



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 10 MAY 2022

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday, 18 May**

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Curriculum Parent  
Workshop

**Friday, 20 May**

Pink Shirt Day

**Friday, 3 June**

Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle  
Starship Fundraiser

**Monday, 6 June**

Queen's Birthday

**Tuesday, 7 June**

Teacher Only Day

**Friday, 17 June**

Cross Country

**Friday, 24 June**

Matariki – No School

**Tuesday, 28 June**

Colour Fun Run

### School Calendar

[CLICK HERE](#)

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, 01 June**

6.00pm in the staffroom

### TERM DATES

**Term 2**

2 May – 8 July

**Term 3**

25 July – 30 September

**Term 4**

17 October – 20 December

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR  
FOR LEARNING**

### OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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

Tēnā Koutou and welcome to Term 2,

Did you enjoy the holidays? What did you get up to?

I went away for a weekend to Waihi Beach with my family. Whilst there we caught up with my partner's extended family. She is one of five siblings, so as I am sure you can imagine, there were lots of people and carry on.

My daughter fractured her foot in a hockey game at the end of last term so this limited our family's normal adventurous spirit, so I made the most of the time to continue to familiarise myself with the inner workings of Whenuapai School.

As we start another term, I would like to wish a very warm welcome to our new taura (students) and their whānau who joined us last week. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the start of your schooling journey at Whenuapai School.

School has started with a roar! This is going to be a hopping term, as there is so much happening and so much to look forward to: class trips, cross country, fundraising events, winter sports, lunchtime clubs and maybe we'll even throw in some learning 😊.

I would like to extend an open invitation for parents and caregivers to pop into your child's classroom at 'drop off or pick up' time and just have a look or meet the teacher. You are a key part of your child's educational journey and now that we are at Orange, it is fantastic that you can join us, so **haere mai**.

On that note, I would like to personally invite you to our Curriculum Evening to be held on Wednesday, 18 May 2022, between 6.00 – 7.30pm. Over the last few years there have been a few changes to the Whenuapai Curriculum and the way we teach our core subjects. The purpose of this evening is to give you an overview of how things are taught and allow you to gain an insight into how you might support your child's learning.

Throughout our newsletters last term, I shared with you information on our school's learner capabilities. These capabilities have been developed to further unpack our school values with our students through our learning programmes. So far, we have looked at 3 of our 4 school values, those being Respect Self, Respect Others and Respect Learning. The one remaining is Respect Environment. Students who uphold the value of Respect Environment will:

- Be curious about the world around us
- Be self-motivated and appreciative for our environment and what it does for us
- Be connected to our environment
- Contribute and work with others to help our environment
- Make environmentally responsible choices
- Be knowledgeable about how the environment works

If you would like to read the learner capabilities for our other three values, these can be found in our Term 1 newsletters, which are available on our school website - [CLICK HERE](#)

**COVID update** - We continue to follow all of the Ministry of Education mandates and guidelines relating to protecting our tamariki and whānau. Whilst masks are no longer mandated in schools, they are still an important part of our protection against COVID. We encourage you to promote mask wearing with your tamariki particularly in Years 4-8. Masks continue to be available in classrooms and the office. Please email your child's classroom teacher if you have instructed your child to wear a mask, this will help us to support your direction and also help to promote mask wearing within their peer group.

**Exciting times** - Throughout the rest of the year we plan to consult on a number of past, present and possible future initiatives. We would love to hear your thoughts so please watch this space.

We are looking forward to a great term.

Ngā mihi,  
Adam Cels



# SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

As we move into the cooler months, we realise that for some children, there is a strong desire to wear their favourite jumper, beanie or hoodie however, this is a friendly reminder that all students are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform.

Wearing the correct school uniform:

- is an important part of the school's identity,
- helps to promote a learning environment where students feel safe and secure,
- plays a major contributing factor to the tone of the school,
- assists parents/caregivers and students in resisting peer pressure, and
- allows students the freedom to be active (and play) at school without the risk of damaging expensive (non-uniform) clothing.

Our uniform shows that we represent Whenuapai School and as such, it should be worn with pride and respect.

Please make sure that your tamariki are wearing the correct uniform each day.

Uniforms can be purchase from Argyle Online - <https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/auckland/whenuapai-school>

A reminder that, students can wear any plain navy pants or shorts. These items do not need to have the Whenuapai School logo on them. Additionally, students can wear navy thermals or tights/legging underneath their t-shirt and shorts.

The school fleece jacket and school polo t-shirts must be uniform items that have the school logo on them.

Throughout the year our 'Friends of Whenuapai' parent helpers hold regular secondhand uniform sales. These sales are advertised to the community through HERO and through our school newsletters. Between sales, if you are looking for specific secondhand uniform items, you can email Sonya at [sonya.anne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sonya.anne@xtra.co.nz). Sonya is wonderful and will do her best to help you out.

If for any reason your child is not able to wear their correct uniform, please email their classroom teacher.

Thank you for your support with this.



# DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

It is fantastic to see high numbers of tamariki and whānau walking to and from school each day. As we are now in Orange in the Covid Protection Framework and there has been an increase in the number of whānau on the school grounds we thought it is timely to remind the community of the school policy related to dogs on the school grounds.

School Policy from SchoolDocs - <https://whenuapai.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Dogs are an important part of life for many Whenuapai School families, and are often included in activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values the place the dog has within a family. It also acknowledges that some people can find contact with dogs stressful, and even frightening.

Parents who bring dogs on to school grounds do so on the understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children, and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.

Owners bringing a dog or dogs on to the school grounds must follow the guidelines below.

