

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 13 June 2023

Tēnā koutou,

It is hard to believe we are now in Week 8 of Term 2. It continues to be a busy time at Whenuapai School. There are several sporting events happening, lots of learning across the year groups and a lot of fun being had by our tamariki.

Last week for our teachers only day, our teaching team attended the Kahui Ako professional development conference at Hobsonville Point Secondary School. The focus of the day was inclusive education and supporting teachers in implementing effective relationship-based, culturally responsive methods of teaching. It was an amazing day filled with lots of learning with over 400 attendees. Each workshop was focused on shaping an educational landscape that celebrates diversity, fosters excellence and navigates towards a brighter future for all ākonga/learners.

This week is Pride Week. To support and acknowledge the focus of this week we will be celebrating:

- Inclusion
- Wellbeing
- Diversity

These attributes sit within our School Values and Learner Capabilities of Respect for Self and Respect for Others. We will continue to teach these aspects through classroom programmes including our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L).

Following on from Pink Shirt Day, we will continue to actively promote acceptance of differences and anti-bullying to develop a culture where all students are included, visible, and valued.

The activities that the tamariki will participate in will be age appropriate and will focus on the power of acceptance and inclusion. This may include:

- Collaborative activities to develop teamwork & acceptance
- Supportive conversations on inclusivity
- Art
- Problem solving challenges
- Cooperative games
- Shared reading of stories from a range of books available within our school library

The focus of the activities is to help all tamariki feel safe within our kura and strengthen a sense of belonging. Creating an inclusive environment enables all students to feel physically and emotionally safe and supports the academic achievement and wellbeing of all our students.

We will conclude the week with a Mufti Day on Friday, 16th June.

A reminder that this Wednesday, 14 June, we are holding a Year 7/8 Curriculum Evening from 4.00 - 6.00pm. We would like to invite students and their whānau to this special evening to see and learn more about what we have to offer in our senior school. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our programmes in action and ask any questions that you may have. The evening is open to all year levels but highly recommended for families who have students currently in Years 5, 6 and 7. We look forward to seeing you there!

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to Miss Melissa Parkins. A change in circumstances sees Melissa moving north to the Bay of Islands, and we are very sad to see her go. Melissa has been at Whenuapai School since 2021 and over the past two and a half years has been a wonderful teacher and team leader in the junior school. We thank her for her time, passion and dedication over this period. Melissa will be missed by both our tamariki and staff. We wish her all the very best for the future in the (hopefully) sunny North.

At the start of Term 3 we welcome two staff members. Mrs Leanne Morrison-Jones who will be taking over Melissa's class and Miss Bree Ward who will be opening a new, New Entrant classroom. Some of you may already know Leanne as she has previously worked at Whenuapai School. We are looking forward to Leanne and Bree joining the Whenuapai Team.

Finally, this week, there has been some wonderful progress at the new Senior Campus on Trig Road, with majority of our buildings now being on-site.

Have a wonderful week.

Ngā mihi,  
Adam Cels



RESPECT FOR LEARNING



RESPECT FOR SELF



RESPECT FOR OTHERS



RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT

### AKO

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL  
PB4L Learner Capabilities



Engage  
Question  
Inquire  
Problem Solve  
Accomplish

### MANA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL  
PB4L Learner Capabilities



Self Manage  
Be Resilient  
Be Honest  
Growth Mindset

### KOTAHITANGA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL  
PB4L Learner Capabilities



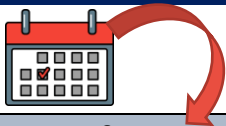
Listen  
Collaborate  
Share  
Value  
Participate

### KATIAKITANGA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL  
PB4L Learner Capabilities



Appreciate  
Connect  
Contribute  
Take Action  
Care



### Dates for your diary ....

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| <b>Wed – 14 June</b><br>4-6pm Year 7/8 Curriculum Evening | <b>Wed – 28 June</b><br>Year 5-8 NW Hockey              |
| <b>Wed – 14 June</b><br>6.00pm Board Meeting              | <b>Fri – 30 June</b><br>Last day of Term 2              |
| <b>Thurs – 15 June</b><br>NW Year 5&6 Football            | <b>Mon – 17 July</b><br>First day of Term 3             |
| <b>Fri – 16 June</b><br>Pride Week – Mufti Day            | <b>Thurs – 20 July</b><br>Year 3-6 Rippa Rugby Festival |
| <b>Mon – 19 June</b><br>Knowledge-a-thon                  | <b>Tues – 1 Aug</b><br>Year 7/8 NW Netball              |
| <b>Wed – 21 June</b><br>Kahu Team – Takeaway Wed          | <b>Wed – 2 Aug</b><br>Tough Guy and Gal Challenge       |

