

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 05 November 2024

Mistletoe
MANIA

Save the Date
Friday, 13 December
4.00-7.00pm

Kia ora whānau,

Our recent Teacher Only Day was a great success. Micaela Bonner from Tātai Angitu (Massey University) joined us to deepen our understanding of a school-wide Structured Literacy Approach. We focused on:



- Reflecting and feeding back on school wide Structured Literacy Professional Development from the government
- Revisited our literacy core curricular and ensured it aligned to the changes
- Whole class and small group reading strategies
- Shared and guided reading practices
- Enhancing vocabulary and comprehension through literature
- Monitoring student progress and assessment
- The Code spelling program

Everyone left with valuable insights and strategies to implement in their classrooms. A special thank you to Rebecca Archer, Olivia Mead, and Molly Fletcher for organizing such a motivating day.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned our school reorganisation. I am pleased to announce that Olivia Mead has been appointed as the Assistant Principal of our Senior Campus for 2025, completing our Senior Leadership Team.

We are also excited to confirm our Team Leaders for 2025:

- **Year 0/1 Kea Team:** Mrs Steff Wise
- **Year 2 Tui Team:** Miss Bree Ward
- **Year 3/4 Pīwakawaka Team:** Miss Rebecca Archer
- **Year 5/6 Kākāpō Team:** Mrs Rebecca Robinson
- **Year 7/8 Kāhu Team:** Mrs Katie Gemmell

Whenuapai Athletics Sports 2024 - Whenuapai School's Year 7 & 8 Athletics Day took place on Friday, October 1, 2024, under perfect sunny skies. The event kicked off with the 1500m, a challenging long-distance race that saw students testing their endurance. Following this, students rotated through field events, including shot put, high jump, long jump, and discus, as well as track events like the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m.

It was inspiring to see students pushing themselves to achieve personal bests, with some trying new events for the first time. The competition was fierce, and each student showed great determination throughout the day. The relays concluded the event, with Kauri (Rooms Iwa and Tekau) taking home the title for the fastest Kāinga overall.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers who coordinated the events and ensured everything ran smoothly, as well as to our Year 5 & 6 students for their invaluable support and volunteering. The 2024 Whenuapai Athletics Day was a tremendous success, and we are grateful to everyone for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Mr Ian Shirtcliffe for preparing the fields at both campuses for Athletics training and the sports days.

Athletics Sports Champions for 2024



Year 7 – Boys	Year 7 - Girls	Year 8 – Boys	Year 8 - Girls
Alex Sampson	Isabella Norman	Walker Hamlyn	Maile Hahn

Nga mihi,
Adam Cels



Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 6 November Kakapo (Year 5&6) Athletics 6.00pm Board Meeting	Wednesday – 11 December 6.00pm - Board Meeting
Tuesday – 12 November NW Year 5&6 Cricket	Thursday – 12 December Meet the Teacher Day Year 8 Erin Pools Visit
Friday – 15 November Kea (Year 1&2) Athletics	Friday – 13 December Mistletoe Mania
Tuesday – 19 November NW Year 7&8 Athletics	Monday – 16 December Sports Prizegiving
Thursday – 21 November HPSS Orientation Day	Wednesday – 18 December Kahu (Year 7&8) Prizegiving Year 8 Grad Dinner
Wednesday – 27 November Yr 8 – Massey Meet the Teacher Visit	Friday – 20 December Last day of Term 4
Tuesday – 3 December 2024 NW Year 5&6 Tag/Touch	2025
Wednesday -4 December Rainbows Day C.A.R.E Day	Monday – 3 February Meet the Teacher Day
Mon 9 to Wed 11 – December Science Fair	Tuesday – 4 February First Day of School for 2025

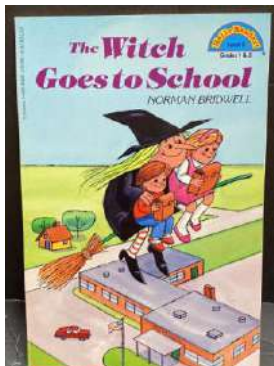
Halloween Surprise



Last Thursday, students were in for a Halloween surprise!

A witch had mysteriously appeared, casting a spell of excitement and intrigue. Whaea Helen, in full witchy attire, did an amazing job captivating the students with story time.

