

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 07 May 2024

Kia Ora whānau!

I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to all our whānau (families) for another exciting term!

We're thrilled to report that our Year 5 and 6 tamariki (children) and kaiako (teachers) have settled in beautifully at the new Senior Campus! The tamariki and kaiako that I have spoken to say they are enjoying the bright, modern spaces filled with natural light and excellent sound acoustics. These features create a warm and inviting learning environment that fosters concentration and collaboration.

While the link bus routes and timetables are still being fine-tuned, we appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition period. We'll keep you updated on any changes as soon as they're confirmed.

The tamariki and kaiako at the Home Campus are adjusting well to having only younger students on site. A big shout-out and congratulations to our amazing Year 4 students! They stepped up as true leaders during our recent Mihi Whakatau ceremony last Monday, setting a fantastic example for our new whānau.

You may be aware of the recent announcement by the Minister of Education regarding the nationwide implementation of a Structured Literacy approach for reading instruction. This initiative aligns perfectly with our existing practices, as we have been successfully using this method since 2022.

We are incredibly proud of our tamariki (children), whānau (family), and kaiako (teachers) as our delivery of a Structured Literacy programme has our Year 8 reading achievement reaching 88.46% in 2022 and 89% in 2023 (tamariki achieving the expected levels).

While we celebrate these achievements, we remain committed to continuous improvement. Since the beginning of this year, all our kaiako have been engaged in ongoing literacy professional development offered by Massey University.

Following the Government's announcement, we will be reviewing our professional development programme to ensure it aligns seamlessly with the newly outlined framework. Our ultimate goal remains the same - to provide our learning community with the best possible opportunities to thrive. <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/transforming-how-our-children-learn-read>

School Production 2024 - get ready for a journey through time! The main cast for our exciting school production exploring Aotearoa's history has been chosen. All tamariki across both campuses are delving into different periods of our nation's past and each year group will contribute to the production, so mark your calendars for the performances on July 2nd and 3rd. You won't want to miss it!

A huge thank you to all the families and businesses who have already contributed to our fundraising efforts for the Year 7 and 8 AIMS games in Tauranga later this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Now that we have some classroom space, we have created a dedicated Clubs Room at the Home Campus in Room 20. This exciting space offers supervised activities every lunchtime, providing a fun and engaging way for tamariki to explore interests and enjoy their break times.

Can you support our clubs? Do you have any timber offcuts or board games you could donate?

We'd be incredibly grateful for any contributions. Please get in touch with the office if you have anything to donate.

The photos are of our tamariki enjoying the Construction Club (Thursdays) and the Lego and Drawing Club (Fridays). Take a peek and see the fun they're having!

- Monday - Drawing (Miss Mead)
- Tuesday - Pacifica Group (Miss Maluafofou & Miss Grevel)
- Wednesday - Board Games (Miss Donnell)
- Thursday - Construction (Miss Larsen & Miss Nichols) (Kapa haka in the hall)
- Friday - Lego and Drawing (Mrs Kingi & Mrs Morrison-Jones)

At the Senior Campus there are a variety of activities happening throughout the week: including Kapa haka, AIMS fitness training, Year 5 / 6 and Rippa Rugby training, Crochet and Knitting club, Dungeons and Dragons club, and Singing / Choir. These activities are both student and teacher organised.

And of course there are the sport fields, playgrounds, court areas and more for the tamariki to organise their own break time play.

Our school community is growing with our school roll surpassing 600 for the first time, and projections indicate 650 by the end of the year.

A warm welcome to all our new tamariki and their whānau – we are so excited to have you on this journey with us.

Have a fantastic week.

Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Tuesday – 7 May 3.15-7.15pm – Whanau Interviews	Friday – 24 May Massey High School – Year 8 Day
Wednesday – 8 May 3.15-7.15pm – Whanau Interviews	Tuesday – 28 May Year 7&8 – NW Basketball
Friday - 10 May Have-A-Go-Drum-Session FOW Friday Treats - Noodles	Thursday - 30 May 4.30-6.00pm Junior Neon Disco 6.30-8.00pm Senior Neon Disco
Thursday – 16 May Year 3-6 Ripa Rugby Festival	Monday – 3 June Kings Birthday – No School
Friday - 17 May Year 3 – Ak Museum Trip Pink Shirt Day	Tuesday – 4 June Teacher Only Day - No School
Monday – 20 May Year 4 – Ak Museum Trip	Friday – 28 June 2024 Matariki – No School
Tuesday – 21 May Year 7&8 – NW Football	Friday – 05 June Last Day of Term 2
Wednesday – 22 May 6.00pm – Board Meeting	Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day – No School
Thursday – 23 May National Young Leaders Day	Monday – 28 October Labour Day – No School

Celebrating Success

Bharath Nishant

At the end of the season, Bharath received an award from Kumeu Cricket Club for his contribution to the cricket season. This is Bharath’s 4th year in a row he has achieved the Player of the Year award for his all round efforts in hard ball cricket.



Bharath is a left-handed batter and a left hand chinamen spin bowler. This season he topped all categories with 300 plus runs scored, 17 wickets and 5 run outs, and led his U10 team to 9 wins out of 13 games. **AMAZING well done Bharath!**

Honour Morrison

Honour was awarded Best Male Athlete for the 2023/2024 season at Riverhead Athletics club.

This season, Honour competed at the North Island Colgate Games, Auckland Champs, The Rodney Team Challenge and CNW Relays.

Congratulations Honour!!



PB4L

PB4L and Restorative Practice.

As a PB4L School, we teach the expected behaviours through our PB4L Values and Learner Capabilities. We are also a Restorative Practice School. Restorative Conferencing is a process that provides us as a school with ways to repair harm and restore relationships. It uses the stories of those involved in a situation, and the people close to it to:

- explore what has happened and who has been affected.
- hold those who have caused harm accountable for their actions.
- provide support to those who have been harmed, and others involved.

Key to success in this Restorative Process is remembering that **“The problem is the problem, the person is not the problem”**.

A primary principle of this Conference is to avoid further destruction of the mana of all participants.

Within this process:

- No-one will be spoken of as if they are the problem.
- We will name and speak about problems without speaking about any person as a problem.
- The emphasis within this process is on maintaining, rather than destroying relationships, by seeking to make amends, rather than by enforcing punishment.
- The aim of the Restorative Conference is to allow for healing through reconciliation, an acknowledgment of the past and a moving forward.

Within this process, everyone has an opportunity to speak candidly, in a safe space, to tell the story from their perspective, explore the harm caused, own their part in the problem (if any), and consider some options for restoration or agreement moving forward.





Kiwi Science Competition

Kiwi Maths Competition

Kiwi English Competition

Kiwi Competitions

Entires are now open for students in Years 5-8 for KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions.

The cost of each assessment is \$9.90.

Entires must be received by Friday, 10 May 2024.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENTER](#)

DRUM LESSONS at Whenuapai School



HAVE A GO DAY

Our friends at Musiqhub are now offering DRUM LESSONS onsite during school hours.

MusiqHub is holding a Have-A-Go Day on Friday May 10th at either Trig Road campus (morning tea time) or Airport Road campus (lunch time). All keen students (year 3 and up) are invited to come along and try out the drums and meet the tutor. Parents are also welcome!

NOTE: No registration is required for the have a go sessions. Students can just show up on the day.

WHAT? Have-A-Go Day at Whenuapai School
When? Friday 10th May 2024
Time? Morning Tea – Trig Road Campus
Lunchtime – Airport Road Campus



For more info, or to reserve a spot for lessons in Term 2, contact Paul Barry: paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz • 022 198 0044

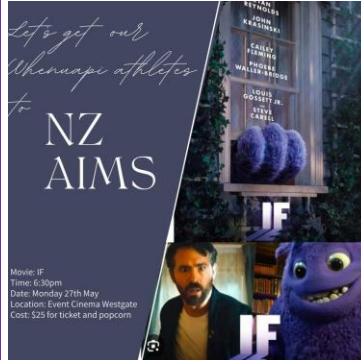
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Friday: 10 May 2024

- Senior Campus - Morning Tea Time
- Home Campus – Lunchtime

AIMS Games - Movie Fundraiser



Join us for a night at the movies...

