

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 28 November 2023

Tēnā Koutou,

As promised, here are the teaching teams for 2024. This information relates to Term 1, 2024. The Year 5 and 6 team will move to the Senior Campus for the start of Term 2.

The school and classroom organisation is a complex process and there are a number of factors that are taken into consideration and as a result we are still placing the finishing touches on the student placements for 2024. The tamariki will meet their 2024 teacher and visit their new classroom on Wednesday, 13 December. The Year 6 students will visit the senior campus, all other year levels will visit their new classroom for the morning.

This visit is a chance for the tamariki to meet their teacher, find out who is going to be in the classroom with them and become familiar with the classroom. On the same morning we will email all families their child's class placement and provide information about the teacher.

Please note we will not be sharing information before this date because we are still tweaking the class lists.

This week we would like to say a HUGE congratulations to six of our amazing staff members on their teachers registration graduation. Well done to Madeleine Tockler, Georgia Jones, Alescha Davies, Alethea Nichols, Quynh Ha and Tingting Yao.

Sadly, in addition to the end of year farewells mentioned in our newsletter dated 31 October 2023, we need to add two additional names to this list. After eight years, Chris Groen will be leaving us and also Claire Brain who will be leaving us after 7 years to make the big move to the South Island. Two people who will be greatly missed by their Whenuapai whānau. We wish them all the very best for their next adventures. The lovely Simone Turnbull will be stepping into the hot seat of office extraordinaire. Many of you will already know Simone from our Learning Support Team.

Yesterday we posted on HERO our proposed 2024 Whenuapai School Strategic Plan and Student Leavers Profile for your feedback. These documents were created by our School Board based upon feedback from whānau, tamariki and staff. They are still a draft, and we would like to hear your thoughts before they are finalised and sent to the Ministry of Education.

The Strategic Plan is the guiding document which sets the direction and intent of our Kura.

Existing Mission Statement: ***Our students will be actively involved in learning for life.***

Proposed new Mission Statement: ***We partner with tamariki to create a future guided by Mana, Ako, Kaitiakitanga and Kotahitanga.***

So are we on the right track? [Please let us know by completing our short survey - click here to complete.](#)

Ngā mihi nui,  
Adam Cels

Senior Campus		
Teacher Name	Room	Year
<b>Kahu</b>		
Charlotte Goldfinch – Team Leader	Tahi	7/8
Jessica Matiaha	Toru	7/8
Brooke Bennett	Wha	7/8
Sophia Stevens	Ono	7/8
<b>Home Campus</b>		
Teacher Name	Room	Year
<b>Kakapo</b>		
<b>Rebecca Archer Team Leader</b>		
Madeleine Torckler	1	6
Karl Ganda	2	6
Megan Powell	3	6
Georgia Jones	4	5
Sheri Cowell	5	5
Rebecca Robinson	6	5
<b>Piwakawaka</b>		
Layton French (4 days)/Amanda Donnell (1 day)	7	4
Nicole Maluafou	8	4
Alethea Nichols	9	4
Olivia Mead – Team Leader	10	3
Jenny Cornish	23	3
Kenna Anderson	24	3
<b>Team Kea</b>		
Nathan Atherton	11	2
Olivia Tustin	12	2
Leanne Morrison-Jones	13	2
Bree Ward	14	0/1
Lauren Larsen	15	0/1
Kate Grevel	16	0/1
Victoria Kingi	17	0/1
Stephanie Wise – Team Leader	18	0/1



Dates for your diary ....	
<b>Wednesday – 29 November</b> Kea Team – Motat Visit 6.00pm – Year 5&6 Information Evening @ Trig Road Campus	<b>Monday - 18 December</b> Team End of Yr Celebrations
<b>Thursday – 30 November</b> Interzone Athletics	<b>Tuesday - 19 December</b> 3.30pm Yr 7&8 Senior Prizegiving 6.00pm Yr 8 Final Dinner
<b>Monday – 4 December</b> Sports Prizegiving	<b>Wednesday – 20 December</b> Last Day Term 4 – 12.40pm finish
<b>Wednesday – 6 December</b> Rainbows End C.A.R.E Day 6pm – Board Meeting	<b>2024 Start Dates</b>
<b>Wednesday – 13 December</b> 2024 Classroom Visits	
<b>Thursday – 14 December</b> 9.15am - Junior Talent Show	
<b>Friday – 15 December</b> 11.30 – Senior Talent Show 4.00pm - Mistletoe Mania	
	<b>Friday – 2 February</b> Meet the Teacher Interviews
	<b>Tuesday – 6 February</b> Waitangi Day
	<b>Wednesday – 7 February</b> First Day of Term 1 2024



Well done to our hardworking and talented School Choir for an amazing evening at the Whiria Te Tangata Festival held on 22 November 2023. It was wonderful to see all of your hard work come together in a beautiful performance.



