



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 24 MAY 2022

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday, 25 May**

Launch of School Fun Run

**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





### LOG IN TO KINDO



## PB4L

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR  
FOR LEARNING**

### **OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

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

Tēnā Koutou,

Wow, the Curriculum Evening was fabulous, even if I do say so myself. Thank you to everyone who came and took part. The purpose of the evening was to inform our community about our core learning areas and based on your positive feedback it seems the information was well received. I do realise that during these COVID times it is difficult for caregivers to come out in the evenings, so over the rest of the term, we will share the Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Inquiry presentations via HERO so you can watch them at your leisure.

As the year is progressing, we are slowly reintroducing initiatives that have been impacted by COVID. Last week we relaunched our **School House Competition**. The House Competition is focussed on building team work, team pride, friendly competition and it also ties into our Positive Behaviour Management procedures.

On enrolment, students are allocated to a 'House' and will remain in that house for the duration of their time at Whenuapai School. Siblings are placed in the same house together and for our Military families, we do our very best to put their children in the house that is most closely associated with their parent's role on the Base.

Our four houses are; Seasprite, Hercules, Orion, and Boeing. Teachers are also assigned to these Houses as well - I'm in Seasprite 😊. At school events, sport days etc. our tamariki are awarded House Points for participation, behaviour and sometimes placings. These points are tallied and added to the running total for each House. The House with the most points at the end of each term is acknowledged and celebrated plus they win the House Trophy, with the ultimate winner being announced at the end of the school year.



Our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Management procedure also feeds into the House Competition. Throughout every school day the children are awarded Digital Tokens (Dojo Points) for positive behaviour and upholding the school value of Respect. These tokens serve two purposes:

1. To earn themselves personal acknowledgement (see our website for further information <https://www.whenuapai.school.nz/our-school/pb4l/>)
2. To earn points for their House - a token also counts as a point for their House Group.

As a [Positive Behaviour for Learning \(PB4L\)](#) School we teach and promote positive learning behaviour. These two systems are intended to promote and acknowledge the types of positive behaviour we want our students to uphold, demonstrate and live by.

As a school and educators, we are always on a learning and improvement journey so we love hearing your feedback, whether it is; positive, questions or concerns. If you have any questions about your child or anything to do with school, please, in the first instance, contact your classroom teacher. For further information on our complaints procedures refer to [SchoolDocs](#) or the [Whenuapai School Website](#).

Ngā mihi,  
Adam Cels



# THE WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

Last term we shared information on the fabulous trips our Year 7 and 8 tamariki had undertaken as part of the William Pike Challenge (WPC). But what is the WPC and why do our Year 7 and 8 students take part I hear you say. Well let us tell you a little bit more .....

The WPC is a personal development programme centered on personal growth and experiential learning. We're heading into a future where many young people will have or are being taught outdated skills, susceptible to automation, offshore workforces and skills not suitable for new and emerging jobs. There has never been a more important time to focus on youth development and ensure our young people are equipped with a bank of 21st-century skills and characteristics. Not just for their future, but ours and the planets too.

The WPC programme creates a safe place for students to get used to stepping outside of their comfort zone by engaging them in new, challenging and rewarding experiences. It's these experiences that help build up a reserve of vital 21st-century skills that will help students overcome challenges that they'll no doubt encounter.

The WPC is a structured, specialist, year long programme designed for teachers and schools to foster personal development in Year 7, 8 & 9 students, to prepare our young people to overcome challenges and achieve their personal best through three key areas being:

- 5 Outdoor Activities
- 20 hours of Community Service
- 20 hours of Passion Projects

So far this year, our Year 7 and 8 students have completed three of the five outdoor activities. These activities include, learning to surf at Orewa Beach as part of a water safety day, a bush walk and boogie boarding day at Bethels Beach and an orienteering day at Huapai Domain in Kumeu.

Additionally, our students are engaged in a vast array of passion projects including activities such as rock climbing, karate, sport coaching, basketball, cooking and baking to name a few. As part of community service component, students have been involved with a beach clean-up and some students have also volunteered their time at sports events, road patrol duties and tree planting.