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Movie: IF

Date & Time: 6.30pm - Mon, 27 May 24

Location: Events Cinema Westgate

Cost: \$25.00 (movie ticket & popcorn)

Raising money to get our amazing students to the NZAIMS tournament.

We would love to see you there bring your friends and family!

AIMS - Meals Fundraiser

Available to order on Kindo now:

- Chicken Curry & Rice
- Vege Dahl, Rice & Raiya
- Parata Roti

Delivery date - Friday 17 May 2024.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE MEALS](#)



Thank you and Congratulations - A heartfelt thank you to everyone who paid their school donation in full during Term 1. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Payment of school donations make a huge difference to what we can provide our tamariki at Whenuapai School. Congratulations to Ollie Collins, the winner of our Term 1 Donation draw. Another draw will be held at the end of Term 2.

Scholastics Book Club Issue 3 out now!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE](#)



Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024





KEA TEAM

This term we have welcomed two new entrance classrooms to our school.

Room 6 - Joanna Chun

Room 5 - Ada Rooney

Reading Māui and the Giant Ika and making fishing rods



Self portraits



They have been doing a lot of fun activities while they get to know each other.

Practicing our writing and reading

KāKāPō

WELCOME TO SENIOR CAMPUS

WE HAVE FINALLY MADE THE MOVE. KāKāPō ARE NOW AT THE SENIOR CAMPUS. WE HAVE ALL HAD A GREAT FIRST WEEK, CHECKING THE SPACE OUT, PLAYING ON THE NEW PLAYGROUNDS AND SEEING SOME OF OUR KAHU FRIENDS. KāINGA HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO KICK START SOME GREAT LEARNING.

OUR YEAR 5 KāINGA IS KŌWHAI - WHā, RIMA AND ONO.

OUR YEAR 6 KāINGA IS RIMU - TAHI, RUA AND TORU.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME VISIT OUR EXCITING NEW SPACE.



INTRODUCING
KŌWHAI



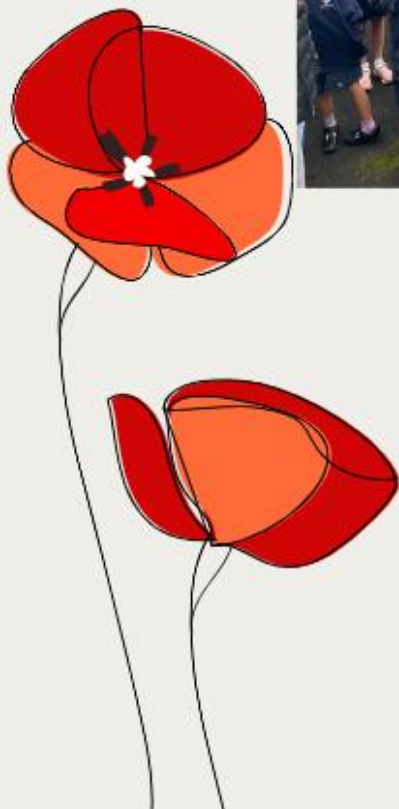
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RIMU



ANZAC DAY 2024

LEST WE FORGET

Never forgotten.
Always remembered.
Let us give thanks.



This year we attended the Hobsonville ANZAC Day parade. While it was a bit wet, we still managed to have fun and walk together like one big family. On this day we remember the people who served our country, those we have lost and those we'll never forget. Luckily, everybody got to see the planes fly over us as the people spoke and sang about ANZAC. We laid our wreath and then took a photo. What a great day that was.

