

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand



## Newsletter – 13 February 2024

Tēnā koutou and welcome back!

What a great first 4 days we have had. We are literally bursting at the seams! We are thrilled to start this year with over 570 students. This means more friends to make, more ideas to share, and more fun to have. I can't wait to meet everyone over the coming year.

It was wonderful to welcome both new and returning students back to school. To our new families, a heartfelt welcome. We know starting a new school can be exciting and a little nerve-wracking. We are here to support your child every step of the way, and we hope they'll quickly feel at home in our Kura (school). To our returning families, it's wonderful to see all your smiling faces again and I hope everyone is ready for a year of excitement and learning.

Before I continue, I would just like to say a quick thank you to the Year 8 students for the way they have quickly stepped up and supported the Year 7s as they have transitioned to the Senior Campus. What wonderful role models you have been!

I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break, filled with family, adventures, laughter, and time to recharge. I spent some time with my family sailing around the Hauraki Gulf and then managed to paint the top story of our house.

Throughout the holiday period, we have been busy making a range of improvements to buildings and grounds. At the senior campus, the outdoor learning space has been completed and the field is one week away from being ready to use. At the home campus, we have installed new roofs, a fresh coat of paint on the library, reshaped the pathways and are in the process of installing heat pumps in Rooms 1-6. From my perspective, both campuses are feeling welcoming and inviting. We have managed to transplant the fruit trees that were located in the garden bed outside Rooms 5 and 6 to a new area between the library and Room 1. Hopefully they take to their new environment and survive / thrive.

Get ready for a year full of innovative inquiry, exciting events, and endless opportunities to learn and grow. There are several things to look forward to in 2024:

- Year 7 and 8 sleepout
- Year 5 and 6 students starting at the Senior Campus
- School Production
- Market Day
- Sports Days
- And the list goes on and on.



Before we move full steam into the year, I think it is a good idea to have a quick look back and acknowledge our great tamariki (children) and the progress they made in our core subjects. Overall achievement (tamariki achieving At or Above expectations):

- Reading 84%
- Writing 86%
- Mathematics 91%

Congratulations to all our tamariki (children), whānau (family) and staff for a huge effort and positive achievement. As a kura (school) we will continue to work with our tamariki to make a positive difference in their learning and strive for all tamariki to reach their goals.

**Vision Statement:** We partner with tamariki to create a future guided by Mana (Respect for Self), Ako (Respect for Learning), Kaitiakitanga (Respect for Environment) and Kotahitanga (Respect for Others).

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels

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| <b>AKO</b><br>WHENUAPAI SCHOOL<br>PBL Learner Capabilities<br>Engage<br>Question<br>Inquire<br>Problem Solve<br>Accomplish | <b>KAITIAKITANGA</b><br>WHENUAPAI SCHOOL<br>PBL Learner Capabilities<br>Appreciate<br>Connect<br>Contribute<br>Take Action<br>Care | <b>KOTAHITANGA</b><br>WHENUAPAI SCHOOL<br>PBL Learner Capabilities<br>Listen<br>Collaborate<br>Share<br>Value<br>Participate | <b>MANA</b><br>WHENUAPAI SCHOOL<br>PBL Learner Capabilities<br>Self Manage<br>Be Resilient<br>Be Honest<br>Growth Mindset |
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### Dates for your diary ....

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| <b>Monday – 19 February</b><br>Swimming Sports (Years 5-8) | <b>Wednesday – 20 March</b><br>Year 5/6 Positive Puberty       |
| <b>Wednesday – 28 February</b><br>NorWest Year 7&8 Tag     | <b>Thursday – 28 March</b><br>NorWest Year 5-8 Orienteering    |
| <b>Thursday – 29 February</b><br>Kahu Team Camp Out        | <b>Friday – 29 March</b><br>Good Friday – <b>No School</b>     |
| <b>Tuesday – 05 March</b><br>NorWest Year 5&6 TBall        | <b>Monday – 01 April</b><br>Easter Monday – <b>No School</b>   |
| <b>Thursday – 07 March</b><br>NorWest Year 7&8 Softball    | <b>Tuesday – 02 April</b><br>Easter Tuesday – <b>No School</b> |
| <b>Tuesday – 12 March</b><br>NorWest Year 7&8 Cricket      | <b>Friday – 12 April</b><br>Last Day of Term 1                 |
| <b>Monday – 18 March</b><br>NW Swimming Champs             | <b>Monday – 29 April</b><br>First Day of Term 2                |

## Make your school payments easy



### Whenuapai School Online Shop

Our online shop (provided by Kindo) makes it easy for you to:

- Pay fees and donations
- Order lunches online
- Pay for school trips and events
- Pay for PTA functions and fund raisers

It's fast, convenient and means you don't have to entrust your cash or card to your kids – or have them spend valuable time in a queue.

