# Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland New Zealand

#### **Newsletter – 11 February 2025**

#### Welcome Back to 2025!

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an exciting start to the new school year! It has been fantastic to see all our tamariki and whānau back at school, ready for another year of learning, growth, and adventure. We've hit the ground running and are thrilled to embark on this journey together in 2025.

Our kura continues to grow! On the first day of term, we welcomed 70 new tamariki and their whānau, bringing our school roll to over 650 students and with enrolments still coming in, a roll exceeding 700 pupils is definitely on the cards this year!

**Welcoming New Staff** - We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 14 new staff members who have joined our Whenuapai School whānau. It's already been a busy start with inductions, professional development, and collaborative learning. One of the highlights has been our work with Massey University on Structured Literacy, a key focus as we strengthen literacy skills across all year levels.

Over the holidays, we introduced our new teaching team members through HERO posts. If you missed them, we encourage you to take a look and get to know the fantastic educators joining us this year.

**Exciting Changes at the Home Campus** - If you've been on-site recently, you may have noticed some exciting upgrades! Over the holidays, we completed the classroom demolition project, making way for future developments. The relocated playground, now featuring soft, new rubber fall matting, is already a hit with our tamariki. Next on the list is installing ready lawn over the remaining dirt patches—creating an even safer and more inviting play space.

Our Learning Focus for 2025 - This year, we continue our strong focus on Structured Literacy and Mathematics, with an emphasis on providing one hour a day of focused instruction in these key areas. We know these subjects form the foundation of our tamariki's learning, and we are committed to making sure they have the skills they need to succeed.

We are also keeping a close eye on new curriculum updates and assessment guidelines from the Ministry of Education. As changes roll out, we will adapt and refine our curriculum to meet government directives and the evolving needs of our students. Our goal is to keep whānau well-informed and ensure we provide the highest quality education for every learner.

**Looking Ahead** - With all these exciting changes, 2025 is shaping up to be another transformative year for Whenuapai School. Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our amazing school community.

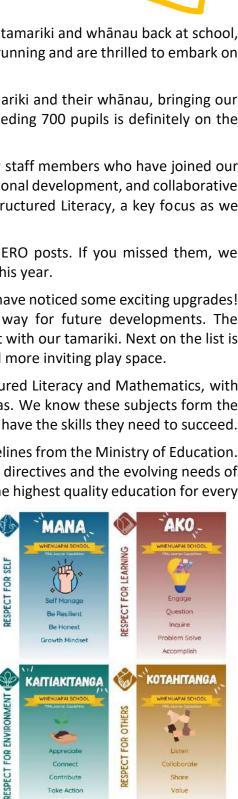
As we move forward, we are reminded of our vision statement:

#### T We partner with tamariki to create a future guided by:

- Mana Respect for Self
- Ako Respect for Learning
- Kaitiakitanga Respect for Environment
- Kotahitanga Respect for Others

We look forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and success for all of our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Cels



#### **Key Staff for 2025**

#### Senior Leadership

- Molly Fletcher Deputy Principal (Senior Campus) | mfletcher@whenuapai.school.nz
- Olivia Mead Assistant Principal (Senior Campus) | oliviam@whenuapai.school.nz
- Rebecca Archer Deputy Principal (Home Campus) | rebeccaa@whenuapai.school.nz
- Jill Mackenzie Assistant Principal / Learning Support Coordinator | Isc@whenuapai.school.nz

#### Team Leaders

- Steff Wise Year 0/1 | stephaniew@whenuapai.school.nz
- Bree Ward Year 2 | breew@whenuapai.school.nz
- Rebecca Archer Year 3/4 | rebeccaa@whenuapai.school.nz
- **Rebecca Robinson** Year 5/6 | rebeccar@whenuapai.school.nz
- Katie Gemmell Year 7/8 | katieg@whenuapai.school.nz



Adam Cels | acels@whenuapai.school.nz

Dates for your diary	
Wednesday – 19 February	Thursday – 6 March
6.00pm – Board Meeting	NW Year 7&8 Softball
Monday – 24 February	Tuesday – 11 March
Year 5-8 Swimming Sports	NW Year 7&8 Cricket
Wednesday - 26 February	Thursday – 13 March
NW Year 7&8 Tag	Gold Coin Mufti Day for
	World Kidney Day
27-28 February	Monday – 17 March
Kahu Camp Out	NW Year 6-8 Swimming
Tuesday – 4 March	Wednesday - 26 March
NW Year 5&6 Tee Ball	6.00pm – Board Meeting







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 13th 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!!



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

- 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 <a href="https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/">https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/</a>

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.

It is advisable that you book an appointment – please go to our school page on Argyle Online and click 'book a fitting'. Limited parking is available in front of the store.



Click Here to Book



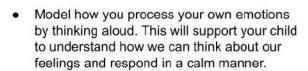


#### **PB4L CORNER**

This fortnight, our PB4L focus is on Mana (Respect for Self). As we transition back to school after the holidays, it is a great time to practise our self-management skills.