Well done, Whaea Helen.



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MISTLETOE MANIA

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 4PM-7PM

We're excited to announce Mistletoe Mania is back! Join us on Friday, 13th December at the Junior Campus.

We're looking for volunteers to help run the nacho, sausage sizzle, burger, sushi, and baked goods stalls. If you can cook sausages or hand out burgers, *we need you!*

Choose from 3 time slots: **3:00–4:30pm**, **4:30–6:00pm**, or **6:00–8:00pm** (or until sold out), so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the evening with your family.

Join in with a friend and we can put you on the same stall. If you are available to help, please add your name on the below link.

Thanks for your support!

[Mistletoe Mania Helpers - Please Click Here](#)

Library News



Scholastics Book Club
Issue 7 out now!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE](#)



[CLICK HERE TOP VIEW CATALOGUE](#)



Thanks to one of our amazing parents (Jess), the secondhand uniform room will be open for sales every week:

- **When:** Wednesday Afternoons
- **Where:** Room 21
- **Time:** 3.00-3:30pm

YR 3/4

ATHLETICS



On a cloudy Wednesday, the whole Pīwakawaka team went to the field for athletics. When the athletics started, my class, Room 23, started with high jump. At the high jump I felt like I was going to throw up. My favourite sport was the sprints because I liked how you get to run a hundred metres. Ofa

On wonderful Wednesday, it was athletics day. I was dressed in blue because we had to dress in our house colours. I was in Orion, so I had to dress in blue. My favourite sport was relay, because you get to run lots. I liked long jump the least, because I got sand in my shoes. Zoe B

On athletics day, my favourite sport is relays because it is fun. When it was time for sprints, I looked ferociously at the others. When I did discus, I was so, so bad at every throw. In the end, I found it was all fun, very, very fun! Ruby P

Yesterday was athletics day, and the whole entire school did some sports. My favourite sport was relays because we could run, but I did not like far jump. I didn't like it because I kept falling. Titus

Yesterday, it was Athletics day. The colours that you wore were your house colours. The house colours aren't your real house colour. It is the house colour like red, yellow, green, and blue. Should I tell you what they mean? Yellow is a helicopter and the others are planes. I'm in yellow and the first thing that I did was the high jump. The second one was the 100 metre sprint, I came second. Isaiah





ENVIRO NEWS



Congratulations to Ruby Sim & Mason Millan (Year 5 students) for representing Whenuapai School so well at the recent Zero Waste Awards!



THANK YOU RM 7, 8, 9 & 10 FOR HELPING TO POT ON OUR NEXT 1,000 'TREES FOR SURVIVAL' NATIVE PLANTS TO BE PLANTED ALONG THE WAIAROHIA STREAM IN AUTUMN 2025 BY SOME OF OUR SENIOR STUDENTS



Tino pai mahi Garden To Table students and Mrs Govorko for an AWESOME Spring Plant Sale at the start of term! Thank you for supporting this & have fun growing your yummy vegetables in our 'Whenua pai'... 'good land' everyone!



North West Year 7 & 8 Badminton

Whenuapai School was proudly represented at the Norwest Badminton competition on Thursday, 31st October, held at the Waitakere Badminton Stadium in Royal Heights, Massey. Our students played several matches against other Norwest schools, showcasing commendable performance and school spirit. For most, this was their first competitive event, providing a valuable opportunity to learn and apply basic techniques in real game settings. They also gained experience in umpiring and officiating.



A special thanks goes to Pooja Kappatralla and Zihui Yu for their support with transport and supervision. The Year 7 & 8 Whenuapai School representative badminton team members are Emma S, Yi L, Resha T, Prapthi K and Connor Harrison. Well done to you all!

Celebrating Success - Auckland Brick Show 2024

Two of our Year 3 superstars from Sanaya and her friend Tom took the Auckland Brick Show 2024 by storm! Tom claimed first place in the Ramp Car Build Challenge, with his car traveling the longest distance. Then, together as a team, they won first place in the Space Build Challenge, constructing an incredible space shuttle complete with an astronaut capsule, launch support scaffold, and rocket transporter. Their creativity, intense focus, and teamwork truly shone through, earning them a couple more smaller prizes for other builds as well. The excitement didn't end there—their prizes included even more Lego, so the building continued right through to Sunday evening! We're so proud of their dedication, imagination, and unstoppable enthusiasm!





