

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 07 March 2023

Tēnā koutou,

This week we are excited to announce our 2023 House Captains. Congratulations to this amazing group of 12 tauira/students!

Throughout the year our House activities always provide a lot of fun, excitement and friendly competition and we look forward to seeing what this incredible team will organise this year.

Despite the disrupted start to the school year there have been a number of fantastic things happening around our kura. Have a look through the rest of the newsletter to learn more about our sporting events and learning activities.

**HERO** - HERO is our student management system and main source of communication with parents and whānau. If you have not yet signed up for HERO - [please click here](#).

**Reporting to Parents** - Over the last couple of years, we have been slowly moving to timely reporting to keep you informed of your child's progress and achievement. Your child's progress is shared via HERO posts. The timetable for the year will be as follows:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Week 7 - Reading Week 9 - Inquiry	Week 7 - Mathematics Week 9 - Writing	Week 7 - Reading Week 9 - Inquiry	Week 6 - Mathematics Week 8 - Writing

During Term 2 we will be holding formal parent interviews but please remember you can meet with the teacher anytime throughout the year. Please just email your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time. We very much value your input as education is a partnership.

**Online Safety** - Thank you to everyone who attended the evening presentation on online safety with John Parsons. I hope you found it useful. I certainly learnt a few things which resulted in some in-depth conversations with my teenagers about their online safety and security.

John will be sharing some videos and news articles which cover the majority of his content and we will release these over the coming weeks as soon as they are available.

Some of John's key messages were:

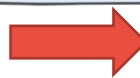
- Parents and extended family need to be active in their child's online world. This means being present in their social media platforms and commenting on their posts etc.
- No photos should be shared on social media that are taken in bedrooms, bathrooms or whilst wearing pyjamas.
- And most importantly - social media accounts should be private and parents should be in the child's profile picture, if it is a photograph. This is to show that adults in the child's life are actively present in their online and real world.
- For their safety, children should only be playing / using age appropriate games and social media.

We are pleased to announce that our Linewize Online Safety Parent Hub is now live and includes access to the Qustodio Parent app. This hub has a wealth of information on supporting your tamariki in a digital world. The hub can be accessed at <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/> and is well worth an initial look.

Ngā mihi,  
Adam Cels

## HOUSE CORNER

Meet our amazing house captains for 2023! They will be working with Miss Mead to run house competitions, host fun games and events for children, be helpers around the school and more! Watch this space for more house updates!



### Dates for your diary....

- 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 Orienteering
- Saturday – 25 March**  
Fletcher Living Community Event
- 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
- Monday – 24 April**  
Teacher Only Day – School Closed
- Tuesday – 25 April**  
Anzac Day – School Closed
- Wednesday – 26 April**  
First Day of Term 2





We have had a fantastic start to our new Garden to Table program with our senior students despite the weather challenges of the last few weeks.

Our ringawera/chefs have been busy earning their knife licences, preparing yummy food and washing lots of dishes!! Our kaimāra/gardeners have been working hard weeding, planting seeds and have even put our new wheelbarrow together. Tino pai e taura/students!!

Please click on the links below if your whānau/family is interested in giving our delicious, vegetarian recipes a try:

[The Best Easy Chickpea Burgers \(Vegan\)](#)

[Easy Vegan Mayonnaise](#)

[Limeade](#)



**Helpers needed** - Please note that we do need some more volunteers on Thursdays (Year 5 & 6) to help in the kitchen and garden. Please email Whaea Sarah if you are interested or have any questions ☺ [sbone@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sbone@whenuapai.school.nz)



## Job Opportunity at Whenuapai School

We are currently advertising for a part time Learning Assistant / Kaiāwhina, to provide 1-1 support in the classroom and playground.

The ideal person will be kind and sensitive, and have the ability to work collaboratively and build positive relationships with the students, their whānau, staff and support agencies to assist students to engage with their learning.

The successful applicant will need to be adaptable and flexible as life in the Learning Support Team is never static.

**If this sounds like you, please check out our ad on Seek:**



<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/65700755>

## Celebrating Success!

We have two amazing taura/students to celebrate this week!

Firstly one of our senior students, Rhaical.

Rhaical is a very busy sportsman playing cricket, tennis and golf as just some of his extracurricular activities.

On the weekends, Rhaical plays cricket with the Waitakere Cricket Club in Te Atatu and two weeks ago, his coach was extremely proud to announce a huge achievement in saying “congratulations to Rhaical for passing 50 runs for the season”. An outstanding effort, well done Rhaical!



Our second amazing student of the week is Leena.

At the recent Auckland Athletics Junior Championships, Leena came 1<sup>st</sup> in discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> in shot put and 3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump! An incredible result and well-earned ribbons as Leena has been training extremely hard for this event.

Congratulations Leena!

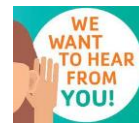


**We want to hear from you!**

Please let us know if your tamariki are achieving amazing things after school or on the weekends.

Please email photos and details to

[pa@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:pa@whenuapai.school.nz)



# 2023 Swimming Sports

Whenuapai School held their annual swimming sports at the Air Force Base pool on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The performances were amazing and it was great to see our students getting the opportunity to compete. The event started off with freestyle events moving to backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. The event was open to all competitive swimmers with the distance across one length which is approximately 33 metres. This created strong competition between swimmers and many of the finals were very tightly contested with a touch at the finish being the difference between winning, placing second or third. There were also house relay events of which involved Seasprite, Hercules, Orions and Boeing fighting it out in the pool for honours.

