

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 26 March 2024

Tena Koutou,

Easter is just around the corner, well actually, it is at the end of the week. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend filled with delicious treats and family time.

Our Easter Bake Sale is on Thursday morning (28 March). This is a great chance to purchase those last-minute long weekend snacks. The bake sale is outside the Home Campus Office from 8.00-9.00am.

Just a reminder: School resumes on Wednesday, April 3rd. We can't wait to see all our amazing tamariki back after the long weekend break! SKids, our before and after school care provider is open on Tuesday, should you need to book in. More details on how to book are contained later in the newsletter.

Student Achievement Performance - Building on our earlier update on student achievement in 2023, we're excited to share a more detailed look at performance across the school and for targeted groups.

The following table compares student achievement in 2023 with 2022 for both 'All Learners' and 'Māori Learners' (rounded to the nearest whole number).

	Writing		Reading		Mathematics	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
All Learners	83%	86%	81%	84%	90%	91%
Māori Learners	70%	85%	69%	78%	81%	85%

Every year, we establish clear learning targets to identify student groups with the greatest need for accelerated academic growth. These targets are directly informed by the prior year's achievement data for individual students and cohorts. Our ultimate goal is to empower all learners to reach their full potential.

Our 2023 Targets were:

Target Groups.	Outcome
By the end of 2023:	
Year 4 cohort will have 80% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Writing	95.65%
Year 6 cohort will have 80% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Writing	92%
Year 3 cohort will have 75% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Reading.	76.70%
Year 4 cohort will have 85% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Reading.	88.4%
Year 6 cohort will have 90% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Reading.	94.50%
Year 4 cohort will have 85% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Mathematics.	97.10%
Year 6 cohort will have 85% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Mathematics.	93.10%
Māori cohort will have 85% of the tamariki achieving at or above expectation in Mathematics.	84.80%

Based on our recent analysis of student achievement data (2023), we've identified some areas where we can provide additional support to help all students reach their full potential. We're developing targeted interventions to address these areas, and your child's classroom teacher is happy to discuss them with you in more detail. Please feel free to reach out to schedule a meeting at your earliest convenience. Further details can be found in our Annual Implementation Plan on our School Website.

Our 2024 Targets Areas are:

In Reading, the cohorts' percentage of tamariki achieving At or Above expectation will be:

- Year 3 = 85%
- Year 4 = 85%
- Year 6 = 85%

In Reading, the percentage of Māori Learners achieving At or Above expectation will be within 5% of the whole school achievement percentage.

In Writing, the cohorts' percentage of tamariki achieving At or Above expectation will be:

- Year 4 = 80%
- Year 6 = 80%
- Year 8 = 80%

In Mathematics, the cohorts' percentage of tamariki achieving At or Above expectation will be”:

- Year 4 = 90%
- Year 8 = 85%

In Mathematics, the percentage of Māori Learners achieving At or Above expectation will be within 5% of the whole school achievement percentage.

While our achievement targets prioritize lifting cohort levels to match the school's overall performance, we also aim to elevate the academic achievement of the entire student population.

Fostering our School Values

In our last newsletter, we touched on the importance of fostering our school values and encouraging positive interactions among our tamariki. This week, we'd like to explore this topic a little further, this time focusing on an issue that has become increasingly relevant: the use of inappropriate language and the potential impact of online content on the language our tamariki use.

It's possible that some of the language we've been hearing from our tamariki could be influenced by what they come across on platforms like YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and even some online games. We believe that the increased use of inappropriate language, is an important issue that we (school and home) can address together.

We'd therefore like to take this opportunity to remind you about Linewize - the tool we use to monitor and support students' online behaviour while they're at school.

Linewize is a FREE online safety tool available to all our families and here's how it can help you:

- **See What Your Child Sees:** Linewize allows you to see a filtered report of your child's browsing activity, including websites and search terms. This gives you a springboard for discussions about online content.
- **Spark Conversations:** Use Linewize reports to talk to your child about what they find interesting online. This is a great opportunity to teach critical thinking skills and discuss online dangers.
- **Set Boundaries Together:** Linewize allows you to set website filters and time limits for your child's internet use. Work with your child to create a safe and responsible online routine.