These experiences set up a foundation for exponential growth in a child, in terms of mindset, resilience, confidence and adaptability. All of this flows through to self-esteem, self-awareness, and self-confidence which every child is going to need to thrive in the world that's ahead for them. The WPC programme introduces tamariki to new ideas, new people and builds new relationships. It pushes them outside their comfort zone to enable them to gain confidence and build resilience to prepare them for some of the challenges they will be faced with in their future.

Whenuapai School, in conjunction with other external providers, has planned to deliver the outdoor activities allowing our students the greatest of opportunities and experiences to complete the William Pike Challenge Award by the end of the school year.

As a school and as part of the William Pike Programme we are always looking for opportunities for our students to volunteer their time as part of their community service component. So, if you are an individual or an organisation that requires support with human manpower to get a job done, please contact Greg Berry (Head of Sport) at [gregb@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:gregb@whenuapai.school.nz) as we can make arrangements for an individual student or our William Pike Challenge group to support you. Please make contact if you are interested.

## Photos from the recent Orienteering Day at Huapai Domain:



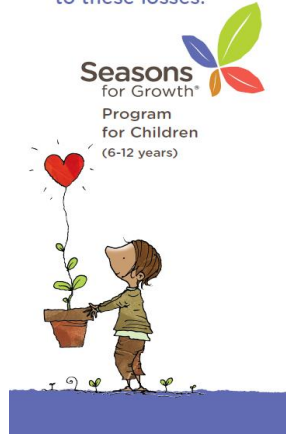


## Seasons for Growth

Whenuapai School is pleased to have the opportunity to facilitate the Seasons for Growth Programme.

Seasons for Growth is an innovative, evidence-based, peer-support programme based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life.

Change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses.



The programme draws on the metaphor of the seasons to help understand emotions, and supports our tamariki to develop their resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. It helps our children to build their understanding, communication, decision-making and problem-solving skills as part of a supportive peer group and to appreciate and nurture their own personal strengths and gifts.

If you feel your child may benefit from being involved in Seasons for Growth, or would like any additional information, please contact Jill Mackenzie, Learning Support Coordinator at [lsc@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:lsc@whenuapai.school.nz).

## ICAS 2022 for Years 4 to 6

ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, which has been running for 40 years.

Learn more about ICAS here:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## Friends of Whenuapai Pie Fundraiser

Keep an eye on HERO this week for the start of a delicious fundraiser run by our amazing Friends of Whenuapai.

There will be lots of delicious products on sale from Oxford Pies!



## KAITIAKITANGA

Over the last couple of weeks in our Kaitiakitanga lessons, we have been making time for Tuakana/Teina (big & little buddies).

This is where our Tuakana (big buddies: Year 4 and above) help our Teina (little buddies: Year 0-3).

The photos show Room 8 reading the pukapuka (books) they made for Room 23 to help them learn their Ngā Tau and Ngā Tae (numbers & colours) in Te Reo Māori.

Tino pai rawa atu!

(Excellent work everyone!)





# RADIANT RURUS RADIANT RURUS



ROOM 12 MADE SOME AMAZING SELF PORTRAITS, AND FANTASTIC BRAIN HATS!



ROOM 13 HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON THEIR MATH SO FAR THIS TERM! MISS NICHOLS HAS ALSO BEEN RUNNING A WOOD CONSTRUCTION CLUB!



IN ROOM 14, WE LEARNT ABOUT SYMMETRY! WE MADE THESE BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES WITH PAINT AND VIVID. THEY ARE ALL SYMMETRICAL!



## 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 and would like to donate some, please get in touch with Whaea Sarah ([sbone@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sbone@whenuapai.school.nz))



**Gently Loved Markets  
Just Kids!**

**Sunday 3rd July  
9am - 12pm • Free entry  
Waimauku War Memorial Hall  
24 Waimauku Station Road**

A range of stalls selling preloved baby to kids' clothes, toys, accessories, nursery items and more.

Buying preloved is a great way to live more sustainably. Grab a coffee, some cash, a fabric bag and come have a preloved treasure hunt with us.

Time to clear out the kids' gear they no longer need? Come sell with us!

