



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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08 MARCH 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 9 March

Sausage Sizzle & Juicie Day

Thursday, 14 April

Teacher Only Day

Friday, 15 April

Last day of Term 1

Good Friday

BOT MEETING

6.00pm

Wednesday, 30 March 2022

TERM DATES

Term 1

08 February – 13 April

Term 2

2 May – 8 July

Term 3

25 July – 30 September

Term 4

17 October – 20 December



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā Koutou,

On some days it feels like the term is flying by, on others it feels like we are moving forward in slow motion. But each and every day is different and exciting - Whenuapai School is a marvelous place to be.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our amazing staff. During these challenging times they have gone over and above the call of duty to try and provide a safe, motivating and engaging learning environment and opportunities for our tamariki. On numerous occasions, I have witnessed staff members placing the needs of the child in their care above their own. The Whenuapai community is lucky to have such a dedicated group of individuals.

In our last newsletter, I introduced our Learner Capabilities. This week I thought it was timely to explore **Respect for Others**. Students who uphold this value will:

- Be respectful of the thoughts and opinions of others
- Actively, listen to new ideas
- Work collaboratively with others
- Be kind to others
- Share ideas to problem solve and work together
- Value diversity

COVID-19 Update

We have received a couple of requests asking us to name the specific classrooms which contain the positive cases, so I thought I would try and explain my reasoning for sharing only the Year levels. There are two main reasons:

One - as we have divided the school into breaktime bubbles, your children are associating with tamariki from across their Year group from multiple classes. We are trying to provide the children with as much normality as possible, so we are encouraging play. Including:

- Sport
- In the sandpit
- Running
- On the playgrounds
- Climbing trees
- And so much more

All of these activities involve the children being close together without masks (masks are not required outside) for a period of time.

Two - early in our planning we realised that our staffing could be compromised by COVID. To remain open, as a last resort, we planned to split classes when we were no longer able to find relief teachers. This meant children would be spending whole days in other classes with children from their Year level.

These are our reasons for reporting new cases each week in Year levels because we want all parents to remain vigilant for symptoms as there is a high possibility your child has been together, at some point during the week, with other children from beyond their classroom but within their Year level.

In the last week, there have been 12 positive cases across the school. Cases have been spread across **all Year levels**.

Like many families in our community COVID has managed to make its way into my home. Caroline (my partner), who is also a teacher, tested positive on Friday afternoon so we are all in isolation.

The school is in good hands! I know that Molly and the team will do a fantastic job of keeping things moving in the right direction. If you need to contact Molly, please email her at mfletcher@whenuapai.school.nz.

Final word

Thank you for your unwavering support and for trusting us with your precious children during these uncertain times. Together, I know we will get through and continue to make school a great place to be.

Ngā mihi,
Adam Cels

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
FOR LEARNING**

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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