Schools are busy places, and it is normal for us to experience a range of emotions throughout the day. We can manage ourselves by pausing to think before reacting to a situation. This gives us time to process our feelings and think about the right choice to make.

## Here are some simple ways to discuss self-management skills at home:





- Talk to your child about the emotions they are experiencing. This
  will support your child to understand that feeling a range of
  different emotions is normal.
- Discuss different strategies for coping with our emotions, such as breathing, pausing, or walking away from a challenging situation. This will teach your child that we do not always need to respond to a situation in the moment.
- When reading stories, ask questions like, "How do you think [character] is feeling right now? Why do you think that?" This will support your child to learn how to recognise different emotions.
- Praise your child for recognising their emotions. This will teach your child the importance of self-awareness and understanding our feelings.



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



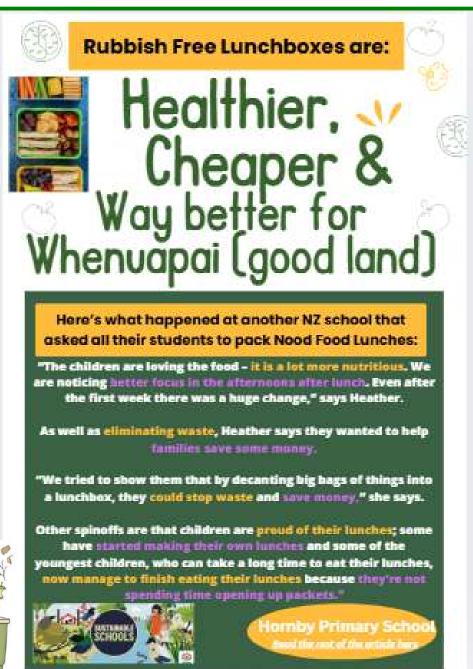


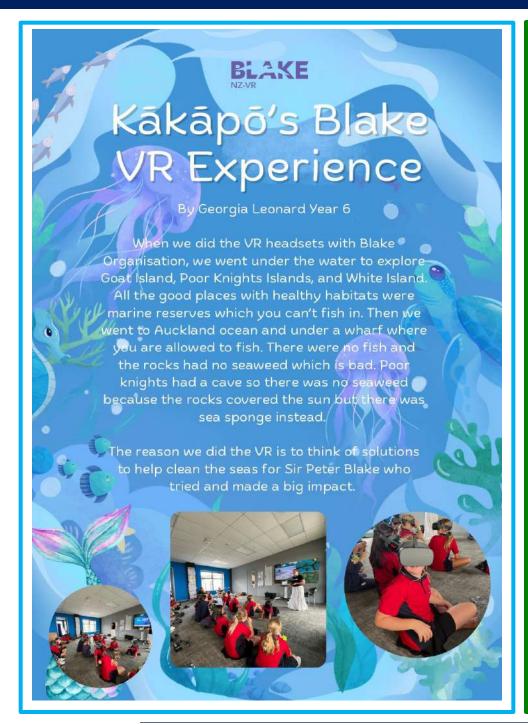
Whenuapai School is an EnviroSchool and we ask that students come to school with waste free lunches (**Nood Food**) to show Kaitiakitanga/Respect to our school environment.



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.









# School Notices:



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# MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in drum, trumpet, sax, clarinet, keyboard, guitar or ukulele lessons at Whenuapai School!

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 Ph 0274 422 654

For more information on drum lessons, contact Paul Barry paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz Ph 022 198 0044

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# BEGINS 16/2/2025 CIRCLE OF SECURITY 8 WEEK PROGRAM

#### **Parenting Program**

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting m program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

See circleofsecurityinternational.com to learn more about the model.

#### REGISTRATION DETAILS:

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Learning Objectives
Understand your child's
emotional world by learning to
read the emotional needs
Support your child's ability to
successfully manage emotions
Enhance the development of
your child's self-esteem.
Honor your innate wisdom and
lesire for your child to be secure

Venue: Herald Island Fire Station

Thursday 10-11.30 Sunday 7.30-9pm

COST: \$665

Limited to 6 parents Easy parking

Anne-Marie is a Child
Psychotherapist with 25-yes
experience and lives in the local
area. She is a qualified Circle of
Security - Parenting (COS-P)
facilitator as well as a certified
Circle of Security - Intensive
(COS-D facilitator. Anne-Marie
is also an approved Circle of
Security Supervisor and has been
working with COS for over 10vrs

#### Circle of Security Parenting course outline

Session 1 - Introduction to the Circle of Security

Session 2 - Children's emotional needs

Session 3 - Emotional regulation

Session 4 - Emotional regulation and infants

Session 5 - Looking at what gets in our way of meeting our child's needs

Session 6 - Looking at what gets in our way of meeting our child's needs

Session 7 - Repairing the relationship after it all goes pear-shaped

Session 8 – Summary and Celebration