## Guidelines

- Adults need to be sensitive to the anxiety others may feel around their dog.
- All dogs must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult. The leash must be held by an adult.
- Dogs can be tied up for brief periods e.g. long enough to take a child to their class. The dog must be on a short leash and away from entry points so that people in the school grounds have a choice about whether they come into contact with the dog.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must be kept off school grounds.
- Dogs that have been approved to visit inside school buildings must be kept on a lead and remain supervised by the adult in charge of the dog.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog, and provide water for the duration of an extended visit.



Whenuapai School is committed to teaching children appropriate behaviour when approaching dogs so that they have a positive experience interacting with the animal, and in order to reduce the risk of accident or injury.

## Stray dogs

Any stray dog at school will be reported to dog control and taken away so there is no danger to our students.

# CURRICULUM INFORMATION SHARING EVENING

Wednesday, 18 May 2022

6.00-7.30pm  
(in the school hall)

A curriculum information sharing evening to showcase our maths and literacy programmes as well as our inquiry learning model.

The evening will include:

- Presentations on key curriculum areas
- Hands on workshops

Please join us with your children and learn about how things are done around here - 'The Whenuapai Way'.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Photos from our first whole school assembly at the end of last term.



## KAITIAKITANGA

Thank you to **Room 8** for their hard work planting out seedlings in another beautiful school māra (garden).



**Room 9** being amazing Kaitiaki at the end of last term, cleaning up our treasured 'no-man's land'. We are all trying to REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE more to show respect for our beautiful environment and the precious birds and insects that live there. Tino Pai Ruma 9!!





# CELEBRATING TŪI LEARNING (YEAR 2)

## INQUIRY



**Ahakoā he iti he pounamu; Despite being small, you are of great value.**

Tūi has kickstarted learning this term by unpacking the inquiry through the exploration of ecosystems and how small things within one can make a huge impact on its health and sustainability. Students also learnt about the whakatauki, our driver and in response learnt about the significance of pounamu for Māori and made some taonga using clay.



## MATHS



### Measurement in Maths

Students have been working on developing their understanding of measurement and how it can be used to compare and contrast items. So far we have been exploring nonstandard measurement units.

## WELCOME TO LITTLE WHENUAPAI



### The opening of Little Whenuapai

The cloak bay between Room 15 & 16 has been converted into a mini-school. Students have been enjoying running Reading and Math lessons.

At the end of term Easter Bake Sale we raised an incredible \$2,500.00 ...AMAZING!



Congratulations to the winner of our Easter colouring-in competition – Brooke Salter

## 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 more information, please contact the school office on 09 416 8779 or email [office@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:office@whenuapai.school.nz).

We need swan plants please!



Our students would really like some swan plants for our māra/garden to encourage the monarch butterflies to come back to our school.

If you have any spare swan plants at your place and would like to donate some, please get in touch with Whaea Sarah ([sbone@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sbone@whenuapai.school.nz))

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOOK ROOM VOLUNTEERS.

Thursday mornings  
8:30am - 9:30am



No experience required, just willing hands to help us put the readers away when you can!

Please get in touch with Whaea Sarah ([sbone@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sbone@whenuapai.school.nz))

## sKids

Before and After School Care

For more information email: [whenuapai@skids.co.nz](mailto:whenuapai@skids.co.nz)

Book now at:  
[www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz)



Saturday Morning Netball  
scheduled to start Saturday July 2nd

Any questions, please contact the teacher in charge of Netball this year: Whaea Sarah ([sbone@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sbone@whenuapai.school.nz))



For our Policies and Procedures please visit  
SchoolDocs at: [www.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/)

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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** polices.

Please visit the SchoolDocs website at:  
<https://whenuapai.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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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.**



## Music Lessons at Whenuapai

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

## Whenuapai School Programmes

### Bricks for Kids

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

Phone - 09 835 2998 or 027 835 2998

Email - [hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com](mailto:hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com)

### Chess Club – Term 2

[Click Here for Parent Information PDF](#)

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

Phone – 0800 424 377 Email – [paul@chesspower.co.nz](mailto:paul@chesspower.co.nz)

## COMMUNITY LINKS:

NumberWorks and Words Tuition

<https://numberworkswords.com/>

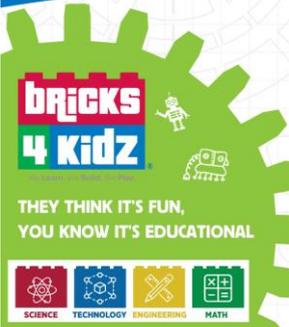
ScratchPad

School Holiday Programme

<https://scratchpad.co.nz/>

## Whenuapai School On Every Monday

First Week  
Try Class  
Free



THEY THINK IT'S FUN,  
YOU KNOW IT'S EDUCATIONAL



Hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com | 09 - 8352998 / 027 8352998

[www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/westaukland](http://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/westaukland)

### Motorised LEGO®

Model Building Class (Year 0-6)

Class Time: 3:10 – 4:10pm

Term Fee: \$225 / 9 weeks

### Junior Robotics Class

Level 1 (Year 0-4)

Level 2 (Year 2-4)

Class Time: 3:10 – 4:10pm

Term Fee: \$270 / 9 weeks

### EV3 Adv.Robotics Class (Year 4-6)

Class Time: 3:10 – 4:10pm

Term Fee: \$315 / 9 weeks

## KEY CONTACTS

Principal – Adam Cels	<a href="mailto:acels@whenuapai.school.nz">acels@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
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## ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please email Mr Tony Hitchcock at: [thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto: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](http://mykindo.co.nz)



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