

# Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

**Newsletter – 11 March 2025**



Kia ora e te whānau,

## **Farewell to Greg Berry: A Thank You for Nine Years of Service**

After nine years of outstanding service as Whenuapai School's PE Teacher and Head of Sport, Greg Berry will be leaving us to begin a new chapter in the Hawkes Bay. His final day at Whenuapai School will be Friday, April 4th, 2025.

During his time with us, Greg has made a significant impact on both our school and the wider community. His dedication to developing and strengthening our sports programme has helped shape it into the success it is today. Through his tireless efforts, he has introduced countless students to a wide range of sporting opportunities and provided expert coaching across multiple teams. Greg has consistently gone above and beyond, often dedicating his own time outside of school hours to support our students in their sporting journeys. We are incredibly grateful for his passion, commitment, and the positive influence he has had on so many students.

Greg will be moving to the Hawkes Bay to take up an exciting new role with Sport Hawkes Bay, where he will be working with schools to upskill teachers in physical education and assist in developing health and sports programmes. We know that his knowledge and experience will be a tremendous asset in his new position, and while we will miss him greatly, we are excited for the opportunities ahead of him.

Given the current teacher shortage, we have made the decision to temporarily restructure Greg's roles at Whenuapai School until the end of the 2025 school year. The position will be divided into three parts:

- A temporary or long-term relief teacher will be employed to continue delivering the sport programme as part of the classroom curriculum.
- Olivia Mead (Assistant Principal) will oversee the organisation of all school sporting events, including teams for North West Sport Day competitions.
- A teacher (to be confirmed) will take responsibility for managing teams competing in events outside school hours, such as basketball.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these changes and will keep you informed once all roles are finalised.

Greg's departure will leave a significant gap at Whenuapai School, but his contributions over the past nine years will have a lasting impact. We sincerely thank Greg for his dedication, enthusiasm, and the positive legacy he leaves behind. We wish him all the best in his new role and future endeavours.

**2025 Year 5-8 School Camp Reminder** 📅 - For planning purposes, we need all parents to complete either the [Camp Permission Form](#) or the [Non-Attendance Form](#) to let us know if your child will not be attending.

Thank you to those who have already completed a form. If you haven't done so yet please ensure this is completed by this Friday, 14 March 2025.

📅 **Camp Dates:** Tuesday, 6th – Friday, 9th May 2025

We strongly encourage parents to set up **regular payments** (weekly or fortnightly) to help spread the cost.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Adam Cels



## Dates for your diary ....

<b>Thursday – 13 March</b> Gold Coin Mufti Day	<b>Friday – 11 April</b> Last day of Term 1
<b>Monday – 17 March</b> NW Year 6-8 Swimming	<b>12 - 27 April</b> School Holidays
<b>Thursday – 20 March</b> Music Lessons – Have A Go Day	<b>Monday – 28 April</b> First day of Term 2
<b>Wednesday - 26 March</b> 6.00pm – Board Meeting	<b>Tuesday, 6 – Friday, 9 May</b> Year 5-8 School Camp
<b>Thursday – 27 March</b> Music Lessons – Have A Go Day	<b>Tuesday – 20 May</b> NW Year 7/8 Football
<b>Friday – 28 March</b> NW Orienteering	<b>Thursday – 22 May</b> Rippa Rugby
<b>Thursday – 3 April</b> NW Year 7&8 Tennis	<b>Tuesday – 27 May</b> NW Year 7/8 Basketball

## 2025 School Camp – Years 5-8

Information regarding this year's school camp was sent home via Kindo yesterday.

**Camp Dates:** Tuesday, 6th – Friday, 9th May 2025

**Key Documents:**

- [Camp Information Booklet](#)
- [Permission Form](#)
- [Students Not Attending Form](#)

To assist with planning, please complete either the **Permission Form** or the **Students Not Attending Form** by **Friday, 14th March 2025**.

**Camp Payments** - For the camp to proceed, we rely on whānau contributions to cover the full cost of attendance. To help make this more manageable, we are happy to accept staggered payments over the coming months.