## sKids Before and After School Care

**sKids Whenuapai Holiday Programme**  
3 – 13 July  
MSD-Approved, Work & Income OSCAR subsidy available!  
Whenuapai School Hall  
14 Airport Road  
Whenuapai

|                 |                 |         |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Short Day       | 9:00am – 3:00pm | \$50.00 |
| Add Before Care | 7:30am – 9:00am | \$ 6.00 |
| Add After Care  | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | \$ 9.00 |
| Trip Day        | 7:30am – 6:00pm | \$79.00 |

Book now at <https://enrolmy.com/skids-whenuapai/book-now/19-sKids-Whenuapai-3-to-13-July-2023-Term-2-Holiday-Programme>  
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| Week 1  |  |  |  |   |
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| Monday 3rd  | Tuesday 4th  | Wednesday 5th  | Thursday 6th   | Friday 7th  |
| <b>Winter Art Day</b><br>Join us for a fun filled arts & crafts day with the opportunity of creating a winter wonderland.   | <b>Party in the USA!</b><br>Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! Come celebrate with us, enjoy some American food, activities and sports.  | <b>TRIP: Flippin' Fun</b><br>Arrive by 9.30am. Home of the bounciest trampoline where the rules of gravity don't apply!                        | <b>Game Show Day</b><br>Let's have a thrilling, interactive game show day as we play Family Feud, The Chase, Tipping Point and Password. | <b>Video Games Day</b><br>Calling all gamers! Today is a day where we will be playing games on gaming consoles (PS5, Wii, X box). |
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| Week 2  |  |  |  |   |
| Monday 10th   | Tuesday 11th   | Wednesday 12th   | Thursday 13th  | Friday 14th   |
| <b>sKids Sports Championship</b><br>Some friendly competition among teams as we play Tennis, Soccer, Rugby, Cricket, Basketball, Tenpin and our own game called "Blanket Volleyball". | <b>CINEMA TOP: Elemental Movie</b><br>Arrive by 9am. Join us on our cinema trip to see the Elemental movie.  | <b>sKids Talk Show</b><br>Be the star at our talk show Show us your talents with musical instruments, show & tell, and fear factor challenges. | <b>Pyjama Party</b><br>Come dressed in your PJ's, bring your sleeping bag for the ultimate Slumber Party.                                | <b>Matariki</b><br>Public holiday. No sKids today.  |
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| <b>Onsite:</b><br>021 174 8473<br>(Only checked during opening hours)   | <b>Current eligibility:</b><br>You may be eligible for OSCAR Subsidies, here is a quick overview of:<br>Families with 1 child and earn a maximum of \$111,000 p.a.<br>2 Children and earn a maximum of \$127,000 p.a.<br>3 or more children and earn a maximum of \$143,000 p.a. |  |  |   |

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## WRITING MODERATOR

Our teachers have been working hard to moderate writing across the school. Here they are engaged in a whole school project to ensure consistency across all year levels. We have noticed a massive improvement since we implemented the writer's toolbox programme and we are really proud of your children's progress!

Watch out for Hero goal updates coming out in the next few weeks.



## SPORTS

### North Harbour Harcourts and Co Rippa Rugby

The first rippa rugby competition for Whenuapai School students in Years 3-6 was held on Thursday, June 1st 2023.

The students played at Moire Park and travelled by bus to and from the venue. We had three teams represented who were the Orions, Spitfires and the Lancasters.

The weather started a bit wet and overcast but in the end the sun came out and made for ideal playing conditions and all three Whenuapai teams played extremely well.

The students are working towards developing and demonstrating our school values across the course of the two tournaments. The performance improvements in utilising space and moving the ball through passing was evident across all teams. Our players, new to the sport, are now showing improved application, knowledge and understanding of the game and they are showing a strong commitment to improving which is exciting to see.

We look forward to the next tournament on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

A special thanks goes to all parents that organised and prepared their child for the event. A personal thank you to the team leaders who were Sarah Harrison, Phil Collins and Scott Uren. The school appreciates your support and acknowledges the value you have given each of our students and teams in your roles.

Lastly a big cheers and thankyou to all the students. You made it a great day! The second and final tournament festival will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. We look forward to another great day and the students improving on their performances.











## YR6 STREAM TRIP



On Wednesday, our Year 6 students went onto the airbase to assess the health of our local stream. We tested for such things as visibility, PH levels, nitrates, and oxygen levels. We also surveyed part of the stream for macroinvertebrates and visible pollution. It was encouraging to find the stream in good health, with quite sensitive species present. Thanks to Kate and Kōha from Whitebait Connection for facilitating and sharing your knowledge.







# Cultural Day

2023





# 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:

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



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For every \$1 you spend, you will receive 1 point.

Voting is open now - 12 June – 16 July 2023

**JULY 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 4th, Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th April  
Week 2: Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th 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](http://WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM)

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**SUNDAY 18TH JUNE**  
12-3PM @ HPSS

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WORKSHOP

YEARS 7 TO 10  
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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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