### New to Kindo?

Kindo is easy to set up and use. Just go to:

[www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

SELECT 'create account' to register.

Add the name for each of your students at our school – you only need one account for all family members.

If you have children attending other local schools, you can add them to your Kindo account (My Details – Add Member) and select their school from the drop down 'organisation' list. View and action all your school needs, for the whole family, in one place.

### Already a Kindo user?

If you have used ezlunch or 'kindo' at another school log in to your existing account and just change your details.

Log in to [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz), go to My Details and add the student starting at our school.

It's ok to have your student listed under TWO schools until the end of the year. On 'My Details' just choose 'add member' and enter the same student name before selecting our school from the dropdown list.

*"I really love this way of paying the school. Much easier and more user-friendly."*

### Need help?

Visit [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz) or talk to the friendly staff at the Kindo helpdesk 0508 4KINDO or email [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz).

Available 8am-4pm on school days.

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we make payments simple

## 2024 School Donation

**\$220.00 per child**

### Acknowledgements for your support:

- **Early Payment Incentive:** if you pay your donation in full during Term 1, you will receive an early payment discount of 10% bringing the donation amount to \$198.00 per child.
- **Termly Prize Draw:** Once you have paid your full school donation you go into the termly prize draw to be the lucky family that wins one child's donation back. One prize per term – drawn in the last week of term.
- **End of Year Prize Draw:** Available to all families who donate to our Kura (whether it is the full amount or not). The prize is for \$100 grocery voucher at the end of Term 4.

### Online Payments:

Our preferred method of payment is via Kindo.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

Payments can also be made online via internet

**School Bank Account details:** 12-3085-0494188-00

**Reference:** Students Name

**Details:** The activity the payment is for

If you pay online for more than one activity or paying for more than one student and various activities, please email our Administration Manager detailing what the payments are for.

For any accounts queries please email:

**Jo Wright – Administration Manager**

[accounts@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:accounts@whenuapai.school.nz)

## School Hats

**School hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.**

There are few caps available to purchase at the school office.

Bucket hats are available online at:

<https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/auckland/whenuapai-school>



## Linewize 24/7 Filtering on Any Network, At all Times

Whenuapai School is committed to ensuring that students engage in safe and effective digital learning. As part of our proactive approach to the safety and well-being of our students, we use [Linewize](#) Education services to fulfil our duty of care to protect school IT. So, what does this mean?

Schools have a duty of care commitment to protect school IT. This includes **school owned and managed devices** and **school Google accounts**. Therefore, where applicable, the school will deploy the Linewize Education software called Connect, to all school owned and managed devices, and to all school Google accounts. **The software will activate only when students are logged into school managed devices, or on unmanaged BYOD when the school Google account is used and synced.** During school time tamariki are expected to use their school google account - [studentname@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:studentname@whenuapai.school.nz)

With the above configurations in place, Connect will filter and monitor online activity on any network, 24/7. This data may be used by the school's leadership team to inform the pastoral care of students.

On unmanaged BYOD - if the device is shared among families and you **do not** wish for your child/family to be filtered or monitored outside of school hours it is recommended to sign out of the school account and sign into Chrome using a personal Google account or in 'Guest Mode' (if applicable).

The Linewize Connect Education software is not deployed to personal Google accounts, personal Microsoft accounts, phones or tablets and therefore filtering and monitoring will not occur in these contexts.

The teachers will be sharing information and running demonstrations with the tamariki on Linewize so they have a clear understanding of how the system supports online safety and learning. Further information on Linewize can be found at <https://www.whenuapai.school.nz/digital-tech>

**OUR CYBER-SAFE COMMUNITY**

Our school is committed to providing safe and educationally focused digital journeys for our students. To support this, we have partnered with leading online safety provider, Linewize by Family Zone. Linewize is a world leader in online safety for schools and communities, supporting over 17,000 schools and more than 9 million students globally. Linewize services help ensure our students use the internet safely and effectively.