For more information, please visit <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

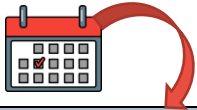
Our school is proud of the work we do to foster and promote positive relationships and social skills through our restorative PB4L approach. We place great emphasis on our core values and provide engaging behaviour lessons to empower students to make positive choices.

With your help and support, we can continue to guide our tamariki on their journey towards responsible online behaviour and overall well-being. Thank you for being an important part of our community.

Have a wonderful Easter weekend!

Ngā mihi,
Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 27 March Year 7/8 Vaccinations	Sunday – 07 April Shore to Shore Event
Thursday – 28 March 8-9am - Easter Bake Sale	Wednesday - 10 April 8.15am - FOW Uniform Sale
Friday – 29 March Good Friday – No School	Thursday - 11 April Kahu Market Day Kea Team Trip to Market Day
Monday – 01 April Easter Monday – No School	Friday – 12 April Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday – 02 April Easter Tuesday – No School	Monday – 29 April First Day of Term 2
Friday – 05 April Mufti Day - Autism Awareness	

Last Week of Term.....

Preparing for the Kakapo Team to move to the Senior Campus

Wednesday 10th April:

- Kahu Team (Year 7&8) will move to the new block of four classrooms at the Senior Campus.
- Bunnings are kindly opening our garden to table garden bed with Whaea Sarah and the eco warrior team.

Thursday 11th April:

- Kakapo Team (Year 5&6) will enjoy a fun sports day, while their furniture and equipment is delivered to the Senior Campus.
- Kahu Team Market Day
- The Kea Team (Year 1&2) is visiting the new Senior Campus for their Market Day showcase.

Friday 12th April:

- **Last day of term...**
all students will remain on their current school sites and prepare for our Year 5&6 students starting Term 2 at the new senior Campus.



NOOD FOOD IS COOL

THESE STUDENTS WERE SPOTTED WITH **NO RUBBISH IN THEIR LUNCHBOXES!** THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS SHOWING KAITIAKITANGA & BRINGING NOOD FOOD LUNCHBOXES TO SCHOOL :)






Wei Chen, Rm 6 Harper Cammock, Rm 6 Ivy Byrd, Rm 6 Ella Green, Rm 5

Kaitiakitanga: Let's all show Respect for the Environment!

Whenuapai School is participating in a Transport Pilot for Terms 2 & 3

We are excited to share that Whenuapai School has been selected to participate in a Transport Pilot organised by the Ministry of Education in partnership with SportNZ and DecarbonEd.



The programme will empower our students with the tools they need to envision and create a **low-carbon future**. Transport is the beginning of this journey. We will utilise our unique carbon footprint and data collected through the pilot to understand how our staff and students travel to and from school and to consider what transport options we want for the future of our community.

Along with our carbon footprint, the pilot programme will provide data tools to model potential changes, curriculum resources, and a Carbon Neutral School Lead. Congratulations to Whaea Sarah for taking on this new role. She will act as the conduit between Whenuapai School and the pilot, ensuring that we are able to get the most from this valuable opportunity.

Should you wish to know more about this programme, please visit the [Emission Reductions in Schools & Kura](#) page, and should you have any queries, please contact Emissions.Reduction@education.govt.nz

Easter Bake Sale!

Raising Funds to replace the Sandpit Shade Sail

MARCH 28TH, 2024
8:00 - 9:00 AM

Enjoy various baked goodies and help raise funds to replace our Sandpit Shade Sail!

DELICIOUS TREATS, COFFEE AND RAFFLES AVAILABLE

Outside the School Admin Block on Thursday morning. Coffee Cart



NW Swimming

Three of our amazing tamariki competed in the recent NW Swimming Competition held at West Wave in Henderson. All three students were fantastic role models for Whenuapai School, exemplifying our school values the entire day.

Walker swam all his events well and qualified for the final of 50m backstroke where he placed 5th, narrowly missing out on a top 3 placing required for Ak Champs.

Grace did super well in some really fast heats, only just missing qualifying for finals.

Xanthe won her heats and then placed first in the Year 6 girls finals for backstroke & freestyle and second in breaststroke.

Xanthe & Grace also put together a Year 6 girls relay team with Colwill School and took out the win in that event as well.

Huge congratulations to all three swimming superstars and thank you to Karen, our amazing parent helper on the day!



