

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 19 December 2023



Tēnā Koutou,

Wow, can you believe it's that time of the year already? As we wrap up the last days of school for 2023, I can't help but reflect on all the incredible moments we've shared together. This year has been a rollercoaster of fun, laughter, and, of course, learning. And let's not forget the exciting growth of our School with the opening of our new senior campus at the beginning of Term 4!

First things first, let's talk about Mistletoe Mania – what a blast! Our end-of-year celebration was a hit, thanks to the amazing tamariki, supportive whānau, and our fantastic staff who made it all happen. The energy and excitement were off the charts, and it truly showcased the spirit of our school. A special thank you goes out to the incredible band Mintah, whose amazing performance set the atmosphere aglow and added a musical magic that resonated with everyone on the night. Your contribution was instrumental in making Mistletoe Mania an unforgettable event! Also a very special mention to the incredible Bailee Greer who has been the driving force behind this wonderful event Thank you Bailee!!

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude. Thank you to you, our wonderful Whenuapai whānau, for your continued support and partnership in your tamariki's education. Your involvement makes all the difference.

To our amazing tamariki – you are the true champions! Whether you tackled a challenging problem in class, wowed everyone with your inquiry project, joined in at a sporting event, picked up a musical instrument, or simply brought your incredible personality to the classroom, every one of you has left a lasting impression on this unforgettable year.

The friendships you've built, the connections you've strengthened, and the genuine sense of belonging fostered within our school community throughout 2023 are genuinely heartwarming.

And a special shoutout to our graduating Year 8 students – you're moving on to new adventures, and we couldn't be prouder. Thank you for sharing a small part of your life with Whenuapai School. The next step might seem daunting, but you're ready. As you look to your future, use the skills and knowledge gained from your past to help navigate your footsteps. If you look on every opportunity as a chance to learn and grow, there is no limit to the distance you can travel. Please don't forget to visit us and share your success stories!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you extends to our dedicated and hardworking staff at Whenuapai School, whose unwavering commitment has been the driving force behind the success and warmth that defined this unforgettable year. Your passion for education, tireless efforts, and genuine care have created an environment where our amazing tamariki flourished.

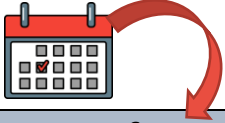
As we head into the holiday break, I hope you all get some well-deserved rest and quality time with loved ones. Recharge those batteries because we've got even more excitement and learning in store for 2024.

Just a heads up, during the holiday period, our school grounds will be closed at different times due to maintenance being carried out in various locations. We apologise for the inconvenience, but we need to ensure the necessary health and safety measures are in place.

Thank you for being an incredible part of our Whenuapai family. Here's to a relaxing break, a joyful holiday season, and an even more amazing year ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 20 December 2023
Last Day Term 4 - 12.40pm finish

2024 Start Dates

Friday – 2 February 2024
Meet the Teacher Interviews

Tuesday – 6 February 2024
Waitangi Day

Wednesday – 7 February 2024
First Day of Term 1 2024

School Donation - Term 4 Winners

A massive thank you to everyone who paid or contributed to their school donation this year. Without whānau donations, many aspects of school life, are simply not affordable.

Donations, if received, are used to fund things such as:

- Additional teachers, relief teachers & teacher aides above our Ministry of Education allocation
- Extra teaching and learning resources - such as, reading resources, mathematics equipment, and ICT equipment
- Subsidised trips and student activities
- Library books
- Maintenance of our bike fleet and bike track

As a way of saying thank you, we have just completed out Term 4 prize draws and the lucky winners are:

- Win your child’s donation back – Coban Hosking
- Prize draw for \$100 grocery voucher – Rocco Tupu

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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Holiday Programme

20th – 22nd December 2023
15th January – 5th February 2024
MSD-Approved, Work & Income
OSCAR Subsidy available!

Short Day	8:30am – 3.00pm	\$58.00
Full Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$65.00
Trip/Premium Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$79.00
Half Day	12:30 – 6.00pm	\$50.00

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Whenuapai, Auckland

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Christmas 2023 & New Year 2024

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from our whānau to yours...

