

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 14 November 2023

Tēnā Koutou,

Term 4 always has an air of excitement mixed with trepidation as we get closer to the end of the school year. For all our tamariki the end of something creates a flood of emotions and when you add in the uncertainty of the new year, feelings can bubble over or answers about the next stages of life can be sought from sources other than family and school.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had to deal with the fallout of a few situations that have started on social media outside of school hours. I would like to take this opportunity to remind whānau about our resources to support tamariki and families as they navigate the online and social media world. Our [Online Safety Hub](#) has a wealth of information to deepen your understanding and support you as you guide your tamariki. The safety hub also has free access to [Qustodio](#), a safety app, which can be added to your child's device to enable you to monitor their usage and provide guidance as and when required.



Organisation for 2024 - Thank you to all the families who have let us know they are moving on, this is a huge help for our planning. We are in the final stages of school organisation for 2024, every year this becomes a bigger and more complex process as the school roll continues to grow. Over the coming weeks we will share information as it is finalised.

Senior Campus: Work continues on Stage 2 of the Senior Campus and is scheduled to be completed in March. For Term 1 the Senior Campus will continue with only our Year 7/8 students. Our Year 5/6 students will start at the Senior Campus from the beginning of Term 2. We are holding a parent evening on 29th November at 6pm for all whānau of Year 5 / 6 to learn more.

Campus Organisation from Term 2

- **Home Campus** (14 Airport Road) Year 0-4 and **Senior Campus** (13 Trig Road) Year 5-8

As the school roll continues to grow, we are having to be strategic in our organisation to enable future growth and expansion. For 2024 the classrooms have been organised as follows:

Term 1 2024				Terms 2-4 2024			
Home Campus		Senior Campus		Home Campus		Senior Campus	
Rms 1 - 3	Year 6	Rms 1,3,4 & 6	Year 7/8			Rms 1 - 3	Year 6
Rms 4 - 6	Year 5					Rms 4 - 6	Year 5
Rms 7 - 9	Year 4					Rms 7 - 10	Year 7/8
Rms 10, 23&24	Year 3			Rms 10, 23 & 24	Year 3		
Rms 11 - 13	Year 2			Rms 11 - 13	Year 2		
Rms 14 - 18	Year 0/1			Rms 14 - 18	Year 0/1		
Rms 19 - 20	Future Year 0			Rms 19 - 20	Future Year 0		

Projected roll by the end of 2024:

- **Home Campus** = 350 students, 26 staff **Senior Campus** = 263 students, 14 staff

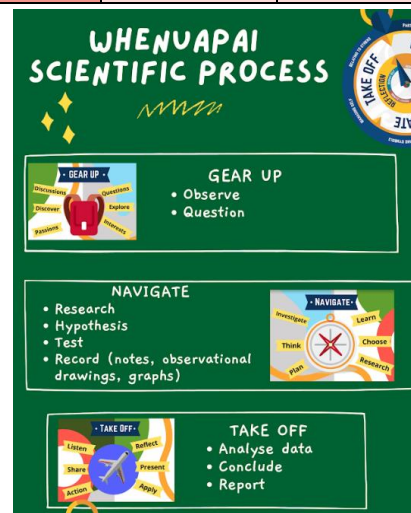
A few staff will be changing year levels in 2024. We will be sharing this information, hopefully, in the next newsletter.

Science Curriculum - Since the start of the term we have had a focus on the science curriculum, the tamariki have been completing a number of experiments and developing their scientific knowledge and skills. Last week they started posing their own questions and will use our Whenuapai Scientific Process to reach a conclusion.

It has been wonderful to see the children's excitement building as they have been engaging with the learning process.

