

30 AUG 2022

TERM 3 - WEEK 6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 29 Aug – Fri 2 Sept Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, 30 August **ICAS Maths**

Wednesday, 31 August Book Parade at 9.30am

Thursday, 1 September Year 5/8 NW Cross Country

> Friday, 2 September Friends of Whenuapai Race Night Starts at 6.30pm

Monday, 5 September Kiwi Comp – Spelling Bee

Tuesday, 6 September Senior Campus (Trig Road) **Community Consultation** Evening - 7.00pm

Wednesday, 7 September Voting closes at 4.00pm

School Calendar **CLICK HERE**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, 14 September 6.00pm in the staffroom

TERM DATES 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**

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou,

The start of Spring is just around the corner. I have to admit, I am loving the longer days and warmer weather. Last weekend I went to the beach for a walk, for the first time in months, and there were people swimming and sunbathing. I hope you are managing to find time to enjoy what our local environment has to offer.

I was talking with a colleague a couple of weeks ago about the continual impact of COVID. We came to the realisation that this is the longest period of time that tamariki have attended school without interruption for over 2 years. Whilst this is fantastic from a learning point of view, we both recognised that our tamariki are showing increased signs of fatigue. At Whenuapai, we recognised an increasing number of our tamariki are experiencing challenges with their problem solving, social and emotional skills. These feelings are being exhibited through disagreements with friends, being quick to become angry and upset, and an increase in altercations between students.

To support our tamariki we:

- Continue to model, promote and teach our expected behaviours
- Have increased our positive acknowledgement of the expected behaviours
- Continued to support tamariki who have had a disagreement and work through a restorative process.

And now we are reaching out to you, our parent community, asking for your support.

COVID has disrupted so much in our world and we are slowly adjusting to the new norms. One of the largest changes I have noticed is the increase in the use of online resources for work, learning, relaxation and social interactions. As the year has progressed, we are seeing an increase in disagreements between our older tamariki that initially start from social media and online gaming. We have booked John Parsons https://www.citizen21.co.nz/ to come and talk with our students, staff and the community about Cyber Safety in early 2023 but in the meantime https://netsafe.org.nz/ has great resources to start positive conversations at home.

Another factor that is impacting our children's abilities to make good decisions is physical and mental tiredness. For our younger children having to focus all day can be draining. In a typical school day, our tamariki are: learning, playing, interacting, time with others, time alone, problem solving, communication, the list is endless. A good night's sleep is critical to a successful learning day. Great information on sleep and other areas can be found at:

https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/c/covid-19-caring-for-kids/

Finally, our definition of Respect for Others is to:

- Use kind and appropriate words
 - Use manners
- Listen to others
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves Follow instructions

We would really appreciate it if you could continue to support us by having regular conversations with your tamariki about Respect for Others and what this value would look like throughout their day, this will link into our ongoing lessons.

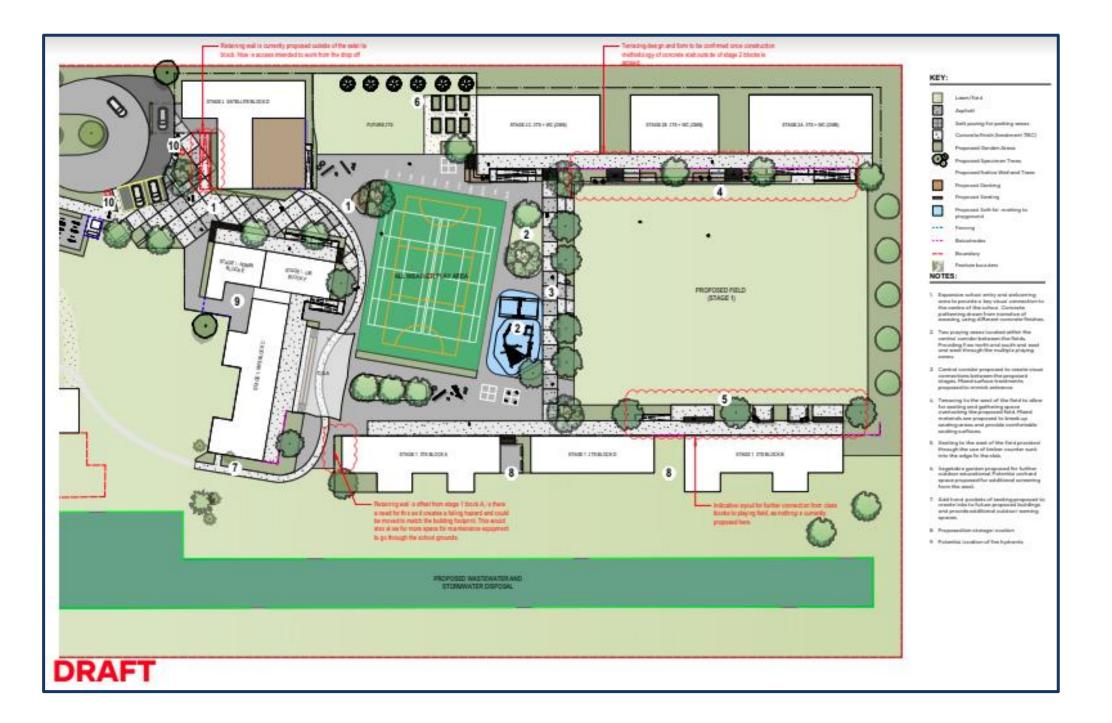
Whenuapai Senior Campus (Trig Road) - We are very excited about the opportunity that our new Senior Campus is going to create for our tamariki and their whānau, as well as staff and the wider Whenuapai community. Please come along to our community consultation evening next Tuesday, 06 September 2022 at 7.00pm in the School Hall. We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on our senior learning programme and school environment. A picture of the proposed school site is attached on Page 2.