Library

Whenuapai School has been able to support flood-affected Wairoa with our withdrawn library books. Whaea Helen drove them down to Hamilton to Wairoa local Sabrina, who will pass them on to the local community and marae. Sabrina said "this is such a brilliant idea. It has been a while since we have dropped off supplies. Thanks so much".



sKids - open Easter Tuesday - [CLICK TO BOOK](#)



sKids Whenuapai – Easter Tuesday

Open on 2 April 2024 as Easter Tuesday is a School Holiday

When

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

7.30am to 6.00pm **\$68.00**

(Children can be dropped to us from 7.30am onwards, and pick up needs to be by 6pm).

Where

Whenuapai School Hall, 14 Airport Road

What

The Theme for Today is: **Easter - full of Easter themed games and activities.**



How

Book this day via:

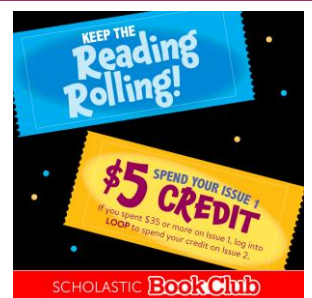
<https://enrolmy.com/skids-whenuapai/book-now/27-Easter-Tuesday-at-sKids-Whenuapai--2-April-is-a-School-Holiday-sKids-is-open-730am-to-6pm>

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Our FOW second hand uniform sale will be held on Wednesday, 10 April 2024 starting at 8:15am outside the Admin block.

Scholastics Book Club Issue 2 out now!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE](#)



PIWAKAWAKA TEAM YEAR 3+4

What an amazing start to 2024 we have had in the PiwaKawaKa team!



We started the term off by trading ingredients and making some delicious lolly cake balls!



Room 23 has started making their pinch pots!

We will be having market day, where we will trade our creations! Over the next few weeks, we will be creating our items to trade.

Year 7 Science Specialist

On Tuesday, 19 March, we went to Hobsonville Point Secondary school to learn about science. While we were there we had fun looking at the sun through a telescope using a special cover called a solar lens.



While we were looking at the sun we saw some black dots on it our teacher, Mr Ciaran, told us that it was the cold spots on the sun. We also played around with a Van de Graaff. A Van de Graaff generator is an electrostatic generator which uses a moving belt to accumulate electric charge on a hollow metal globe on the top of an insulated column, creating very high electric potentials. After we played around a little we drew it and then labelled it. Once we did that it was time to go back to school.

Altogether we learnt heaps and had an awesome time.

Taytum

The Head of Science teacher from Hobsonville Point Secondary School, Ciaran, very kindly hosted two of our Science Specialist groups. While the second group learnt about the Sun and got to try out a van de Graaff generator, the first group got to witness a brain dissection. They learnt about the main parts of the brain, including the brain stem, the cerebrum and the cerebellum. They were able to see the difference between grey and white matter and if they wished they were allowed to touch it. Some HPSS students presented their current research projects and what they learnt so far.





MITRE 10

TOUGH KID DAY



On Thursday 21st of March, the years 3,4,5, and 6 students went to a Tough Kid Challenge on the Air Force Base. At 9:10 am everyone lined up outside their class with their group. Then a few minutes later everyone walked onto base. We walked to the sports field, which is close to the centre of the Air Force base. Tents were set up around the field for each school. Whenuapai School got a blue and white carnival looking tent. The other schools started showing up. The first race of the day was the year 3 girls.

At the start of the race there were tires spread around for you to jump across and avoid. Then you ran up a hill. The track took you behind the Parachute Training and Support Unit. After that you had to run up one more hill. At the top there was a huge slip and slide with a bunch of soap and water. Some people went down head first. At the bottom it was super muddy. You got covered with grass. Next you ran through sprinklers all the way to the end.



At the finish you got handed a prize bag. It was filled with m&m's, a glue stick, blow up hammer or ball, and more stuff like that. Around the field there were lots of activities. You could look at an ambulance, fire truck, and a Seasprite helicopter. There was also food. Such as sausage sizzle. and ice blocks. You were only allowed one Sausage sizzle. The ice blocks were those ones you snap in half. You could have lots of those but they were all liquid instead of solid. MoreFM supplied them.

The Tough Kid challenge was fun.

By Ethan Lennox (Rm1)



sKIDS Holiday Programme

15th - 26th April 2024
MSD-Approved, Work & Income
OSCAR Subsidy available!