Learning at its best.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Friday – 17 November Diwali Celebration & shared lunch	Thursday – 14 December 9.15am - Junior Talent Show
Tuesday – 21 November NorWest Year 7&8 Athletics	Friday – 15 December 11.30 – Senior Talent Show 4.00pm - Mistletoe Mania–
Friday – 24 November Teacher Only Day – No School (2024 Curriculum Planning)	Monday - 18 December Team End of Yr Celebrations
Tuesday – 28 November NW Year 5&6 Tag	Tuesday - 19 December 3.30pm Yr 7&8 Snr Prizegiving 6.00pm Yr 8 Final Dinner
Wednesday – 29 November 6.00pm – Year 5&6 Information Evening @ Trig Road Campus	Wednesday – 20 December Last Day Term 4 – 12.40pm finish
Monday – 4 December Sports Prizegiving	2024 Start Dates
Wednesday – 6 December Rainbows End C.A.R.E Day 6pm – Board Meeting	Friday – 2 February Meet the Teacher Interviews
Wednesday – 13 December 2024 Classroom Visits	Wednesday – 7 February First Day of Term 1 2024

sKids

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Skids is open:

Friday 24 November for the Teacher Only Day!

Open from 7.30am – 6.00pm

sKids Whenuapai
Open on 24 November 2023 due to the Teacher Only Day

When
Friday 24th November 2023
7.30am to 6.00pm \$65.00
(Children can be dropped to us from 7.30am onwards, and pick up needs to be by 6pm).

Where
Whenuapai School Hall, 14 Airport Road

What
The Theme for Today is: Card & Board game Tournament So bring your competition spirit to win!

How
Book this day via:
<https://enrolmy.com/skids-whenuapai/book-now/24-sKids-Whenuapai---Open-on-24-November-2023-due-to-the-Teacher-Only-Day>

Please click here to book!

LIBRARY - Please Return Your Library Books



Please return all books back to your child's class library box or to the library by Friday, 24th November.

Slips of paper will be sent home with your child if they have overdue library books.

If you are unable to find the book(s) then please make the lost book payment amount which is shown on the slip to the office or donate a book from home in its place.

ISSUE 8 OUT NOW!

SCHOLASTIC BookClub

CLICK HERE TO ORDER

SPORT

Norwest Badminton Year 7 & 8

Sean Aguas, Evan Qian, Aman Arkh and Preston Hunt represented Whenuapai School at the Norwest Badminton competition held on Thursday 26th October at the Waitakere Badminton Stadium in Royal Heights, Massey.

These four students played several games against other Norwest schools and each of them are to be commended on how they performed and represented the school.

These students have been training extensively in their own time across the year and it is a credit to each of them how much they have continued to develop and improve over this time. They have all been able to learn basic technique and apply it in competition games and get the opportunity to attend this event. This event also involved umpiring and guidance on officiating.

The students and school would like to thank Stephanie Brook for her supervision and guidance on the day.



SPORT Cont



Norwest Touch Tournament

On Thursday, 2nd November 2023, Whenuapai School was represented by two teams at the Norwest Touch tournament played at Moire Park. The games were high intensity with our students challenged at every moment. It was great to have our students learn and experience the pressure and attitudes required to develop and work within a team environment.

Both teams performed well but unfortunately both missed out on the semifinals and finals. Both teams are to be commended on their perseverance and commitment. All students demonstrated respect for officials and other players from other schools. The school would like to thank Brooke Bennett who supported on the day with coaching, managing and leading the girls team.

Whenuapai Athletics Sports Year 7 & 8 2023

Whenuapai School held its annual Year 7 & 8 athletics day on Wednesday, 1st November 2023. The sun came out making for ideal conditions. The day started with the 1500 metres with some students testing themselves over this long-distance event. Once completed the students moved through the field events including shot put, high jump, long jump and discus and the track events which included 100m, 200m 400m and 800m.

Some students attempted a new event for the first time and were successful in accomplishing new personal bests. The competition for the top student in each age category was fierce and every student was attempting to improve across the day. It was evident from the final results that some students performed well in field events like throwing and jumping while other students had greater success in the running track events. Some students preferred the sprints while others enjoyed the longer distance. The day finished with relays with Totara being the fastest classes overall.

The event was made more successful with the support of teachers coordinating their events, recording, timing and general organisation. Special thanks to Amber Williams-McCahill for her volunteer support and service to the event. The 2023 Whenuapai Athletics event was a tremendous success and the school would like to thank everyone for their support and the students for their top efforts!