School Board Elections - A reminder that voting closes at 4.00pm on 07 September 2022. You can post your vote in the free post envelope provided or a ballot box is also available at the school reception during normal office hours.

Book Week - Book Week 2022 kicked off yesterday. Please see below for dates and times when the library is open to parents and whānau. Our Book Character Parade is on Wednesday at 9.30am. All whānau welcome.

Have a fabulous week.

Adam Cels





INQUIRY

















Mā te kimi ka kite, mā te kite ka mōhio, mā te mohio ka mārama. Seek and Discover. Discover and Know. Know and become Enlightened. Tūī has started learning this term by unpacking the inquiry through the exploration of states of matter and chemistry. Students loved getting hands-on with the experiments and are still talking about their visit from Nano-Girl. For the rest of the term, we will be learning about North America. Using what they learn we will work together to construct some dramatic pieces for our school show!













In Week 2 we took the students to MOTAT to learn about the changes in the state of matter. The children had a blast making butter as well as POP rockets! It was cool seeing them engage with all the old technologies as well.







MUSIC THIS TERM





Drumming and Rakau

Tūī children have been lucky enough to part take in some drumming lessons this term. In Kaitianga time they have been using rakau alongside their waiata.

SPORT

Year 5&6 Norwest Netball Tournament

Well done to all the Year 5 & 6 Netball players who represented our school at the Norwest Netball Tournament at the Te Pai courts in Henderson. It was a busy day playing against other West Auckland schools and our teams did really well! Our Year 5 team won 3 out of their 5 games to finish in 5th place (out of 8 teams) and our Year 6 team won 2 out of their 6 games to finish in 7th place (out of 12 teams). Our students played really well together and demonstrated excellent sportspersonship throughout the day. A huge shout out to our wonderful parent volunteers: Odele Nicholas, Alana Hawes and Gina Shirtliff and thank you also to Maddie Torckler and Sarah Bone as the staff in charge.







PB4L-POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Whenuapai School is a PB4L School. We teach behaviour through the use of our school values- **Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Learning and Respect Environment.**

Our PB4L values focus for weeks 6-7 of Term 3 is: Respect for Learning

Setting SMART learning goals

Being on time

Perseverance

Keeping commitments

It would be wonderful if you could talk to your children at home about our current PBYL focuses.



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WHĀNAU CAN YOU HELP US?

As you may be aware, Whenuapai School recently achieved our Bronze Award for the Enviroschools Project. We are very proud of this achievement and are now working towards the Silver Award. As part of this next stage, we are looking at more ways to reduce our plastic usage and one step we are taking is we are beginning the transition of removing our PB4L wristbands.

Of course, we still want to celebrate and reward our tamariki and this is where we want your help, please!

What do you think could be used to replace our wristbands? We are wanting ideas of something environmentally friendly and also cost effective and we would love to hear your comments and feedback.

Please send any ideas you have to stephanieb@whenuapai.school.nz

For further information on the Enviroschools Project please visit: https://enviroschools.org.nz/



BOOK FAIR 2022

The Book Fair is taking place in the library, **THIS WEEK!** Monday, **29 August to Friday**, **2 September 2022**.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Children will be visiting with their class teacher at a prescheduled time where they will be given wish lists for them to record their favourite items.