We strongly encourage parents to set up regular payments (weekly or fortnightly). Payments can be made via direct deposit to the school bank account:

**Account Number:** 12-3085-0494188-00

**Particulars:** Camp

**Reference:** Child's Name

**Questions?**

For general camp inquiries, please contact your child's classroom teacher. For payment-related queries or to discuss a payment plan, please email **Jo Wright, Administration Manager** at:

[accounts@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:accounts@whenuapai.school.nz).



To recognise all the children with kidney issues in New Zealand and to support Kidney Kids NZ who look after them, we will be having a non-uniform Gold Coin donation day on World Kidney Day.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Thank you to everyone for their support from Kidney Kids New Zealand



Many NZ kids are affected by kidney issues, including some very special students who attend our Kura.

We are proud to support this incredible cause!!

## FOW Sushi Lunch Coming Soon!

31 March 2025



Keep an eye on Kindo – orders open next week!



## Year 6 – Rimu "Keep Our Ocean Clean" Poster Competition

In the past couple of weeks we have been learning about the ocean and how we impact it. We made posters about sea life, global warming, pollution, and how we can help look after our ocean. We have really enjoyed learning about how we can help save our oceans and be good Kaitiaki. - Aurora, Rua.



Sanaya & Maryam (Tahi)



Harley and Matteo (Toru)



Bailey & Ivy (Rua)



Aurora & Molly (Rua - Overall winners)





# Tūtū Year 2

Tūtū team are learning about sustainability!



We decorated old CD's...



and made predators to scare away the birds!



We reused cardboard to make clipboards for a scavenger hunt



We planted seeds, and are excited to watch them grow!





# Camp Out

The Kāhu Campout proved to be an unforgettable experience for the Year 7 & 8 students, packed with challenges and camaraderie. From the initial excitement of pitching tents and engaging in spirited water fights to the independence of cooking their own dinners, students were pushed outside their comfort zones, fostering a strong sense of teamwork. The breathtaking sunrise was a nice sight for those who managed to catch it, soon followed by the lengthy challenge of tent pack-down which highlighted their collaborative spirit.

A day filled with diverse activities, including art, board games, quizzes, sports, and media challenges, kept them in high spirits. The day was wrapped up in a productive hui to discuss the upcoming camp. 2 days of well-rounded adventure has undoubtedly forged lasting core memories for the Kāhu team of 2025.



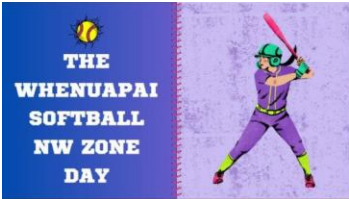




NW Girls' Softball

On the 6 of March, 1 girls team and 1 boys team consisting of around 20 students went to the Northwest softball tournament in Rosedale, to represent Whenuapai school. During this great experience the girls team played five games and won one of them by default. Surprisingly, the girls still managed to get into the semi-finals and had an impressive game against Marina view which secured them 5th place. In the third game one of the students scored a home run with loaded bases which got the whole team an ice cream on the drive home. What a wonderful day we had!

By Kennedy, Molly, and Aleka



On the 6th of March 2025, our school had our NW softball zone day. We took a boys and a girls team. We were all excited, but we were also nervous for the challenges ahead. Our teacher said that if anyone in our teams hits a homerun then we would get ice cream after the tournament, and that made us super excited, so we shrugged the nervousness off and entered the vans and cars to head to Rosedale.

Sooner rather than later we arrived. We looked around and observed the teams that we had to face. There were a lot of teams including Huapai, Hobsonville, and Matua Ngaru that we had to play. Keep in mind, more than half of our team didn't know how to play softball, but we didn't let that stop us. Our first game was against Huapai and we did lose by a lot, but we used that game to learn from our mistakes and try better next game. Next game was against Don Buck who we actually beat, and better yet Nayten from our team hit a homerun which meant we all get ice cream after. Molly from the girls team also hit a homerun which meant they get ice cream too, which is very cool.

The third game was against Parakai, and we were feeling confident since we hit a homerun. But that confidence was gone after we didn't win, but hey we didn't lose, we drew which is better than losing. We had a ten-minute break after those consecutive games to eat but that ten minutes didn't last long, and before we knew it we had to verse Hobsonville. We lost, but we didn't lose by much and we put up a good fight and that's okay, you can't win them all.

