

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 9 August 2023

Tēnā koutou,

The Education space in Aotearoa New Zealand is a dynamic and constantly evolving landscape, dedicated to fostering positive outcomes for the tamariki (children) of Aotearoa New Zealand. We are currently embarking on two significant and transformative endeavors that aim to enhance the educational experience for tamariki at Whenuapai School: Te Mātaiaho, and Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi.

Te Mātaiaho - The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh is an initiative that aims to create a better and more culturally responsive curriculum for our diverse learners. Te Mātaiaho is underpinned by 3 curriculum principles:

1. Give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
2. Hold a broad view of ākonga (learners) success
3. Hold high expectations for all ākonga (learners)

The refreshed curriculum will be progression-focused, rather than outcomes-focused with Mātauranga Māori sitting at the core of the learning areas, with key competencies, literacy, and numeracy explicitly woven into each learning area. This is all aimed at building a dynamic and evolving curriculum unique to Whenuapai School and Aotearoa New Zealand.

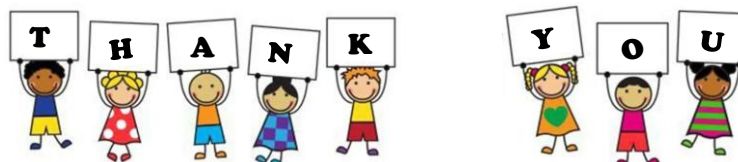
Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi - Planning Together for Ākonga Success is a programme that focuses on improving planning and reporting practices in our school. It underscores our commitment to equitable, inclusion and outstanding outcomes for all tamariki. This change highlights the vital role that whānau (families) and the wider community play in the educational journey of their tamariki.

To bring about these changes, we need your input and ideas. We have conducted a Whānau Survey to gather your perspectives. Your feedback will be crucial in shaping our school's strategic plan, aligning it with the aspirations and priorities of our community. After collecting feedback, the Board will create a draft plan for further consultation and feedback.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

The education system in Aotearoa New Zealand is continuously evolving, and we are actively shaping its future through the Te Mātaiaho and Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi frameworks. Your engagement, insights, and partnership are crucial in this ongoing journey.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Adam Cels



### AKO

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

PB4L Learner Capabilities



Engage

Question

Inquire

Problem Solve

Accomplish

RESPECT FOR LEARNING



### MANA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

PB4L Learner Capabilities



Self Manage

Be Resilient

Be Honest

Growth Mindset

RESPECT FOR SELF



### KOTAHITANGA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

PB4L Learner Capabilities



Listen

Collaborate

Share

Value

Participate

RESPECT FOR OTHERS



### KAITIAKITANGA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

PB4L Learner Capabilities



Appreciate

Connect

Contribute

Take Action

Care

RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT



### Dates for your diary ....

<b>Wed – 9 August</b> 6.00pm Board Meeting	<b>Thurs – 31 Aug</b> Year 7/8 – Positive Puberty
<b>Thurs – 10 August (9am or 7pm)</b> Get Ready for School Presentation	<b>4-8 September</b> AIMS Games 2023
<b>Fri – 18 August</b> Playhouse Theatre Years 1-3	<b>Wed - 20 September</b> NW Year 7/8 Volleyball
<b>Fri – 25 August</b> Daffodil Day	<b>Wed - 20 September</b> Performance Arts
<b>28 August – 1 September</b> Scholastic Book Fair Week	<b>Fri – 22 September</b> Last day of Term 3
<b>Wed – 30 August</b> 9.30am – Book Character Parade	<b>Mon – 9 October</b> First day of Term 4

## 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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## NW Netball

On a very sunny Tuesday 1st of August, the netball teams that we created for the Norwest Tournament arrived at Te Pai netball courts. Our teams included Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls, and a mixed Year 7 & 8 boys. We all had so much fun competing against the other schools. Our Year 7 girls came 3rd in their pool. The boys came 4th in their pool and our Year 8 girls came 5th in their pool. Shout-out to our supporting parents: Stephanie Dunbar and Apolka Zsadyani Nagy. Also, a big thank you to Room 14's teacher Miss Matiaha, our Deputy Principal Mrs Fletcher, and our lovely Whaea Sarah for refereeing all 15 of our games!

Written by Yan Chen, Rm 14



# SPORTS

## Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

Whenuapai School students are really tough guys and girls!! Over seventy-five students attended the tough guy and girl challenge on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August held at Kumeu Showgrounds in what were very muddy, slippery conditions. The weather for the day was wet and cold but those students that braved the elements enjoyed the day. Students left school at 8.30am travelling by bus to Kumeu and were anxious to compete against the other 1100 students from other schools to see who could be the fastest or muddiest across the challenging courses. The students ran, walked and crawled across the grueling courses over distances of 1.5 – 3km. There were those students who came in quickly, but the majority of students experienced the joy of being caked in mud. There were a few lost shoes and the odd bump and bruise, but all students overcame ever obstacle and completed the courses which they can be very proud of. The students ended the day with a hot shower, food and drinks. Whenuapai School would like to thank the supporters and group of parents that helped and made the day run smoothly. Special thanks to Olivia Mead and Lauren Larsen for their attendance and support of the students on the day. We appreciate your support of the students, and we hope you all enjoyed the day. Lastly thanks to the students who received a medal and pizza voucher for competing. You were great ambassadors for the school and were a pleasure to take to the event. You were very muddy though!!! – Photos to follow on next page.....

# JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

# 2023

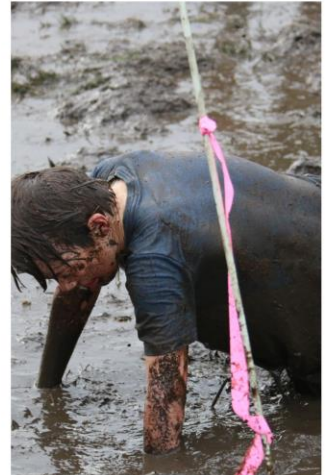


Photo credit to one of our amazing parents – Thank you Mark Nicolas!!



# Library News

**Book Fair: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Aug - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept**

We can't wait to see you at our Book Fair which will be held in the school library. Children will be visiting with their class at a prescheduled time where they will be given wish lists for them to record their favourite items.

Parents are more than welcome to visit the book fair during the following times:

- Mon:** 3.00-4.00pm
- Tues:** 8.00-9.00am & 3.00pm-4.00pm
- Wed:** 8.00-9.00am, after book parade & 3.00pm-4.00pm
- Thurs:** 8.00-9.00am & 3.00pm-4.00pm
- Fri:** 8.00-9.00am & 3.00pm-4.00pm



Books will be available for purchase with cash and EFTPOS. A form will be sent home with your children which has order and credit card payment options on the reverse. The brochure is just a taste of what will be available. There will be so many more to choose from at the book fair so please wait to place your order until you and/or your children have had a chance to have a look.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase birthday gifts and stocking fillers as the books and novelty items are well priced with lots of variety. Please support us if you can. It's a great way for us to raise funds to benefit your children and the school. We can earn up to 30% commission with your invaluable help.

**Book Character Parade: Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug at 9.30am**

Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and/or bring their favourite soft toy pet. The parade will start at 9.30am and families are more than welcome to attend (dressed up if you wish). There will be spot prizes and prizes for the most imaginative re-creations.

## WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our first walking school bus successfully arrived at school on Tuesday with eight children on board. The Walking School Bus mascot and the sun were out to welcome them to school. The children enjoyed walking and talking together, and collecting a special key ring and their first click on their bus ticket. If you'd like to join the walking school bus please contact Michaela White (021 186 5876 or [michaelapamela@gmail.com](mailto:michaelapamela@gmail.com)) for more information.



For more information about starting a WSB at your school



**AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus** or email us at **walkingschoolbus@aucklandtransport.govt.nz**

## 2023 Cross Country Results

Results	1 <sup>st</sup> Girl & Boy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Girl & Boy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Girl & Boy
<b>Year 1</b>	Abbie H & Blake W	Haylee M & Zayn M	Fleur O & Nicolas B
<b>Year 2</b>	Zoe B & Samuel L	Isobel G & Avishaan S	Brooke A & Beau L
<b>Year 3</b>	Lucy M & Aloisio P	Eleanor W & Rishan P	Zoe B & Jackson H
<b>Year 4</b>	Zanneja M & Hudson P	Aurora J & Mason N	Avyana C & Lewis S
<b>Year 5</b>	Xanthe P & Niko G	Uriah M & Fletchie U	Grace O & Nayten R
<b>Year 6</b>	Leila M & Henry P	Rachel V & Noah Y	Icella L & Cooper P
<b>Year 7</b>	Lucy Z & Bradley U	Darcie F & Walker H	Eloise H & Samuel K
<b>Year 8</b>	Astyn N & Reuben A	Kaylan N & Joel P	Hannah A & Joash M

**A huge congratulations to all tamariki!**

**What a fantastic day seeing you all achieve amazing things!**



# TUI TEAM YEAR 2&3



WE ARE HAVING SO  
MUCH FUN DOING  
INQUIRY THIS TERM!



HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS  
FROM CROSS COUNTRY





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## GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

THURSDAY  
**10**  
AUGUST  
2023

We are pleased to invite you to come and learn about how you can support your child as they transition to school. The session will involve a presentation in the staff room followed by a school tour.

### Topics we will cover:

- Child Development
- Supporting your child as they transition to school
- About Whenuapai School
- Shared Classroom Resources
- School Tour
- Question and answer session



Contact Us:  
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9:00 AM &  
7:00 PM

# 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!



**KICK STARS 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.

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 19th July)  
**Time:** Lunchtime  
**Cost:** \$135 per term (10 weeks)  
 Second child discount of 10% applies!  
**TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM**

## NZ Football Fantails Programme

**For Girls aged 5-12 years**

Fantails is aimed at all girls aged 5 – 12 years, regardless of ability to try football for the first time or continue playing in a fun, safe environment.

Sessions are focused on helping girls make friends, have fun, improve their skills and get active through football or futsal.

Hosted by the West Coast Rangers

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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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