**HOW DOES LINEWIZE SUPPORT STUDENTS?**

- SCHOOL MANAGER**: Allows the school to ensure students use the internet on school IT safely and effectively. Can also protect school devices and accounts 24/7, to support safer learning at home.
- CLASSWIZE**: Helps teachers guide internet access during lessons, improving focus and reducing digital distractions.
- ONLINE SAFETY HUB + PARENT APP**: Provides the entire school community with education and a free parent app to protect 2 children's personal devices at home.

**HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?**

All families and whānau now have free access to resources, information and tools to help keep tamariki safe online when they are using their devices & internet at home.

- The latest advice from experts including social media app risk reviews
- Guides to help you support your child's online development
- Difficult online safety conversation starters for parents
- Qustodio Parent App - access free tools for parents to protect 2 children's devices at home.

VISIT OUR HUB AT <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

MORE ABOUT LINEWIZE | PRIVACY INFORMATION

**FAQ - FOR FAMILIES / WHANAU + STUDENTS**

**What online activity can school staff see for students when using a school account?**

- Searches
- Apps & Websites
- Videos
- Google Apps for Education (G-Suite)

**What about phones?**

Phones connected to the school network - are filtered and protected at school (if the school has enabled this with Linewize, and if applicable per school policy).

**Is it possible for the school to see school account activity (websites accessed) at home for students?**

Yes (if the school has enabled this with Linewize).

**How does that work?**

Filtering protection at home is via a Google Chrome extension that loads when you are signed into your Google Chrome browser with your school Google account on a laptop/computer. (Not phones / tablets)

**Does this work for BYOD devices at school?**

Yes - if the school manages these or has set this protection service up.

**Can teachers view students' computer screens at home?**

Yes - Student screens can only be viewed from home by a teacher in Classwize only during learning hours set by the school. (If the school has enabled this with Linewize).

**What does that mean for other household members?**

Please refer to our school's specific student ICT policy/digital agreements. It is good practice, on shared devices, that other family members sign out of the school account and use a personal account to avoid the school's protective filtering.

LINK TO OUR ONLINE SAFETY HUB

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ACCESS YOUR HUB AT <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

## Music Lessons at Whenuapai School

Visit: <https://musiqhub.co.nz/>



**For more information, contact:**  
 Gloria Arboleda Martinez  
 0274 422 654  
[Gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:Gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz)



## General Notices:

### Crocs and Jibbitz

While Crocs and Jibbitz are currently not banned, we kindly request your cooperation in refraining from allowing your children to wear them to school. We have encountered several issues already this year, that have prompted us to address this matter.



Unfortunately, we have experienced instances of lost Jibbitz, as well as situations where students have traded them, leading to conflicts among peers.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, we kindly ask for your support and encouraging a different footwear choice.

The school accepts no responsibility for lost or traded giblets.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Issue 1 Out Now!



### Book Club has arrived!

Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag!

It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3.50 to help you on your child's reading journey.

### Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

## Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

Waitematā



The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides free dental care to children across the greater Auckland areas.

In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required.

To find out more information about ARDS, please visit [ards.co.nz](http://ards.co.nz) or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).



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## 2024 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/>

## skids - Before and After School Care

Accredited OSCAR Provider. Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available!

Onsite: 021 174 8473  
(Only checked during opening hours)  
[www.skids.co.nz/whenuapai](http://www.skids.co.nz/whenuapai)

BOOK NOW at: [www.skids.co.nz/book](http://www.skids.co.nz/book)

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# 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.



**FOOTBALL  
LUNCH PROGRAMME**

# KIWI KICK STARS

**Whenuapai school**

**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR  
BOYS AND GIRLS!!  
TERM 1**

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 7th February)

**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)**



# Family Fun Summer Series

**WHENUAPAI PARK**

**Free Event • Lawn Games  
Face Painting • Giant Bubbles  
Bouncy Castle • Ice-Creams**



**Sun 17 Dec**

**Sun 14 Jan**

**Sun 18 Feb**

**1:30 - 4PM**



**HOBSONVILLE  
COMMUNITY TRUST**

**Upper Harbour  
Local Board**

