



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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22 MARCH 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 01 April

Activity 2 – William Pike

Thursday, 14 April

Teacher Only Day

Friday, 15 April

Last day of Term 1

Good Friday

BOT MEETING

6.00pm

Wednesday, 06 April 2022

*Note date change

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

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PB4L

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
FOR LEARNING**

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā Koutou,

Firstly, I would like to wish a very warm welcome to our new ākonga (students) and their whānau who have joined us recently. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the start of your schooling journey at Whenuapai School. Please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

It's been another busy fortnight and it's hard to believe we are now in week 7 of the term. As we continue to face the challenges of Covid numbers increasing and the requirement for students, staff and family members to isolate, our incredible students are taking any disruptions in their stride and I am so very proud of them all. I again want to thank our amazing staff for their adaptability and continuous hard work through these challenging times. We are hopeful that the Prime Minister will be announcing a change for Auckland Alert levels in the next few weeks and we look forward to welcoming parents and whānau back into the school.

In the last school newsletter, we looked at our Learner Capabilities for Respect for Others. This week it's time to explore **Respect for Self**. Students who uphold this value will:

- Be resilient
- Be honest and make good choices
- Be independent and self-motivated
- Be brave and take risks
- Participate & contribute to collaborative tasks
- Have a balanced lifestyle
- Be happy and healthy

Our School Values are the cornerstone of our way of being at Whenuapai School. We teach behaviour through the use of the school values. By teaching and rewarding expected behaviour, this assists with the prevention of inappropriate behaviour. We help students remember our behaviour expectations by targeted teaching and through our PB4L signage situated in and around the school.

Last Friday, our Year 7/8 students took part in the first activity for their William Pike Challenge. The William Pike Challenge is a specialist year long programme designed to foster development in our Year 7/8 students, to prepare them to overcome challenges and to achieve their personal best by stepping outside of their comfort zone and by engaging in new, challenging and rewarding experiences. These experiences set up a foundation for exponential growth in a child, in terms of mindset, resilience, confidence and adaptability. I look forward to seeing our students work through the various elements of the William Pike Challenge throughout the year and look forward to seeing each of them learn and grow from each new experience.

Continual gratitude is extended from myself and the staff at Whenuapai School for your support during the times we find ourselves currently navigating through. School is officially open, and unless your child is in isolation or is unwell, please continue to send your child to school each day. Your child's education is important and attending school is key to this.

Ngā mihi, Adam Cels

NEW ENROLMENTS

Do you know of a child starting school this year?

Please ask their caregivers to pre-enrol their child now by using the online form, either on the home page of our school website or by [clicking here](#).

For our new entrants, we have two intakes per term. A child may start school after their 5th birthday on either the 1st day of the term or the first day of the sixth week of term.

The child and caregiver will be invited to visit their new classroom in the two weeks prior to starting school. For more information, please contact the school office on office@whenuapai.school.nz or 09 416 8779.

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE ACTIVITY 1 - OREWA BEACH SURF DAY

As part of the William Pike Programme for Year 7 & 8 students, 66 students attended a water safety and surfing day at Orewa Beach on Friday, 18 March 2022.

The objectives of the day were to:

- increase 'beach safety' awareness for students through experiencing the enjoyment of learning how to surf,
- give students the confidence to be active and have fun in the ocean, and
- educate and encourage students that surfing is for everyone regardless of size, skill and ability.

Students prepared for the day by learning about risk and safety management and were included in the review of the Risk Analysis and Management System form (RAMS) for the surfing activity.

As Community Service also forms part of the William Pike Programme, while half of the group was surfing, the other half were supported by staff and parents in completing a beach clean-up. There was also an opportunity for a little down time to play some beach volleyball.

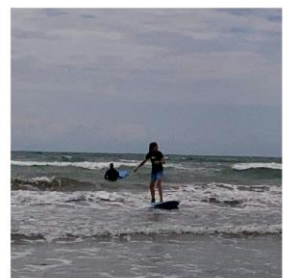
The weather was fine and there was a nice little swell with regular waves that the students could catch. This meant that there was no waiting in a line up for a wave and at times there were 2 or 3 students surfing the same wave. The day was a great success with many students having their first stand up on their surf boards and many students challenged themselves to catch a wave and use the techniques they had been taught by the instructors to surf.

