

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 19 September 2023

Tēnā koutou,

And here we are again - in the last week of another school term. Term 3 has flown by and what a great term it has been!

A huge highlight of the term was in Week 8, when a group of 19 Whenuapai tamariki had the incredible opportunity to attend the 2023 Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga. The AIMS Games gives students in Years 7 & 8 (11, 12 & 13 year olds) an opportunity to compete as an individual or a team against their age in New Zealand and invited counties in 25 codes. This year the AIMS Games welcomed 373 schools and over 11,700wow! This is an amazing tournament to be a part of and this was the first year that Whenuapai School has attended the games. The reports back from our staff and parent helpers who attended, as well as the amazing tamariki who competed, were all wonderful to hear. We are so proud of our athletes, who not only did well in their respective events but who also represented Whenuapai School to the highest standard and who exemplified the four school values. More information and pictures to follow later in the newsletter.

We managed to squeeze a lot into the last ten weeks and this week is no different. Tomorrow (Wednesday, 20 September) our amazing tamariki are putting on an incredible cultural performance for you. Parents, Caregivers and Whānau are invited to come and see the tamariki in action:

- Year 0-4 show time – 9.15 – 10.30am
- Year 5-8 show time – 11.30 – 12.45pm

Both tamariki and staff have put a lot of effort and practice into their performances, and they would love to see you there.

Tomorrow night we also have our 'Friends of Whenuapai' Upcycled Disco. A wonderful way to celebrate and end the term on a high. Tickets are still available via Kindo ([CLICK HERE](#)) and door sales are also available on the night. A special thank you to all of our amazing volunteers for both organising the event and their support on the night. Without you, events like this are not possible.

Special announcement - We are so pleased to let you know that our Whenuapai School Senior Campus is finally ready, and we couldn't be happier. This week we have Van Lines onsite helping us move our furniture and resources. Then over the holiday break, staff will be unpacking and setting up the new learning spaces, library, and administration area, getting them set up and ready for our Year 7 and 8 tamariki to start on day one of Term 4.

The campus looks fantastic, and we can't wait to share it with you. For now, we have some amazing drone footage available to view on our school website – [CLICK HERE](#). Next term, there will be a dawn service held on Monday morning, 9 October starting at 6.30am to officially open the new campus. We will send a HERO reminder closer to the time with more details.

We will also hold an open day early in Term 4 and invite whānau to come and view the new campus and facilities.

It's been a long journey, but we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Finally, congratulations to our Boeing house members who took out Term 3 with the most house points. We hope you enjoy your special treat on Friday.

A reminder that Friday is the last day of Term 3. We wish you a wonderful holiday break and hope that it is filled with lots of lovely sunshine.

Term 4 starts on Monday, 9 October.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Cels



HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

1st - Boeing
with 24,428 points

2nd - Orion
with 22,527 points

3rd - Seaprite
with 21,080 points

4th - Hercules
with 19,681 points

Congratulations
to Boeing for
winning the
house comp for
Term 3! They will
be enjoying a Mr
Whippy treat
this Friday!

Ka pai to
everyone for all
their hard mahi
this term.

PB4L VALUE FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Whakawhangaungatanga (connect).

- Me Kōrero - talk
- Me whakārongo - listen
- Me whakawātea i a Koe - be there
- Me rongo i te whanaungatanga - feel connected

For the last few weeks our PB4L focus at school has been 'Kotahitanga' - Respect for Others. Kotahitanga is the concept of togetherness, and emphasises the benefits of working together to achieve a shared goal.

As we head into the school holidays, I would like to share this activity to help connect with your tamariki over the holidays and will help to consolidate our recent PB4L focus on 'Talking to each other Respectfully'. This can be a good conversation starter at the dinner table, and it can also be a more effective way to encourage our tamariki to share some details about their day at school!

Write down or share these 3 pātai (questions). Give your tamariki time to Kōrero (talk) before answering. Model this activity by answering the same questions yourself.

1. Who has made you smile today?
2. What is one thing you are grateful for today?
3. What is something that you're looking forward to?

I have also included links to Chatterboxes in English and Te Reo. These are a fun way to Kōrero about the different things that help us to feel good.