RESPECT FOR SELF



PB4L CORNER

Last fortnight, our PB4L focus was on mana (respect for self), with a particular emphasis on integrity - doing the right thing even when nobody is watching and having the courage to stand up for what is right.

Showing integrity means making good choices and helping others to make good choices, too. Integrity has a flow-on effect. Seeing other people do the right thing acts as a reminder to check in with our own moral compass.

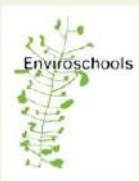
Here are some simple ways to discuss integrity at home:

- Talk about your own experiences of decisions you have made. Ask, "Did I make the right choice? What could I have done differently?" This will support your child to think about what makes a good choice.
- Ask, "What was a good choice you made today? What made that a good choice?" Speak openly about choices that did not have the best outcomes. Ask, "What could we have done differently? What have we learned for next time?" These questions will support your child to reflect on their actions.
- When reading stories, ask questions like, "Do you think [character] made the right choice? What could [character] have done differently?" This will support your child to reflect on the actions of others.
- Model good choices by thinking aloud. This will support your child to understand what makes a good choice.
- Praise your child for making good choices. This will teach your child the importance of showing integrity.





Waste Free Lunchboxes



Whenuapai School is an EnviroSchool and we ask that students come to school with waste free lunches (**Nood Food**) to show Kaitiakitanga/Respect to our school environment.



A waste free lunch means only packing items that can be composted or recycled. That means, **no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods**. We have compost bins for food scraps which we feed to our worm farm which then fertilises our vegetable māra/gardens and fruit trees. Through this process we are teaching the students to be responsible for the waste they create and how they can make a difference to our planet. **If students bring waste to school, we ask them to please take this home.** Thank you for supporting our school value of Kaitiakitanga/Respect for the Environment.



YOU can help US reduce

CARBON EMISSIONS

But if you want a reason...!

By



Walking



Biking

Or maybe even



Scooter



Cartwheeling

To school or work, but whatever it is, You're a hero!

By Bailey Davis

Happy Diwali

Last week, we had a fantastic Diwali celebration! One of our wonderful parents joined us to share the story of Diwali, guide us in drawing diyas, and teach us how to make origami lamps. – Room Toru.



Jan/Feb 2025 will be the next
opportunity to order:

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

KIDS ICE TEE - YELLOW



BLUE



KIDS ICE TEE - GREEN



\$25

EACH

Below is the size chart.

KIDS MODERN FIT	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
GARMENT ½ CHEST (CM)	34	36	38	40	42	44	47	50

Adult Small, Medium,
Large and XL available
for purchase too.

Our awesome House T-shirts will be available for purchase on myKINDO.co.nz late Jan/Feb 2025.

All proceeds go towards our Whenuapai School AIMS sports teams!

A huge shout out to Anthony & Nicole at Brandistry and our Amazing House Captains for designing such cool T-shirts for our students to wear at School House events :)

School Notices:



School Docs
Policies and Procedures

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

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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:

[Click Here](#)



Classic Cuts



63 Brigham Creek Road



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COMMUNITY EVENT

GARDEN OPEN DAY



SAT
09
NOV
2024

10am till 2pm

WORKSHOPS

PLANT SALE



TRIANGLE PARK
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FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME

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Whenuapai school

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!

TERM 4

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 16th October)

Time: Lunch time

Cost: \$135 per term (10 weeks)

Second child discount of 10% applies!

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FOOTBALL ADVANCE SKILLS LUNCH PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai Term 4

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL & MASTER BALL CONTROL IN OUR FOOTBALL ADVANCED SKILLS SESSIONS

The programme aims to develop skilful and confident players on the ball by teaching them ball mastery and skills essentials for football.

This programme focuses on developing individual player techniques and skills, and how to apply them in game situations. Perfect for ages 10-14.

Curriculum

1- Passing	2- Turning and Shielding
3- Shooting	4- Faints
5- First touch	6- 1v1 2v2 3v3

Where: Whenuapai School Turf/fields

When: Monday (starts on Monday 21st October)

Time: Lunchtime

Cost: \$104 per term (8 weeks)

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