



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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20 MAY 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 21 May
Pink Shirt Day

Week of 22-30 May
Shore to Shore GO

Tuesday, 25 May
Year 7/8 NW Football

Wednesday, 26 May
Young Leaders Day

Friday, 28 May
Cultural Dress Day

Wed & Thurs, 2-3 June
School Photos

Friday, 4 June
Teacher Only Day

Monday, 7 June
Queen's Birthday

Friday, 18 June
Cross Country

BOT MEETING DATES

6.00pm – Wed, 26 May

6.00pm - Wed, 23 June

PB4L

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
FOR LEARNING**

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā koutou,

It's hard to believe another two weeks has been and gone and what a busy two weeks it has been. Our annual Superbowl event was held on Friday, 7 May 2021. This wonderful event was enjoyed by all, with the overall House winner for this event being Seasprite ... congratulations! Well done to all of the children, teachers and staff involved with this, with particular thanks to Mr Greg Berry for his dedication and organisation of such a big event and the PTA for a delicious pancake brunch.

The Year 5-8 Camp held at Finlay Park in Cambridge last week was an amazing success. Students challenged themselves in a range of unfamiliar situations. Whether this be staying away from home, trying new foods or getting involved with the many activities that were available to them. Again, a heartfelt thank you to our parent volunteers for supporting us and helping to make this camp such a great success. A special mention to Judie Snowden and Karinne Gillies for their medical support during this time, their patience and understanding with our students was exceptional. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as the children and staff did.

Recently we met with a number of Air Force Base personnel to debrief and discuss any lessons learned following the lockdown on the final day of Term 1, 16 April 2021. This was a great discussion and very beneficial to both parties. One of the key messages from the Base was how impressed they were with our children and staff on the day. This is wonderful feedback and something we can all be very proud of.

A couple of key points that we wish to pass on to parents following this meeting are:

- In a lockdown situation the NZ Police and authorised Air Base personnel are our main source of communication and we follow their guidance and instructions. The safety of our children and staff is their priority and decisions are made with this in mind.
- In a lockdown situation parents, caregivers and whānau must follow any instructions issued by the school, including not coming to the school to try to see or collect your children. This is for your own safety, as well as the safety of our children and staff.
- During the event, we may not be able to provide all information regarding an unfolding incident or situation but please be assured that any information we have will be communicated to you in a timely manner.
- During such events, please be wary of social media posts and make sure the information you're reading on these forums is from authorised personnel. HERO will be the school's key source of providing information to our families.

We thank you for your support in such situations. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Jo Wright at pa@whenuapai.school.nz.

Yesterday morning we were overwhelmed by receiving a Base Commanders Commendation from Group Captain Andy Scott, Base Commander of RNZAF Base Auckland. "A Base Commander's Commendation is awarded to personnel or units who have displayed outstanding zeal and devotion to duty such that their performance is worthy of additional recognition". This commendation was awarded to Whenuapai School Children, Teachers and Staff for their actions on the day of the lockdown and was a very unexpected honour to receive.

Ngā mihi nui,
Molly Fletcher, Acting Principal

2021
School
Camp
Finlay Park
Cambridge

Years 5-8



Having fun
and
challenging
ourselves.

Making
memories!



SUPERBOWL RESULTS

Seasprite	Boeing
7081	7010
1st Place	2nd Place

Hercules	Orion
6709	5814
3rd Place	4th Place



Harcourts Cooper & Co Shore to Shore GO are doing things a bit differently in 2021.

This year you will have one week to complete any 5km course at home with friends and family!

Participate in this new version of the North Shores favourite fun run event where kids, friends and family can all have fun together while being active. With some AWESOME prizes to be won whilst fundraising for sports equipment for Whenuapai school!

- Registrations are open via the [Harbour Sport website](#)
- Partake in the week 22 May to 30 May 2021
- Participants upload their evidence to a [Google Form](#) - A before, during or after photo completing their 5km course; A screenshot of their 5km course (Google Maps/ Fit Bit/ Strava) or verification that they completed their 5km course through their school event
- All participants providing post-event evidence will receive a certificate and be in the draw for some amazing spot prizes.

COST - \$10 registration fee but close to half of the registration fee goes back to the school in sport distributor vouchers.

FAQs can be found on the [Shore to Shore Website](#)

Sign up NOW and win rewards for Whenuapai School!



If you would like to **join some other school families** in doing your 5KM, on **Sunday 23rd May** meet at **Christmas Beach, Herald Island, 10.30am for an 11.00am start**. Completing two laps of the island. Parents must run/walk/scooter with their child. We will have event marshal's at key points with all road rules applying.