Overall Athletics Champions 2023

Year 7 Boys	Year 7 Girls	Year 8 Boys	Year 8 Girls
Bradley Uren	Malika Shankar	Ephraim Vuki	Astyn Nasmith



Whenuapai Athletics Sports Year 5 & 6 2023

Whenuapai School held its annual Year 5 & 6 athletics day on Friday, 10th of November 2023. The weather was fine with temperatures increasing throughout the day. The day started with over 90 students dressed in their team class colours with many shades of blue, red, yellow and green marching down to the field.

During the day, students participated in a wide range of both field and track events. Some students tried new events and achieved personal bests, highlighting their dedication and improvement. The competition among students was intense, as everyone aimed to excel and perform at their best. Different students had different strengths, with some excelling in field events like throwing and jumping, while others had greater success in track events, such as sprints or longer distance races.

The day concluded with relay races involving multiple classes, and Room 2 emerged as the fastest class overall.

The success of the event was made possible through the support of teachers, parents Amber Williams McCahill and Jan Peterson, as well as the coordination efforts of students from Year 7 & 8 and Year 4, who helped with event organisation, recording, timing, and overall coordination.

The event was deemed a tremendous success, and the school expressed its gratitude to everyone involved, including supporters and the students who gave their best efforts.

Overall Athletics Champions 2023

Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls
Niko Govorko	Xanthe Peterson	Henry Palmer	Leila Morten



CELEBRATING PIWAKAWAKA LEARNING (YEAR 4)



INQUIRY TERM 4



FOR INQUIRY THIS TERM, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL ABOUT SPACE AND SPACE PHENOMENON!



OUR ATHLETICS DAY WAS FULL OF SUNSHINE AND STUDENTS PUTTING IN THEIR BEST EFFORT! WELL DONE TO OUR SPRINT FINALISTS



ATHLETICS DAY 2023

Friday 10th November

Year 5&6 Athletics

On Friday, the Year 5's & 6's had an awesome time in the sunshine competing in several track and field events. Having trained for weeks, the improvement in all areas by all students was very noticeable. This made for an exciting athletics day where everyone gave their very best. Juicies were very well-earned by 2pm! A massive thank you to Mr Berry for organising and well done to all competitors!





Year 5&6 Cricket Zone Day

Wow! What an awesome day it was at Huapai Domain on Wednesday 8th November. A boys and a girls team from Whenuapai School both competed at the cricket zone day, battling against several schools from the area. With many close games, both sides did exceptionally well, with the girls placing 3rd. The sportsmanship, positivity, and enthusiasm from all was outstanding and everyone should be very proud! A massive thank you to Mr Berry for organising, and to our superstar parent helpers Shannon & Monique.



FUNKY FEET PARADE

The rain didn't deter our funky-footed children, teachers, and whānau on our walk to school recently. We met up for a quick before-school play at the Parkhouse playground, then we raised our umbrellas and stepped out with funky feet and some musical instruments for a fun walk to school. Thank you to all those you helped our school show support for physical activity, cleaner air, and less traffic congestion.

WALK TO SCHOOL FROM THE PARKHOUSE PLAYGROUND 31/10/23

HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

1st - Hercules
with 4,193 points

2nd - Seasprite
with 4,153 points

3rd - Orion
with 3,923 points

4th - Boeing
with 3,918 points

Well done to the
Year 7/8 students
who earned many
house points
through their
Athletics Day!

Boeing - 860 pts
Orion - 540 pts
Herc - 510 pts
SS - 430 pts

It has changed our
leading house, and
brought Orion and
Boeing much closer
in points!

It's still anyone's
game!

PB4L VALUE FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Kotahitanga - Respect for Others
Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves

The PB4L focus for Weeks 6 and 7 actually links to all of our school values. As we move through

Term 4, everyone is feeling tired, the temperature is rising, and we have a lot of extra-curricular activities, events, and trips. So, on occasion, we may be a little less tolerant of others and this can lead to frustration. Learning to respect personal boundaries and Keep our hands and feet to ourselves is an important social-emotional skill that helps our tamariki develop positive relationships, and creates a safe and respectful school environment.

