

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 25 July 2023

Tēnā koutou,

Term 3 already, the year is certainly flying by at a great rate of knots.

A huge welcome to our new families from our new school zone - Massey Redhills. It is wonderful to have you join our Whenuapai whānau and we look forward to your involvement and contribution to our kura. This will be another milestone in our long and successful history. Welcome to all families who joined our kura last week. Our roll has grown to 532 tamariki and we are projecting an end of year total of 550. If you are aware of any tamariki or families who will be starting school this year or in term 1 2024, who are not yet enrolled, please encourage them to get in touch with our wonderful Claire in the office. This will help us with our forward planning.

As the school grows I thought it would be timely to remind you about our school values:

- **Mana** - Respect for Self
- **Kotahitanga** - Respect for Others
- **Ako** - Respect for Learning
- **Kaitiakitanga** - Respect for the Environment

These values are incredibly important to us at Whenuapai, as they promote and develop kotahitanga (unity) and whanaungatanga (close connection between people) across the school. These values are actively taught in lessons and used to promote and acknowledge positive classroom and playground behaviour.

Room 25 is finished and open. The tamariki started in their new classroom yesterday, and I know Miss Ward is excited to have her new space. It is a beautiful classroom and feels like it has always been there. Thank you to the Ministry of Education for installing this classroom in such a short period of time. This is a temporary classroom and will be removed at the end of term 3. The Room 25 tamariki will move into Room 14 when the Year 7 and 8 students move across to their new campus.



Looking ahead - it is going to be an exciting term with lots happening including but not limited to: inquiry performance, school cross country, interschool rippa rugby, netball and the tough guy and girl challenge. One of the big events that we have introduced for 2023 is AIMS games. The Zespri AIMS Games gives 11, 12 & 13 year olds an opportunity to compete as an individual or a team against their age in NZ & invited countries in 25 sporting codes. The event is run like the olympic games over a week and there are over 11,500 competitors. This year we have 20 tamariki competing in cross country, mountain biking, football and rock climbing. <https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/> Go Whenuapai. Further information on all upcoming events will continue to be shared via Hero.



I hope everybody had a great holiday and managed to find enough dry spells to enjoy some outside activities. It certainly feels like we have spent most of this year inside because of the horrible weather. In the first week of the break, I watched my daughter take part in the U18 National Hockey Tournament in Auckland. I am very proud of her for being selected for the North Harbour team. She played extremely well and enjoyed herself despite her team not doing as well as she hoped. She is already looking forward to and planning for next year. What were your holiday highlights?

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Adam Cels



RESPECT FOR LEARNING

### AKO

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

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Engage

Question

Inquire

Problem Solve

Accomplish



RESPECT FOR SELF

### MANA

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Self Manage

Be Resilient

Be Honest

Growth Mindset



RESPECT FOR OTHERS

### KOTAHITANGA

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Listen

Collaborate

Share

Value

Participate



RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT

### KAITIAKITANGA

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Appreciate

Connect

Contribute

Take Action

Care



### Dates for your diary ....

<b>Fri – 28 July</b> Cross Country & go crazy mufti day	<b>Fri – 18 August</b> Playhouse Theatre Years 1-3
<b>Tues – 1 August</b> Year 7/8 NW Netball	<b>Fri – 25 August</b> Daffodil Day
<b>Wed – 2 August</b> Tough Guy and Gal Challenge	<b>Thurs – 31 Aug</b> Year 7/8 – Positive Puberty
<b>Mon – 7 August</b> Road Patrol Training	<b>4-8 September</b> AIMS Games 2023
<b>Tues – 8 August</b> Year 5/6 NW Netball	<b>Wed - 20 September</b> NW Year 7/8 Volleyball
<b>Wed – 9 August</b> 6.00pm Board Meeting	<b>Wed - 20 September</b> Performance Arts

## SPORTS

### Norwest Year 5/6 Football

On Thursday 15th of June Whenuapai took two Year 5/6 boys teams to Huapai Domain for the football zone day. The weather was wonderful and the facilities were amazing. Team Hercules was coached by Nathan Atherton and Team Orion was coached by Charlotte Govorko. Team Hercules started off with a default win as the other team did not show up, giving the Hercules team a 5 - 0 win. The following game would end up being another win as team Hercules were slowly getting into their stride with another 3 - 0 win. A draw and a loss in the last few games meant that Team Hercules were playing for 3rd spot in their final game. Unfortunately, the game didn't go the way of Team Hercules as the team slowly slipped to a final defeat. Even though the results didn't go our way for both teams, there were definitely signs of Whenuapai respect tokens being shared. Both teams showed grit, determination and sportsmanship throughout every game and all students seemed to be enjoying themselves!

