

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 07 February 2023

Tēnā koutou,

Welcome to the 2023 school year. Well it certainly wasn't the start we were planning or hoping for but it was still amazing to have the tamariki back to school on Friday.

The weather has affected so many, in such a short period of time. Our thoughts and well wishes are with everyone who has been impacted by extreme storms over the past couple of months. Experts have stated that it is going to take months, if not years, for Auckland to complete all of the required repairs and upgrades. In the meantime, we are going to continue as planned providing outstanding learning opportunities for our tamariki.

Some of the standouts in my 2023 calendar are:

- Year 7 and 8 camp-out at school
- Year 5-8 Camp
- Our own Whenuapai School Year 7 & 8 Technology programme
- Garden to Table programme for Years 5 - 8 <https://gardentotable.org.nz/>
- Opening our Senior Campus at Trig Road
- I am also looking forward to seeing our staff continue to develop and refine our Reading, Writers Toolbox and Prime Math programmes.

In 2022 our school results in the core subjects were:

- In Reading 81.45% of students At or Above expectation
- In Writing 82.57% of students At or Above expectation
- In Mathematics 89.79% of students At or Above expectation

Whilst we are proud of our results we know, as a school, we have to keep striving to ensure all tamariki experience success and meet their academic goals. Education is a partnership and we look forward to working with you to support your tamariki and their learning journey.

Earthworks on our Whenuapai School Senior Campus are well underway. Progress has been slowed by the weather but they are still on track for a Term 3 opening. There is still lots of planning work happening behind the scenes, last week we got to choose the colours for the astroturf - super exciting. Please keep an eye on our school website for updates - [CLICK HERE](#).



Our school continues to grow at a steady pace. We have started the year with 503 students on our roll - the largest starting numbers we have experienced. We warmly welcome all of our new students and their whānau to Whenuapai School. You may have noticed that every available space is being used as a classroom so we are having to plan very carefully. We already have a number of students who have pre-enrolled to start later in the year. If you have or know of any children who will be starting at Whenuapai School this year please let us know. This information will help us to ensure that space and teaching are available when they will be needed.

I like this quote by Henry Ford and think it is appropriate for the start of the school year:

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

Have a great week!

Ngā mihi,
Adam Cels



Dates for your diary....

Wednesday – 15 February

6pm – Board Meeting

Thursday – 16 February

Seniors Camp Out - Overnight

Monday – 20 February

9.00am – Road Patrol Refresher Trg

9.30am – Whenuapai Swimming Sports

Wednesday – 22 February

John Parson's – Cyber Safety Education

Tuesday – 07 March

Year 5/6 – NW Teeball

Thursday – 09 March

Year 7/8 - NW Softball

Monday – 13 March

Year 6-8 - NW Swimming

Tuesday – 21 March

Year 7/8 – Cricket

Wednesday – 22 March

6pm – Board Meeting

Thursday – 23 March

Year 5-8 - NW Softball

Sunday – 26 March

Shore-to-Shore Fun Run

Friday – 31 March

Year 7/8 - NW Tag

Wednesday – 5 April

Year 7/8 - NW Tennis

Thursday – 6 April

Last day of Term 1

OUR CYBER-SAFE COMMUNITY

Our school is committed to providing safe and educationally focused digital journeys for our students. To support this, we have partnered with leading online safety provider, Linewize by Family Zone. Linewize is a world leader in online safety for schools and communities, supporting over 17,000 schools and more than 9 million students globally. Linewize services help ensure our students use the internet safely and effectively.

HOW DOES LINEWIZE SUPPORT STUDENTS?

SCHOOL MANAGER

Allows the school to ensure students use the internet on school IT safely and effectively. Can also protect school devices and accounts 24/7, to support safer learning at home.

CLASSWIZE

Helps teachers guide internet access during lessons, improving focus and reducing digital distractions.

ONLINE SAFETY HUB + PARENT APP

Provides the entire school community with education and a free parent app to protect 2 children's personal devices at home.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

All families and whānau now have free access to resources, information and tools to help keep tamariki safe online when they are using their devices & internet at home.

