

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 09 April 2024

Kia Ora whānau!

What a fantastic Term 1 it has been! We've seen our tamariki make incredible strides in their learning, and we're excited to share some important updates with you as we head into Term 2.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Easter Bake Sale. It was a brilliant morning and a great way to start the long weekend. Congratulations to our raffle winners – Mele Vuki and Edna Vermeulen.

This Friday, the 12th April, marks the end of Term. It has really flown by largely because it has been so busy. A few Term 1 highlights are:

- We've fully embraced the government's initiatives on "Phones Away" and Hour a Day for reading, writing, and math instruction. These changes have fostered a strong learning environment for all students.
- Through Inquiry our tamariki have made great progress with their understanding of financial literacy, production and products. We are looking forward to some great market days over the rest of the week.
- The Year 7 and 8 camp out was a huge success - it grows every year.
- We're thrilled to announce that our school community has grown! Our current roll is a healthy 584 students and we are expecting to pass 600 early next term.

Looking forward, we are thrilled to announce we are sending a large team to the Year 7 / 8 NZAIMS Games. This year we have football, hockey, netball and hip hop teams competing. There are also individuals taking part in climbing, running, cycling, badminton and squash events. We will keep you updated on the team's and individuals progress as they prepare for the competition.

Senior Campus Update:

We're gearing up for the exciting transition of our Year 5 and 6 students to the new senior campus, where they'll join the Year 7 and 8 tamariki. While there have been some delays in accessing the new buildings, we are confident that everything will be ready for the first day of Term 2 on April 29th.

Here's a breakdown of the next three weeks' transition plan:

April 10th (Wednesday):

- Year 7/8 furniture will be stacked in Rooms Tahī (1) and Whā (4) for moving on the 22nd April. Students and staff will be involved in this process.
- Current Year 5 / 6 classroom resources will be packed by movers while students are still in class.

April 11th (Thursday):

- Year 5/6 furniture will be moved to the senior campus (Rooms Rua (2), Toru (3), Rima (5), and Ono (6)). The Kakapo (Year 5 / 6 teachers will set up these classrooms after school.
- Year 5 / 6 students will be involved in sports and specialist subjects at the home campus during this time.
- Year 1 / 2 students will be visiting the senior campus for the Year 7/8 market being held in the library and hall.

April 12th (Friday):

- Junior furniture and resources will be relocated to the newly vacated Rooms 5 and 6. Year 5 / 6 students will work with their buddy classes.
- Year 7 / 8 will utilize furniture set up earlier in Rooms 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Important Dates:

- April 22nd (Monday): Movers will move furniture and resources from Rooms Tahī (1) and Whā (4) to the permanent Year 7/8 spaces (Whitu 7, Waru 8, Iwa 9, Tekau 10).
- From April 22nd onward: Teachers will be able to access their classrooms at the Senior Campus to set up for Term 2. Construction and landscaping work will continue around the school grounds until April 26th.

There are a number of other events happening for different teams this week, please check HERO for further details.

We have been working with the Ministry of Education on the bus links between our campuses and will share further information during the next two weeks - there are a few changes.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this exciting transition. We can't wait to see everyone back for a fantastic Term 2 on Monday 29th April.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you back at the start of Term 2. Regrettably we have building work continuing on the Home Campus during the holidays so the grounds will be locked. This should complete our upgrades, so we are looking forward to the school grounds being open and usable afterschool and weekends from the start of next term.

Ngā mihi, Adam Cels

School Organisation from Term 2 2024

Senior Campus

Term 1 2024 Class Name / Location *OLD*	Term 2 2024 Class Name / Location *NEW*
Kakapo	Kakapo
Room 1, Year 6, Home Campus, Madeleine Torckler	Tahi (1), Year 6, Senior Campus, Madeleine Torckler
Room 2, Year 6, Home Campus, Karl Ganda	Rua (2), Year 6, Senior Campus, Karl Ganda
Room 3, Year 6, Home Campus, Megan Powell	Toru (3), Year 6, Senior Campus, Megan Powell
Room 4, Year 5, Home Campus, Georgia Jones	Whā (4), Year 5, Senior Campus, Georgia Jones
Room 5, Year 5, Home Campus, Sheri Cowell	Rima (5), Year 5, Senior Campus, Sheri Cowell
Room 6, Year 5, Home Campus, Rebecca Robinson	Ono (6), Year 5, Senior Campus, Rebecca Robinson
Kahu	Kahu
Tahi (1), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Charlotte Goldfinch	Whitu (7), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Sophia Stevens
Toru (3), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Jessica Matiaha	Waru (8), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Brooke Bennett
Whā (4), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Brooke Bennett	Iwa (9), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Jessica Matiaha
Ono (6), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Sophia Stevens	Tekau (10), Year 7 / 8, Senior Campus, Charlotte Goldfinch

