

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 2 June 2023

Talofa lava,

It's been another jam-packed fortnight here at Whenuapai School and I wanted to start by saying a special thank you to all our incredible whānau for your support on Wednesday afternoon for the Teacher Paid Union Meetings. Many of our families were able to pick up their tamariki early on Wednesday afternoon and this allowed us to change our normal learning programme to support a smaller number of students and allowed all teachers to attend this important union meeting. We understand that this was a big ask, especially with such short notice and we appreciate all your support and understanding.

As you may have seen posted on HERO on Tuesday, we started this week with some disappointing news. Unfortunately, the opening date of our new Senior Campus on Trig Road has been extended. The original completion date was the start of Term 3, but due to the contractor delays, the campus is now expected to be completed at the end of Term 3. This means our senior students will now start learning from the new campus at the start of Term 4.

We were saddened by the news, however we remain positive and focused on the end goal of what an amazing campus this will be for our tamariki, whānau and staff when it is completed. We are maintaining regular communication with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to ensure that their construction partners address the issues and expedite the project. We will continue to provide updates on the progress of the build, and we have formally requested the presence of the MoE at a community meeting where we can collectively discuss the delay and answer any of your questions.

In the meantime, we will continue to run our excellent learning programmes here at the home campus and we will keep any disruptions to a minimum.

Speaking of our excellent learning programmes we are proud of what we offer our Year 7 and 8 tamariki and we want to show you what we do and how we do it! To do this, we are holding a Year 7/8 Curriculum Evening on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 from 5.00 - 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 Year 6 and 7. We look forward to seeing you there!

A friendly reminder that this weekend is an extra long one. School is closed on Monday, 5th June, for King's Birthday weekend and again on Tuesday, 6th June, for our Teachers Only Day (TOD). The TOD is to allow our teachers to attend the Kahui Ako professional development conference. The first day back at school is Wednesday, 7th June.

Today has been wonderful end to the week with an incredible day celebrating our many wonderful cultures and a very special way to end Samoan Language Week. Looking ahead, the last four weeks of term 2 are set to be as busy as usual. As always there will be lots of learning and sporting activities happening around the school and an upcoming highlight will be the Knowledge-a-thon. Maybe the long weekend will provide a great opportunity for tamariki to practice their questions!

Finally, this week, fa'afetai lava and thank you again to all our amazing Whenuapai whānau. We very much appreciate and value your continued support.

Tōfā soifua,

Adam Cels



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



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Listen

Collaborate

Share

Value

Participate

RESPECT FOR OTHERS



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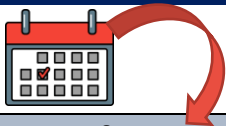
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RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT



Dates for your diary

Mon – 5 June King’s Birthday – School Closed	Thurs – 15 June NW Year 5&6 Football
Tues – 6 June Teacher Only Day – School Closed	Fri – 16 June Pride Week – Mufti Day
Wed – 7 June Year 6 Stream Visit	Mon – 19 June Knowledge-a-thon
Thurs – 8 June NW Year 7&8 Basketball	Wed – 21 June Kahu Team – Takeaway Wednesday
Fri – 9 June NW Year 7&8 Table Tennis	Wed – 28 June Year 5-8 NW Hockey
Tues – 13 June Kea Team – Takeaway Tuesday	Fri – 30 June Last day of Term 2

sKids Before and After School Care



sKids Whenuapai

Open on 6 June 2023 due to Teacher Only Day

When

Monday 6th June 2023
 Short Day: 9.00am to 3.00pm \$50.00
 Add Before Care: 7.30am to 9.00am \$ 6.00
 Add After Care: 3.00pm to 6.00pm \$ 9.00

Where

Whenuapai School Hall, 14 Airport Road

What

The Theme for Today is:
 Magician’s Day
 Magic potions, wands,
 and magicians hats !

How

Book this day via:
<https://enrolmy.com/skids-whenuapai/book-now/18-sKids-Whenuapai-Open-on-6-June-2023-due-to-Teacher-Only-Day-730am-to-6pm>



[Teacher Only Day – CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Massey High School

2024 Enrolments and Open Night

Open Night – Monday 12th June 2023

3.30pm to 5.30pm or 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Enrolments - In Zone enrolments are now open for 2024.