Make sure you register www.shoretoshore.co.nz with the school benefiting from vouchers for new sports equipment from Sport Distributors NZ.

North Harbour Hockey Programmes.

Programme 1 - Explore Sport – [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

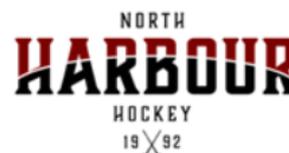
A seven-week program designed to allow kids aged 4-7 (School Years 0-3) to play and explore a range of fundamental movements using various sporting equipment. While a hockey stick will not be far away (we are at the National Hockey Centre after all), the program is focused on free play, children will not be pushed towards only one sport or piece of equipment during this program.

We wish to introduce children to sport in a positive and enjoyable way while developing a lifelong love of physical activity!! No equipment is needed, just closed shoes.

When: Monday Afternoons, two time slots available (4.00-4.45pm or 4.45-5.30pm)

Term 2: 24th, 31st of May & 14th, 21st & 28th June & 5th July

Cost: \$10.00 per weekly session



Programme 2 – Fun Sticks – [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Fun Sticks is our grass roots hockey programme that is designed to give interested and keen kids a chance to have a go at hockey. It is aimed at pre-primary grade players and new entrants. Have fun, play, learn, explore, and make new friends! The Programme helps youth develop basic hockey skills while building essential fundamental skills. A good mix of skill-based activities and small-sided games. Sticks are available onsite.

When: Saturday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30am

Term 2: Sat 22nd & 29th May 12th, 19th, & 26th June, & 3rd July

Cost: \$75



Hi Everyone in Whenuapai land,

With the hot summer months now gone it is time to get out there and plant trees!

Living Whenuapai has **two volunteer days** coming up this month. Both are in the **Malcolm Hahn Reserve**. After a major weed clearing last year in this reserve, we are 'almost' ready to re-plant this reserve with lots of lovely native trees, that will in time attract more birds to our corner of the world. However, we have a few pesky weed seedlings to clear first - hence two volunteer days. Dates as follows:

Sat 22nd May 10-12pm *this weekend*

Sat 29th May 10-12pm

Both a Malcolm Hahn Reserve, Waimarie Road, Behind Whenuapai Village Hall.

Come along and lend a hand - either both days or just one. Bring the family and neighbours - plus digging, and weeding gear plus a wheelbarrow if you happen to have one. Let's keep restoring this reserve for us and future generations.



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.



For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: www.schooldocs.co.nz/

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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.

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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!!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

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.

Students can wear navy thermals or tights/legging underneath their t-shirt and shorts.



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.

We currently have a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in the Junior School.



ICAS Assessments 2021

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments Parent Payment System (PPS) for the following subjects:



Writing, Digital Technologies, English, Science, Spelling and Maths.

For students in Years 4-8 only. Please use the following details to register your child no later than Friday, 02 July 2021.

Parent Page Link - <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Access Code - **ULX725**

Sign up for Term 2 Classes:

Chess

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/>



Kiwi Kick Stars Football

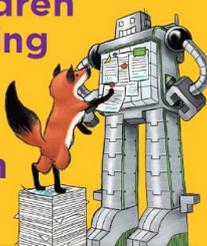
<https://www.kiwikickstars.com/>



Our lunchtime LEGO Club is very popular so we would love and appreciate some donations of LEGO for the children to use.

Please send donations to Room 19. Thank you!

Your children are amazing already. We just help them prove it.



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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!

For more details and what's happening each week follow us on **Facebook: Herald Island Playgroup.**



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Contact details:
Kate: 021417622
Jess: 021489479

Days/Times:
Mon 9.30 - 10.30am
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am
Wed 9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs 9.30 - 10.30am

Now located at Takapuna Bridge Club (downstairs), 39 Killarney Street, Takapuna

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Pippins 

Age 5-7
Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
St Michaels Church Hall, Greenhithe
<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>

mykindo and **eZlunch!**

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity & promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

At eZlunch and Kindo we're keen to support **Pink Shirt Day**. The eZlunch supplier at your school has added a Pink themed food item to show support. These will show on your menu for ordering this week for Friday delivery only.

