

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 5 September 2023

Tēnā koutou,

In this week's newsletter we are going to take a slight U-turn from our usual format. Instead of the normal information and fortnightly spiel from the Principal, we are instead going to celebrate many of our fantastic tamariki as we have several amazing stories to share with you.

Speech Winners – On Thursday 31 August 2023, three students represented Whenuapai School at the Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) speech finals. This year's theme was Kaitiakitanga and each student took an interesting twist on the concepts. Šárka Langton suggested we remove human habitats in the South Island and turn it into a large bird sanctuary, Lucy Zanders argued that Barbie has both positive and negative impacts on women, and finally, Coban Hosking advocated how important it was to look after Pokemon cards. We are incredibly proud of all three students who each came away with a placing. For the Year 7/8 competition Šárka placed first and Lucy, third and for the Year 5&6 competition, Coban placed secondwell done to all.



Donated Art Work – two of our amazingly talented Year 8 students, Maiyan and Shalev Walhaus-Yahel, have created some stunning murals for our kura. Shalev painted four amazing designs for each of our school houses and Maiyan painted two murals and provided the following information about his incredible artwork *“this mural is for one of my bar mitzvah challenges. A bar mitzvah is a Jewish tradition, it's where a boy turns thirteen and is classified as a young man. They have a big celebration, and some parents make them do thirteen challenges which is the traditional way. This is mainly why I chose to do this community service. In the mural you will notice four different aircraft: the Boeing, Seasprite, Orion, and Hercules. These planes are the house planes of Whenuapai School. They are displayed around the mural with other features such as a forest, the Air Base and four birds. The four birds are the Kiwi, Tui, Fantail, and Kea. You will notice they are all NZ natives. My mural is to be seen in the senior campus. Overall, I have enjoyed taking time for this project and I hope you like it. Maiyan - Boeing House Captain”*. We have been blown away by the talent of both boys and are incredibly grateful for the gift to Whenuapai School. We can't wait for you to see their artwork hung up around the kura soon.

All Black Mascot – Some of you may have recently seen on TV a story about one of our incredible young students, Mason Millan. At the age of two, Mason was diagnosed with leukemia and underwent chemotherapy for over three long years. This incredibly strong and brave young man fought so hard over this grueling time and amazingly is now cancer free. Recently Mason was featured on Seven Sharp to share his story of not only battling leukemia but also to celebrate him being chosen as one of four recipients in the 'Defenders of Tomorrow' competition. Being selected as a Defender of Tomorrow means Mason will be flown to France (with his family) and will have the honor of walking on to the field as a team mascot for the All Blacks in the upcoming Rugby World Cup. An amazing opportunity for this rugby loving, incredibly brave young man. Mason's story serves as a powerful reminder of courage, resilience, and positivity, and we are so happy for him to have this amazing opportunity. We are looking forward to hearing all about it on his return. If you would like to see more of Mason's story please [click here!](#)



AIMS – This week we have a group of amazing young athletes competing at the NZAIMS Games in Tauranga. We have tamariki competing in the following events: rock climbing, cross country, mountain biking and football. We want to wish them all the very best for an amazing week and can't wait to hear how it all goes!

Community Survey – And finally (slightly off topic) a reminder 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](#)). Alternatively, our door is always open and we are happy to hear your feedback, suggestions or comments.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Cels

HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

1st - Boeing
with 23,823 points

2nd - Orion
with 22,071 points

3rd - Seaprite
with 20,628 points

4th - Hercules
with 19,054 points

Our house captains are working hard to support the students of our school! They are running lunchtime games, promoting our school events, and more!

Well done to our 12 amazing house captains!

PB4L VALUE FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

'Kotahitanga' - Respect for Others

The PB4L focus for Week 8 will continue to be 'Talking to each other Respectfully'. This has been evident all across the school as our classes engage in performing arts rotations and practice arts such as music, dance, and drama. It has been amazing to hear beautiful waiata as you walk around school, and witness Kapa haka, poi, rākau, and dancing all around. I have heard our tamariki encouraging one another, supporting each other, and genuinely complimenting their peers on their performance! Ka Pai Whenuapai!