Home Campus

Term 2 Class Name / Location	
Piwakawaka	Kea
Room 7, Year 4, Layton French and Amanda Donnell	Room 5, New Entrant / Year 0, Ada Rooney
Room 8, Year 4, Nicole Maluafou	Room 6, New Entrant / Year 0, Joanna Chun
Room 9, Year 4, Alethea Nichols	Room 11, Year 2, Nathan Atherton
Room 10, Year 3, Olivia Mead	Room 12, Year 2, Olivia Tustin
Room 23, Year 3, Jenny Cornish	Room 13, Year 2, Leanne Morrison-Jones
Room 24, Year 3, Kenna Anderson	Room 14, Year 1 and 2, Lauren Larsen
	Room 15, Year 1, Bree Ward
	Room 16, Year 1, Kate Grevel
	Room 17, Year 1, Victoria Kingi
	Room 18, Year 1, Stephanie Wise



Dates for your diary

Wednesday - 10 April 8.15am - FOW Uniform Sale	Monday – 3 June Kings Birthday - School Closed
Thursday - 11 April PWW Market Day Kahu Market Day Kea Team - Market Day Trip	Tuesday – 4 June Teacher Only Day - School Closed
	Friday – 28 June 2024 Matariki – School Closed
Friday – 12 April Last Day of Term 1	Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Monday – 29 April First Day of Term 2	Monday – 28 October Labour Day – School Closed

New Staff Members

Teachers

We are thrilled to welcome two new teachers to our school community at the beginning of Term 2!

- **Joanna Chun** will be joining us in **Room 5**.
- **Ada Rooney** will be taking the lead in **Room 6**.

Both Joanna and Ada bring a wealth of experience in Early Childhood education, and their passion for nurturing young minds is truly inspiring. We are confident that they will create engaging and supportive learning environments for our new entrant students.

Please join us in giving Joanna and Ada a warm welcome as they become part of our school family! We look forward to seeing them collaborate with our dedicated staff and make a positive impact on our students' lives.

Support Staff

We are also delighted to welcome a new support staff extraordinaire. Rita Clarke, who will also join us at the beginning of Term 2 and be based at the Senior Campus.

Rita will be working as the Office Administrator and will also oversee the maintenance of our beautiful gardens.

We look forward to you getting to know her and making her feel very welcome.



Teacher Only Days 2024

The Ministry of Education has provided two Teachers Only Days to support our continued implementation of Te Mātaiaho, the Refreshed Curriculum:

<https://curriculumrefresh.education.govt.nz/>.

These days are designed to give teachers dedicated time for professional development and planning around the curriculum changes. The Teacher Only Days:

- **Deepen understanding of Te Mātaiaho:** These days provide an opportunity for teachers to collaborate and learn more about the refreshed curriculum. This could involve unpacking the key features and principles of Te Mātaiaho, or focusing on specific learning areas or year levels.
- **Develop resources and teaching strategies:** With more time together, teachers can brainstorm and develop new resources or refine existing ones to effectively deliver the curriculum. This could involve planning for integrated learning or assessment approaches.
- **Collaboration and sharing best practices:** Teacher-only days are a great chance for teachers from different year levels or subject areas to come together, share best practices, and learn from each other's experiences. This can help build a cohesive school-wide approach to implementing the curriculum.

The board has approved **Tuesday, June 4th and Friday, October 25th, 2024** as Curriculum Refresh Teacher Only Days. Our school will be closed for instruction on these days.

House Competition

Congratulations to the mighty ORION HOUSE who absolutely CRUSHED it this term with a stellar score of 3955!

But seriously, a HUGE round of applause to ALL our tamariki for bringing their A-game with their positive behaviour and living our school values of Mahi , Ako , Kotahitanga , and Kaitiakitanga all term long. This was a nail-biter of a competition, and every house brought their spirit!

Here's a final look at the scores:

- **Orion: 3955**
- **Hercules: 3722**
- **Boeing: 3715**
- **Seasprite: 3266**



Whenuapai U13 Slammers - Basketball

Whenuapai Slammers U13 Basketball team featured in the following pic in after the boys had a great win last week. Behind for majority of the game they hung in there with some good individual and team defence followed up with some points of their own they took the lead with 1 minute to go and held on to win. Congratulations to the team and keep up the good effort and performances.



Shore to Shore

Well done to everyone who completed the Shore to Shore event on Sunday! What a fabulous day we had.



TravelWise Walk to School - Tuesday 26 March

This morning at 8:00am kids from Whenuapai School were arriving at the local Parkhouse in Whenuapai. When the Travelwise people came to the Park, it was like a Ghost Town, there was no one to be seen. Soon, just when we started to lose all hope... People began arriving. Around 8:15 most of the teachers arrived for the walk to school. Then, five minutes later the park had kids scattered in every direction, ready for the walk to school! Parents also came to support the "walk to school" campaign, they even received a free coffee from the Parkhouse with a Travelwise token!

Suddenly, out of nowhere two figures appeared. One was Curby the Cone and the other was Happy Feet the Walking School Bus. Excited, children ran to the two friendly faces to take photos with them. At 8:30 the leaders prepared the kids in a straight line. Five minutes later we were all ready to go. It took forever to cross the first road, Totara Road, since the line was as enormous as a giraffe's neck. Finally the first road was crossed. One minute later, we reached the second road, Nils Anderson Rd. Approximately, 5 minutes later, kids started to enter the school. Shortly later the final kids entered the school around 8:45am.

