to have the Whenuapai School logo on them. There are plenty of well-priced options at Postie Plus and other stores that you may purchase if you wish.
2. Students can wear navy thermals or tights/legging underneath their t-shirt and shorts.

We would also like to share some exciting news about our school uniform t-shirt. We are currently working with the designers at Argyle to have a lightweight summer option available and ready for the end of the year.

This week we shared some options with a catwalk show at our school Hui, so ask your child what this was like.

Drop Off and Pick Up Expectations

Just a friendly reminder that the small loop driveway in front of the school office is NOT a drop off and pick up zone - even in wet weather. This drive is for staff access to the staff carpark and school buses only.

Please park in the designated car park across the road from the school and use the designated crossing. This is a significant health and safety issue for our children and staff and we appreciate your support with this.

School Library Books

Please check school bags, under beds, under the couch and on your book shelves for any school library books and/or early readers.

Please return all books to your child's classroom library box before the end of term.

If you are unable to locate your child's book please email Claire on library@whenuapai.school.nz and she will have a look in your child's classroom.