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	
4-8 September AIMS Games 2023	Friday – 22 September Last day of Term 3
Wednesday - 6 September 6pm - Board Meeting	Monday – 9 September First day of Term 4
Monday - 11 September Road Patrol Training	Monday – 23 September Labour Day
Wednesday - 20 September NW Year 7/8 Volleyball	Thursday – 26 September NW Year 7&8 Badminton
Wednesday - 20 September Performance Arts	Tuesday – 31 October NW Year 7&8 Touch
Wednesday - 20 September School Disco	Friday – 3 November Gumboot Friday

SPORTS

Cross Country Championships

It was great conditions for our Whenuapai School representatives at the Auckland Cross Country Championships on 29 August 23.

Our four runners, that had placed in the top 10 at the North West Cross Country Champs, got the opportunity to race against intermediate students from North Harbour, Central Auckland, West Auckland, East Auckland, Counties Manukau and Franklin. They all ran exceptionally well on a course that consisted of steep inclines and undulating hills.



Mountain Biking (MTB)

We had some of our great mountain bike riders compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools MTB series for 2023.

The three students were Astyn Nasmith, Kaylan Nasmith and Joash Murray. All three students are to be commended on their commitment and performances in their chosen sport. Congratulations on a fantastic series and we wish them luck in the AIMS tournament this week where they will represent Whenuapai School.

The series was a five-race series for Years 7-13 and the results are below:

Hunua Ranges Race.

Astyn - 1st in under 13s girls (1:23:47)

Kaylan - 2nd in under 13s girls (1:27:42)

Totora Park Race

Kaylan - 1st in under 13s girls (54:07)

Astyn - 2nd in under 13s girls (58:21)

Waitawa Regional Park Race

Astyn - 1st in under 13s girls (51:48)

Kaylan - 2nd in under 13s girls (54:24)

Joash - 11th in under 13s boys (1:00:53)

Woodhill MTB Park Race

Astyn - 1st in under 13s girls (42:50)

Kaylan - 2nd in under 13s girls (42:56)

Joash - 8th in under 13s boys (46:32)

Sunday's race at Woodhill was a quick, dry track compared to the wet and muddy mess of the previous races.

Astyn took out the overall series to be Auckland champ in under 13 girls and Kaylan was 2nd.

A special thank you to Jason & Heidi Murray from Bathroom Renovations Auckland for providing the team with a new uniform.



CELEBRATING KEA LEARNING (Y0&1)

The Year 0 and 1 children have been very busy - learning to show our school values, practicing reading, writing and maths, and running cross country - but there's still been time for some DRAMA.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE SHOW



The children watched with delight as the nasty pirate was given her come uppance by the lowly hotel assistant.

LITERACY WORKSHOPS



Most afternoons the kea team enjoys our Literacy Shake Up with bonus short and engaging lessons focused on targeted literacy skills with children across the team.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



Last Wednesday Whenuapai School welcomed some famous characters to help us celebrate book week. Thank you to everyone who dressed up. The Little Misses and Mr. Men were very impressed with your efforts.



KAKAPO TERM 3 2023

Speeches

Well done to all of the students who presented their speeches to the Kākāpō and Kahu Learnign teams. The theme was Kaitiaki or Guardianship. It was great to see the students taking great pride in what they had done.

Year 5:

First Place = Nayten Rawhiti

Second Place = Jack Stevens

Thir Equal = Thais De Souza and Patrick Zanders

Year 6:

First Place = Coben Hosking

Second Place = Awen Hood

Third Place = Icella Langton



Specialist

Our wonderful Specialist program is still going, and the students are loving it. Here is some of their great art work that has been made into Father's Day cards.

Inquiry Projects

This term, we have been learning about New Zealand History in our inquiry. Students have been given the task to share their learning about significant events by choosing their favourite event and making a short movie about them. We have some students acting, some making stop motion projects, and some using their artistic skills to tell the story.



Wider West Netball Competition: Whenuapai School Saturday Morning Netball teams 2023

We have enjoyed an AWESOME netball season this year, with 7 teams representing Whenuapai School at the local Wider West Netball Competition held at West Harbour School on Saturday mornings. Well done to all 70 of our players who have shown great mahi tahi / teamwork and improved so much in their netball & fitness skills. Thank you so much to all the coaches, managers & whānau who have helped to make this the BEST season ever for our students!!!



Yr 0-2 Hercules team came **2nd equal** in their Kiwi grade. Coach: Vanessa King. Manager: Karleen Matenga.

