

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 2 May 2023

Tēnā koutou,

Our first week was awesome, it was wonderful to have the tamariki back with all their enthusiasm and excitement. Schools are a desolate place without children.

How were the school holidays for your family?

I didn't do anything exciting; I did manage to squeeze in some family time, but I spent a considerable amount of time at school or working from home trying to get my head around the Curriculum Refresh. Personally, I don't think Refresh is the right wording. It is effectively going to be a new curriculum - the third in my educational career.

The Ministry of Education states *'The refreshed curriculum will support every ākonga (learner) to experience success in their learning. It will give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and it will be inclusive, clear about the learning that matters, and easy to use from year 0 to year 13'*. The new name for the curriculum is Te Mātaiaho.

The curriculum refresh is scheduled to be completed over a 6-year period. As a kura we will keep you informed of the changes that will impact our way of being and our learning and teaching programmes. In the meantime, further information can be found at:

<https://curriculumrefresh.education.govt.nz/whats-changing>.

During our 'Teachers Only Day' we started to explore the new curriculum with a particular focus on the reasons for the changes and the new curriculum structures.

During terms 3 and 4, our School Board will be seeking your input (in a variety of ways) on a number of topics to help direct the future strategic direction of our kura. They love to hear your perspective, so I encourage you to take part in this consultation process.

Work continues, at pace, on our new Whenuapai School Senior Campus. The groundwork is drawing to a close and the first of our classrooms are expected to arrive in about a month. Hopefully everything continues to go to plan and we can move in early in term 3.

Our Year 5 -8 tamariki are away at camp meaning our junior students have free range of the entire school grounds. The kura feels empty but it has meant the younger children have been discovering new ways to play and utilise the playing space. The juniors are looking forward to trips later in the term. I think my favourite is going to be when [Conscious Kids Junk Play](#) visits Year 1 and 2. I can't wait to see what the tamariki will create with the upcycled materials.

Parent Interviews are being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We have moved them to Term 2 to slightly change the focus. Rather than the interview solely focusing on the progress of your tamariki we would like the meetings to also include an opportunity for you to discuss with the kaiako how you are going to work with us to support your child for the remainder of the year to ensure they reach their full potential and learning milestones. By having the meetings in term 2, we all still have time to make a positive difference for your tamariki during the 2023 school year. Booking information will be posted on HERO soon.

So much going on, but it is all so exciting. Looking forward to a great term.

Please remember my door is open and I am always willing to chat.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi,  
Adam Cels

	<b>Term 2</b>	Monday, 24 Apr – Friday, 30 Jun 2023
	<b>Term 3</b>	Monday, 17 Jul – Friday, 22 Sept 2023
	<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, 9 Oct – Wednesday, 20 Dec 2023



### AKO

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PB4L Learner Capabilities



Engage

Question

Inquire

Problem Solve

Accomplish

RESPECT FOR LEARNING



### MANA

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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



## Dates for your diary ....

<b>Mon 1 May – Fri 5 May</b> Year 5-8 Camp & EOTC Week	<b>Fri – 19 May</b> Pink Shirt Day – Gold Coin Donation
<b>Wed – 10 May</b> NW Orienteering	<b>Wed – 24 May</b> Trees for Survival Planting Day
<b>Tues – 16 May</b> Year 7/8 NW Football	<b>Fri – 26 May</b> Rm 20 & 22 – Zero Waste Zone
<b>Tues – 16 May</b> Year 0-4 Junk Day	<b>Mon – 29 May</b> Rm 18, 19 & 21 – Zero Waste Zone
<b>Wed – 17 May</b> 6pm – Board Meeting	<b>Wed – 31 May</b> Year 7/8 NW Basketball

## SPORTS

### NW Year 7/8 Tag

The Year 7-8 Norwest Tag competition was held on Friday, 31st March at Moire Park Massey. Whenuapai had representatives for both a boys and a girls team. It was a very well run event, where both spectators and players had a great time.

Both Whenuapai teams improved across the day, with the girls being undefeated in their draw games leading them into the final against Hobsonville School. The girls played amazingly well in the final, going from strength to strength and the game was incredibly tight leading to a draw at the end of normal time. The game was decided in the drop off with extra time played. The final score was 7- 6 to Hobsonville.

Both Whenuapai teams should be incredibly proud of themselves for their attitudes and sportsmanship while attending this event. Thank-you to Jelena Nasmith and Sarah Peck for their support and assistance on the day.



## 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](mailto:pa@whenuapai.school.nz) if you can help!

## 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](mailto:jennyc@whenuapai.school.nz)

## Anzac Day 2023



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Anzac Day to commemorate all New Zealanders and Australians who have served and lost their lives in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and sacrifice of all those who have served and family who have supported.



Two of our amazing students Grace O and Ava O did an incredible job reading poems at the Herald Island Anzac Day Service. A very special and brave achievement in front of many people. Well done girls, your Mum and Dad must be so proud of you both and we are too!



## Celebrating Success

Check out this incredible creation by one of our Year 1 superstars.

Nathan W, followed the instructions in the book "Making a Model Sports Stadium" and built this impressive stadium complete with running athletes ..... AMAZING!