It was great for some of the students to experience a new activity and sport and it was a pleasure to see the support from other students when a student caught a wave. The odd 'hang ten' hand signal and cheer when a student got up was a pleasure to see. Overall, it was a great day and the students are to be commended on how they conducted themselves and represented the school. The next activity for the William Pike Programme is on Friday, April 1st at Bethels Beach Sand Dunes where students will get to tramp in and surf the sand dunes on boogie Boards while again experiencing a new environment and activity that will extend and challenge them.

Whenuapai School would like to thank the following parents for their support on the day - Sarah Bone, Kerry Berry, Morgan Vermeulen, Jelena Nasmith, Heidi Murray, Charlotte Govorko and Paul Brinkman.

A special mention to our Year 7 & 8 teachers that have supported the William Pike Programme and assisted on the Orewa Beach Surf Day also - Karl Ganda, Nicola Campbell and Brooke Bennett. The school thanks all parents and teachers as without your contributions the day wouldn't have been the success it was.

On behalf of Whenuapai School and our William Pike Programme I would also like to thank the June Grey Charitable Trust, Kumeu Rotary Club and The Community Trust for their active support in funding the William Pike Programme for 2022.



KĀHU YEAR 7 & 8 INQUIRY PROJECTS

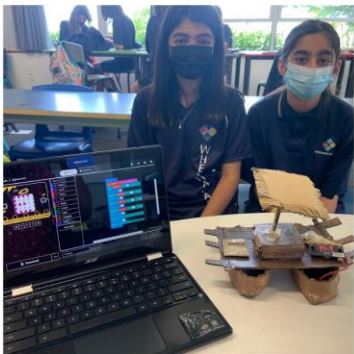
In the first part of term one, we have been learning about aspects of Aotearoa history, especially around navigation and migrations. Students had opportunities to learn in one of four “specialist” subjects, and to respond to the NZ History context through that subject.

In Visual Art with Miss Campbell, students worked on four different pieces that involved using paint, pastels and colouring pencils. Students learnt techniques such as pointillism, stippling and blending. In one of our sessions, we used nature to help us work on our observational drawing skills. This can be seen in the pictures where we are drawing leaves. Some of our pieces will soon be displayed in the office for everyone to enjoy.

In Digital Technologies with Mr Ganda, students developed or expanded their knowledge of programming. We made explicit links to the kinds of thinking involved in computational thinking. Computational thinking is when you take “a complex problem, understand what the problem is and develop possible solutions”. We do this by applying different problem-solving tools/steps, such as decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition, algorithm design, and debugging. Students practised these steps when creating coding for simple Micro:bit computers. Their final challenge was to create a digital outcome to work with a simple model of a double-hulled waka.

In Practical Projects with Mr Berry, students researched more deeply into waka hourua, with links to te ao Māori and traditional stories. They looked into the physical aspects of waka, and the significance of the designs of patterns for carving. This knowledge was used to create wooden models of the double-hulled waka, which students completed in teams.

In Media and Film with Miss Bennett, students learnt skills such as camera angles and shot types, green screen, editing in iMovie, and how to create a newscast script. Combining all these skills together, students were tasked with choosing an historical event in New Zealand history and creating a newscast about it, as if they were there when it happened. We had lots of fun researching and creating these newscasts despite the curveballs C-19 had thrown at us. Nonetheless, I am so proud of the effort that each student put in and look forward to working with my next group.





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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.

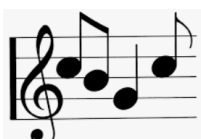
Thank you for your continued support during these unusual times, in particular with drop-off / pick-up of your children and with the parking restrictions/driveway access.

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

REMINDERS:

Masks - Masks are required to be worn by all students in Years 4-8, unless they have an exemption. We ask that you please make sure your child brings their own mask to school that fits properly on their face.

Sports Uniforms - Please return all 2021 sports uniform items including Bombers Touch T-shirts.



Music Lessons at Whenuapai

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

Whenuapai After School Programmes

Bricks for Kids

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

Phone - 09 835 2998 or 027 835 2998

Email - hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com

Chess Club

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

Phone – 0800 424 377 Email – paul@chesspower.co.nz

COMMUNITY LINKS:

NumberWorks and Words Tuition

<https://numberworksnumberworks.com/>

Kumeu Rugby – Registrations now open

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

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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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