Dates for your diary	
Wednesday - 20 September NW Year 7/8 Volleyball	Monday – 23 September Labour Day
Wednesday - 20 September Performance Arts	Thursday – 26 September NW Year 7&8 Badminton
Wednesday - 20 September School Disco	Wednesday – 18 October Rm4 Plant Mulching Trip
Friday – 22 September Last day of Term 3	Friday – 20 October Spring Plant Sale
Monday – 9 September First day of Term 4	Friday – 24 November Teacher Only Day – No School
Monday – 9 September 6.30am – Dawn Ceremony Opening of new Senior Campus	Wednesday – 20 December Last Day of Term 4 12.40pm finish



Senior Campus – Grand Opening, 9 Oct!!

SAFETY NOTICES

Construction Work During the Holidays

Over the holiday period, Rooms 11-14 will be getting a new roof. This work is in response to the storms from the start of the year.

School will remain open to the community.

The work areas will be cordoned off. For your own safety please respect the boundaries that are put in place.

Please note there could be times where trucks are moving through the school grounds.

To and from School

We have been made aware of a young adult approaching people at the bus stop opposite the Park House Cafe who is asking to be tagged on to the public bus. This same person has also been seen sitting outside the dairy and approaching people to ask for various things.

We wanted to bring this to your attention so that you can talk to your children about situations where they feel uncomfortable, scared or unsafe.

If at any time your child feels uncomfortable, scared or unsafe, they should seek out and tell a trusted adult.

As a community it is important to look out for each other on the way to and from School. If you see anything of concern, please do let us know.

We have advised the School's Community Constable about this.

Drop off and Pick Up

Due to the current road works and increased congestion around the school, we thought it was a good time to remind everybody about expectations during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Firstly, it would be great if we could increase the number of tamariki walking to school on a regular basis. Walking to school is great for family time, fitness, developing independence, connecting with friends and our environment.

If you are driving your child to school, please remember to:

- Keep the bus stop and section of road leading to the bus stop clear at all times
- Only stop and park your vehicle in the designated parking areas
- Please do not stop or park over driveways, yellow lines or the zoned area near the crossing
 - Please also show consideration to our neighbours by not parking across their driveways. Parking across driveways is a parking offence for which the Council can issue tickets
- No U-turns outside of the school or parking areas
- Ensure you slow down when approaching the pedestrian crossing
- Please ensure you use the predestination crossing when crossing the road

All these points are crucial for the health and safety of our tamariki and their whānau.

Thank you for your co-operation and for helping us to keep tamariki safe!

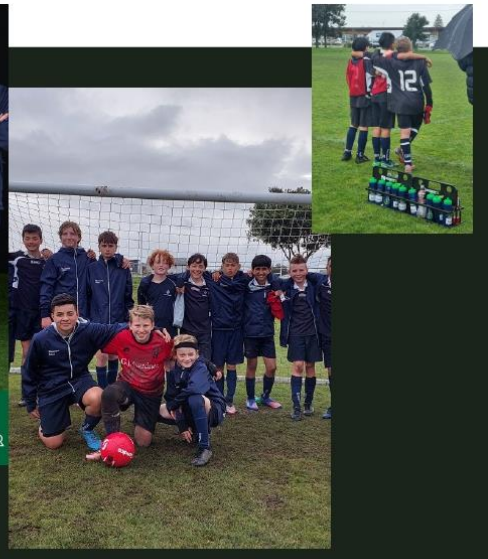
REMINDER – Community Survey Closing Soon

A reminder that if you would like to provide us with feedback on inclusive education or anything else about Whenuapai School, please complete our short community survey ([PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)). Alternatively, our door is always open, and we are happy to hear your feedback, suggestions or comments in person.

Thank you – we very much value your input.



NZAIMS 2023



FOOTBALL

- * They were focussed regarding the intense commitments required each day.
- * They were so respectful of each other and the adults supervising.
 - * They showed some wonderful sportsmanship, particularly in checking-on & helping opposition players to their feet after any falls.
- * They remained positive, rather than dejected, despite a series of losses.
 - * They embraced each new game enthusiastically.

Over the week we played 11 games. We had two tough games against Tauranga Boys College and Murrays Bay Intermediate which the team performed admirably but unfortunately we didn't win both these games. We then played our last game on Wednesday against Royal Oak Intermediate which was a very tight contest where we were leading for a period of the game but again fell short on the scoreboard.