## SPORT

### Norwest Year 7 & 8 Athletics

Whenuapai School had 15 students compete in the Norwest Year 7 & 8 Athletics Sports held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at Trusts Stadium in Henderson. All students competed to a very high standard and can be proud of their performances.

There were some great results across all our students but Ryla Peck's performance in the 100m and 200m to place first in both events and Astyn Nasmith's 1st placing in the 1500m and 3rd placing in the 200m were wonderful results. Lucy Zanders also did very well to place 3rd in the 1500m and Ephraim Vuki performed across many events which was amazing. Vida Bromhead-Anderson was also successful in achieving a second place in the shotput event.

The following four students qualified for Interzone Athletics from this Norwest event and will now represent the school and compete at the Interzone Athletics Champs being held at Mt Smart held on Thursday, 30 November 2023 - Ryla Peck, Astyn Nasmith, Ephraim Vuki and Lucy Zanders.

The school would personally like to thank Amber Williams McCahill, Sarah Peck and Lesuea Esau for assisting with transport and supervision of the students. You were all an amazing help and special thanks to Amber for her support at Whenuapai Athletics Sports for (both Year 5&6 and 7&8) plus training the Norwest Athletics Team. We appreciate your service to the school.



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## HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

1st - Hercules  
with 5,618 points

2nd - Seasprite  
with 5,124 points

3rd - Boeing  
with 4,984 points

4th - Orion  
with 4,646 points

With the end of  
the year fast  
approaching, it is  
getting more and  
more interesting!

Who will take out  
the house cup?

# PB4L VALUE FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

## 'Kotahitanga' - Respect for Others

As we head towards the summer holidays, we realise this can be an overwhelming time for many whānau and families. However, these holidays I encourage you to try to focus on giving back and being grateful. When my children were younger, one of our favourite books to read was 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. This is a funny story with an important message about being grateful for what we have. Research shows that gratitude has a positive impact on our physical and mental health, leading to happiness, and an increased sense of well-being.

My wero to you these holidays is to take a moment to reflect on what you are grateful for; be it family, health, friends, a break from work, or family traditions. Here are some simple suggestions our tamariki could do at home:

- Notice good things, look for them, and appreciate them.
- Express gratitude to yourself, write it down in a Gratitude Journal, or thank someone.
- Clear the table after dinner without being asked.
- Help wash the dishes.
- Send a letter to grandparents, or a relative you don't see very often. Write it by hand, not on the computer!
- Read your little brother or sister a bedtime story.
- Feed your pet or clean out their cage without having to be told.
- Make sure you help tidy your toys away.
- Draw a picture for someone, just because you love them.

Thank you for your ongoing support over the past year. We wish you a wonderful summer break and a peaceful New Year, and look forward to welcoming our tamariki back in 2024!



# Kakapo

# Team

WEEK 7 TERM 4

## Science Projects

Our Year 5 & 6's have been working so hard to research, form and complete experiments, and write up their findings to get ready for our big science fair. Based on our Inquiry topic, 'Planet Earth & Beyond,' our students have looked further into soundwaves, moons and tides, magnetism, the solar system, Earth's spheres, and light. Here are some photos from our past couple of weeks.

We hope to see you enjoying our projects on Friday 15th December!



# 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.

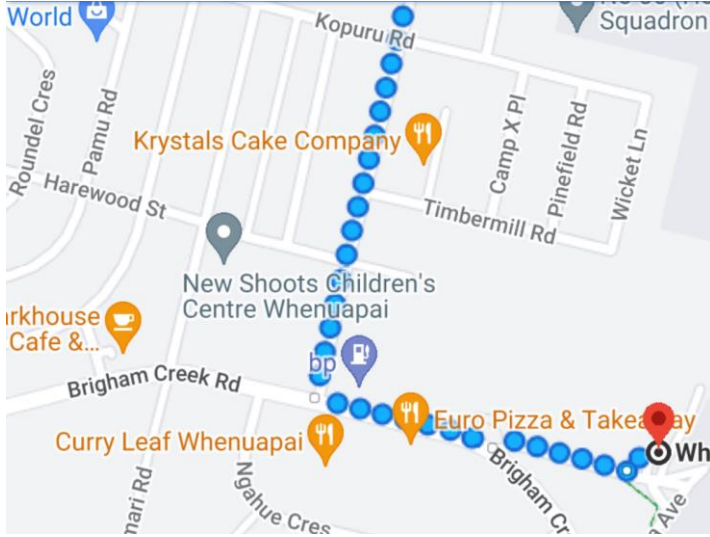
We will inform you of the actual dates early in the new year, as soon as they have been confirmed.