Email: [gentlylovedmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:gentlylovedmarkets@gmail.com)

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETSNZ

## Lunchtime Club Construction





## CROSS COUNTRY 2022

Our annual cross country event will take place on **Friday, 17 June 2022**. Each class will prepare and train for the event leading up to this date. Below are the distances that each year group will be running as well as timings on the day:

### DISTANCE

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



### TIMINGS ON THE DAY

9.30am – Year 0-1
10.15am – Year 7-8
11.40am – Year 5-6
1.40pm – Year 2-3
2.15pm – Year 4



**Supporters Welcome!**

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS – OUR TAUIRA/STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS!

Darcie Fletcher (Yr 6) competed at the NZ national climbing competition on Saturday, 14 May, against children from all over NZ. This was her first ever competition and she was placed 6th overall.

**WELL DONE DARCIE!!**



**We love to celebrate with our amazing tauira.**

Many of our tauira are involved in clubs and sports outside of school teams and we would love to hear all about it! Please let us know if your tamariki are achieving amazing things after school or on the weekends.

We would love to hear from you! Please email Jo Wright at [pa@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:pa@whenuapai.school.nz)

On Sunday, 15 May, Adam Brain (Yr 4) represented Northshore Swimming Club at his first swimming meet at Northern Arena Pool in Silverdale. Adam was racing against children aged 8-12 yrs and he raced in the following events:

50m Breaststroke  
50m Freestyle – Came 3rd in his heat  
25m Butterfly – 5.53 second PB  
25m Backstroke – 3.48 second PB

He had a great time and can't wait for his next swim meet early next month.

**GREAT WORK ADAM!!**



## 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).

## 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)

TRAIN WITH TABITHA  
TRAIN WITH TABITHA X WAIMAUKU TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS

## TAMARIKI

RED BALL HOT SHOTS  
5-8 YRS

**WEDNESDAY**  
3:30 - 4:30 pm

**SATURDAY**  
9:00 - 10:00 am

Commencing 4th May

Contact Head Coach Tabi Porter  
for player enrolment  
[tabi@trainwithtabitha.com](mailto:tabi@trainwithtabitha.com)  
021 090 47333

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## RANGATAHI

HOT SHOTS  
8-12 YEARS

**WEDNESDAY**  
4:30 - 5:30 PM

**SATURDAY**  
10 - 11 AM

Contact Head Coach Tabi Porter  
for player enrolment  
[tabi@trainwithtabitha.com](mailto:tabi@trainwithtabitha.com)  
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WAIMAUKU TENNIS CLUB



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<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/westauckland/>

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)

## Let's go CRAZY for Starship!

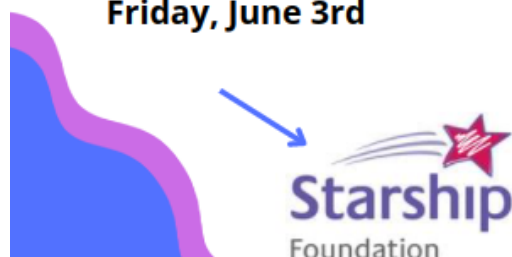
Wear your own **CRAZY** outfits to show support for starship

Bring a gold coin donation!



**Sausage sizzle \$2 each**

**Friday, June 3rd**



## COMMUNITY LINKS:

NumberWorks and Words Tuition

<https://numberworksandwords.com/>

ScratchPad

School Holiday Programme

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

## KEY CONTACTS

Principal – Adam Cels	<a href="mailto:acels@whenuapai.school.nz">acels@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
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Principal's PA – Jo Wright	<a href="mailto:pa@whenuapai.school.nz">pa@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Learning Support Coordinator – Jill MacKenzie	<a href="mailto:lsc@whenuapai.school.nz">lsc@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
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SKIDS After School Care	<a href="mailto:whenuapai@skids.co.nz">whenuapai@skids.co.nz</a>
<b>Team Leaders</b>	
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Year 3 – Olivia Mead	<a href="mailto:oliviam@whenuapai.school.nz">oliviam@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 4 – Stephanie Brook	<a href="mailto:stephanieb@whenuapai.school.nz">stephanieb@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 5 - Paige Chellew	<a href="mailto:paigec@whenuapai.school.nz">paigec@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 6 – Chris Groen	<a href="mailto:chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz">chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	<a href="mailto:karlg@whenuapai.school.nz">karlg@whenuapai.school.nz</a>

## 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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