We knew we had to win this game to even have a chance at making it to the semis, but we it wasn't going to be easy, as we were up against Matua Ngaru. Our teacher said that "you better beat them" since it was her old school. I don't know if we could carry that weight, but we hyped each other up and headed on over to our fifth and final match to decide if we could get into the semis. We started off well, already getting two people home but then they started coming back. Their pitching was good and their hitting was better and their overall plays were pretty impressive, but we were just as good, as we learned from our mistakes and played way better, our teams were pretty much even. When that last hooter sounded we rushed to our teacher to see who won, and she said that we drew. We were left in disbelief, shock, and saddened because we knew a draw would not be enough to make it to the semis.

The girls made it to the semis, they did very well having made it into the semis but they lost. We were still happy because we got to have ice cream thanks to Nayten and Molly. Special thanks to Mrs Mohamed, Mrs V, and Mrs Baker for taking us, and special thanks to Mr Berry for hosting the tournament and giving us the chance to play in this incredible event. Thanks to all the boys and girls who participated, the overall the tournament was a blast.

By Nayten





# TBALL

## YR 5/6 ZONE DAY



### BATTER UP!

The Year 5/6 girls and boys Tball teams had a blast at the zone day on Tuesday 4th March. Held at Rosedale Park, we each played several games getting more confident every round. The sportsmanship was amazing, and it was awesome to see everyone give it their best. I'm sure everyone would agree that the day ended too soon as we wanted to keep playing. A massive thank you to Heidi Murray, our parent helper, and also to those who turned up to support us from the sideline. This fantastic day would not have been able to happen without Mr Berry who organised the zone day. A massive thank you and well done, Greg!



If your little baller would like to play more, a local softball club, Waitākere Bears, run a junior softball module and are currently taking pre-registrations for next summer. Check out <https://tinyurl.com/sigma-kids> for more information about their upcoming Have-A-Go days.

### North West Tag Tournament

On Wednesday, 26th February, a large group of students proudly represented Whenuapai School at the North West (NW) Tag Tournament. The event was held in perfect sunny conditions, with a strong turnout from Norwest schools, making for an exciting and competitive day of games.

Our **girls' team** had a fantastic tournament, demonstrating skill & determination throughout their matches. They fought hard in a close competition and secured **5th place** overall—an outstanding achievement!

The **boys' team** also put in a great effort, playing some tightly contested matches. They showed resilience and teamwork, finishing **8th out of 13 teams**.

All players gave their absolute best and are to be commended for their **team spirit, effort, and commitment to our school values of respect** throughout the day. A huge thank you to **Yasmin Mohammed and Ellen Baker** for their invaluable support in coaching, managing, and supervising the girls' team.

Well done to all players for their dedication and sportsmanship—what a great day of competition!

### Whenuapai School Swimming Sports 2025

Whenuapai School held its annual Swimming Sports at the Air Force Base pool on Monday, 24th February. Students competed in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly, with thrilling fingertip finishes and exciting relays.

A big thank you to our parents for their support in timekeeping, organising, and officiating.

Congratulations to all participants! Qualifiers will move on to the Norwest Zone event on 17th March and Interzone on 2nd April. Good luck!

#### Congratulations to our 2025 Swimming Champs:

Category	Name	Category	Name
Year 5 Girls	Una L	Year 5 Boys	Aloisio P
Year 6 Girls	Araya A	Year 6 Boys	Matteo L
Year 7 Girls	Xanthe P	Year 7 Boys	Fletcher U
Year 8 Girls	Aleka Q	Year 8 Boys	Evan L and Iden T

And thank you to our wonderful neighbours on the Air Force Base for the use of their amazing pool.





Help us reduce waste at school by packing a waste-free lunchbox!



# 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.



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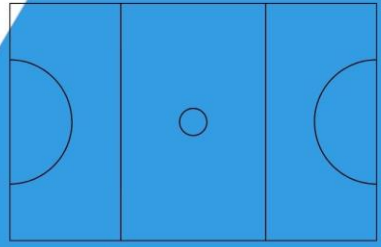


# YR 5-8 PRE-SEASON NETBALL TRAINING



STARTS TUESDAY MARCH 4TH, 3PM - 4PM  
(THEN EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL END OF TERM: LAST SESSION APRIL 8TH)

@ WHENUAPAI SCHOOL SENIOR CAMPUS  
NETBALL COURT



All Yr 5-8 Whenuapai  
Students Welcome!

