

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 16 May 2023

Tēnā koutou,

Another two weeks have flown by but my goodness what an amazing two weeks they have been. Firstly, our school camp - what can I say. What a fantastic week away with an incredible group of tamariki, parent helpers and staff. Finlay Park is a tremendous place with so many activities for the tamariki to enjoy and challenge themselves with. Activities included, an adventure trail, bush survival, animal survival, a confidence course, flying fox, go karts, indoor climbing wall and high ropes. And if that wasn't enough, they also enjoyed water-based activities including, swimming, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and a very large hydro slide (possibly the highlight!).

Our Year 5 and 6 tamariki stay at camp for three nights. Sometimes this is the longest time they have spent away from home, which alone is an amazing achievement. Our Year 7 and 8 tamariki stay for an extra night and on their last evening, they were lucky enough to enjoy an amazing experience at the Glow Worm Caves. This was definitely a trip to remember.

A wonderful time was had by both tamariki and adults. The smiles on everyone's faces were huge and stories are still being told about the many highlights of the trip! I am proud of everyone who attended for representing our Kura and our school values so well. I have no doubt there were some tired tamariki (and adults) on their return.

For those tamariki in Years 5-8 who were unable to attend the camp at Finlay Park, they didn't miss out. They also enjoyed an incredible week of fun and adventure. This lucky group experienced a week of goal setting, rock climbing and sport as well as many Garden to Table activities of gardening and food preparation. They also enjoyed a wonderful day at the Vertical Adventures Rock Climbing Centre.

During this week our Friends of Whenuapai (FOW) team had planned a family movie night for our junior families however this event unfortunately had to be postponed. We are hoping to have a new date for this event soon.

A reminder that this afternoon and Thursday afternoon between 3.15 and 6.30pm we have our Whānau Interviews. Please take this opportunity to book in for a discussion with your child and their classroom teacher. We very much value the partnership between Kura and home and these meetings are an excellent opportunity to foster this and to discuss goals and plans to ensure your child/ren reach their full potential and learning milestones throughout the year.

If you haven't already booked, please do so by clicking on the following link: [PLEASE CLICK HERE!](#)

HOT OFF THE PRESS – a very exciting development happened this morning. A couple of our classrooms were relocated to our Whenuapai Senior Campus on Trig Road. The pictures below include one of our amazing Year 7 students, Jayden, whose Dad was one of the key personnel involved. This is so exciting to see.



We cannot wait to watch the site come together!

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi,
Adam Cels



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Engage

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Problem Solve

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Be Honest

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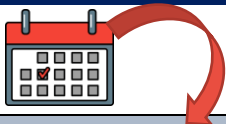
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Dates for your diary

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| Today – 16 May 3.15-6.30pm - Whānau interviews | Fri – 26 May Rm 20 & 22 – Zero Waste Zone |
| Wed – 17 May 6pm – Board Meeting | Mon – 29 May Rm 18, 19 & 21 – Zero Waste Zone |
| Thurs – 18 May 3.15-6.30pm - Whānau interviews | Wed – 31 May Year 7/8 NW Basketball |
| Fri – 19 May Pink Shirt Day – Gold Coin Donation | Thurs – 1 June Year 3-6 – Rippa Rugby |
| Mon – 22 May Kakapo Team – Field Trip | Mon – 5 June King's Birthday – School Closed |
| Wed – 24 May Trees for Survival Planting Day | Tues – 6 June Teacher Only Day – School Closed |

The TOD on the 6th of June is to allow our teachers to attend the Kahui Ako professional development conference.

SPORTS

NW Year 7/8 Tennis

The Norwest Tennis tournament was held on Tuesday the 4th of April at West Harbour Tennis Club. We had eight students competing. Kaylan, Astyn, Molly, Ryla, Mack, Rocco, Joel and Honour. They did a fantastic job and showed remarkable resilience throughout the tournament. The weather was terrific and the students got a chance to play doubles in the afternoon. Students are to be commended on their participation and willingness to give a new sport a go. Thanks on behalf of Whenuapai School Sport.



THANK YOU

A very big thank you goes out this week to another one of our amazing parents, Natalia Bowers. Natalia responded to our call for help with some design work and we are incredibly grateful for her generous donation and time. Thanks Natalia!



EOTC Week at Whenuapai School

Tamariki in Years 5-8 who did not attend camp, instead completed a week of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities. This week was coordinated by Greg Berry and Sarah Bone. The students completed learning centered on group initiative activities including, quality learning, outdoor leadership, rock climbing, EOTC safety and risk management as well as Garden to Table lessons and food preparation.

