



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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07 JUNE 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 8 June
Year 7/8 Basketball

Thursday, 9 June
Year 7/8 Table Tennis
Year 3-6 Ripper Rugby

Friday, 10 June
Year 4 Museum Trip

Friday, 17 June
Cross Country

Tuesday, 21 June
Year 5/6 Football

Friday, 24 June
Matariki – No School

Tuesday, 28 June
Colour Fun Run

School Calendar

[CLICK HERE](#)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 22 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

Dear Whenuapai School Community & Whanau,

Whenuapai School is full of wonderful students who are supported by the most wonderful staff, leadership team and our Principal Adam Cels.

Over the last five years our school roll has grown from 260 students to over 500 students and that number will continue to grow.

Our students are achieving in the classroom.

Despite a couple of tough years with the pandemic, there is great energy and a really positive vibe around the school.

In September this year, an election will be held providing you with the opportunity to choose the parent representatives to sit on the School Board for the following three year period.

The board's role is to oversee the governance of its school and to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students.

School boards' primary objectives are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020, to ensure:

- every student at the school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement,
- the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff,
- the school is inclusive of students of differing needs; and that,
- the school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

School board members are active leaders in their school and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have effective communication skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for consultation, planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school performance are in place.

The current Board of Whenuapai School is comprised of five parent representatives, a staff representative and the Principal. After two electoral cycles some of the current parent representatives on the Board have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election.

For Whenuapai School to continue on its positive journey, I am reaching out to ask those of you with a passion for our school to come forward and consider standing for election to the Board of Trustees in September.

Personally, I have found the experience extremely rewarding and would recommend the opportunity to anyone that may be looking for a way to contribute positively to their school and community.

The Board of Trustees next meeting is at 6pm on Wednesday the 22nd of June in the school staffroom. The Board encourages anyone that is interested in becoming a board member at Whenuapai School to come along between 5pm and 6pm on the 22nd of June for an informal chat and tea/coffee with members of the current board. You are more than welcome to stay on and observe the meeting when it commences at 6pm.

If you may be interested becoming a member of the Board of Trustees and would like to find out more about what is involved you can email me at wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz or call me on 021355415.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Farac
Presiding Member
Whenuapai School Board



SCHOOL HOUSE CHALLENGE



First House Challenge:

In the last newsletter, I announced the relaunch of our School House Competition. Following on from this, I am very excited to announce our first House Challenge for 2022 called '**Are you an Investigator?**'.

Over the next two weeks the tamariki are going to have the opportunity to be an investigator to try and answer the following question.

Question:

What 'House Groups' does each staff member at Whenuapai School belong to? Is it Hercules, Orion, Boeing or Seasprite?

Task:

All staff members will be leaving clues about which house group they belong to.

Using these clues, the tamariki are trying to work out who belongs to **their house group?**

When they think they know the answers, they complete an entry form and post it in their house group box in the office. The only constraint is they cannot directly ask the staff member the name of their house.

Clues could include:

- Colours staff wear
- Clues in classroom windows
- Clues on classroom walls
- Keywords dropped in conversation
- And many other little gems

There will be house points awarded to the house with the most correct entries.

Only one entry per student is allowed, so house teamwork is encouraged and recommended.

There will also be 5 individual prizes drawn from each House group box.

So, start sleuthing.



STARSHIP HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

Whenuapai School really is a special place! The Starship Hospital fundraising initiative, which was held last Friday, is evidence of this. This amazing day was the brainchild of a group of senior students. They approached a member of the Senior Leadership Team with their idea and then brought their idea to fruition and achieved an outstanding result and we all had fun in the process.

They raised a very impressive \$1,427.00 and a member of our community matched this figure dollar-for-dollar, so the total amount donated to Starship was \$2,854.00 Amazing!

A big thank you to:

- Everyone for supporting our students and Starship Hospital,
- Friends of Whenuapai for helping with the ordering and cooking of the sausages,
- A special thank you to **Viva Food Market** for donating all the bread needed on the day, and
- A special thank you to **Bathrooms and Kitchens Northshore** for your extreme generosity and matching what we raised.





CELEBRATING PIWAKAWAKA LEARNING (YEAR 4)

INQUIRY



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

The Piwakawaka team this term have been unpacking the inquiry through the exploration of themselves, minibeasts, and how small things can make a huge impact on our world. Students also have learnt about the body, pollution, and how we can affect the world with small changes. Additionally, we have been linking in Kaitiakitanga and the travelwise challenge into our inquiry to show students the impact they are having on climate change.



