

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 22 August 2023

Tēnā koutou,

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a couple of celebrations. Firstly, congratulations to our Year 7/8 boys football team for playing a great game last Friday against Waimauku Primary. The game was intense and could have gone either way - so it was fitting after everyone's efforts that the final result was a 5 all draw. An outstanding result and a great start to their AIMS Games campaign.

Secondly, congratulations to everyone - tamariki, whānau, kaiako and everyone else who has supported us over the last year. We are really proud of our student achievement results for the first half of 2023.

Curriculum Subject	Percentage of Tamariki At and Above Expectation
Pānui (Reading)	84.13%
Tuhituhi (Writing)	88.80%
Pāngarau (Mathematics)	90.08%



Whilst this is a fantastic result we are not resting on our laurels, we are striving to lift our results and make a positive difference for everyone before the end of the year. Please have a chat with your child's classroom teacher to see how you can work with us to benefit your tamariki.

And finally, a couple of weeks ago we sent a team of tamariki to the North West Interschool Cross Country. All of our students took part with great enthusiasm and represented our kura (school) with pride. Their running, behaviour and values were exemplary. We also had a couple of outstanding runners who will be representing the North West Zone at the Auckland Cross Country Interzone Competition.

In the last newsletter I talked about changes in the education landscape. This week I would like to share information about Inclusive Education.

Inclusive Education - He wāhi mō te katoa - A place for all of us

Inclusive education is founded in the Education and Training Act 2020, which states: *“people who have special education needs (whether because of disability or otherwise) have the same rights to enrol and receive education at state schools as people who do not”*.

Inclusive education means **all** ākonga (learners) are engaged and have the potential to succeed through being present, participating, learning and belonging. It is underpinned by the belief that our diversity is a strength, and every learner has the potential to make a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of their family, whānau, community and to Aotearoa New Zealand as a whole.

At Whenuapai School, we believe that all students have the right to learn in an environment where they feel accepted, supported, and safe and we embrace inclusivity as part of the *‘Whenuapai Way of Being’*. We are committed to ensuring the wellbeing of all our tamariki by creating a welcoming, caring, and supportive learning environment that treats everyone with respect and dignity *‘Manaakitanga’*. By promoting *‘Whanaungatanga’*, (relationships) we continue to build positive, trusting, and collaborative relationships with our learners, their families and whānau, and the wider community.

We have worked hard to develop systems, processes, and practices that are responsive to diversity, needs and behaviours, identifying and removing barriers to learning and wellbeing, rather than expecting our learners to ‘fit’ within a rigid system of teaching and learning. We promote inclusive values and practices by working collaboratively with the Ministry of Education (MoE), Resource Teachers, the Kahui Ako, and across a variety of external agencies to access support services and resources.

Our aim is always to make a positive difference for all ākonga.

For further information on inclusive education please visit the following websites: School Docs www.schooldoc.co.nz or MoE sites <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/inclusive-education/> or <https://inclusive.tki.org.nz/>

If you would like to provide us with feedback on inclusive education or anything else about Whenuapai School, please complete our community survey ([CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE QUESTIONNAIRE](#)) Alternatively, our door is always open and we are happy to hear your feedback, suggestions or positive comments.

As always thank you for your support and partnership.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Cels

WHAT IS PB4L?

Positive Behaviour For Learning, also known as PB4L, is a whole school values programme focussed on building a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. PB4L is about teaching behaviour as we teach other subjects. It is based on an organisational systems approach to achieving academic and social success for all students. We teach the expected behaviour through the use of our school values and, when a student demonstrates an expected behaviour, this is acknowledged by explicit, positive feedback. By strengthening relationships and creating more positive home and school environments, we remove barriers to engagement and improve students' chances to achieve at school and beyond.

OUR LEARNER CAPABILITIES

Our Whenuapai School Learner Capabilities are:

- 'Mana' - Respect for Selves
- 'Kotahitanga' - Respect for Others
- 'AKO' - Respect for Learning.
- 'KaitiaKitanga' - Respect for Environment

Our learner capabilities relate directly with our PB4L Values. We believe that every student leaving Whenuapai School should possess these capabilities to support them to become successful teenagers and adults.

Our PB4L focus lessons work on a two week rotation and the desired, positive, behaviour is explicitly taught in every classroom. There is an allocated PB4L section built into each team assembly where our House Captains present lessons linked directly to the PB4L class focus. When a student demonstrates a focus behaviour, the teacher acknowledges this by giving explicit positive feedback linking the reward to the specific value. All certificates awarded at team assemblies also link directly to the focus PB4L value.

HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

1st - Boeing
with 23,408 points

2nd - Orion
with 21,536 points

3rd - Seaprite
with 20,092 points

4th - Hercules
with 18,647 points

We are in our final week of 'Marble Season'. It is always a well loved time of the year at Whenuapai. So far, we have been playing together well, with a positive buzz around the school.
Tino pai, everyone!

PB4L VALUE FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

The PB4L focus being taught in classes during Week 7 and 8 will be 'Talking to each other Respectfully'. This demonstrates 'Kotahitanga' - Respect for Others. Kotahitanga is the concept of togetherness, and emphasises the benefits of working together to achieve a shared goal.

