

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 21 March 2023

Tēnā koutou,

The term is certainly flying by, blink and you'll miss it. There are only two and a half weeks left until the Easter and Term Holidays. The last day of term is Thursday 6th April (School finishes at 3pm) and Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26th April.

Monday 24th April is a Teachers Only Day and Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC day.

The Ministry of Education has approved two days of staff professional development for 2023 on the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh. The New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) is undergoing major fundamental changes and different pieces are slowly being rolled out to schools.

The Ministry of Education states *"We're refreshing the NZC so that it honours our obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, is inclusive, clear about the learning that matters, and easy to use. All elements of the NZC will be refreshed, starting with the Curriculum Framework, Social Sciences, English, Mathematics & Statistics in 2022, Science, Arts, and Technology in 2023, and Learning Languages, and Health & PE in 2024"*.

As our understanding grows, we will share more with you and ask for your input and feedback. It is certainly an exciting but busy time in education. More information can be found at:

<https://curriculumrefresh.education.govt.nz/>

I have been very impressed with our tamariki and kaiako because we have had such a very positive start to the school year despite the weather. The tamariki are clearly actively engaged in their learning and they are making positive progress on their learning journeys. A few standouts for me have been:

In Year 7 / 8, the tamariki have been showing 'Ako - Respect for Learning' through effectively managing their time, completion of tasks and meaningfully engaging with the kaiako in learning group sessions. I had the privilege of going on an options trip with a group of students to Wenderholm Regional Park and I was impressed with their knowledge and their application to the tasks. A number of Year 7/8 students that I have spoken to have expressed an increased level of enjoyment in school and the learning process because they feel they have a great sense of ownership and control.

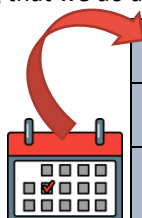
'Mana - Respect for Self' is growing throughout the school. Tamariki are choosing good games and activities to play during their break times and they are trying to be inclusive of others. Our inquiry 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' has provoked self reflection, discussion and strategies for looking after ourselves in tricky situations. I have also seen some great signs of resilience from our Year 5 / 6 team as they complete their literacy projects about our bodies and how they work.

I have noticed that our Year 1/2 tamariki have been broadening their understanding of 'Kotahitanga - Respect for Others' as I have witnessed an increase in turn taking, sharing toys and resources. The children's problem solving skills are developing and growing each and every day as they figure out positive ways to play and learn together.

Our Year 5/6 and 7/8 tamariki have been doing a stellar job of demonstrating 'Kaitiakitanga - Respect for the Environment' through establishing our vegetable gardens. A number of our garden beds have been planted with seeds or seedlings. In the front of the school they have planted pumpkin plants - so fingers crossed for a pumpkin harvest.

Our values are one of our cornerstones and I am very pleased they are living and breathing within everything that we do at Whenuapai School.

Ngā mihi,
Adam Cels



Dates for your diary			
		Fri – 31 March Yr 7/8 - NW Tag	Mon – 24 April Teacher Only Day
Wed – 22 March 6pm – Board Meeting	Sat – 25 March Fletcher Living Event	Wed – 4 April Yr 7/8 - NW Tennis	Tues – 25 April Anzac Day
Thurs – 23 March Yr 5-8 – Orienteering	Sun – 26 March Shore-to-Shore Fun Run	Thurs – 6 April Easter Bake Sale Last day of Term 1	Wed – 26 April First Day of Term 2



AKO

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

PB4L Learner Capabilities



Engage

Question

Inquire

Problem Solve

Accomplish

RESPECT FOR LEARNING



MANA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

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Self Manage

Be Resilient

Be Honest

Growth Mindset

RESPECT FOR SELF



KOTAHITANGA

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Listen

Collaborate

Share

Value

Participate

RESPECT FOR OTHERS



KAITIAKITANGA

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Appreciate

Connect

Contribute

Take Action

Care

RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT

GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

Kia ora e te whānau/greeting Whenuapai families, we've had another great couple of weeks cooking and gardening in our Garden to Table program.

A big shout out to our wonderful volunteers who make these cooking and gardening lessons possible. We were able to award some more knife licences, learn how to use our own local produce donations (limes and honey) to make a refreshing limeade and practise our manaakitanga (hospitality) by setting the tables for our classmates. Please let us know if you have any spare fruit or vegetables from your māra/gardens, we love koha/donations! Just click on the link if you are interested in giving one of our kid-friendly recipes a go, kia kaha! (Be brave!).

[Okonomiyaki \(Japanese Cabbage Pancakes\)](#)

[Yoghurt Pizza Dough](#)

[Limeade](#)



REMINDER

We are a water only school.



Students may not bring other types of drinks such as juice, fizzy drinks, and energy drinks to school. We thank you for supporting us with this.

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>

Friends of Whenuapai (FOW)

Whenuapai Community FUN DAY

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH | 10AM-2PM
Whenuapai Primary School, 14 Airport Road

Join us for lots of fun!

SCHOOL CAMP FUNDRAISER CAR WASH • CHILDREN'S MARKETS
CAR BOOT SALE • POPCORN & SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER
FOOD TRUCKS • COFFEE CART • FREE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BOUNCY
CASTLE ADVENTURE • FACE PAINTING • GIANT BUBBLES & MORE!

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

Do you have items to sell?

There is still time to book your space for the carboot sale this weekend

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Easter Cookies!