Short Day	8:30am – 3.00pm	\$58.00
Full Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$68.00
Premium Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$75.00
Trip Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$80.00






sKIDS Whenuapai
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Whenuapai, Auckland

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(Only checked during opening hours)

Email:
Whenuapai@sKids.co.nz

Book now at skids.co.nz/whenuapai
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April

Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
African Safari Embark on an African Safari Adventure with jungle masks, playing Mbube Mbube from South Africa, and crafting some slippery snake finger puppets.	Stellar Ella and the Space Pirates – TAPAC Theatre Trip Please arrive by 10am!! Once upon a time, a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away there was a rusty old spaceship... But hold onto your rocket boosters! This isn't your typical fairy tale.	Magical Oceans From Seahorse Art to underwater collages. Come and discover what's in our magical oceans, its gonna be a tidal wave of fun you won't want to miss!	Baking Day (Premium) Put your baking hats on and help to make Bacon 'n Egg Mini Quiches as well as Apple Turnovers.	Nerf Wars The battle is on! Verse your friends in the ultimate nerf war!
				

April

Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
Giant Games Day No matter how big or small, come play them all.	CINEMA TRIP – Kung Fu Panda 4 Please arrive by 9am!! (You can bring some pocket money for extra snacks).	ANZAC ANZAC day commemorates our history with tasty ANZAC biscuits, playful army style fitness sessions, creative soldier silhouette art and craft popsicle stick planes.	Closed We're closed for the ANZAC Public Holiday. We'll see you tomorrow.	Minion Party Come dressed up to party and let the craziness begin! See a minion come to life in with our big minion mascot!
				

School Notices:



WIN A VOUCHER!

\$50

Order ezlunch for delivery dates 25 March - 12 April 2024 to enter the draw!


Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Four chances per order. Winner will be drawn on Friday 14 April 2024 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into. T&C's apply.

Login to mykindo.co.nz to order.

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/>

School Docs
Policies and Procedures

For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: www.schooldocs.co.nz/

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Let's all Nood our Food

Please help us to reduce our landfill rubbish by making **Rubbish-free** (no plastic packaging) lunch boxes everyday. Thank you!




Soft plastic from kids lunchboxes at our school = Over 50% of our landfill bins, which we spend lot's of \$\$\$ to empty :(Please help us reduce this and demonstrate our school value of Kaitiakitanga / Respect for Environment



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

DRUM LESSONS
at Whenuapai School

We're very excited to announce that we'll be offering drum lessons onsite starting term 2!



To secure a spot or ask any questions please contact Paul Barry:

paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz

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Accredited OSCAR Provider. Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available!

Onsite: 021 174 8473
(Only checked during opening hours)
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EASTER 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 doesn't stop!!
Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

When:
Week 1: Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th April
Week 2: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 23rd April

Where: Hobsonville school fields
(104A Hobsonville Road)

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Cost: Individual day = \$55
Full week (3 days) = \$150
Second child discount = 10%

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM








HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing great stories from an **award-winning author**


- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill
The award-winning author of books including Ernest Rutherford and Epic New Zealand Adventurers

78-STORE TREEHOUSE ONE NIGHT!






Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"

"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabiella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)

Where: Kristin School
360 Albany Highway, Albany
When: 16 Apr to 18 Apr 2024

Register now at:
WriteLikeanAuthor.com

COMMUNITY EVENT

GARDEN OPEN DAY



SAT 06 APRIL

10am till 2pm

Triangle Park Community Teaching Garden

WORKSHOPS

PLANT SALE

385 DON BUCK RD



2024 Shore to Shore 5km Fun Run/Walk

Sunday - 7th April 2024

<https://shoretoshore.co.nz/register/>



Harcourts Cooper & Co

Fundraising for our service through sports trip to Samoa

HOBSONVILLE POINT SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

TERM 1 HOLIDAYS
APRIL 15 - 17
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Ages 7-12 \$50 per person, per day

Hobsonville Point Secondary School

tome.chan-chui@hobsonvillepoint.school.nz
for more information and to be sent a registration form

Keep your kids active during the holidays by taking part in our sports based holiday programme.

Limited spaces. First in first serve!




JUDO

MONDAYS @ HPSS

CLASS 1: 3:45PM - 4:45PM

\$15 PER WEEK

FIRST CLASS IS FREE