In the classroom this can look like:

- Collaboration and working together in a group.
- Sharing ideas and opinions.
- Listening to one another respectfully.
- Affirming others - recognising and acknowledging someone else's hard work.

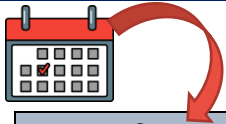
In the playground this can look like:

- Sharing the equipment and taking turns.
- Respectful disagreement.
- Actively seeking support to resolve conflict.

At home this can look like:

- Giving and receiving compliments.
- When there are disagreements, calmly discussing the issue and reaching a compromise or resolution.
- Learning to apologise - everyone makes mistakes





Dates for your diary

Fri – 25 August - Daffodil Day Yellow Mufti & Gold Coin Donation	4-8 September AIMS Games 2023
28 August – 1 September Scholastic Book Fair Week	11 September Road Patrol Training
Wed – 30 August 9.30am – Book Character Parade	Wed - 20 September NW Year 7/8 Volleyball
Thurs – 31 Aug Year 7/8 – Positive Puberty	Wed - 20 September Performance Arts
4-8 September AIMS Games 2023	Wed - 20 September School Disco
Wed - 20 September NW Year 7/8 Volleyball	Fri – 22 September Last day of Term 3

SPORTS

Rippa Rugby

The second 2023 Rippa Rugby competition for Whenuapai School Year 3-6 students was held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at Moire Park. The weather was ideal and made for a great day for all. All three Whenuapai teams played extremely well and are to be commended on how they worked together and performed. The students demonstrated our school values of respect for oneself, others, learning and their coaching environment throughout the day. The students are praised for their competitive spirit and their improvement across the day both in teamwork, cooperation and playing performance. All players showed dedication to their teams and it was great how each student improved their knowledge and skills throughout both festivals. The students genuinely enjoyed the day to the point where their dance moves in front of the organisers caravan were as skilled as their play on the field.

Special thanks goes to all parents that organised and prepared their son/daughter for the event. A personal thank you to the team leaders who were Alana Hawes, Scott Uren, Sarah Harrison, Phillip Collins and all other supporting parents. The school appreciates your support and acknowledges the value you have given each of our students and teams in your roles.

Lastly, a big cheer and thank you to all the students. You were all great ambassadors for our Whenuapai School. You made it a great day.



Norwest Year 5&6 Netball

On a very rainy 8th of August, Whenuapai School sent three awesome netball teams to compete in the Norwest Netball Tournament at Te Pai. It was a challenging day, with 5 to 6 games each against some tough opposition from other local schools. Our teams worked really hard for the results that we achieved: Our Year 5 girls came 2nd out of 8 teams, our boys came 5th out of 8 teams, and our Year 6 girls came 7th out of 16 teams. We really enjoyed playing together and are excited to come along next year as well. Massive shout out to all the parents and teachers who came along and helped us throughout the day, thank you!! By Kennedy Bone.



Celebrating Success – Jiu-Jitsu

On the 25th of August, Thais DeSouza and Kayden Honeycombe are heading to Las Vegas to compete in the Jiu-Jitsu CON Kids International 2023 - the biggest jiu-jitsu competition in the world.

These two incredible students train extremely hard, 7 days a week. They are travelling in a group of 8 and representing The Combat Centre, West Auckland Gym. Not only will they compete but they will have the opportunity to train in some of the best gyms in the world.

They are both extremely excited about the experience and look forward to gaining greater knowledge in the art of Jiu-jitsu!

Good luck Thais and Kayden – we can't wait to hear all about it when you return!



Northwest Interschool Cross Country @ Muriwai



On th 17th August, 38 students enjoyed a noisy bus ride to the Muriwai Surf Club to compete in the Norwest Interschool Cross Country Competition. The course had to accommodate two new lakes because of all the rain this year which made it a more challenging race but it didn't phase our students! We had several placings in the top 10 for their respective races and every single runner ran across the finish line to our applause. Congratulations to Bradley Uren (6th, Yr 7 Boys), Ephraim Vuki (6th, Yr 8 Boys), Kaylan Nasmith (5th, Yr 8 Girls) and Astyn Nasmith (1st!! Yr 8 Girls) who all qualified for the Auckland Cross Country Champs. A BIG thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers and teachers who made this happen too. Overall, it was an amazing day seeing everyone try their best and having fun! Kia Kaha Whenuapai- we hope to take even more awesome runners next year :)



**Tino pai mahi
to all our
Whenuapai
runners :)
You all
finished a
tough race &
looked out
for each
other,
Ka Rawe!!**

By Astyn Nasmith & Whaea Sarah



Library News

Book Fair: Mon 28th Aug - Fri 1st 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 30th 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.

