



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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06 DEC 2022

TERM 4 - WEEK 8

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 06 December

Sports Prize Giving

1.45-2.45pm – Jnr Yrs 0-4

3.10-4.30pm – Snr Yrs 5-8

Friday, 9 December

MISTLETOE MANIA

@ WHENUAPAI SCHOOL



FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER - 4PM TO 7PM

Tues 13 – Wed 14 Dec

Innovations Expo

Wednesday, 14 December

8.00-9.00am

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thursday, 16 December

Meet your 2023 Teacher

Friday, 16 December

Last day of EZLunch Orders

Monday, 19 December

AM - Team Celebrations

3.15pm - Yr7/8 Prize Giving

& Yr 8 Graduation

Tuesday, 20 December

12.40pm – School Finishes

School Calendar

[CLICK HERE](#)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 14 December

6.00pm in the staffroom

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to please check for lost property items before school closes for the year!



Tēnā koutou,

It's hard to believe that we have exactly two weeks left of the 2022 school year.

Today was the start of a new era for Whenuapai School with the groundbreaking ceremony held early this morning for our senior campus at Trig Road. It was a special event and I am thankful to everyone who came out to support us. Now the building process will move ahead at full speed as the Ministry of Education strives to meet their completion milestones and deadlines.

When I was standing onsite in the early hours of this morning, it hit me how lucky our tamariki are going to be when the campus is finished. It is a beautiful location and the environment is going to have some very unique features which will support them on their learning journey.

On the 20th December, we are going to be saying farewell to a number of our students and their families as they graduate from Whenuapai and move on to their next school. It is funny, we work so hard to make our Kura a welcoming, supportive, positive and enjoyable place so that our tamariki feel safe and secure but at the end of every year we always have to say goodbye to over 10% of our student population. Schools by design are a transit place, a stepping stone to the next phase, a starting place, a beginning. Our role is to educate but more importantly to help prepare our tamariki for the rest of their lives.

But this doesn't make the last day of the school year any easier, saying goodbye is always bittersweet.

To all our tamariki and whānau who are moving on:

Thank you for sharing a small part of your life with Whenuapai School.

This next step may be scary but you are prepared.

As you look to your future, use the skills and knowledge gained from your past to help navigate your footsteps.

If you look on every opportunity as a chance to learn and grow there is no limit to the distance you can travel.

All the best.

We have already said goodbye to a number of our wonderful teaching staff in a previous newsletter. Today we are saying farewell to Tony Hitchcock, who has been our accounts manager for over 6 years. Tony has worked tirelessly to ensure that our Kura remains financially viable and is able to offer our tamariki only the best of learning opportunities. We wish Tony all the best as he moves into the next stage of his life - well deserved and earned retirement.

Jo Wright will be taking over the Accounts Manager role for 2023.

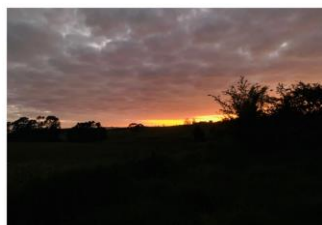
Mistletoe Mania week has arrived. I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday afternoon / evening at the festivities. I would like to say a huge thank you, in advance, to everyone who has helped to organise and run this event. Your dedication and commitment help to make Whenuapai School the great place that it is.

Reminder - We would love to hear from you about how you think we have gone this year? Are we meeting your tamariki needs and your expectations? [Please click here to complete our short survey.](#) Your input will help us to improve as we complete our planning for 2023. Thank you in advance.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for making me feel so welcome. In two weeks time, I will have completed my first year at Whenuapai School. I have loved every minute of it. I have learnt so much and thoroughly enjoy getting to know everyone. I am looking forward to 2023 as we will continue to strive to provide everyone with a fantastic school experience.

Enjoy the last two weeks of school for 2022.

Ngā mihi, Adam Cels



MISTLETOE MANIA WHATS ON GUIDE

Mistletoe Mania is THIS FRIDAY and we can't wait! Below is a 'What's On Guide' with more info on the food and entertainment we will have on offer.

Cheese platters with beer and wine are available for the adults to pre-purchase on Kindo now until Wednesday, 7 December – [CLICK HERE TO ORDER ON KINDO](#).

- Cheese platter (for 2) - \$15
- Cheese platter (for 2) & bottle of either Rose, Pinot Gris or Sav - \$30
- Cheese platter (for 2) & four beers - \$30
- Bottle of either Rose, Pinot Gris or Sav - \$15



[CLICK HERE TO JOIN US ON FACEBOOK](#)

These options will also be available to purchase on the night, but cheese platters will be limited so we recommend locking your order in now!