By Arshveer Sethi

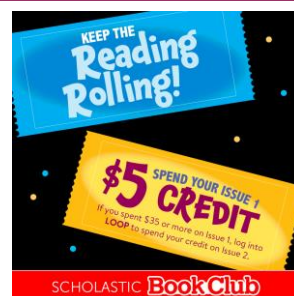


SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

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](#)



KĀKĀPŌ TEAM



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WEEK 10

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Wow! Kākāpō's time has finally come to move to the Senior Campus! There is a huge feeling of excitement across all of our classrooms as we get ready to pack and relocate. The Year 5 Kāinga will be Kōwhai, and the Year 6 Kāinga will be Rimu. We have been preparing by doing lots of artwork to display in our new rooms.



For the past few weeks, we have all been working very hard on our Inquiry projects, getting them ready for our Take Off stage. Our task was to design and create board games for the Year 5 & 6's, inclusive of a financial element. They are looking fantastic and are so creative. Check out some of Room 4's below!



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/

User – whenuapai **Password** – airport

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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
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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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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



MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

SEEK THE HEIGHTS

Information Evening at Riverhead School

Come along and hear what Massey High has to offer

1 May @ 6:30pm

All Welcome!

Musical showcase
Nibbles provided by MHS Food department

RSVP to sams@riverhead.school.nz asap




\$30 FOR THE DAY

Drowning Prevention Auckland

SPLASH

One day water safety programme

Holiday Programme for 8-11 year olds

Wed 24 Apr 2024
9.00am - 2.30pm

AUT Millenium



REGISTER NOW
(Max. 25 participants)

- Increase water competence
- Fun in-water activities
- Develop new water safety skills

dpanz.org.nz/holiday-programme

Te Manawa Library

WEEK ONE

Saturday 13 10.30am - 12.30pm
Kreative with Kritika
Come practise new techniques to create art using recycled materials. Limited Drop in. Suitable for ages 9 - 13 years.

Sunday 14 1pm - 3pm
Family Films
Gather up the whānau and come enjoy a movie.

Tuesday 16 10.30am - 12pm
Marble Run and LEGO
Piles of Lego and Marble Run are waiting for your creative skills. Diigo available for preschoolers. With our Lego Master, will be there to display his latest creations. Drop in event.

Monday 15 10.30am - 12pm
Craft Activity: Make a Clothespeg Fish
To celebrate our "Under the Sea" theme these holidays, come up to Level 3 to make your own clothes peg fish. Suitable for ages 4+

Thursday 18 10am - 12pm
4 sessions
Blake VR*
Using virtual reality (VR) headsets, students who are 10 years and over are able to experience what lies below the surface of the ocean.

Friday 19 10.30am - 12pm
Sea Monster Creations
Let's look at all the things that sea creatures need to survive and you will design something to terrify the high seas! Create your design with Tinkercad and print it out with our 3D Printer. Spaces are limited to the first 12 manawhi and rangatahi through the door (30+)

Sunday 21 1 - 3pm
Family Films
We'll play a fun movie the whole whānau can enjoy.

TE MANAWA APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WEEK TWO

Monday 22 10.30am - 12pm
ANZAC Storytime, Wordfind & Craft
Come along and listen to an ANZAC storytime and then make your own poppy to take home. Suitable for school aged children and their families.

Tuesday 23 11am - 12pm, 1:30 - 2:30pm
(repeated session)
Kahoot!
How much do you know about all things "under the sea"? Join us for either a morning or afternoon Kahoot! quiz and find out. Bring your own device or use one of ours. Come with your family or friends for a fun event. Suitable for ages 5+

Wednesday 24 10am - 12pm
Hospice Dragonflies
Come make beaded dragonflies with the Hospice and our Caffeine and Craft group Drop in session suitable for ages 10+

Sunday 28 1 - 3pm
Family Films
Bring the whānau along and enjoy a fun movie!

*To book your spot, visit our Link Tree now linktr.ee/temanawa

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

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April

Monday 15th

African Safari

Embark on an African Safari Adventure with jungle masks, playing Mbube Mbube from South Africa, and crafting some slippery snake finger puppets.



Tuesday 16th

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.



Wednesday 17th

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!



Thursday 18th

Baking Day (Premium)

Put your baking hats on and help to make Bacon 'n Egg Mini Quiches as well as Apple Turnovers.



Friday 19th

Nerf Wars

The battle is on!

Verse your friends in the ultimate nerf war!



April

Monday 22nd

Giant Games Day

No matter how big or small, come play them all.



Tuesday 23rd

CINEMA TRIP – Kung Fu Panda 4

Please arrive by 9am!!
(You can bring some pocket money for extra snacks).



Wednesday 24th

ANZAC

ANZAC day commemorates our history with tasty ANZAC biscuits, playful army style fitness sessions, creative soldier silhouette art and craft popsicle stick planes.



Thursday 25th

Closed

We're closed for the ANZAC Public Holiday.

We'll see you tomorrow.



Friday 26th

Minion Party

Come dressed up to party and let the craziness begin! See a minion come to life in with our big minion mascot!