## Cricket Success



At the end of last term one of our senior students, Rhaical S, completed his final years as a Junior at the Waitakere Cricket Club. Rhaical has been with the club for 7 years and made some wonderful friends over this time. We wish you all the best for your next cricketing adventures!

Another cricketer but this time from the junior school -Bharath N was awarded the Best Bowler Award for the Under 10 Green team hard ball cricket season he played at Kumeu Cricket Club this season. Bharath took an impressive 15 wickets with an economy of under 5 runs per over and just 10 extras throughout the season, which is a great achievement acknowledged by the club members for a first timer playing hard ball cricket.



**Congratulations Rhaical and Bharath!!**



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**TERM 2 Review Topic Open Now:**

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)



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## Friends of Whenuapai (FOW)

Our annual Easter Bake Sale was held on the last day of Term 1 and what an amazing event it was.

We can't thank our Whenuapai Whānau enough for the incredible donations of delicious baked goods. It was lovely to see that many of our amazing students baked the items themselves or helped to make many of the yummy treats.

A special mention to our superstar baker – Mrs Steff Wise. Steff was the legend behind those incredible easter cookies sold via Kindo and the adorable bunny cake. Steff spent several hours baking and decorating over 500 delicious cookies. I'm sure she'd was seeing cookies in her sleep!

Thank you also to everyone in front and behind the scenes, those who helped with the biscuit sorting production line, those who set up, and helped to sell all the delicious items, families and staff members who baked and donated and especially those who purchased and enjoyed the selection of goodies. We raised an INCREDIBLE \$3062.49!



The Bake Sale was so popular the team had to call in for reinforcements from the Military to keep things in order.

We were incredibly lucky that this impressive Lion Soldier was able to stop by and provide support on his way to celebrate Milo's Birthday Surprise with his other friends in the Kea Team.





# NOOD YOUR FOOD



## Mahi pai/great work Rm 22 for showing us how to make rubbish free lunch boxes



### Let's try to be rubbish free, Whenuapai School!

Aotearoa has a goal to be ZERO WASTE by 2040...so we need to learn new habits now! We did a rubbish audit and found out that over half the rubbish that comes into our school is from student lunchboxes...please help us change this ASAP. This term for Inquiry, we are learning how to solve problems by being more sustainable. A **rubbish free lunch box** is a great place to start! Kia Kaha, we can do this!!



### Remember to Compost too

Exciting news!! We can keep even more waste out of landfills by composting our food scraps at home soon. Keep a look out for your new Food Scraps Collection bin from Auckland City Council.



[Home](#) > [Rubbish and recycling](#) > [Food scraps collections](#)

### Te kohinga o ngā rukenga kai Food scraps collections

Give us your rukenga kai and we will turn them into clean energy and liquid fertiliser.

Just put them into your food scraps bin and we will collect them weekly on your council collection day.

We are aiming for zero waste by 2040 and keeping your food scraps out of the rubbish is a great way you can help.

Check online if your property is in a collection area and if you will receive a food scraps bin.

You can also sign up for reminders about when your food scraps bin will be delivered and when collections start in your area.

# Upcycling with Jaimini Joshi

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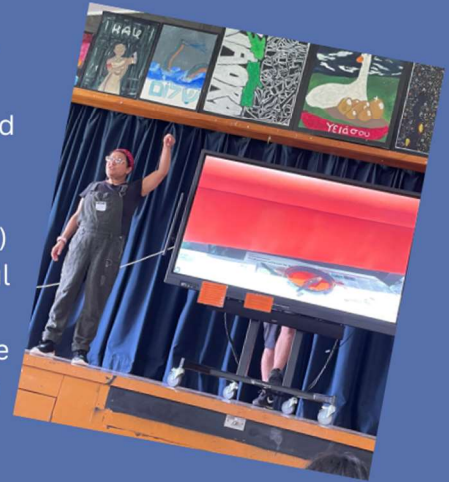
## KĀKĀPŌ TEAM

Yr 5 & 6 finding out how we can be more sustainable




### How can we fix broken stuff?

A HUGE thank you to our local up-cycling artist, Jaimini Joshi who came and taught us how we can practice kaitiakitanga (guardianship of our earth) by turning 'junk' into useful and beautiful art. First, Jaimini showed us how she saved her old couch from going to landfill by chalk painting it. Then she impressed us with her up-cycled lamp and repurposed drift wood from the cyclone which she had turned into cute plant holders. Our students have definitely been inspired & challenged to become more sustainable. Ngā mihi nui Jaimini for volunteering your time & for being such a great role-model to us all!




Jaimini also helped some of our students to upcycle some old pots that Whaea Sarah had rescued from going to landfill Tino pai ngā taurira!!

# GENERAL NOTICES



**ENJOY CHESS IN 2023!**  
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 3 May to 28 June 2023  
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 33 Paramount Drive, Henderson on;  
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 Contact Lisa to enrol on 021 419 531 or [lisa.sinclair@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:lisa.sinclair@waitematadhb.govt.nz)



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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/>



## 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

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.

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