Be sure to join the 'Whenuapai Primary School Parents and Caregivers Page' on Facebook for more updates and a chance to bid on one of several auction prize packages up for grabs!



DINNER OPTIONS



- Bowl of nachos (mince & vegetarian) - **\$10**
- Chicken kebab & rice - **\$10**
- Chicken & vegetarian sushi - **\$5 for a pack of 6**
- Beef burgers with coleslaw - **\$6**
- Sausage sizzle (GF available) - **\$2**
- Kiddy packs - lollies & chips **\$3 or \$5** with a sausage sizzle
- Dessert stall - cakes, cupcakes, slices - **POA**
- All natural sodas and bottled water - **\$2**
- Harcourts coffee & ice-cream truck - **POA**

THE FUN STUFF



- Christmas carols sung by the Whenuapai school students
- Performance from the Kapa Haka group
- Santa and his lolly scramble
- Christmas Markets
- Live band performance by Mintah
- The infamous fire truck - remember to bring your togs!
- SKIDS & their fun game
- Bouncy Castle
- Chocolate Trailer
- Dunk the Teacher
- Open Fort

FOR THE ADULTS



The following can be pre-purchased on Kindo from Monday 21 November until Wednesday 7 December.

- Cheese platter (for 2) - **\$15**
- Cheese platter (for 2) & bottle of either Rose, Pinot Gris or Sav - **\$30**
- Cheese platter (for 2) & four beers - **\$30**
- Bottle of either Rose, Pinot Gris or Sav - **\$15**

These options will also be available to purchase at the event as well as **\$6 beers and \$6 for a glass of wine**

ITINERARY



- 4:00pm** Mistletoe Mania kicks off!
- 5:30pm** Christmas carols & performance from the Kapa Haka group
- 6:00pm** Santa and his lolly scramble
- 6:30pm** Get your togs on and get sprayed by the infamous fire truck
Stay and enjoy the food and entertainment we have on offer!

BEFORE THE EVENT



- Pre-order your cheese platter combo on Kindo
- To help keep costs to a minimum and to ensure we can fundraise as much as possible for the school, we would greatly appreciate a food donation towards our cheese platters and dessert stall. More information will be sent out next week.
- Make sure you have joined the '**Whenuapai Primary School Parents and Caregivers Page**' on Facebook for more updates and a chance to bid on one of several auction prize packages in the lead up to the big event!

ON THE NIGHT



- **Bring your togs and towel** if you fancy getting blasted by the infamous fire truck!
- **CASH!** There will be loads of dinner options and entertainment games. Eftpos will be available on the beer & wine stall along with an eftpos stall to withdraw cash. But to avoid ques, we recommend bringing cash.
- **A picnic blanket or chairs.** There will be lots of space in front of the stage for you to sit back and watch all the entertainment we have on offer.
- **Bring your own wine glass and cutlery.** Great way to help the environment by bringing your own glass and a fork or two for the dinner options we have available.

SPORTS

Norwest Year 7 & 8 Athletics and Interzone Athletics Competition

Whenuapai School had 14 students compete in the Norwest Year 7 & 8 Athletics Sports on Tuesday, 22 November 2022, at Moire Park, Massey. All students competed to a very high standard and can be proud of their performances. The following students gained placings in the following events.

Ryla Peck (Year 7) - 100m – 2nd, 200m – 1st and 400m - 1st

Emmie Peck (Year 8) - 100m – 1st and 400m – 2nd

Leila Peck (Year 8) - 200m – 3rd

Kaylan Nasmith (Year 7) - 800m – 1st and 1500m – 3rd

Astyn Nasmith (Year 7) - 1500m - 1st

Jayda Meek (Year 8) - 1500m – 2nd

The above students then went on to represent the school and compete at the Interzone Athletics Champs at Massey Park, Papakura on Thursday, 1 December 2022.

Below are the students results from Auckland Interzone:

Ryla Peck (Year 7) - 100m – 6th Final, 200m – 12th fastest time heats and 400m – 14th fastest time heats

Emmie Peck (Year 8) - 100m – 13th fastest time heats

Kaylan Nasmith (Year 7) - 800m – 17th and 1500m – 14th

Astyn Nasmith (Year 7) - 1st - 1500m heats – 10th Place overall

Jayda Meek (Year 8) - 1500m – 16th Place overall

A huge congratulations to all of these amazing girls for their fabulous achievements, we are very proud of you all. We would also like to make a special mention to Ryla, Emmie and Leila who represented the Norwest Relay teams at the Auckland Champs competition.