## 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](mailto: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



## Kahu Team - Friday Options

The Kahu Team would like to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful friends at ITM Whenuapai for lending us a trailer to transport the kayaks for our Friday options this term.



Thank you!



## sKids Before & After School Care

### Daily Activities After-School Programme

5 to 13 years old

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

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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!



### 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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## HERALD ISLAND

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Herald Island Community Hall

44A Ferry Parade Herald Island

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023 - 6.30pm

VOICES NEEDED!  
Calling all singers!

Come and join us for our Christmas Carol evening!  
Attendees offer a *koha* which will assist The Salvation Army Westgate to provide Christmas food parcels.

Contact: Rae Hassett  
Ph: 0274 923 129 or [rae@mhphoto.co.nz](mailto:rae@mhphoto.co.nz)



# SAVE THE DATE

## Friday, 15th December 2023

# MISTLETOE MANIA

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The 'What's on Guide' is attached on the following page!



## 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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# MISTLETOE MANIA

## WHATS ON GUIDE

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 4PM-7PM

### DINNER OPTIONS



- Bowl of nachos (mince & vegetarian) - **\$10**
- Chicken & vegetarian sushi - **\$6 for a pack of 6**
- Beef burgers with coleslaw (GF available)- **\$6**
- Sausage sizzle (GF available) - **\$2**
- Lolly bags **\$2 or \$4** with a sausage sizzle
- Dessert stall - cakes, cupcakes, slices - **POA**
- All natural sodas and bottled water - **\$2**
- Ice-cream truck - **POA**

### THE FUN STUFF



- Christmas carols sung by the Whenuapai School students
- Performance from the Kapa Haka group
- Santa and his lolly scramble
- Christmas & craft markets
- Live band performance by Mintah
- The infamous fire truck - remember to bring your togs!
- SKIDS & their fun game
- Bouncy Castle
- Chocolate Trailer
- Dunk the Teacher
- Outside games for all the family

### FOR THE ADULTS



Cheese platters will be available to pre-purchase on Kindo until 5pm on Wednesday 13th December.

- Cheese platter (for 2) - **\$15**

Due to a change in liquor license rules, alcohol must now be sold and consumed within a zoned area for adults only. We are creating a space on the school field for you to enjoy a beer or wine in view of all the event festivities.

Alcohol will be available to purchase at the Mistletoe Mania Bar -

- Beer - Corona, Heineken or Macs Mid Vicious **\$8**
- Wine - Pinot Gris, Rose, Sauvignon Blanc or Red **\$8**

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# MISTLETOE MANIA

## EVENT CHECKLIST

### ITINERARY



- 4:00pm** Mistletoe Mania kicks off!
- 5:00pm** Photos with Santa in the Library
- 5:30pm** Christmas carols & performance from the Kapa Haka group
- 6:00pm** Santa and his lolly scramble
- 6:30pm** Get your togs on and get sprayed by the infamous fire truck!

Stay and enjoy the food and entertainment we have on offer!

### BEFORE THE EVENT



- Pre-order your cheese platter on Kindo
- Make sure you've joined the **'Whenuapai Primary School Parents and Caregivers Page'** on Facebook for more updates on the event and a chance to bid on one of several auction prize packages up for grabs in the lead up to the big event!

### ON THE NIGHT



- **Bring your togs and towel** if you fancy getting blasted by the infamous fire truck!
- **CASH!** There will be loads of dinner options and entertainment games. Eftpos will be available on the beer & wine stall along with an eftpos stall to withdraw cash. But to avoid queues, we recommend bringing cash.
- **A picnic blanket or chairs.** There will be lots of space in front of the stage for you to sit back and watch all the entertainment we have on offer.
- **Please note this is not a BYO event.**

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