Our Year 6 Auckland Museum Visit



Our whakatauki for this term is Me tiro whakamuri, kia anga whakamua. If we want to shape Aotearoa's New Zealand's future, we need to start with our past. This term, we are learning about Aotearoa's past. So far it is mainly about WW1. To get more information about this topic, the Year 6 group went to the museum to learn more about WW1.

When we arrived at the museum, we ate morning tea. After that, we went to explore around the museum while Room 1 was having a session with the educator about WW1. While exploring the museum, we were pretending to fall over in the volcano room, reading books in the library, and seeing weird but wonderful things in Weird and Wonderful. Some of the things we saw were microscopes zooming in on small objects, giant and small bugs, and specimen jars.

Moving onto the experience about WW1, the educator first took us through the timeline of WW1. Things like "1914 war is declared by Germany against Britain and Kiwis are worried the war is going to end before they can go on an adventure." Stuff like that. After that, he took us to the WW1 memorial, where we learned about how memorials are written. We were also given a bit of time to look at the names on the memorial. After this, we went to the WW2 memorials where we looked at the memorials, but also looked at the gear they used in WW2 and WW1. This included gas masks, grenades, and 100-year-old food. A funny thing is that once a random kid actually opened one of the 100 year old food cans and the smell was in the WW2 memorial room for weeks. He didn't eat out of the cans, but of course it smelt terrible (the guy who opened it wasn't from our school!).

Some of the best highlights of the trip were the Volcano room, the Weird and Wonderful room, and the WW2 memorial room where we got to use a real WW2 stretcher and carry each other around! It was so fun.



Thank you so much to the parent helpers. Without you guys we couldn't have done this museum trip. So thank you!

By Room2



Friends of Whenuapai (FOW)

Please join our Friends of Whenuapai Facebook Page to stay up to date with everything this incredible bunch of people do for our school! Click on the link below:



[Whenuapai Primary School Parents and Caregivers Page](#)



Mother's Day Raffle - Live on Kindo now

\$2 per ticket - [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Amazing prizes thanks to these incredibly generous businesses from within our Whenuapai School Family.

More details about each prize will be shared on the FOW Facebook Page. Thank you so much for getting behind the school and helping us hit our fundraising targets!

Winners drawn: Monday, 13 May 2024.



Friday Treat, 10 May - Live on Kindo now

\$3 noodle cups - [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

This week's Friday Treat is Trident Chicken Noodles Cups and Chicken Pho Noodles (GF option).

- Sales cut off at 5pm on Thursday afternoon.
- Strictly no cash sales available this week.
- Available at the Senior and Junior Campus.

Friday Treats will be happening most Fridays of Term 2. Items may change a bit during the term depending on inspiration, time & helper availability.

Disco Tickets live on Kindo now – [CLICK HERE](#)

FRIENDS OF WHENUAPAI PRESENT

NEON

disco

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024

Whenuapai School Hall
Year 0-4 - 4.30-6.00pm
Year 5-8 - 6.30 - 8.00pm
Purchase \$5 tickets/\$2 pizza on kindo

TUCKSHOP ON THE NIGHT-DRINKS/ICEBLOCKS LOLLIES - GOLD COINS
ONLY CURRENT WHENUAPAI SCHOOL STUDENTS

School Notices:

Massey High School

Open Night

Monday, 10th June 2024

- 3.30pm to 5.30pm, or
- 6.30pm to 8.30pm

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School Docs
Policies and Procedures

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

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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



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PLAY SMART

Music Lessons at Whenuapai School

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

For more information, contact:

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MUSIQHUB

PLAY SMART

DRUM LESSONS

at Whenuapai School

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

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Whenuapai School

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ON SCHOOL FIELD

4 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

COST \$35 PER PERSON

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Whenuapai school

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TERM 2**

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Where: Whenuapai School fields

When: Wednesdays (starts on Wednesday 1st May).

Time: 3 - 4 pm

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