**SIGN UP HERE**

Kia ora to all Yr 5-8 students interested in playing netball this winter for Whenuapai School on Saturday mornings in the Wider West competition. To help our netballers get ready for the season, we are offering **6 free pre-season training sessions at our Senior Campus netball court (Tuesdays 3pm-4pm) from March 4th to April 8th.**

Our amazing **Year 8 AIMS netball team** will be running the sessions (including warm-ups, drills & skills and practice netball games) with Whaea Sarah's support. We would love some parents to help supervise the sessions too if possible.

Please complete this permission slip to ensure your child can join in these trainings to help them get ready for the netball season which starts in early May. Also, FYI: registrations for the netball teams will be via KINDO this year and you will be notified about these in March (**this form does NOT register your child for the school teams**, it is just to join in the pre-season training sessions).

As always, let me know if you have any questions ([sbone@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sbone@whenuapai.school.nz)) and I look forward to supporting your child as they prepare for an awesome year of netball!!  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, Whaea Sarah (Teacher in charge of Netball)



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## Have A Go Day – Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March



# MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

*Would your child like to learn to play music?*

*Would you like in-school lessons with qualified music teachers*

MusiqHub is holding Have-A-Go Days on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, where your child can try out an instrument and meet the music tutor Gloria Arboleda Martinez.

Gloria has a Bachelor of Music and has tutored in schools in Colombia, the UK, and for the past eight years with MusiqHub here in Auckland. Gloria offers music lessons in guitar, ukulele, keyboard/piano, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone and trumpet.

*WHAT? Have-A-Go Day at Whenuapai*

*When? Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March*

*Ask your child to be there at:*

*10.50am - 11.20am in the Library (senior campus)*

*1.30 pm in Room 1 (junior campus)*

*For more information, contact*

**Gloria Arboleda Martinez**

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## Parent Portal

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- **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.



## Uniform Shop

Argyle Schoolwear now has a retail shop, where you can purchase our school uniform.

You will still be able to purchase your uniform online through their Argyle Online website, but you now also have the option to purchase in store, offering you a full retail experience.

Argyle's Retail Shop is located at:

- Unit 4 / 91 Central Park Drive in Henderson.

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## MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

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We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary during school hours.

For more information on Trumpet, Sax, Clarinet, Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar lessons, contact **Gloria Arboleda Martinez**  
[gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz)  
Ph 0274 422 654

For more information on drum lessons, contact **Paul Barry**  
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# UPPER WAITEMATĀ COASTAL CLEAN UP



Saturday 15th March ~ 1pm – 3.30pm

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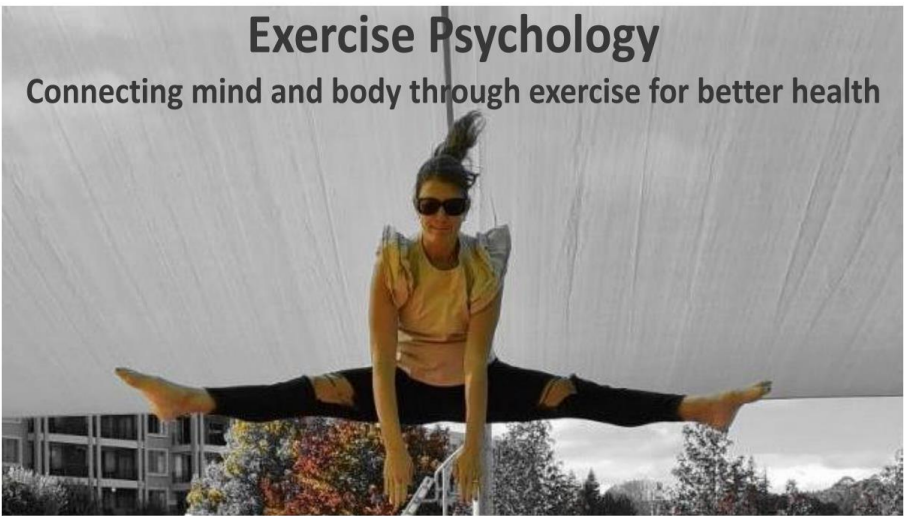


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