The latest advice from experts including social media app risk reviews

Guides to help you support your child's online development

Difficult online safety conversation starters for parents

Qustodio Parent App - access free tools for parents to protect 2 children's devices at home.

VISIT OUR HUB AT <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

FAQ - FOR FAMILIES / WHANAU + STUDENTS

What online activity can school staff see for students when using a school account?

- Searches
- Apps & Websites
- Videos
- Google Apps for Education (G-Suite)

What about phones?

Phones connected to the school network - are filtered and protected at school (if the school has enabled this with Linewize, and if applicable per school policy).

Is it possible for the school to see school account activity (websites accessed) at home for students?

Yes - (if the school has enabled this with Linewize).

How does that work?

Filtering protection at home is via a Google Chrome extension that loads when you are signed into your Google Chrome browser with your school Google account on a laptop/computer. (Not phones / tablets)

Does this work for BYOD devices at school?

Yes - if the school manages these or has set this protection service up.

Can teachers view students' computer screens at home?

Yes - Student screens can only be viewed from home by a teacher in Classwize **only** during learning hours set by the school. (if the school has enabled this with Linewize).

What does that mean for other household members?

Please refer to our school's specific student ICT policy/digital agreements. It is good practice, on shared devices, that other family members sign out of the school account and use a personal account to avoid the school's protective filtering.



Linewize 24/7 Filtering on Any Network, At all Times

Whenuapai School is committed to ensuring that students engage in safe and effective digital learning. As part of our proactive approach to the safety and well-being of our students, we are deploying [Linewize](#) Education services to fulfil our duty of care to protect school IT. So, what does this mean?

Schools have a duty of care commitment to protect school IT. This includes **school owned and managed devices** and **school Google accounts**. Therefore, where applicable, the school will deploy the Linewize Education software called Connect, to all school owned and managed devices, and to all school Google accounts. **The software will activate only when students are logged into school managed devices, or on unmanaged BYOD when the school Google account is used and synced.** During school time tamariki are expected to use their school google account - studentname@whenuapai.school.nz

With the above configurations in place, Connect will filter and monitor online activity on any network, 24/7. This data may be used by the school's leadership team to inform the pastoral care of students.

On unmanaged BYOD - if the device is shared among families/whānau and you **do not** wish for your child/family to be filtered or monitored outside of school hours it is recommended to sign out of the school account and sign into Chrome using a personal Google account or in 'Guest Mode' (if applicable).

The Linewize Connect Education software is not deployed to personal Google accounts, personal Microsoft accounts, phones or tablets and therefore filtering and monitoring will not occur in these contexts.

The teachers will be sharing information and running demonstrations with the tamariki on Linewize so they have a clear understanding of how the system supports online safety and learning. Further information on Linewize can be found at <https://www.whenuapai.school.nz/digital-tech/>

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SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Sports Registrations close this week - Reminder, registrations close this **Wednesday, 8 February 2023 at 3.00pm**. Please click the following link to register - <https://enrolmy.com/whenuapai-school>

The following sports are available to choose from:

- Basketball
- Hockey
- Waterpolo/Flippaball
- Netball
- Ripper Rugby

Further information about each sport including year levels, timings and age grades specific to each sport is available via a PDF document on Enrolmy.

Please note, touch and summer football will open on Enrolmy for registration later in the year, closer to those competition start dates.

Please note:

1. Teams that are entered will be based on the availability of coaches and managers.
2. Enrolmy website will give all relevant information specific to each sport.
3. Parents will be required to complete the Enrolmy online registration and agree to the terms and conditions if your son/daughter wishes to participate.
4. There have been some price increases across individual sports for our 2023 sports to meet the delivery costs of these programmes.
5. After the teams have been finalised, individual student payment through KINDO will be required prior to the sport starting.
6. Please be aware of any cross over days and dates between sports when registering your son/daughter in their chosen sports.