The school would personally like to thank Sarah Peck and Jelena Nasmith for assisting with transport and supervision of the students.



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Many of our tamariki were involved with the Trees for Survival programme this year, and what an incredible initiative to be a part of. Our team, led by Jenny Cornish and Sarah Bone, along with many other schools from across the country took part in raising native plants from tiny seedlings to strong and healthy young plants. At planting days, students have given their plants the best start to life in the ground where these plants will be cleaning waterways, protecting land from erosion and providing habitat and food for our precious native wildlife.

Together, Trees for Survival Schools across the country have planted over 123,000 native plants this year AMAZING!

A special thank you to Jenny, Sarah and our amazing tamariki for their hard work and dedication!!



C.A.R.E DAY AT RAINBOWS END

A special day at Rainbow's End was held for a number of students as a special thank you and acknowledgement for their extra duties and contributions made throughout the school year. The day is for School Leaders, Navigators, Road Patrollers, Librarians, Lunch Monitors etc

What an amazing day of fun had by all!



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 the final weeks of Term 4 are:

Respect for Others

Respect for Self

Respect for Learning

Respect for Environment

It would be wonderful if you could talk to your children at home about our current PB4L focus.



For our Policies and Procedures please visit

SchoolDocs at:

www.schooldocs.co.nz/

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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 **Safety On and Off School Grounds** section.

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

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

Last week, as part of the William Pike Programme, 69 Year 7 & 8 students, experienced a bike ride, adventure-based learning games and raft building day, at Christmas Beach, Herald Island. For this event, students biked from Whenuapai School to Christmas Beach and then return to school, later that day. This 40-45 minute bike ride (each way) challenged students and for some tested their personal comfort zone. Our students succeeded while showing commitment, perseverance, and resilience to start and then accomplish the end goal of riding the route. They are to be commended on this achievement.

For some students their inspiration, knowledge and skills came from the 'BikeReady Course' they completed with Harbour Sport, prior to the challenge. This course allowed each student to have the competency, skills and knowledge about safe practices when riding on the road. The course set the tone and developed more capable and proficient bike riders with greater confidence in their own capabilities.

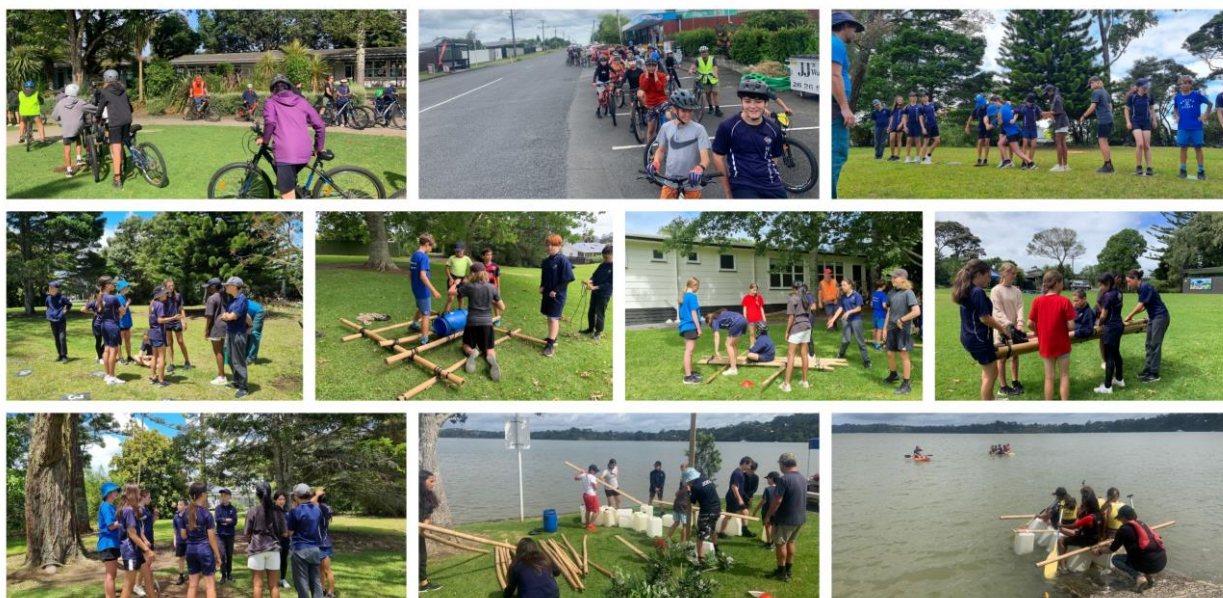
The objectives of the day were to increase bike competency for students, through experiencing the enjoyment of learning how to be safe on the roads. It was also to give students the confidence to be active and have fun with recreation and leisure pursuits like bike riding. To educate and encourage participants that bike riding is for everyone regardless of size, skill and ability. Once at the location, of Christmas Beach, the student's objectives were to develop teamwork, cooperation and communication skills through problem-solving initiatives. This was done by students engaging in team building activities. These activities were facilitated by a company called Bigfoot Adventures, who are an independent company that provided equipment as well as personnel, and shared their knowledge and expertise to support our students learning.