### YMCA Basketball – Season 1

The Whenuapai U9 Dribblers Basketball Team had a fantastic first season (Term 1 and 2). The team placed second in their age group after playing an incredible final game with a final score (after going into 2 minutes of overtime) of 38-36 to Waitakere wild cats. Arepa Epiha was awarded most outstanding player of the season at the YMCA. He scored an outstanding 34 baskets. Huge congratulations and well done to the Whenuapai Dribblers.



*Congratulations*

## sKids Before and After School Care

### Daily Activities After-School Programme

5 to 13 years old

<p><b>Monday Games</b></p> <p>From board and card games to balloons and party games; we will have a mix of these fun activities every week!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday Sports / Active</b></p> <p>Get moving with sKids. We will have different activities each week such as sports and anything to get active.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Arts &amp; Crafts</b></p> <p>The kids will have fun with a variety of arts and crafts while learning to get creative.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Challenge Day</b></p> <p>Have you got the skills to complete our challenges? Join us at sKids for a fun challenge afternoon.</p>	<p><b>Friday Music, Dance &amp; Free Play</b></p> <p>Fridays are a time to have fun and relax with an opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting activities.</p>
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General After-School Schedule

3.00pm – 3.30pm	Healthy afternoon snack provided
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Homework/Reading
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Exciting scheduled activities
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Fun activities

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## 2023 Cross Country



And Go Crazy for Starship Mufti Day - Gold coin donation.

This Friday, 28th July 2023

Course Lengths:			Approximate Timings:	
Year 0-1	1 Lap	968 mtrs	9.30am	Year 0-1
Year 2-3	2 Laps	1820 mtrs	10.15am	Year 7-8
Year 4	2 Laps	1820 mtrs	11.40am	Year 5-6
Year 5-6	3 Laps	2588 mtrs	1.40pm	Year 2-3
Year 7-8	3 Laps	2588 mtrs	2.15pm	Year 4

Whānau welcome to come and join in the fun!



# MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Words by Kaylan Nasmith Y8



On Monday, the whole school celebrated the coming of Matariki. Matariki is a time to remember those who have passed, reflect on our present and make goals about our future. It also is a time to come together and share kai. Across Kahu we made fried bread and soup for the whole school. To start the day we split into groups for who would work on what; I was on making fried bread. Kahu children spent the morning frying the bread, chopping up vegetables, and cleaning up the dishes. At lunch time we served up the soup into cups and as kids came in from across the school they got a piece of fried bread to go with it. The whole day was really fun and it was interesting to see different types of ways people could celebrate Matariki.



# THANK YOU LASER PLUMBING AND ROOFING WHENUAPAI

Laser Plumbing & Roofing Whenuapai feel strongly about backing and supporting their community. They are passionate about young children in schools and their safety out there this winter, especially as everyone has endured the forcible effects of mother nature this year.

Last week their amazing team presented new wet weather protection gear to our road patrol team. We can't thank the team at Laser Plumbing and Roofing enough for their very generous donation.

Look how fabulous some of our team members look below.



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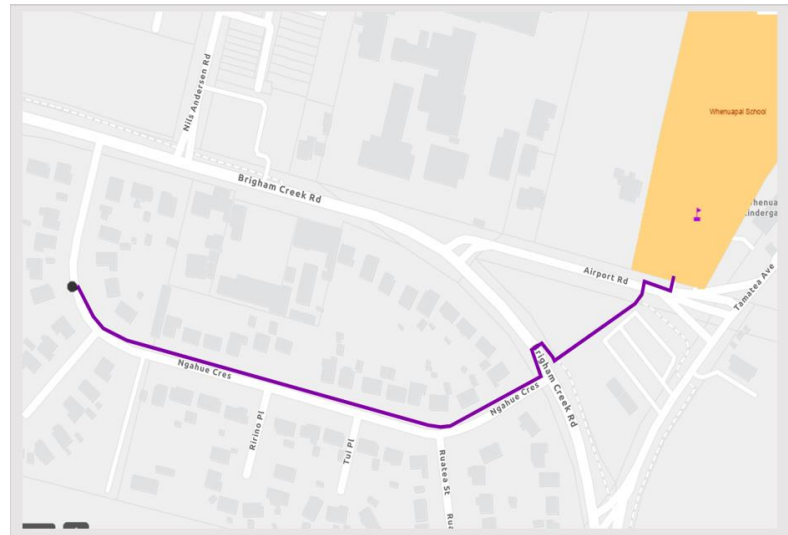
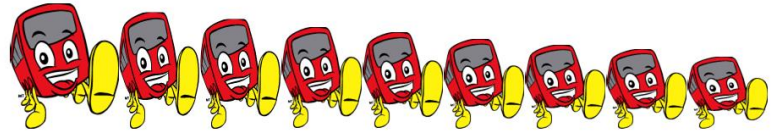
SCHOLASTIC **BookClub**

## WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Come and join our new Walking School Bus (WSB) starting Week 3 next term. Along the way children learn road safety, socialise and share stories with friends and neighbours and arrive energised at school.

What a great way to travel to school and avoid the congestion! The WSB will leave from 9 Ngahue Cres at 8.20am every Tuesday heading east (see the route below).

Contact Michaela [michaelapamela@gmail.com](mailto:michaelapamela@gmail.com) or 021 186 5876



For more information about starting a WSB at your school  
**AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus** or email us at  
**walkingschoolbus@aucklandtransport.govt.nz**



## Innovation EXPO!

At the end of Term 2, our tamariki put together an incredible Innovation Expo.

The school hall looked fantastic filled with our tamariki's learning, presentations and sale items. They were so excited to be able to show their whānau members.

The work on display was outstanding and we are very proud of our talented hard working tamariki.



## KEA TEAM LEARNING

The year 0/1 tamariki in Kea have been settling back into school. Our team have been learning all about Matariki. Below are some pictures of our new Room 25 tamariki, working hard on their Matariki art.



Room 25 made whareniui using popsicle sticks, crayons and hot glue. A whareniui is a meeting house where Māori would come together from across the motu to celebrate the Māori New Year.

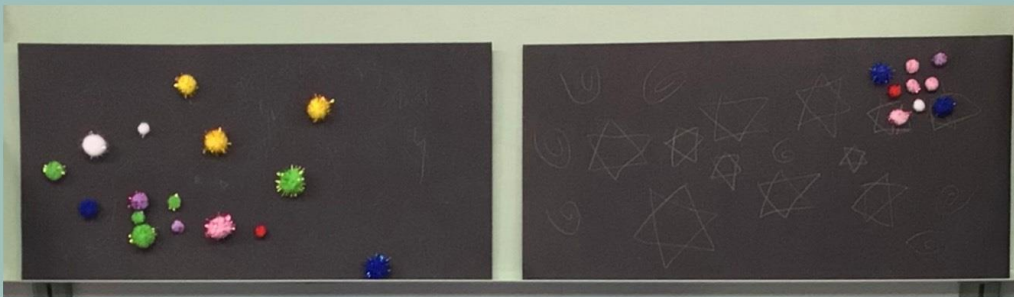






Using Pom poms, glue and crayons, Room 25 created a Matariki skyscape.

During this time Room 25 shared their knowledge about the cluster of stars with each other.



Across the Kea team we have been creating lanterns, wharenuī, skyscapes, kites, and making wishes for the year to come.

# 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/>



**CLICK HERE** - To join our Whenuapai School parents page!

**FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME**  
**KIWI KICK STARS**  
 Whenuapai school  
**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!**  
**TERM 3**

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.

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**Where:** Whenuapai School fields  
**When:** Wednesdays (starts on Wednesday 19th July)  
**Time:** Lunchtime  
**Cost:** \$135 per term (10 weeks)  
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## NorthWest Rewards Schools 2023

**NORTHWEST REWARDS WINNERS!**

Congratulations to...

- 1 Woodhill School
- 2 Whenuapai School
- 3 Hobsonville School

Thank you to everyone who participated!

NORTHWEST

The results are in and thanks to all our wonderful supporters, Whenuapai School placed second in the 2023 NorthWest Rewards Schools competition. For second place we receive a very generous \$2000.00!

**MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School**

Would your child like to learn to play music?  
 Would you like in-school lessons with qualified music teachers?  
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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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