As part of this programme of learning they also spent a day at the Vertical Adventures Rock Climbing Centre in Glen Eden where they enjoyed learning and developing their skills in the recreational activity of rock climbing. All students were extremely committed to improving their skills and many students performed multiple climbs up and down the various walls that they had. Students also took up opportunities to do advanced climbs while teachers and parents supported by belaying and assisting them.

During the EOTC week students also spent a day at Taupaki School for a range of technology classes. This was a real highlight for our Year 5 and 6 students who have never been before. Then on Thursday students worked alongside Sarah Bone to prepare a two course meal using local produce from the school and Air Base. The meal was fritters with salad and a dessert course of apple crumble which was delicious. The meal was attended by our Principal, Adam Cels, and students are to be commended on how they prepared, presented and delivered the meal while also working as a team to clean up at the completion of the sit down meal. Overall EOTC week was a success and hopefully enjoyed by all students that attended across the week.



Walking School Bus (WSB)



Whenuapai School are looking for parents and children to join the walking school bus (WSB).

A walking school bus is an organised group of children walking to and/or from school under the supervision of adults. WSB can operate from one to five days a week, depending on volunteer commitment.

Children are collected from stops or a parking spot along a planned route and walk together to the school gate. Along the way they learn road safety, socialise and share stories with friends and neighbours and arrive energised at school. Families in the community get to know each other. What a great way to travel to school!

Walking school buses are run by parents/ caregivers/ grandparents from the school community with the support of the school and Auckland Transport.

If you are interested, please email Jenny Cornish
jennyc@whenuapai.school.nz

Pink Shirt Day

This Friday, 19 May 2023, is Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. Whenuapai School's focus this year for our tamariki will be on healthy friendships.

We encourage everyone to wear mufti (something pink if you have it) and to bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation.



Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



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Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

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Friends of Whenuapai (FOW)

Takeaway Tuesday

Our wonderful Friends of Whenuapai (FOW) along with the amazing team at Euro Takeaways have organised an amazing treat for Term 2 - **Takeaway Tuesday!**

Due to numbers, each team will have a dedicated Tuesday (or Wednesday for our Year 7/8s due to Tech) where they can order a yummy lunch to be delivered straight to their classroom! There will be 3 choices available - Fish, hotdog or chicken nuggets with chips.

We are restricted by the number of orders the shop can handle so we have set a date for each team and only tamariki from that team will be able to order on their respective date. Siblings must wait until it is their team's time to order.

Each Wednesday orders will open and a message will be sent to families in the team who can order. Orders will close on Sunday night, so that details can be given to the shop on Monday. All orders must be made via Kindo as we are unable to take orders via the school office.

Dates for each team are as follows:

- Today - Kakapo Team (Year 5/6)
- Tuesday, 23 May - Piwakawaka Team (Year 4)
- Tuesday, 30 May - Tui Team (Year 2/3)
- Tuesday, 13 June - Kea Team (Year 0/1)
- Wednesday, 21 June - Kahu Team (Year 7/8)

Keep an eye on HERO for more information on when your children can order.

Yummo!!!!!!



YEAR 5-8 2023

FINLAY PARK CAMP

From May 1st to 4th/5th, the Yr 5-8s went to Finlay Park. It was a two and a half hour bus ride. When we arrived, we got put into our cabin groups. The Year 5 and 6 boys got the lake cabins and the Year 5 and 6 girls were put in upstairs cabins. Every day group had a different letter of the alphabet. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were the groups. There were about 20-30 kids in each group. The activities were paddle boarding, go karting, animal survival, confidence course, hydro slide, kayaking, indoor climbing, and bush first aid.

The hydro slide was a favourite. First you hopped on a board then you would zoom down the slide into the lake.

Remember to pull the front of the board up otherwise you will nosedive into the lake! If you pull up you will glide across the lake. The lake was murky. Sometimes you would feel a slimy thing brush your leg. But don't worry, it was just seaweed.

The food at camp was great. For breakfast every day we either had beans, toast, cereal, or porridge. Lunch was delicious. We had mac and cheese, hot dogs, and wraps. Dinner was different every night. It was roast beef, nachos, and teriyaki chicken. We also had dessert every night too. Dessert was ice cream, one was jelly, and one night was donuts.

Camp was amazing!
Ethan Lennox



The best activity was animal survival! Everybody should know this because it was fun, challenging, and super fun to race around an island. Animal survival was the best activity at Finlay Park because we got to go on a boat to go to the island. It took around 1 hour to finish the game and it was 100% fun to hide and or tag people. This is why animal survival was the best activity at Finlay Park.

Ruby Cook

GENERAL NOTICES

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:

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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!

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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