We played Highlands Intermediate from New Plymouth in what was a tough encounter with a lot of physical intensity to the game which really tested our boys values, calmness and composure with added playoff pressure also on the line as this was our first game out of pool play. With a discussion after the game and talk as a team we had a better approach in our next game where we were drawn with 5 mins to go against South Wellington Intermediate but due to a hand ball in our box we gave up a penalty of which the opposition converted so we just lost that game. Final game day was against Waiheke Primary and we had a great win 6-0 which was a great boost to the morale and confidence of all the boys. They celebrated and were deserving winners after a great team performance. Finishing with a win against Tuakau on the Friday!



Our Whenuapai gazebo looked great. It was their 'base' and it was lovely to hear their conversations and see the camaraderie when they sought shelter under cover. Monday and Tuesday were challenging days regarding the cold, wind & rain. They all continued to practice during the intervals between games..... corners, strikes, headers, trapping & shielding the ball. Always keen to improve.

Gradually boots & bodies were broken in! A massive thank you, to the team of superb parents who nurtured the boys through the week and constantly had each boy's welfare as top priority. May the opportunity to participate at AIMS continue!



NZAIMS



2023 ROCKCLIMBING



Over the 5 day competition 180 climbers battled it out for the NZAIMS medals. Climbers competed in all 3 events - Top rope, Bouldering and Speed climbing. Darcie took out the Speed climbing each day, and held strong in bouldering and top rope. Tired and sore meant Wednesday was a tough day physically and mentally, but making the finals made up for it. The final 5 competed strong, with 3 of the year 7 girls all reaching for the same boulder - leaving us all hanging for the results - Darcie achieved so many personal bests over the week and came home with an amazing Bronze medal!

CROSS COUNTRY

Excitement and nerves were building as we all made our way to Tauranga ready for Sunday morning! One of the first events of the week is the 3km Cross Country event at Waipuna Park. On Sunday morning, the sun was shining, the venue was set up and Lucy, Astyn & Kaylan were ready to go.

The course saw a quick start, some gentle flats and climbs, some hurdles to navigate and a couple of very steep hills to scramble up.

There were 113 year seven girls running and 128 year eight girls in the event, All three of our girls ran the 3km with impressive times.

Lucy - 14:54.28

Astyn - 13:28.11

Kaylan - 14:33.37

There were a lot of smiles and lots of cheering for our other local school kids who were also competing.



2023 ZESPRI AIMS GAMES

MOUNTAIN BIKING

On Tuesday, over 200 keen mountain bikers made their way to Summerhill MTB Park. Over the week, Joash, Astyn & Kaylan all participated in the seeding event, 10km Cross Country and four stage enduro. They were faced with challenging conditions, it was wet, and cold with so much mud!

The girls were up first for the Cross Country event. Astyn & Kaylan both got great starts. From there it was a battle against the course. There were several tumbles and constant changing of positioning around the 2 loop track. Astyn placed third, receiving the bronze medal and Kaylan came in fourth after an impressive battle. Unfortunately, in the nature of MTB, Joash ended up with a mechanical issue after a tumble in his race and was unable to finish.

The enduro event was held on Friday. A timed four stage event where you go as fast as you can downhill and your combined times are added together. The sun finally decided to show up and it was a great day of riding. The placings for this event certainly suited the local kids who were very familiar with each bend and dip.





CELEBRATING KAHU LEARNING (YR7&8)

TE REO MĀORI



Our Kāhu kids have been building their competency in Te Reo Māori over the last two terms. They learn some new kupu (words) and sayings, and then, every second week, they disperse throughout the school to teach teachers and students their learning. The focus in the coming weeks is learning their mihi, students identifying their room number and the school they attend.

FRIDAY OPTIONS



MATHS - APPLYING KNOWLEDGE

In Kāinga 11/12 the students have been learning measurement and ratio. They have put it into practice through a project-based task where they wrote and adapted recipes to make in class.



Our Friday options have continued to engage our tamariki and expose them to new challenging learning experiences. Some highlights of this term have been:

- Sending keen sports kids to AIMS
- Unlocking some strategic thinking and planning in sophisticated board games.
- Learning microbiology in advanced science.
- Writing, directing and editing short films in media.
- Getting creative in trash to fashion
- And advanced rock climbing!