SKids Before & After School Care

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Daily Activities
After-School Programme
5 to 13 years old

<p>Monday Games</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>Tuesday Sports / Active</p> <p>Get moving with skids. We will have different activities each week such as sports and anything to get active.</p>	<p>Wednesday Arts & Crafts</p> <p>The kids will have fun with a variety of arts and crafts while learning to get creative.</p>	<p>Thursday Challenge Day</p> <p>Have you got the skills to complete our challenge? Join us at skids for a fun challenge afternoon.</p>	<p>Friday Music, Dance & Free Play</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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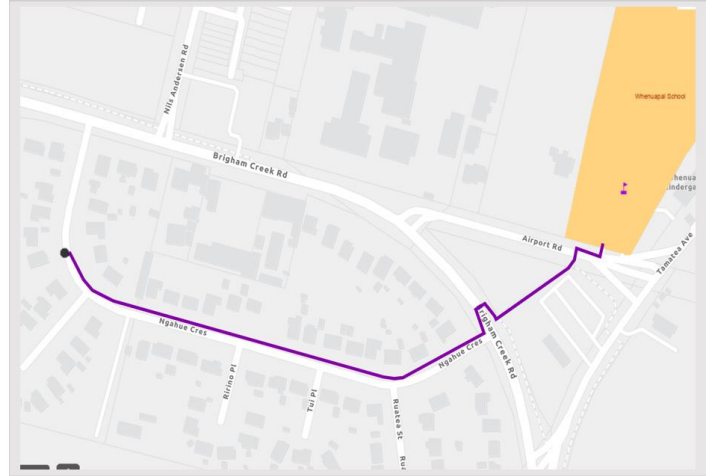
[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

The walking school bus is a great way to travel to school and avoid the congestion! It's 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 AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus or email us at walkingschoolbus@aucklandtransport.govt.nz



No parking or stopping in the school bus bay area please!

Important – please keep the bus stop and section of road leading to the bus stop clear at all times.

For the health and safety of our tamariki and their whānau, it is important that this area remains clear so that our buses can safely park to load and unload our students.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

Daffodil Day

Te rā Daffodil

Friday,
25 August



Yellow Mufti Day
Gold Coin Donation





CELEBRATING PIWAKAWAKA LEARNING (YEAR 4)

INQUIRY TERM 3



-Me tiro whakamuri, kia anga whakamua-

If we want to shape Aotearoa New Zealand's future, start with our past A look at Aotearoa NZ's history and the unique culture of NZ.

The Piwakawaka team this term has been looking into Aotearoa, New Zealand's past. The tamariki began the term with an engaging provocation focused on leadership, tribes, ownership of land, and communication. The students came away from the day with questions and wanting to know more. So far, we have dived into learning about Matariki, early access to education, voting, and translation/miscommunication. Additionally, the students have been learning more waiatas, beat/pattern work with the rakau sticks and skills on how to master the poi. The team 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 how the students go in the end-of-term performance for our take-off stage!



CROSS COUNTRY

BOOK DAY: 30TH AUGUST



Our annual cross country on the 28th of July was another successful day. The students had been practising all term. Making sure that they knew the course and paced themselves throughout the race. The Piwakawaka teachers were beyond proud of the efforts that their students put in on the day. Our winners were as follows: 1st place girl; Zanneja Murray, 2nd place girl: Aurora Joustra, 3rd place girl: Avyana Chauhan, 1st place boy: Hudson Palmer, 2nd place boy: Mason Norman, 3rd place boy: Lewis Struthers.

Well done to everyone that competed on the day!



As you might be aware our annual book day is just around the corner. On the 30th of August, students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character. As a school we go all out and celebrate the love of reading and all that is books. If you are unsure on how to support your child, please contact your child's teacher for support. Here are some photos from last years book parade.



Click on the link to access our **Delicious lemon & coconut bliss balls recipe**



We are enjoying another busy term in the kitchen with the students working together to cook up some yummy winter soups, salads and pizzas. Our gardens are flourishing with their new weed suppressing pea straw thanks to **Auckland Pea Straw**, 92 Mahana Road, Waimauku.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us run GTT, please email Whaea Sarah if you are interested in joining the fun! sbone@whenuapai.school.nz



The Garden to Table team at Whenuapai School want to say a HUGE **thank you** to Marcus at Auckland Pea Straw in Waimauku for so generously donating 4 bales of top quality pea straw to help our māra kai/veggie gardens grow.

Auckland
Pea Straw



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/>



School Docs
Policies and Procedures

For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: www.schooldocs.co.nz/

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Disco Tickets on Kindo now!!

Pizza slices available to preorder.

WELCOME to the **UPCYCLED Disco**

WED 20TH SEPT

YR 0 - 4: 4:30PM - 6:00PM
YR 5 - 8: 6:30PM - 8:00PM

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL HALL
\$5 ENTRY TICKET/\$2 PIZZA SLICE - ORDER ON KINDO
TUCK SHOP - POPCORN/DRINKS/ICEBLOCKS/LOLLIES
ONLY CURRENT STUDENTS TO ATTEND

Costumes can be anything made from products from around the house. The idea is not to buy costumes but instead make, re use anything on hand.



TERM 3 Review Topic Open Now:

Curriculum and Student Achievement

PLEASE CLICK HERE



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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