Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland New Zealand

Newsletter – 27 February 2024

Kia ora Whenuapai whānau,

I hope you and yours have settled into the new school year. It has been wonderful seeing the smiling faces of our tamariki, catching up with their family, and getting to know new members of our kura. As we head further into the year, the Whenuapai School Board of Trustees wanted to give you a quick update on Whenuapai School's Strategic Plan, and our new board member, Paul Matenga.



The board and senior leadership team have been working hard on Whenuapai School's Strategic Plan. Our initial survey received 157 responses, which offered fantastic insights into our community's wants, needs and vision for the future.

Subsequently, during the Meet the Teacher day, 216 parents and guardians, out of the 226 approached, expressed support for our proposed mission statement:

We partner with tamariki to create a future guided by Mana, Ako, Kaitiakitanga, and Kotahitanga.

We partner with children to create a future guided by Respect for; Self, Learning, Environment, and Others.

The board and senior leadership team considered all comments and perspectives when crafting the Strategic Plan, and the Annual Plan, both of which you can now view on the school website - https://www.whenuapai.school.nz.

If you do have any further thoughts, please email <u>wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz</u>, and they will be taken into consideration when we consult the community again later this year.

During the development of the strategic plan, the board identified a need to increase representation, particularly seeking a member with expertise in finance and strategy. With that in mind, we have co-opted Paul Matenga to the board.

Paul and his family live locally in Whenuapai, and his youngest daughter is in Year 2 at Whenuapai School. Paul is a senior leader in the Royal New Zealand Navy, with 23 years of experience as a Naval Officer. Through his work, Paul brings a multitude of skills, including experience in leadership and governance, strategy development and financial acumen. Welcome, Paul!

Finally, the board would like to thank you for your support of Whenuapai School, and we look forward to continuing this journey of creating a future guided by Mana, Ako, Kaitiakitanga and Kotahitanga with you.

Ngā mihi,

Kellie Watkinson

Presiding Member - Whenuapai School Board of Trustees





Dates for your diary	
Thursday – 29 February	Thursday – 28 March
Kahu Team Camp Out	NorWest Year 5-8 Orienteering
Tuesday – 05 March	Friday – 29 March
NorWest Year 5&6 TBall	Good Friday – No School
Thursday – 07 March	Monday – 01 April
NorWest Year 7&8 Softball	Easter Monday – No School
Tuesday – 12 March	Tuesday – 02 April
NorWest Year 7&8 Cricket	Easter Tuesday – No School
Monday – 18 March	Friday – 12 April
NW Swimming Champs	Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday – 20 March	Monday – 29 April
Year 5/6 Positive Puberty	First Day of Term 2

Registrations are now open:

- Please see HERO for more details
- Students in Years 3 to 6 only
- Cost of entry is \$3.00



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

Uniform Reminders:



School hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.
There are caps available to purchase at the school office.

Wearing correct school uniform:

Please be advised that our sports uniform is designated for physical education classes, sports days, and other athletic events. Outside of such occasions (normal class time), the correct uniform is required for attendance at school.



Learning

Year 1 Certificate Recipients



Year 2 Certificate Recipients



PR1ME maths in action!

Making Piggy Banks for our Inquiry this term. The Design Process
Designing our piggy banks.







Room 11 shares their taonga – special items.

Room 18 shares their taonga – special items.

KEA TEAM

Kaha + Kahui

We met Kaha and Kahui, our Kea Team furry mascots, who are here to help us learn all about showing the school values.



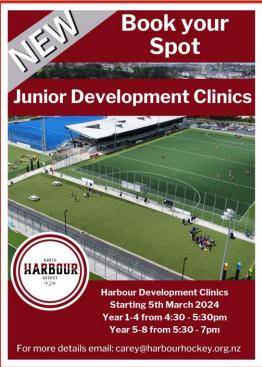














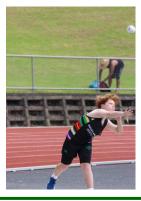


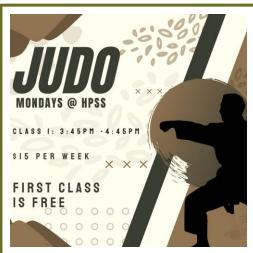


Celebrating success ...

A huge congratulations to one of our senior students – Honour Morrison who recently competed in the Auckland Athletics Team Challenge day for 10-11 year olds held on Waitangi Day representing Auckland North.

Honour broke his club's record in shot put with an amazing throw of 8.37 meters and overall, Honour's team came second by just one point. Well done, Honour!!!





Music Lessons at Whenuapai School

Visit: https://musighub.co.nz/





For more information, contact: Gloria Arboleda Martinez

0274 422 654

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.



Book Club has arrived!

reading journey.

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



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 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/

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