MATHS



Measurement and Multiplication

Students have been working on developing their multiplication skills during class and at home. This is so they can become super stars at their timetables! Also we have been learning about using different forms of measurement.

USA AIRFORCE VISITORS



At our first official assembly of the year, we were lucky enough to have some amazing visitors from the USA air force. They explained to us why they were here and what they did in their roles in the defence force. It was a lovely experience for the tamariki, as it should them the partnership that two countries can have.

sKIDS

Before and After School Care



Daily Activities After-School Programme
5 to 13 years old

Monday Games
From board and card games to balloons and party games, we will have a mix of these fun activities every week!

Tuesday Sports / Active
Get moving with sKIDS. We will have different activities each week such as sports and anything to get active.

Wednesday Arts & Crafts
The kids will have fun with a variety of arts and crafts while learning to get creative.

Thursday Challenge Day
Have you got the skills to complete our challenges? Join us at sKIDS for a fun challenge afternoon.

Friday Music, Dance & Free Play
Fridays are a time to have fun and relax with an opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting activities.

General After-School Schedule

3.00pm - 3.30pm	Healthy afternoon snack provided
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Homework/Reading
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Exciting scheduled activities
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Fun activities

Email: whenuapai@skids.co.nz Onsite Mobile: 021 174 8473 (Only checked during opening hours)

Book now at www.skids.co.nz and click on Book Now

For more information email:

whenuapai@skids.co.nz

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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!



SPORT

Year 7/8 Norwest Boys and Girls Football

The Year 7/8 Whenuapai boys and girls football team were represented at the Norwest Soccer tournament on Tuesday, 24 May 2022, at Huapai Domain.

The weather was predicted to be poor but the day turned out to be fine and the competition went ahead as planned.

The girls and boys teams had an excellent day with some great performances by our Year 7 & 8 students. They had a mixture of wins and losses but improved throughout the day.

The school would like to thank Chris Groen and Nathan Atherton for their support of the students and their expert coaching. Also, thanks to Limor Walhaus-Yahel for supporting the teams as a parent helper.

To all the players, you represented the school with commitment and respect and were worthy ambassadors for Whenuapai School on the day.



MAHI TAHI/ TEAM WORK IN ACTION!

On Friday May 27th, we were very fortunate to have some special visitors from the US Air Force contingent currently stationed at Okinawa, Japan. They flew down to Whenuapai at the beginning of May in two C-130J Hercules planes to take part in a joint exercise with our own 40 Squadron on Base.

Fortunately for us, their Detachment Commander made some time to bring some of her team up to talk to us about the importance of team work and learning together. Our students loved listening to their interesting stories and we were all really impressed with their kindness and respect!



SCHOOL FUN RUN INFORMATION



We're holding the School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year!

The event will be held on **Tuesday, 28 June 2022**. This is a sponsored programme through which we hope to raise much needed funds for our senior playground, lunchtime club resources and mathematics learning resources.

Students have their sponsorship forms and we are fundraising! [CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE STUDENT VIDEO](#)

Year 4-8 parents/caregivers - your child will be setting up their online profile during school time and using their school email account. This will form part of their digital curriculum and enable them to take ownership of their page and fundraising.

Year 1-3 parents/caregivers - go to <https://schoolfundraising.co.nz/> and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

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!

We love to celebrate with our amazing taura.

Many of our taura 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



**HOBSONVILLE POINT
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Homestay Families needed!

Hobsonville Point Secondary School is looking for Homestay families in the community to host our International Students! You can choose to host a short-term or long-term student. Payment is \$285 per week.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Homestay Coordinator by email for more information:

international@hobsonvillepoint.school.nz

PINK SHIRT DAY



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.

Kia Ora Whenuapai residents

Come along and meet new people at the Whenuapai
“Weeding Bee” this Sunday, June 12th 2022
from 2.00-4.00pm.

Malcolm Hahn Reserve, Waimarie Road, Whenuapai
(Behind Village Hall).

Bring along secateurs or garden fork (if you have them),
gardening gloves, a water bottle.



E: info@livingwhenuapai.org.nz



For our Policies and Procedures please visit

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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/westauckland/>

Phone - 09 835 2998 or 027 835 2998

Email - 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



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

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETS NZ

COMMUNITY LINKS:

NumberWorks and Words Tuition

<https://numberworksandwords.com/>

ScratchPad

School Holiday Programme

<https://scratchpad.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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