Here are a few questions to use at home to initiate further discussions about respecting others' personal space:

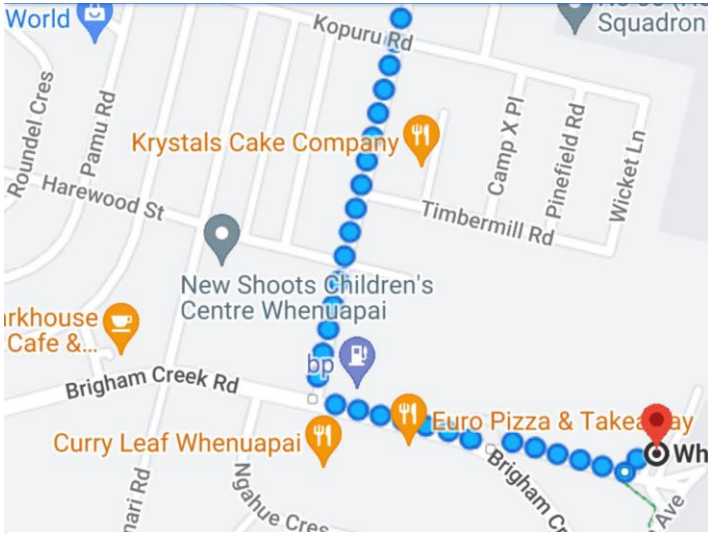
- Why is it important to Keep our hands and feet to ourselves?
- How can we show respect for others' personal space in different situations (e.g. lining up, during group work, or in the playground)?
- How should we react if someone is not respecting our personal space? How can we communicate our feelings in a respectful way?
- How does respecting others' personal space contribute to a positive, safe and respectful school environment
- Can you think of any situations where it might be difficult to Keep your hands and feet to yourself? How can you handle these situations appropriately?



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 at 8.20am every Tuesday. Please see the route below.

If you'd like to join the walking school bus, please contact Kate at whenuapaiwalking@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



DIWALI – Friday 17 Nov

HAPPY Diwali
The Festival Of Lights
Friday 17th Nov

Please bring along vegetarian food to share with the class.
Bright cultural dress

Parents welcome to join in and help with games, dancing and arts, please contact your child's class teacher if you are available or have ideas to share.

sKids Before & After School Care

sKids Daily Activities After-School Programme
@ the Whenuapai School Hall
14 Airport Rd, Whenuapai, Auckland
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

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TERM 4 Review Topic Open Now:

Curriculum and Student Achievement

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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!



**Massey High School
2024 Enrolments
Open Online!**

MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Enrolment forms are open online.

15 November is our final enrolment evening for 2023. We have appointments available between 3.30pm and 5:45pm.

Visit www.masseyhigh.school.nz/enrol to complete the online enrolment form.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, 15th December 2023

MISTLETOE MANIA

@ WHENUAPAI SCHOOL



Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



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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Holiday Surf Programmes & After-School Surfing



Orewa Holiday Surf Programmes | Dec & Jan

Surfing is an amazing sport that will challenge, entertain, and educate.

Our popular 'Holiday Surf Programmes' give kids the confidence to be active and have fun in the ocean through the enjoyment of learning how to surf.

Where: Orewa Beach
Dates: 18-22 Dec | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan
Times: Mon-Fri | 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

We provide surfboards, wetsuits together with fun & enthusiastic surf coaches.



Why NZ Surf Academy

- o Qualified & enthusiastic surf instructors
- o Giving kids the confidence to succeed
- o Great feedback from parents & kids
- o Teaching beach safety & surf lifesaving
- o Progressive coaching, learning all the aspects of surfing: paddling, getting out back, turning, reading waves, timing etc
- o Surfing NZ Accredited
- o All surfboards & wetsuits provided.



Wave Warriors After-School Surfing

Our Wave Warriors After School Surf Programme is designed to continually improve surfing in a safe positive environment, with progressive surf coaching ensuring kids have the best experience possible.

Where: Orewa Beach
Term 4: Thurs & Fri | 6-10 yrs & 11-16yr Classes
Term 1: Tues & Fri | 6-10 yrs & 11-16yr Classes



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