Kaitiakitanga

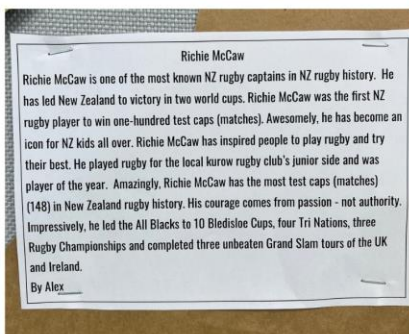
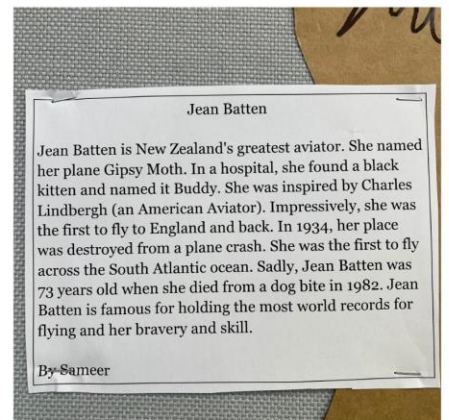
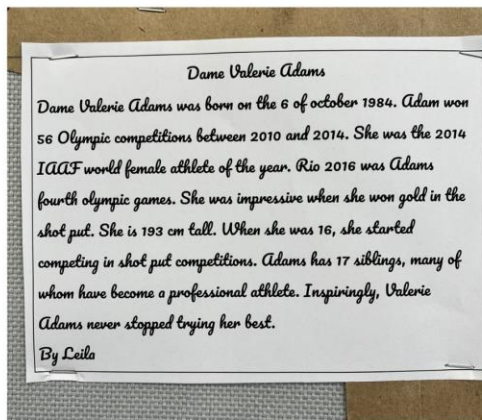
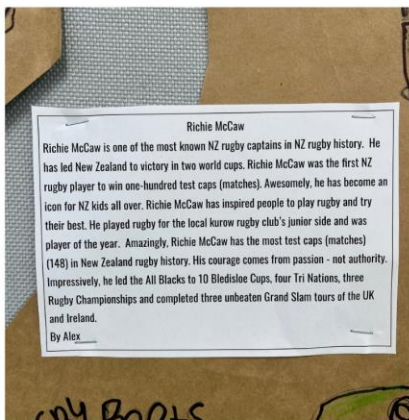
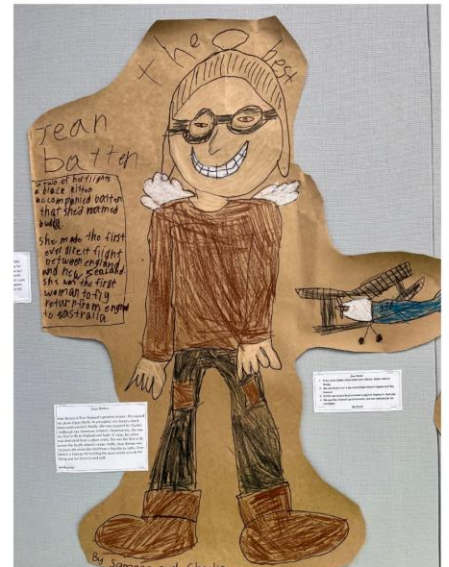
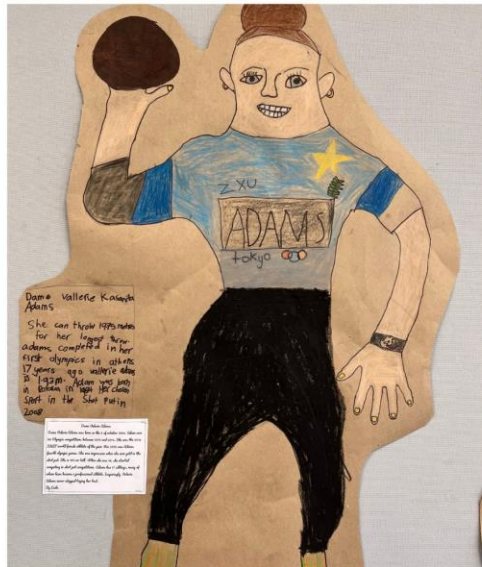
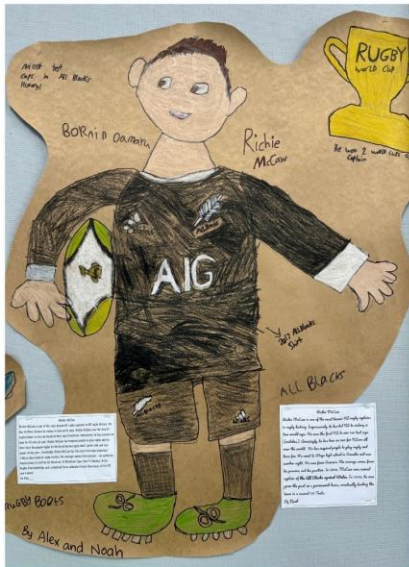
Guardianship and Protection

Our students have been working hard cleaning up our school māra (gardens) and learning the Te Reo Māori alphabet during their Kaitiakitanga time (our sustainability and Te Reo lessons).

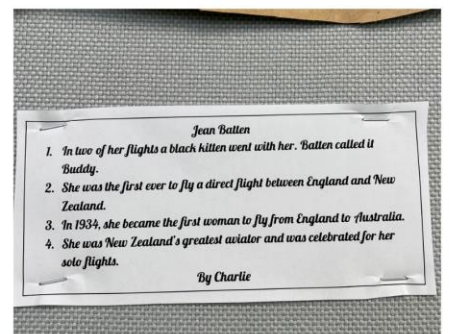
I am so impressed at how much the students already know and how they have used mahi tahi (teamwork) to get our māra ready to be planted out.

Thank you to Room 13 for letting me take some photo's of their mahi (work) to show you.

Arohanui,
Whaea Sarah
(Kaiako/teacher Kaitiakitanga)



In Room 8 we have been learning about famous New Zealanders who have helped shape history! In our writing, we tried to include preposition and/or - adverb start sentences!



SOME OF OUR YEAR 5 SUPERSTARS!!



Our talented Tegan with her Zentangle Kereru she did in Visual Art.



Chess Club



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MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL



4:30 - 5:30 PM

\$20/CLASS **ONLINE**

CHESSPOWER.CO.NZ/EVENTS

0800 424 377
 paul@chesspower.co.nz
 www.chesspower.co.nz
 WeChat CoachPaulMac



KS CONNECT - SCHOOL APP

KiwiSchools have updated the KS Connect App.