Withdrawals of students after the sign-up date affect team makeup, entry fee payments, and costs per team plus overall planning. So please ensure your child is committed to playing the full season of their chosen sport/s.

There is no guarantee that parents that miss the registration cut-off date (Wednesday, 8th February at 3.00pm) will have a place in a team for their son or daughter. Allowances will only be made if a team is short and we need to recruit players.

To register your son or daughter via Enrolmy click on the following link - <https://enrolmy.com/whenuapai-school>

Create a password and log in (right-hand corner of the screen on this web page)

If you have any questions re sports, please email Greg Berry, HOD Sport, at gregb@whenuapai.school.nz



When: Thursday, 9 February 2023
Time: 8.15 - 9.15am
Where: Outside the school office.

ENJOY CHESS IN 2023!
 Improve logical thinking and problem solving skills
Wednesdays
 8 Feb to 5 Apr 2023
 9:55 - 10:55am

Scan to register

A Chess Coaching Programme will be held weekly on a Wednesday from 9.55am - 10.55am in the library starting, Wednesday, 8 February 2023.

[Please click here to register!](#)

MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

*Would your child like to learn to play music?
 Would you like in-school lessons with qualified music teachers?
 Enrol your child in music lessons at Whenuapai School!*

MusiqHub is offering 'Have a Go' sessions on Thursdays, in the Hall, where your children can try out an instrument with the music tutor Gloria Arboleda Martinez. (Parents are welcome to join in)

WHAT? Have a Go
When? Thursdays 16th & 23rd Feb
Times? 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
Where? Hall

Gloria has a Bachelor of Music and has tutored in schools in Colombia, the UK, and for the past five years with MusiqHub here in Auckland Gloria offers music lessons in guitar, ukulele, and keyboard/piano, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone and trumpet.

For more information, contact
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2023 Parent Handbook

There is a Parent Handbook available on our school website with lots of useful information. You can check it out by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.whenuapai.school.nz/information/general-admin/>

Make your school payments easy



Whenuapai School Online Shop

Our online shop (provided by Kindo) makes it easy for you to:

- Pay fees and donations
- Order lunches online
- Pay for school trips and events
- Pay for PTA functions and fund raisers

It's fast, convenient and means you don't have to entrust your cash or card to your kids – or have them spend valuable time in a queue.

New to Kindo?

Kindo is easy to set up and use. **Just go to:**

www.mykindo.co.nz

SELECT 'create account' to register.

Add the name for each of your students at our school – you only need one account for all family members.

If you have children attending other local schools, you can add them to your Kindo account (My Details – Add Member) and select their school from the drop down 'organisation' list. View and action all your school needs, for the whole family, in one place.

Already a Kindo user?

If you have used 'ezlunch' or 'kindo' at another school log in to your existing account and just change your details.

Log in to mykindo.co.nz, go to My Details and add the student starting at our school.

It's ok to have your student listed under TWO schools until the end of the year. On 'My Details' just choose 'add member' and enter the same student name before selecting our school from the dropdown list.

"I really love this way of paying the school. Much easier and more user-friendly."

The school donation for 2023 is: \$220 per child

Acknowledgements for your support:

- **Early payment incentive:** if you pay your donation in full during Term 1, you will receive an early payment discount of 10% bringing the donation amount to \$198.00 per child.
- **Termly Prize Draw:** Once you have paid your full school donation - Go into the termly prize draw to be the lucky family that wins one child's donation back. One prize per term - drawn in the last week of each term.
- **End of Year Prize Draw:** Available to all families who make a donation to our kura (whether it is the full amount or not) a prize draw for \$100 grocery voucher at the end of Term 4.

Online Payments

Payments can also be made online via internet banking:

School 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 paying for more than one student and various activities, please email our Administration Manager detailing what the payments are for.

For any accounts queries please email:

Jo Wright - Administration Manager
pa@whenuapai.school.nz

Need help?

Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or talk to the friendly staff at the Kindo helpdesk 0508 4KINDO or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

Available 8am-4pm on school days.

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To access or to setup your account – [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

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