December 2023				
Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Ocean Odyssey Explore ocean mysteries, with activities and ocean inspired crafts. Plus enjoy a tasty shark waffle, yum! 	TRIP DAY: Strawberry picking Please arrive by 9am. Come pick strawberries and eat ice-cream! 	Pirates Cove & Mermaid Lagoons Ahoy young adventurers, join us for a treasure trove of activities and come dressed as real pirates and mermaids. 	TRIP DAY: Extreme Edge Please arrive by 8.30am. Wear enclosed shoes & let's climb to the top of NZ's largest indoor climbing centre. 	Sandy Dune Adventurers This desert adventure will transport you to the Australian Outback, Gobi desert or even the Sahara! 
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
Sun Splash Fiesta * Savour the sun and celebrate the best of summer with yummy Fruit Ice blocks and sandy masterpieces. 	Arty Party The ultimate day for those who love to create, party and let your creativity shine! 	PREMIUM DAY: Masterchef This sizzling adventure is filled with delicious activities and exciting culinary challenges. 	Natures Wonderland Immerse yourself in the great outdoors with activities that celebrate Earth's natural treasures. 	Disney Magic Step into the magical realm of your favourite characters and stories with exciting and imaginative activities. Come dressed up! 
Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 31st	Thursday 1st	Friday 2nd
Auckland Anniversary Day sKids is closed. 	Rockpool Explorers This aquatic adventure is filled with learning, creativity, and the magic of the undersea world. 	TRIP DAY: Kiwi Valley Farm Please arrive by 9am. Come feed the animals and go horse riding. 	Minute to Win It Games The clock is ticking! Have you got what it takes? 	Sensational Summer * Celebrate the most splendid season of the year with games, crafts, and challenges. 
Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th		
Book Character Day Bring a book, dress as a book character, design a book & create your own story! 	Waitangi Day sKids is closed. 	Before & After School Care Starts Today is the first day of Term 1, 2024.	<p>* Bring your togs & towel and water guns on Monday the 22nd of Jan. & Friday the 2nd of Feb.</p>	



YEAR 0-1'S MOTAT TRIP





I liked working with my group.



I liked watching the space movie at the stardome.



Tui Team Stardome Trip



I really liked the scavenger hunt we did in the stardome.



I learnt about the moon and the sun.



KAHU OPTIONS

Term 4 Options

This term, Kāhu students participated in their last options programs for the year. As usual, we hosted a variety of programs such as kayaking, stop motion, hospitality, soft materials, and advanced sport.

In week 9, we hosted a full day of options to culminate the skills Kāhu students had been refining over the term. Hospitality invited student's whānau and friends to taste their delicious Italian or Mexican dishes. Kayaking students spent the day on the water, first, catching the ferry into the city then taking a trip to the Maritime Museum and boarding the 'Ted Ashby' for a tour around the Hauraki Harbour. The media (stop motion) team finished off their final movies and presented them to the team. Check out the QR codes of their movies below! The soft materials team finished off their personal projects, it was awesome to see their creations! The advanced sports group used their skills that they had learnt throughout the term in their game events.

As we come to the end of the year, it has been awesome to our the tamariki flourish by participating in activities that they are passionate about as well as seeing their hard mahi in all of our options programs.



Ash Queenin



Hajoan Lee



Peyton Wilson



Rhyder Gibson
& Wayde Roberts



Matt Johnson





2024 TERM DATES

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 - 29th 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



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

The Ministry of Education has provided two Teachers Only Days in 2024 to support the implementation of the new curriculum.

The Ministry has provided two date ranges for when these must be taken. The dates are between:

- Term 2, 27 May - 7 June 2024 and
- Term 4, 21 October - 15 November 2024.

We will inform you of the actual dates early in the new year, as soon as they have been confirmed.



JANUARY 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 doesnt stop!!

Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

When:

Week 1: Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th January.
Week 2: Tuesday 23th, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th January

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

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FREE



Monday 11 December 2023 – Sunday 21 January 2024

Keep your kids reading, go in the draw to win prizes,
check your library for fun events | **5-12 years**

Find out more at
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