Please go to the App/Play Store and update the App to get the most out of the latest functionality.

If you have not yet downloaded the app, you can scan the attached QR Code to download



Music Lessons at Whenuapai

<https://www.musiqhub.co.nz/teacher/>

Free trial this Thursday, 10 March 2022.
 To book contact Gloria on 027 4422654 or gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz



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 offering trial lessons on Thursdays, 3rd and 10th March, in the Hall, where your children can try out an instrument with the music tutor Gloria Arboleda Martinez. Due to covid restrictions, our normal 'Have a Go' days where parents can also participate, have been postponed. 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, and keyboard/piano. (clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone and trumpet can not be taught during Red Status, but will recommence next term).

WHAT? Trial music lesson
 When? Thursdays 3rd & 10th March
 Times? Midday onwards
 Where? Hall

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



Restoration Project at Malcolm Hahn Memorial Reserve Volunteer Morning!



Where: 41 Waimarie Rd, Whenuapai (behind village hall)
 When: Sunday 3rd April 2022, 10am – 12 pm
 Everyone welcome.

Bring water bottle, gardening gloves and secateurs if you have them.



SPORT NOTICES

REMINDER - Please return all 2021 sports uniform items including Bombers Touch T-shirts ASAP.

Whenuapai School Swimming Sports 2022

Whenuapai School held their annual swimming sports at the base pool on Monday 21st February 2022. 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 1 length of the pool. 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 and placing second or third. There were also two relay mixed year level events which gave swimmers an opportunity to compete against other swimmers.

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. Unfortunately, there will not be a Norwest or Interzone swimming event as all AAIMS and Norwest Sports are cancelled in Term 1.

Overall Winner	Name	Placings in an event
Year 5 Girls	Ava Chang	1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 5 Boys	Alex Marra	1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 6 Girls	Darcie Fletcher	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 6 Boys	Arin Amargalinggam	1 st / 3 rd / 1 st / 1 st
Year 7 Girls	Astyn Nasmith	2 nd / 1 st / 1 st
Year 7 Boys	Joash Murray	1 st / 2 nd / 1 st / 1 st
Year 8 Girls	Jazmin McMurdo	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 8 Boys	Hamish Brinkman	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st

For students in Years 0-3

Funsticks Hockey

[CLICK HERE](#) to register!

Discount code –
funsticks22 enter at checkout

FUN STICKS PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL YEARS 0-3

Dates
March: 05, 12 & 26
April: 02 & 09



**COST: \$70
FOR 5
WEEKS**



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CODE



Fun Sticks in-school delivery discount - enter funsticks22 at checkout to get \$22 off programme cost

30 MINS FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT & 30 MINS PLAY
email judith@harbourhockey.org.nz for more information

YEAR 6 – SPECIALIST COOKING



ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS!!



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We have a number of policies up for review this term. We invite you to give feedback on our **Visitors, School Closure** and **COVID-19 Information and Procedures** policies.

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Kia ora everyone, this is a gentle reminder that we are encouraging **NUDE FOOD (rubbish free lunchboxes)** at our school now. Please help your tamariki to pack **food without their wrappers on** for school.

Thank you for helping us practice **Kaitiakitanga** (protecting our planet).



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.

Thank you for your continued support during these unusual times, in particular with drop-off / pick-up of your children and with the parking restrictions/driveway access.

A friendly reminder to please wear a mask, sign in and remember to keep your distance.

Whenuapai School

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Term 1 21 Feb - 11 Apr 2022
Every Monday - 3:10 - 4:10pm
Location: School Library

- Master Building with Motorise (Y0 - 6)
- Junior Robotics L1 with Wedo Coding (Y0 - 4)
- Junior Robotics L2 with Sensor In Action (Y2- 4)

• Holiday Programme • Birthday Parties
Bricks4Kidz Henderson Center
Tel: 09 - 8352998 Email: hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com
Website: www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/westaukland



<https://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/westaukland/>

Phone - 09 835 2998 or 027 835 2998

Email - hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com

COMMUNITY LINKS:

NumberWorks and Words Tuition (NorthWest) – PH: 09 416 3123
<https://numberworksandwords.com/>

Coding NZ Lessons (Ages 9-18) – Includes a free trial
<https://codingnz.com/>

SCRATCHPAD Albany – Coding, robotics, 3D modelling/printing & more
<https://scratchpad.co.nz/>

Kumeu Rugby – Registrations now open
<https://www.kumeurugby.co.nz/>



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Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@whenuapai.school.nz

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please email Mr Tony Hitchcock at: 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



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