Log in to Kindo Find us on Facebook Purchase Uniform

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 Here-A-Go Day on Thursday 11th February in the Hall, where your children can try out an instrument and you can meet the music teacher, 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? Here-A-Go Day at Whenuapai School
When? Thursday 11th Feb
Times? 6.00am - 9.00am
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Where? Hall

For more information, contact
Gloria Arboleda Martinez
0274 422 654 • gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz

MUSIQHUB PLAY SMART

Self Defence for Women & Girls Tue, 25 May @ 7pm

This FREE evening is aimed at Self Defence and giving women and girls the understanding and awareness of how a dangerous situation can arise. What opportunities and options are available to defend and defeat a would-be attacker. Also how to better prepare by understanding and education around such attacks to ensure you have predetermined the outcome by education. The course is simple and straightforward and presented in a non-threatening way to enable everyone to learn and take away some new skills and tools to help them feel safer and more confident. It should be a fun and invigorating time for all who participate. The course is specifically designed for self-defence (not fighting).

Presented by Char's Martial Arts
Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church, 107 Centreway Road, Orewa
Enquiries: Gaynor 027 274 2435



GENTLY LOVED MARKETS
Preloved Clothing, Accessories & Homewares

10am - 2pm
Saturday 29th May 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
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Year 3 – Olivia Mead	oliviam@whenuapai.school.nz	
Year 4 – Stephanie Brook	stephanieb@whenuapai.school.nz	
Year 5-6 – Chris Groen	chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz	
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@whenuapai.school.nz	

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WHENUAPAI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



2021



Friday 18th June

Saver Day Monday 21st June

Whenuapai School Houses and Colours 2021

			
HERCULES	ORION	BOEING	SEASPRITE

Cross Country RULES FOR THE EVENT

*All runners to wear full Phys Ed gear which applies to Year 5-8, footwear and drink bottle. Year 0-4 must have a shirt and shorts and adequate footwear and drink bottle.

*All students are to take part in the cross country unless they have a signed note from home with a legitimate excuse i.e injury or illness

*All participants must follow the instructions of the marshals.

*Each competitor will wear a sticker with his/her full name and class and year group. At the end of the race the children hand in their sticker to the appropriate recorder.

*While running, keep left so other pedestrians can pass. Do not block other runners and don't run in packs. This is an individual event. You are to run and pace yourself around the course.

*If you stop, you must walk quickly and stay to the left.

*Run the course according to the instructions of the marshals

* Proceed down the tunnel after finishing. You must stay in the order you finish

*Give your name sticker to the recorder

* Return to class area and make sure you do your warm downs.

Cross Country Organisation

Course Lengths

Year 0-1	1 Lap	968 m
Year 2-3	2 Laps	1820 m
Year 4	2 Laps	1820 m
Year 5-6	3 Laps	2588 m
Year 7-8	3 Laps	2588 m (Note: map has it as 4 but it has been adjusted to 3 laps)

RACE START TIMES	COURSE - LAPS	Year Level Racing	Marshall Responsibility and Organisation
9.30am	School Course 1 Lap	Year 0-1 Combined Race Girls and Boys	Marshals Year 5 & 6 Students Room 4 Group
10.15am	School Course 3 Laps	Year 7 & 8 Girls Year 7 & 8 Combined Boys Year 7 & 8 Combined	Marshals Year 5 & 6 Students Room 7 Group
Interval 10.55 – 11.20			
11.40am	School Course 3 Laps	Year 5 & 6 Girls Year 5 & 6 Combined Boys Year 5 & 6 Combined	Marshals Year 7 & 8 Students Room 1 Group
Lunch 12.40 – 1.30pm			
1.40pm	School Course 2 Laps	Year 2-3 Combined Race Staggered Start Girls and Boys	Marshals Year 5 & 6 Students Room 9 Group
2.15-3.00pm	School Course 2 Laps	Year 4 Combined Race Staggered Start Girls and Boys	Marshals Year 7 & 8 Students Room 3 Group

Cross Country Course

- Year 0-1 Lap 1
- Year 2-3 Laps 2
- Year 4 Laps 2
- Year 5 & 6 Laps 3
- Year 7 & 8 Laps 4

of red section after lengths of field.

Note: 2 Laps field to start Race
1 lap field to finish Race

Airport Road

Carpark

Meeting
Sick bay
Toilet
Staff Room

Office

Room

Rae
Carla
Tony
Copy Roo

SEN 2

3

4

B/G

5

6

Hall

Carparking

2
3

24

PTA Storage

B/G

B/G

10 9 8 7

Care taker

Flag

Hockey Turf

Library/Resource

No Mans Land.

B/G

18 17 16 15 RR

B/G

B/G

PE 14 13 12 11

Sand Pit

Junior Playground

Senior Playground

Bike Track.

Start

Field

Finish

Start/Finish lengths Field.

Air Base Boundary

- 1 lap of course after start/Finish Laps of Field
- Marshals(1-8)

Note Running anticlockwise