Parents are more than welcome to visit the book fair during the following times:

Monday: 3.00-4.00pm

Tuesday: 8.00-9.00am/3.00pm-4.00pm **Wednesday:** 8.00-9.00am/3.00-4.00pm

Thursday: 8.00-9.00am/3.00pm-5.00pm (special parents/caregivers time with wine & cheese)

Friday: 8.00-9.00am/3.00pm-4.00pm

Books will be available for purchase with cash and EFTPOS at these times. A form will be sent home with your children which has order and credit card payment options on the reverse. The brochure is just a taste of what will be available. There will be so many more to choose from at the book fair so please wait to place your order until you and/or your children have had a chance to have a look.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase birthday gifts and stocking fillers as the books and novelty items are well priced with lots of variety. Please support us if you can. It's a great way for us to raise funds to benefit your children and the school. We can earn up to 30% commission with your invaluable help.

Book Character Parade with your favourite soft toy pet! Wednesday, 31 August at 9.30am

Students are able to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character and bring their favourite soft toy pet. We will be holding a parade starting at 9.30am and families are more than welcome to attend (dressed up if you wish). There will be spot prizes and prizes for the most imaginative re-creations. The Book Fair will be open for purchases after the parade until the start of morning tea.



Author Visit: Joan Joass Thursday, 1 September from 9.00am-11.00am

We welcome local author Joan Joass to read her books "Captain Cat" and "The Long Drop" to our junior classes. Joan's books have catchy rhymes and delightful illustrations by famous NZ illustrator Bob Darroch.





For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:

www.schooldocs.co.nz/

User- whenuapai Password- airport

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Each term we invite you to give feedback on our school policies and procedures. This term, the focus is on the **Student Wellbeing and Safety** and **Staff Wellbeing and Safety** sections.

If you would like to provide feedback then please follow the instructions below:

All reviewers:

- 1. Visit the website https://whenuapai.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
- 2. Enter the username (whenuapai) and password (airport).
- 3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
- 4. Read the policy.
- 5. Click the Policy Review button in the top right-hand corner.
- 6. Select the reviewer type.
- 7. Enter your name (optional).
- 8. Submit your ratings and comments



For more info email: whenuapai@skids.co.nz Book now for Term 3 at - www.sKids.co.nz





CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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: pa@whenuapai.school.nz

NumberWærks 'nWærds

TUITION CONFIDENCE RESULTS

NorthWest Maths and English Tutoring Experts After School Tuition Centre

https://numberworksnwords.com/nz/

- Phone: (09) 416-3123
- Email: northwest@numberworks.com



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).





Music Lessons at Whenuapai https://www.musiqhub.co.nz/teacher/

Whenuapai School Programmes

Bricks for Kids



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

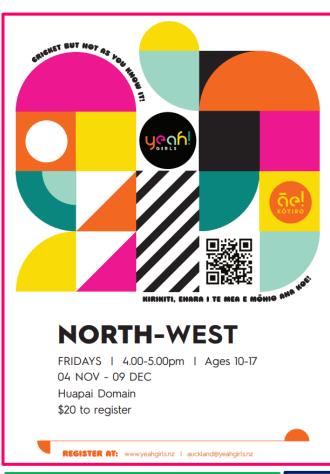
Phone - 09 835 2998 or 027 835 2998 Email - hendersonoffice@bricks4kidz.com

Chess Club

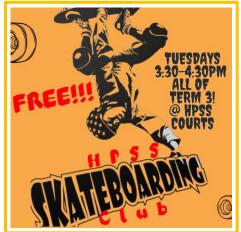
Click Here for Parent Information PDF https://www.chesspower.co.nz/



Phone - 0800 424 377 imail – paul@chesspower.co.nz







Toothbrush & Toothpaste Fundraiser

Shout out to Fraser Dental
Hobsonville who has
donated \$1,500 worth of
Bamboo Toothbrushes
(adult and children's) and
Colgate Total Toothpaste to
support our 2022
fundraising efforts.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE VIA KINDO

Items will be delivered to students each Wednesday!



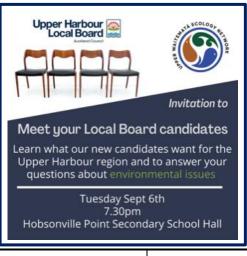


Apply now for an 22/23 season ANZ Cricket Grant.

ANZ Cricket Grants has set up a \$50,000 fund to help subsidise Kiwi kids' club cricket fees. Successful applicants will receive up to \$80 towards their fees, via a voucher with a unique code. Simply redeem it when you register for the season. A maximum of two children per family can get the subsidy.

Get your kids' cricket season underway by applying www.https://www.anzcricketworld.co.nz/grants/

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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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