While half of the students built rafts in teams, the others completed adventure-based learning initiatives and problem-based learning activities. During which, students worked on effective communication and cooperation skills. Inevitably, some individuals and teams functioned well together while for others the experience was one of development and progress. Overall, the process was that students were pushed out of their comfort zone and challenged to new ideas aligned with extended ways of thinking within practical problem-based tasks.

It was a great two days, and the students are to be commended on how they conducted themselves and represented the School. Feedback shows that they enjoyed the experience and were challenged by the group and team tasks on both days which lead to several personal and team accomplishments in students learning.

Whenuapai School would like to thank Harbour Sport for their support of our school through the student 'BikeReady Course' prior to the event and also for lending us a number of bikes for students to ride on the day. We would also like to thank our parent helpers for their support on the day. You were all amazing and we couldn't have done it without you all. This includes Limor Walhaus-Yahel, Elisha Yahel, Janice Chiu, Sarah Murray, Jelena Nasmith, Kerry Berry, Morgan Vermeulen, Heidi Murray, Paul Brinkman and Sylvan Hosking. Also, a special mention to our Year 7 & 8 teachers (Karl Ganda, Nicola Campbell and Brooke Bennett) who have supported the William Pike Programme and assisted on all activities. Without you all 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 Bigfoot Adventures, The June Grey Charitable Trust, Kumeu Rotary Club and The Community Trust for their active support in funding the William Pike Programme for 2022.



KEA TEAM LEARNING

Tamariki in Kea team have been busy with all of their learning!
Here are some photos from our Inquiry provocations,
Athletics, Bike Days and visit from the Airforce.





We have had so much fun!!!

Holiday Programme

9th Jan. – 1st Feb. 2023

sKIDS Whenuapai

Whenuapai School Hall
14 Airport Road
Whenuapai

Short Day: 9.00am to 3.00pm \$50.00
Add Before Care: 7.30am to 9.00am \$ 6.00
Add After Care: 3.00pm to 6.00pm \$ 9.00

Trip Day: 7.30am to 6.00pm \$75.00
Premium Day: 7.30am to 6.00pm \$75.00
For children aged 5 to 13 years old

Monday 9th

Wheels Day
Have a thrilling ride with your scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, just make sure to keep your helmets on.



Monday 16th

Water Play Day
Enjoy water slides, little paddling pool, water balloons, water relay races (bring togs!)



Monday 23th

Bake Off Competition
We'll bake those yummy treats, sponge cake, lollies, with a friendly competition.



Monday 30th

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AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY



Tuesday 10th

sKIDS Olympic Games
Play badminton, ring toss, hula-hoop contest, water bucket relay with your fellow Olympians!



Tuesday 17th

Outdoor Games
Let's play tennis, croquet, swing bat, badminton, mini golf, hop scotch and so much more.



Tuesday 24th

Garden Day
Let's create a beautiful garden, design your own and decorate them!



Tuesday 31st

CARNIVAL DAY
Play ring toss, balloon darts, nerf guns, bucket ball and earn some points for a ticket prize!



Wednesday 11th

Talk Show Day
Get to know more about each other, everyone will be the star of this talk show day!



Wednesday 18th

Escape Room
Can you solve the puzzles, open the locks and escape the room? Come and give it a go if you dare!



Wednesday 25th

Dr. Seuss
Let's live in the world of Dr. Seuss books, make cat in the hat masks, bookmarks and hot air balloon art.



Wednesday 1st Feb

WHEELS AND BACK TO SCHOOL DAY
Bring your scooters and roller blades, play games and win prizes!



Thursday 12th

Whenuapai Air Base Pool – Trip Day
Bring your togs as we take you for swimming to the RAF pools (togs!)



Thursday 19th

Park (Moire) Day - Trip Day
Explore Moire park at Massey, enjoy their play grounds, bush walk tracks & sports field.



Thursday 26th

Movies Westgate – Trip Day
- Big Trip 2: Special Delivery
Please be at sKIDS by 9 am.