Yr 3 Lancasters. Coach: Stacey Osborne. Manager: Annelies Leitch



Yr 4 Spitfires. Coach: Tash Rankin. Managers: Leslie Stephen & Sheree Porter



Some of the Yr 5 & 6 Orions team in action on the court. Coach: Tayla Macdonald. Manager: Alana Hawes



Yr 7 & 8 Poseidon team were the **B grade Runners Up**, coached & managed by Molly Fletcher.



Yr 6 Boeings team were the **WINNERS** of D grade!! Coach: Whaea Sarah, Manager: Tamryn Leonard.



Yr 7 Seasprites, coached by Molly too, managed by Jake Hore & Janine Carr (Team pictured here with their **Poseidon** friends).



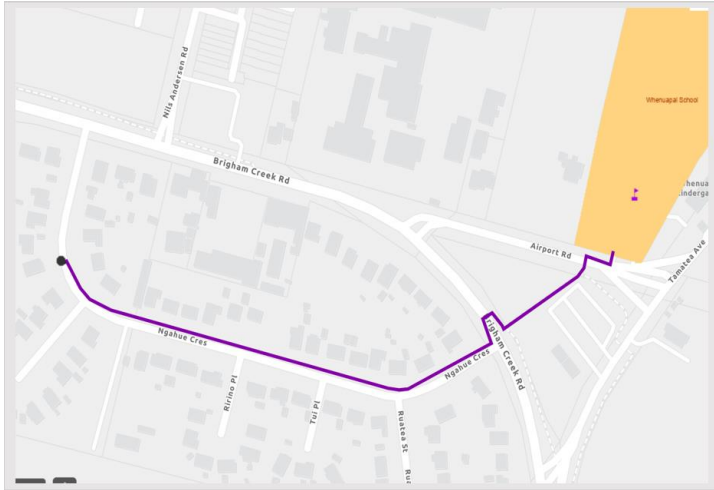
BOOK
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WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

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



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.



[CLICK HERE TO GET YOUR TICKETS](#)



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!

sKids Before & After School Care

Daily Activities After-School Programme
5 to 13 years old

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

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](#)

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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TERM 3 Review Topic Open Now:

Curriculum and Student Achievement

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Community Notices



West Harbour Tennis Club

Love Tennis Public Open Day

All Welcome

10am-4pm, Sunday 10 September

West Harbour Tennis Centre
31A Picasso Drive, West Harbour

<https://clubspark.kiwi/westharbourtennisclub>



- Free tennis coaching sessions for kids and adults
- Fun tennis & social tennis
- Pickleball demos & free trials
- Lucky draw for free membership and other prizes
- Discounted fee if joining the club on the day
- Free BBQ

Lots of more!!! Come to watch, try, and enjoy tennis!!!

Beginners welcome!!!

Racquets & bats will be provided!!!

Bring your friends & family members!!!

MAGIC: THE GATHERING AND POKEMON SUNDAY SESSIONS

UNDER 15 YEARS – ALL LEVELS
SUNDAYS, 4 PM - 7 PM

\$8 Per person | \$15 Pizza & drink per person (optional)
Facilitated sessions | Bring your own cards (optional)



BRING TWO FRIENDS AND GET A FREE BOOSTER PACK! *

* Ts & Cs Apply

15%

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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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SEPT/OCT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS



KEEP ON KICKING THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH KIWI KICK STARS!!!

Our awesome programme get 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 and problem solve. Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun!

In case of a rainy day, we will have an indoor facility available Sunny or rainy the FUN doesn't stop!!

Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

When:

Week 1: Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th Sept.

Week 2: Tuesday 3th, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th October

Where: Hobsonville school fields (104A Hobsonville Road)

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Cost: Individual day = \$50

Full week (3 days) = \$135

Second child discount = 10%

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO

WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM

Please visit: <https://www.kiwikickstars.com/>

Whenuapai School

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TERM 4

SCHOOL

programs



In Term 4 2023,

Sports X will be running the following after-school sports programs at Whenuapai School.

Rugby X - Every Monday | 3 - 4pm | 9 - weeks | \$130 (Starting Week 2, October 16th)

The programs are available to students from Reception - Year 6.

On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.

All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold blue cards.

The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun-based, catering for all abilities.

For more information & online registrations please visit www.sports-x.info/ourprograms

Contact for enquiries: johnd@sports-x.nz or 0211840697

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