TERM DATES

2024

TERM 1

MEET THE TEACHER DAY - FRIDAY 2ND FEB

STARTS - WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

ENDS - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL



Waitangi Day - Monday 6th February

Good Friday to Easter Monday - 24th March - 01st April

Easter Tuesday (a school holiday) - 02nd April

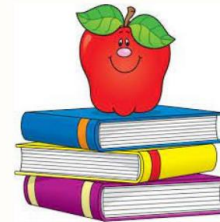
TERM 2

STARTS - MONDAY 29TH APRIL

ENDS - FRIDAY 5TH JULY

Kings Birthday - Monday 3rd June

Matariki - Friday 28th June



TERM 3

STARTS - MONDAY 22ND JULY

ENDS - FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER



TERM 4

STARTS - MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

ENDS - FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER (12.40PM)

Labour Day - Monday 28th October

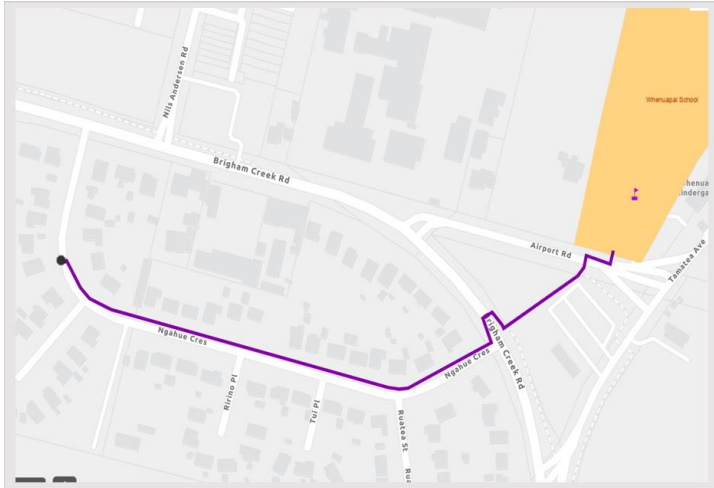


WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

The walking school bus (WSB) is a great way to travel to school and avoid the congestion! It's also a wonderful way for school families in the community get to know each other.

The WSB will leave from 9 Ngahue Cres at 8.20am every Tuesday heading east (see the route below).

If you'd like to join the walking school bus, please contact Michaela White at michaelapamela@gmail.com or 021 186 5876 for more information.



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



sKids Before & After School Care

Daily Activities After-School Programme

5 to 13 years old

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

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

Email: whenuapai@skids.co.nz | Onsite Mobile: 021 174 8473 (Only checked during opening hours)

Book now at www.skids.co.nz and click on Book Now

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

TERM 4 – Lunchtime Football

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai school

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!

TERM 4

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 11th October)
Time: Lunchtime
Cost: \$135 per term (10 weeks)
 Second child discount of 10% applies!
TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM



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TERM 3 Review Topic Open Now:

Curriculum and Student Achievement

[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)



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!



Calling all Year 1 - 4
play cricket this summer for Kumeū Cricket Club
Friday Nights

Girls 4pm - 5pm
Boys Year 3 & 4
5:30pm - 7pm

Boys Year 1 & 2
6pm - 7pm

Click here to join now and receive 50% off your subs
For more details contact Charlotte 021885993



AUCKLAND DIVING
 COMMUNITY TRUST

Give diving a try

Diving is fun, dynamic and a fast growing sport which helps develop agility, strength, co-ordination and deep water confidence. This term your child had the opportunity to spend an hour with an Olympic athlete and have a small taste of what diving is like. Following on from this every child gets the chance to try diving for FREE.

- professional coaching in a supportive environment
- no experience necessary but must be able to swim in deep water

We have classes running out of both Glenfield Pool and West Wave. Register for your free trial at www.aucklanddiving.co.nz. We also have a brand-new gymnastics and acrobatic fun area at West Wave Pool, ready for some fun exciting new activities. Come along and get involved!

Visit our website for more information and to register



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Looking for a whānau sport this summer?

Join us for the upcoming Softball season!!!

We are looking for new players in all grades from U7 to U13
 Playing on Saturday Mornings
 AND
 Adult Social - Men and Women teams
 Playing on Saturday afternoons

All games are played at Rosedale Park, Albany



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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.

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For more information, contact
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