Available for pre-order now on Kindo.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

Orders close: 31 Mar

Delivered: 6 April



MADE BY OUR VERY OWN STEFF WISE

EASTER COOKIES

Available to pre-order on Kindo now. Be sure to order before the 31st of March.

\$9 PER PACK OF THREE (CHOOSE FROM BLUE OR PINK SET)

Will be delivered to classrooms on the 6th of April



SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY | 3RD MAY | 5:00 P.M.

Location: Whenuapai Primary School (No charge for entry)

Sausages, popcorn & sweets and treats for sale on the night.

Movie tickets with further details to be handed out to children closer to the event date.

Coming soon!
To a cinema near you!

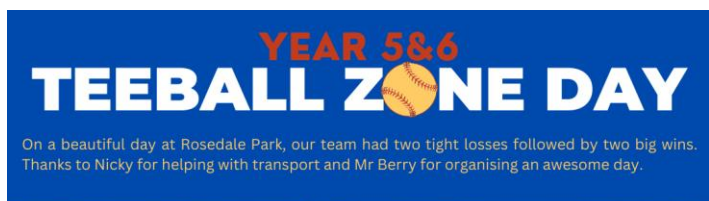
SPORTS

NW Swimming

Congratulations to our 12 students who competed in the NW Swimming competition at Westwave Aquatic Centre last week. It was a wonderful day where each of our students swam extremely well and with determination. This group were amazing representatives of Whenuapai School and our school values. Congratulations to Darcie F for made the final in Freestyle. A brilliant achievement.

A huge thank you to our parent helper, Heidi Murray, for your support on the day. A fun day was had by all!

NW Year 5/6 TeeBall



NW Year 7/8 Softball

On Thursday the 9th of March, Whenuapai students represented our kura at the Norwest Softball Tournament!

The Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls competed against six teams from across West Auckland and did an amazing job. With smaller teams than others, they were still able to pitch, field, cover bases. Throughout the day, they celebrated wins and losses, improved their skills and cheered each other on. They represented Whenuapai with mana and should be extremely proud of themselves!



We need your help please! Do we have anyone in our Whenuapai whānau, maybe a graphic designer or someone with talent in this area who can help convert a few smaller images into one high resolution logo?

Please contact pa@whenuapai.school.nz if you can help!

THANK YOU

This week we wanted to do a special shout out to one of our amazing Whenuapai whānau.

Shelley Meredith and the incredible team at Complete First Aid Supplies donation a significant amount of first aid products to our Kura. This incredibly generous donation will not only help to keep our first aid room and first aid kits fully stocked for a long time ahead, but it will also allow us to allocate much needed funds to other areas of the school which greatly benefits our tamariki, staff and wider Whenuapai whānau.

On behalf of the tamariki and staff at Whenuapai School.....

thank you!



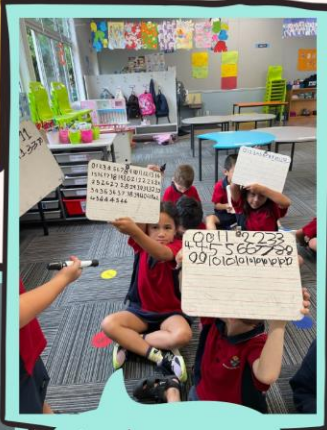
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info@firstaidkit.co.nz

KEA TEAM LEARNING

WE HAVE HAD SO MUCH FUN THIS TERM AND HAVE ALREADY LEARNT SO MUCH!! HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO.

Check out Room 21's police costumes



Look at our beautiful numbers!



We love spending time with our Year 4 buddies!



Who's that trip
trapping over
my bridge?!



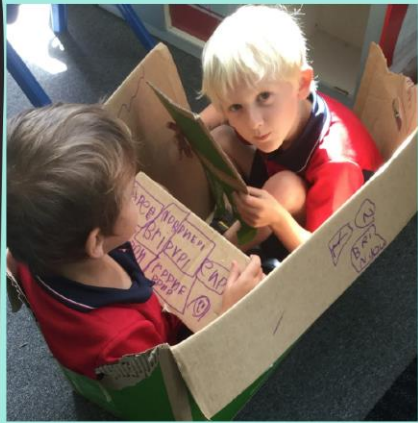
These are really
fun fairy houses
for the fairies!



I am making
number bonds to
10



Check out my
letter sounds!



GENERAL NOTICES

Holiday Programmes April 11th to 21st

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

PYTHON
LET US CODE
MINECRAFT MODDING
ROBOTICS USING EDISON
MAKEY MAKEY
3D PRINTING

HTML/CSS
ANDROID APPS
GRAPHIC DESIGN
ROBOTICS USING MBOT
DEVELOP UNITY 3D GAMES
ROBLOX PROGRAMMING

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



9AM - 12PM
SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

Waimauku War Memorial Hall
24 Waimauku Station Road
Free Entry

A range of stalls selling preloved baby to kids' clothes, toys, accessories, nursery items and more

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETSNZ

SCHOOL HATS

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



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

EDITION 2 OUT NOW

Book Club

[CLICK HERE](#)

to check it out!



KICK STARS

EASTER 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 11th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 19th April
Week 2: Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th April

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



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Policies and Procedures

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TERM 1 Review Topic Open Now:

Legislation and Administration Policy

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Order ezlunch for delivery from **Monday 27 March to Thursday 6 April** and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit.

The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email.

Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering.



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