All the students are to be commended on their performances and they all represented the school to a very high standard. Parents are thanked for their support of the event in time keeping, organising, administration and officiating. We appreciate your support and service to the school. The students that qualified from the Whenuapai swimming sports will now attend the Norwest Zone swimming event swimming event being held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March which is followed by the Interzone event on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

YEAR	OVERALL WINNER	PLACINGS IN AN EVENT
Year 5 Girls	Xanthe P	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5 Boys	Adam B	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 6 Girls	Tegan F	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 6 Boys	Alex M	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 7 Girls	Darcie F	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 7 Boys	Walker H	1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 8 Girls	Astyn N and Kaylan N	1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> (tied)
Year 8 Boys	Joash M	1 <sup>st</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup>



## House Points

Hercules – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Orion – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Boeing – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Seasprite – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
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# 2023 Shore to Shore

This year we are aiming to provide more sporting opportunities throughout the school by making a commitment to attend a range of community events. The first of which is the Shore to Shore on Sunday, 26 March 2023. The fun run, which is 5.6 km in distance, will start at Takapuna Grammar and finish at Milford Reserve. We have secured a tent site for the day so we will be able to be together as a school.

Parents and participating students must find their own way to and from the event venue.

Please find all relevant information related to the event on the [Shore to Shore website](#) when you register as per below.

- **Start Line:** Takapuna Grammar School
- **Briefing and warm-up:** 8.15am
- **Start Time:** 9.00am
- **Finish Line:** Milford Reserve

There are two types of events you can register for:

- 5km fun run → \$15.00
- 5km timed run → \$20.00



Every 20 entrants we receive raises money for the school that goes towards sporting equipment. The Shore to Shore is a growing event and there are over 5,000 participants and we are very excited to be part of that this year.

If you are interested in joining please head to [www.shoretoshore.co.nz](http://www.shoretoshore.co.nz) and register under Whenuapai School. It is a fun day filled with lots of activities, silly dress-ups and laughter for both children and adults.

We are looking forward to being there on the day and making it a great school event!

Registrations close Sunday, 19 March 2023 at midnight, so don't miss out!

Any questions please contact [gregb@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:gregb@whenuapai.school.nz)



CELEBRATING KAHU LEARNING (YR7&8)

INQUIRY



**Ahakoā he iti he pounamu. Despite being small, you are of great value.** Kahu have ignited their inquiry learning this term through a whole team Survivor Day. Students worked together to complete a series of challenges using logic, problem-solving, physical skill, and stamina. Since then, our students have been planning their Camp Out. This has involved writing RAMS forms, planning meals and budgets as well as organising activities. Our current driving question is How do our actions impact identity, culture, and environment?

FRIDAY OPTIONS



Our Friday options have started! This term the options available are Geocaching, Outdoor Art, Photography, Sports Specialist, Outdoor Survival Skills, and Water Safety. The students will engage in a 7 week program learning hand on applicable skills

BUDDY CLASS



Room 11 has already begun their tuakana teina work alongside some eager Year 1's. This week they got to enjoy the wonderful weather on the bikes.

## CELEBRATING KAHU LEARNING (YR7&8)

### CAMP OUT



### CAMP OUT REFLECTION

I enjoyed doing the Burma trail in no man's land, there were so many times that Mr Robinson and Mrs Fletcher tried to scare me. I also enjoyed how the teachers looked like our mates. When we played spotlight, I won so I got to yell in the middle of the night. Afterward, I lost my voice. A challenge I faced was that everything in my tent got soaked including myself.

-Sarka Y8

# GENERAL NOTICES



Come and support our local rescue heroes and their families in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, with music and fun for the whole family.

Live music by Muriwai band The Renegades • BYO blanket & drinks  
Raffles and spot prizes • bake sale • face painting • games

All proceeds go to support our rescue heroes



## SCHOOL HATS

Are available to purchase at the school office!  
(limited stock of bucket hats).



**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 10th & 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  
Gloria Arboleda Martinez  
0274 422 654 • gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz

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Whenuapai School  
MONDAY 3:00-3:45PM ON SCHOOL FIELD  
7 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING 13TH FEBRUARY 2023  
COST \$60 PER PERSON

REGISTER ON <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/228993>

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9AM - 12PM  
SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

Waimauku War Memorial Hall  
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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/>

## Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Waitematā

### 2023 Year 7 & 8 School-Based Immunisation Programme

Year 7 students will be offered Boostrix vaccine (Tdap) in school. This vaccine is a booster of tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). Most children received these immunisations as pre-schoolers. This is scheduled for Middle of March with a catchup date 1-2 weeks later for students absent on the day.

Year 8 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in school. This is a New Zealand schedule vaccine that is recommended to be given at 12 years of age. Students need two doses with a 6-month gap between dose 1 and 2. This is scheduled for term 4 with a catchup date 1-2 weeks later for students absent on the day.

Information on the vaccine and a consent form will be sent home with your child. Please complete the form and return to the school. If you would like more information on this important immunisation programme, please go to [School Immunisations](#) or Alice McVeigh the schools Public Health Nurse on 0212274022

## Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Waitematā

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides

free dental care to children across the greater Auckland areas. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit [ards.co.nz](http://ards.co.nz) or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

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