

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

## Newsletter – 31 October 2023

Tēnā Koutou,

And here we are, in Week 4 of Term 4. The first few weeks of term have flown by. It has been wonderful to see our Year 7 and 8 tamariki setting into their new home at the Senior Campus.

There is a real buzz in the air and the positive reports from the Kahu team, both kaiako and tamariki, are wonderful to hear.

Unfortunately, the beginning of our athletics season got off to a wet and rainy start with the Kea team's athletics having to be postponed on Wednesday and then again on Friday last week. A new date will be set for this event and advised shortly. Hopefully we will have more success this week on Wednesday and Friday with our senior athletics days. Our Year 7 and 8 tamariki will compete at the home site on Wednesday and our Year 5 and 6 students on Friday.

We invite and welcome whānau and friends to come and share in the fun on these days. A timetable of events has been shared on HERO.

This coming Friday is also Gumboot Friday. Tamariki are encouraged to come to school wearing gumboots and make a gold coin donation, if they wish. All donations received will be forwarded to the I Am Hope Foundation. Our incredible staff and Friends of Whenuapai (FOW) team will also be holding a sausage sizzle at lunchtime on Friday (\$2 each).

**2024 Planning** - As planning for 2024 is in full swing, it would be great if you could please let the office know:

1. If your child / family will be leaving Whenuapai School at the end of 2023.
2. If you have a younger child due to start school in 2024 - if you have not yet completed the online pre-enrolment form.

**Staff Update** - Sadly, at the end of the year we will be farewelling four of our teaching team. Stephanie Brook, Alescha Davies, Quynh Ha and Tingting Yao. I would like to thank all four of these wonderful teachers for their incredible work and dedication to Whenuapai School and to their students during their time here.

2024 will see us welcoming four new teachers, Victoria Kingi, Rebecca Robinson, Olivia Tustin and Megan Powell to the teaching team. We are excited to see what they introduce and bring to our tamariki and Kura.

Once finalised, we will share with you our 2024 organisation.

**Teachers Only Day** - A reminder that school will be closed for instruction on Friday, 24 November 2023 for a Teachers Only Day. The purpose of this day is for curriculum planning for 2024.

**School Photos** – A reminder the school photos are being taken next week on Monday and Tuesday. As photo timetables are subject to change, please make sure your child is 'photo ready' on both days. If you would like a sibling photo taken, please ensure your permission form is returned by the due date. More details will be sent via HERO.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Adam Cels





Dates for your diary ....	
<b>Wednesday – 1 November</b> Year 7&8 Athletics	<b>Tuesday – 28 November</b> NW Year 5&6 Tag
<b>Thursday – 2 November</b> NW Year 7&8 Touch 6.00pm Board Meeting	<b>Monday – 4 December</b> Sports Prizegiving
<b>Friday – 3 November</b> Year 5&6 Athletics Gumboot Friday	<b>Wednesday – 6 December</b> Rainbows End C.A.R.E Day
<b>Mon 6 &amp; Tues 7 November</b> School Photos	<b>Wednesday – 13 December</b> 2024 Classroom Visits
<b>Wednesday – 8 November</b> NW Year 5&6 Cricket Year 2 Stardome Visit	<b>Thursday – 14 December</b> 9.15am - Junior Talent Show
<b>Thursday – 9 November</b> Year 4 Athletics Year 3 Stardome Visit	<b>Friday – 15 December</b> 11.30 – Senior Talent Show Mistletoe Mania–
<b>Tuesday – 21 November</b> NorWest Year 7&8 Athletics	<b>19 December</b> 3.30pm Yr 7&8 Snr Prizegiving 6.00pm Yr 8 Final Dinner
<b>Friday – 24 November</b> Teacher Only Day – No School (2024 Curriculum Planning)	<b>Wednesday – 20 December</b> Last Day Term 4 – 12.40pm finish

## Friendly Reminders:

### Whenuapai School is a Water Only School

Please remind your child/ren that our school is a water only school.



Students may not bring other types of drinks such as juice, fizzy drinks, and energy drinks (such as PRIME). These types of drinks must remain at home for after school hours.

We also kindly request that sweets and lollies are kept at home. Recently there has been a few situations arise with students trading lollies and causing disagreements between friends.

We appreciate your help with this!

### Uniforms:

- Please **name all uniform items** – especially hats and jumpers.
- **School hats are compulsory in Term 4**

## Our Jiu Jitsu Superstars

Recently two of our amazing students, Thais De Souza and Kayden Honeycombe travelled to Las Vegas to compete in the Jiu Jitsu Con Kids International. Prior to Kids Con, Kayden also competed at the North American Grappling Association (Naga) competition. Both little superstars did so incredibly well, and we are so proud of their achievements!

After 30 hours of travel, Kayden- competed first at the "Naga" North American Grappling Association competition the next morning and won **GOLD!**

Thais was there supporting her buddy then both moved on to compete at the Jiu Jitsu Con Kids International event, where Thais won **SILVER** and Kayden won **BRONZE** ..... HOW GOOD!!!

Although Vegas was incredibly hot (42 degrees on arrival) both Kayden and Thais had the most amazing time training at an epic Dojo (Gym) and meeting lots of famous people who are masters in the field. They absolutely LOVED Vegas!!

**Congratulations!!!**



## HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

1st - Seasprite  
with 3,309 points

2nd - Hercules  
with 3,226 points

3rd - Orion  
with 3,121 points

4th - Boeing  
with 2,788 points

What a great start to Term 3! Well done to all of our super star learners for working hard to show the school values, and earn house points!