Out of Zone enrolments are also open. These will close on 30th August 2023. Should a ballot be required, this will be done on 6th September 2023.



SPORTS

Interzone Orienteering

This year’s Interzone Orienteering event was held at Cornwall Park on Monday, 15 May 2023 . The organiser stated that “It was great seeing the students come in at the finish, many taking home a fair amount of Cornwall Park mud, some absolutely exhausted after giving it their all around the course, but almost all with smiles on their faces. We do hope that the success every student had today in just getting around the course will encourage them to continue to orienteer for many years ahead”. The following students can be proud of their participation at the event with Eloise H placing 13th in the Year 7 girls and Ryla P, Astyn N, Sarka L, Kaylan N and Adihiti W placing 19th in the school team’s event. Special thanks to Jenny Cornish for supporting the girls with transport and supervision at the event.

Norwest Year 7/8 Football

The Whenuapai Year 7 & 8 football team were represented at the Norwest Soccer tournament on Tuesday, 16th of May at Huapai Domain. The weather was predicted to be poor, but the day turned out to be fine and the competition went ahead as planned. Whenuapai had a girls team representing the school and each one of the girls had creditable performances and can be proud of their contributions across the day. They ended up with consistent performances across the day with some wins and losses and ended up in 6th place. The school is proud of the girls in what was for some, their first football competition.

The boys played pool play which they had a draw and a loss and then ended up playing off for 5th and 6th with 6th place being the final result. The school would like to thank all the parents that attended for their awesome support and assistance on the day. To all the players, you represented the school with commitment and respect and were worthy ambassadors for Whenuapai School on the day. Special thanks to Nathan Atherton and Greg Berry for leading the teams on the day.





CELEBRATING PIWAKAWAKA LEARNING (YEAR 4)

INQUIRY TERM 2



I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho

A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions This whakatauki refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance. In order to solve a problem you need to have all of these.

The Piwakawaka team this term have been enlightened with all the new knowledge that they have learned about the ever-changing world around them. Students have learnt about different types of renewable energies, environmental issues that we are currently facing, the interdependence of creatures and their importance and so much more. Students are continuing to ask more questions and want to expand their understanding which is awesome to see. We look forward to the rest of the term and seeing what the students construct/produce as part of their take-off stage!



WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATOR



At the start of the term, students were lucky enough to learn about water conservation and how we can look after one of our most important natural resources, WATER. The students got an in-depth discussion on where our water is sourced from, and how much gets used during our daily routines. They then finished the sessions off with a hands-on STEM activity where the tamariki had to get the water from one place to another. There was heaps of positive feedback from the children and then left the day with a shower time to keep their showers to 4 mins.

JUNK-PLAY SESSION



On the 16th of May, educators from the Conscious Kids Junk Play visited Whenuapai School. The team brought various items ranging from bins, to recycled toys to even old dress-up clothes. The students really loved the session and were engaged and had a wonderful time. It gave the students the opportunity to use their imaginations and to come up with new uses for the many items that were scattered on the field.



He Ka Rawe Mahi/Awesome Work Yr 5's!!

A big thank you to all our Yr 5 Kākāpō teachers & students for helping to plant 829 Native trees & grasses at the Air Force Base last week with Trees For Survival and the Base Sustainability Team!



Kaitiakitanga: showing respect for our environment



Ngā mihi nui to our friends at the Air Force Base for so generously hosting us for the day. He tino pai mahi tahi/ Great teamwork!! The Mission was accomplished :)



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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FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai school

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!

TERM 2

Our awesome programme gets 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 on problem solving.

Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun! Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

Where: Whenuapai School fields
When: Wednesdays (starts on Wednesday 24th May)
Time: Lunchtime
Cost: \$80 per term (6 weeks)
Second child discount of 10% applies!
TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM

HARBOUR BASKETBALL

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE
12-3PM @ HPSS

OPEN TO ALL GIRLS IN THE HOBSONVILLE AREA

GIRLS GOT GAME

WORKSHOP

YEARS 7 TO 10 FREE!

REGISTER HERE

OR USING THIS LINK:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/NGJBA4SHERBETQWKA](https://forms.gle/NGJBA4SHERBETQWKA)

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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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JUDO

MONDAYS @ HPSS

4PM - 5PM

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