



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**6 MAY 2021**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday, 7 May**  
Superbowl Day

**Week of 10-14 May**  
Year 5-8 Camp

**Wednesday, 12 May**  
Orienteering Day for  
EOTC Students

**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





**BOT MEETING DATES**  
6.00pm – Wed, 26 May  
6.00pm - Wed, 23 June

**TERM DATES**  
**Term 2**  
03 May – 09 July  
**Term 3**  
26 July – 01 October  
**Term 4**  
18 October – 16 December

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**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,

Hello and welcome back to Term 2. I hope everybody had a wonderful time with their families over the school holidays. After two weeks away, it was lovely to see our students returning to school on Monday with big smiles on their faces ready for another exciting school term.

I would personally like to wish a very warm welcome to our new students and their families who started at Whenuapai School this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the welcome Pōwhiri on Monday morning. The team at Whenuapai School are looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your classroom teacher. Also, please know that both mine and Miss Paige Chellew's doors are always open and we welcome your input and feedback.

Tomorrow we are holding a very special sporting event at Whenuapai School – the annual Superbowl. Our students will be representing their school house in a fun festival of sport with 24 different sporting activities and challenges to navigate. Parents/caregivers and whānau are more than welcome to visit and support your children throughout the day. The two sessions run from 9.30-10.50am and 1.30-3.00pm. Children can come to school in their sports uniform or mufti gear wearing their house colours. If your child is unsure what house they are in please contact your classroom teacher.

Adding to the fun, our PTA will be holding a Pancake Brunch at 11.00am. Pancakes are \$1.00 and there will be a few other items available to purchase. Any parent help would be appreciated from 10.00am please.

A reminder of our house colours:

Boeing	Hercules	Orion	Seasprite
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Term 2 will be another busy term, starting with our school camp. Next week, our students in Years 5-8 will be attending an amazing camp at Finlay Park in Cambridge. We know that for many of our students this may be their first time away from home. Please be assured that your children will be well looked after and kept very busy and will be home before they know it.

School Camps are an incredible learning experience that provide our students with the opportunity to challenge themselves in an unfamiliar but fun environment. This will not only build their confidence but also give them the opportunity to make amazing memories. Thank you to the staff members involved with the planning who have certainly put in the hours to make this camp a huge success. Also, thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time, without this parent support, we simply couldn't do it.

Lastly a reminder regarding any changes to contact details. Please, if you have a change in any details from phone numbers, to addresses, to second contacts on your child's/children's profile, we need to know. Please contact our office with the new details [office@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:office@whenuapai.school.nz).

The Whenuapai School team are all looking forward to a great term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Molly Fletcher, Acting Principal

## Community Connector Community Waitakere

### Community Pantry

On the final day of Term 1 we had the pleasure of opening the amazing community pantry, our Whare a tohatoha – the sharing house.

Following a turbulent time in 2020 with Covid-19 and lockdowns, Whenuapai School staff and children wanted to create a place where they could easily share donated food, pantry items and books with the community. They wanted to build a “Whare” that could hold and display donated items as well as protect them from the elements.

Our friends at Fletcher Living already had strong relationships with the Whenuapai Community through its housing developments and they were very keen to lend a hand. So, our children submitted design ideas and the Fletcher Living team transformed the winning design into working plans for their builders. Then our very talented Sera Terrazas painted the incredible design with the gorgeous birds and colours of our school values.

We are very proud of the final outcome.

Thank you to Fletcher Living, Placemakers and Dulux for making this all possible.



## ANZAC DAY 2021





## Make a difference



\$2 donation and mufti day on  
Wednesday 19th May

Your donation helps families with free accommodation, good meals and a team of expert support staff during their time in need.



You can also go to your local McDonald's and put money in the Ronald McDonald box. Ronald McDonald House New Zealand is the only essential service in New Zealand that is only focused on the families of children receiving medical treatment.

In 2019 McDonald's customers donated over \$126 million to RMHC helping provide approximately 1.6 million overnight stays for families all over the world.



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!!



## Book Fairs



Thank you so much to all the students, parents and caregivers that visited the book fair in Term 1.

We had an amazing turnout and the total sales came to an awesome amount of \$4458.70 with the Library receiving 35% of these sales in book rewards to the value of \$1560.55.

Students this week will be bringing home the lucky book club booklet for anyone that would like to make a purchase. Please use this link:

[www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/](http://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/)

Regards Claire Brain

## 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.**



## 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.



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## 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](http://University of Canterbury Kiwi School 2021 Entry form)

## Sign up for Term 2 Classes:

### Chess

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




### Kiwi Kick Stars Football

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



From Term 2 - Pita Pit will be available for lunches on Tuesday as well as Friday's... yummo!!

KEY CONTACTS		ONLINE PAYMENTS
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