We are already off to a close race... It will be exciting to see which house takes the house cup at the end of the year!

# PB4L VALUE FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

## Mana - Respect for Self

Making sensible choices in all settings

By learning self-control, our children can make good decisions and respond to stressful situations to ensure positive outcomes.

### How you can help at home:

- Start the conversation. Explain to your child what it means to make a good decision and why it's important.
- Let them make mistakes. Don't rush in to fix the problem, highlight the misstep and discuss how to make a better choice next time.
- Give your child the opportunity to learn about self-control through play. Playing simple games that promote good decision-making is an excellent way to introduce children to the concept of stopping and thinking about their next move.
- Musical Chairs - teaches Kids to make fast, on-the-spot decisions.
- Tic Tac Toe - helps Kids practice decision-making. This game requires Keeping an eye on the opponent to stop them from getting three naughts or crosses in a row and requires concentration and practice.
- Hide and seek - turn it into a game of decision-making by adding new rules such as you cannot hide in the same place twice or limit the areas to hide. This compels the child to think of new hiding places, or how to 'hide better' in the same areas.
- Provide an area where your child can calm down and focus. Getting your child to take a short movement break during activities is a good way to foster self-control. You can also include a breathing exercise.



# RAINBOW BREATHING



Start on red.

Place finger on white circle.

Breathe in and trace finger to other side of rainbow.

Move to orange.

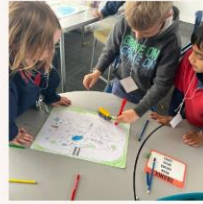
Breathe out and trace finger back to other side.

Repeat until all colors have been traced.

# TUI TEAM YEAR 2&3



CHECK OUT SOME OF  
OUR SCIENCE  
EXPERIMENTS!



WE HAD LOTS  
OF FUN ON  
ATHLETICS  
DAY



# THANK YOU WHENUAPAI



KIA ORA WHENUAPAI COMMUNITY,  
A HUGE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SPRING PLANT SALE!! WITH YOUR GENEROSITY, WE RAISED \$970 FOR OUR GARDEN TO TABLE PROGRAM SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO HELP OUR STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE & SHARE HEALTHY VEGETARIAN FOOD. WE DO HAVE SOME LEFT OVER PLANTS THAT WILL BE FOR SALE AT MISTLETOE MANIA IN CASE YOU MISSED OUT OR WANT TO PURCHASE SOME MORE! I ALSO WANTED TO SAY KA RAWE MAHI/AWESOME WORK TO OUR WONDERFUL YR 6 VOLUNTEERS (MARLEE GREER, TEGAN FLETCHER AND KENNEDY BONE) FOR ALL THEIR AMAZING HELP ON THE DAY TOO! XX WHAEA SARAH.

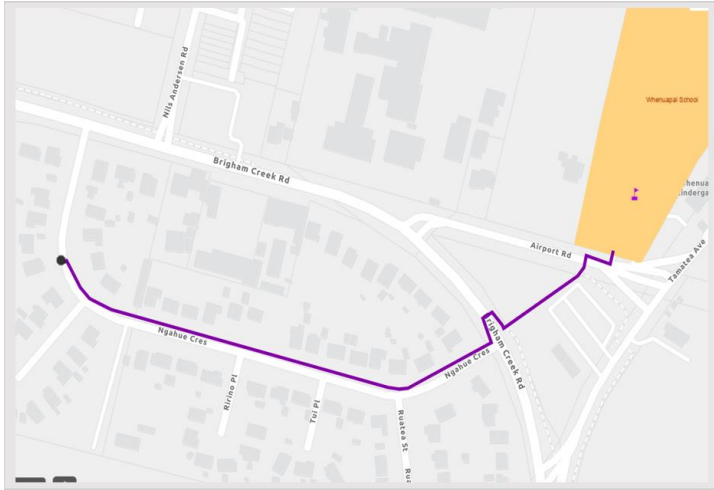


### WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUS

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](mailto:michaelapamela@gmail.com) or 021 186 5876 for more information.



For more information about starting a WSB at your school visit [AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus](http://AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus) or email us at [walkingschoolbus@aucklandtransport.govt.nz](mailto:walkingschoolbus@aucklandtransport.govt.nz)



## TERM 4 – Lunchtime Football

**FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME**

# KIWI KICK STARS

**Whenuapai school**

**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!**

**TERM 4**

Our awesome programme gets 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 on problem solving.

Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun! Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

**Where:** Whenuapai School fields  
**When:** Wednesdays (starts on Wednesday 11th October)  
**Time:** Lunchtime  
**Cost:** \$135 per term (10 weeks)  
 Second child discount of 10% applies!  
**TO REGISTER GO TO [WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM](http://WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM)**

## 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!



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

### MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

A warm reminder that 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](http://www.masseyhigh.school.nz/enrol) to complete the online enrolment form.

**West Auckland Primary School**

# BADMINTON COMPETITION

*Social & Competitive Primary School Badminton*

**DATE:**  
14th October 2023 – 16 December 2023 (10 Saturdays)

**TIME:** Saturday 12-2pm or 2-4pm

**LOCATION:** Westgate YMCA

**RSVP DATE:**  
Please RSVP and make payment by the 23rd September 2023.

**Name your team  
Enter individually.  
\$100 PP**

For further information please scan the QR code.




# 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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