Thursday 2nd Feb

Today is the 1st Day of Term 1, 2023!

You can book this as part of your Term 1 booking.



Friday 13th

Arts and Crafts Day
Develop creative skills and find an outlet for self expression through arts and crafts.



Friday 20th

Pirates Day
Dress up like a pirate, hunt for treasure, make a spy glass, hooks and a pirate ship.



Friday 27th

New Zealand Day
Make NZ flag, learn the maps, play rugby netball and soccer.



Holiday Programme

20th – 23rd Dec. 2022

sKIDS Whenuapai

Whenuapai School Hall
14 Airport Road
Whenuapai
Auckland

For children aged 5 to 13 years old

Short Day: 9.00am to 3.00pm \$50.00
Add Before Care: 7.30am to 9.00am \$ 6.00
Add After Care: 3.00pm to 6.00pm \$ 9.00
Half Day (20 Dec): 12.30pm to 6.00pm \$50.00

Monday 19 Dec

Normal school day today,

with Before School Care from 7.30am to 8.30am, and

After School Care from 3 to 6pm.

You can book this as part of your Term 4 booking.

Games Afternoon.



Tuesday 20 Dec

Before School Care – 7.30am to 8.30am

Half Day - 12.30pm to 6pm

Summer Picnic & Outdoor Games
Bring your lunch and join our fun summer picnic with an outdoor games afternoon. A great way to start the holidays!



Wednesday 21 Dec

Christmas Baking
We'll bake festive treats, biscuits and pastries, just what you need for Christmas celebrations!



Thursday 22 Dec

Christmas Decoration Creations
Let's make DIY Christmas ornaments, decorations and colourful fun crafts, perfect for your holiday feasts!



Friday 23 Dec

Christmas Party
Join and interact with other kids. Create incredible childhood memories and make your Christmas unforgettable with our super awesome sKIDS Christmas party!



Kids: Please bring your water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day

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Herald Island Community Carols

Friday 16 December 2022 - 6:30pm
Herald Island Community Hall
44A Ferry Parade, Herald Island

We would like to invite Whenuapai School Kapa Haka & Whenuapai School students who play a musical instrument to join us for our Christmas Carols evening in our newly-renovated hall.

Attendees offer a Koha which will assist the Salvation Army Westgate to provide Christmas food parcels.

School contacts:
 Whaea Sarah (sbone@whenuapai.school.nz)
 & Helen Brinkman
 Or contact:
 Rae Hassett - 0274 923 129




JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

KEEP ON KICKING THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH KIWI KICK STARS!!!

Our awesome programme get kids exercising through super fun activities based around football and storytelling. Kids build confidence while improving their motor skills and coordination, learning how to play with others, focus and problem solve. Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun!

In case of a rainy day, we will have an indoor facility available
 Sunny or rainy the FUN doesn't stop!!
Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

When:
 Week 1: Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th January
 Week 2: Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th January

Where: Hobsonville school fields
 (104A Hobsonville Road)

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Cost: Individual day = \$50
 Full week (3 days) = \$135
 Second child discount = 10%

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM



Holiday Programmes

December 19 to 23rd
 January 9th to 27th

Make the most of your holidays with a fun-filled learning experience!
BOOK TODAY! SCRATCHPAD.CO.NZ

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MAKEY MAKEY
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 INFO.ALBANY@SCRATCHPAD.CO.NZ
 09 815 0825

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!

GREAT STOCKING FILLER



Gently Loved Markets
twilight

5PM TO 9PM
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Kumeu Community Centre
35 Access Road

Free Entry


Shop preloved, vintage, modern, retro clothing, accessories and homewares and check out what our food trucks have for dinner!

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETSNZ

SAFETY REMINDER

There is to be NO riding, scootering, walking etc. through the ITM (Pinepac) carpark AT ALL TIMES.

This is a significant health and safety risk to our students and families as well as ITM staff and customers. Please talk to your children and remind them of the importance of sticking to the footpath and also slowing down and being extremely careful of driveways and vehicles.



KEY CONTACTS		ONLINE PAYMENTS
Principal – Adam Cels	acels@whenuapai.school.nz	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
Deputy Principal – Molly Fletcher	mfletcher@whenuapai.school.nz	
Principal's PA – Jo Wright	pa@whenuapai.school.nz	
Learning Support Coordinator – Jill MacKenzie	lsc@whenuapai.school.nz	
HOD Sport – Greg Berry	gregb@whenuapai.school.nz	
Board of Trustees	wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz	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.
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SKIDS After School Care	whenuapai@skids.co.nz	
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