

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:

 **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) | rebecca@whenuapai.school.nz
- **Jill Mackenzie** – Assistant Principal / Learning Support Coordinator | lsc@whenuapai.school.nz

✂ Team Leaders

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

✂ Principal

- **Adam Cels** | acels@whenuapai.school.nz



Dates for your diary

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

Scholastics Book Club - Issue 1 out now!



[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE](#)



Parent Portal

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 <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.

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](#)

Uniform Retail Store Opening 5th December 2024



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

4/91 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland
Book a fitting online through your school page at www.argyleonline.co.nz
Card payments only; no cash. WINZ quotes available.



RESPECT FOR SELF

MANA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL
PB4L Learner Capabilities



Self Manage
Be Resilient
Be Honest
Growth Mindset

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:

- Model how you process your own emotions by thinking aloud. This will support your child to understand how we can think about our feelings and respond in a calm manner.
- 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.



House T-Shirt Orders are now open
via Kindo :

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

KIDS ICE TEE - YELLOW



BLUE



KIDS ICE TEE - GREEN



Please note the T-shirts will now be made out of a Breezeway micromesh material.

\$25
EACH

Below is the size chart.

KIDS MODERN FIT	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
GARMENT 1/2 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 are now available for purchase on [myKINDO.co.nz](https://mykindo.co.nz).

Orders close on 28th February to ensure delivery before the April School holidays.

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 all their support with these cool T-shirts for our students to wear at School House events :)

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.



Rubbish Free Lunchboxes are:



Healthier, Cheaper & Way better for Whenuapai (good land)

Here's what happened at another NZ school that asked all their students to pack Nood Food Lunches:

"The children are loving the food - it is a lot more nutritious. We are noticing **better focus in the afternoons after lunch**. Even after the first week there was a huge change," says Heather.

As well as **eliminating waste**, Heather says they wanted to help families **save some money**.

"We tried to show them that by **decanting big bags of things into a lunchbox**, they **could stop waste and save money**," she says.

Other spinoffs are that children are **proud of their lunches**; some have **started making their own lunches** and some of the youngest children, who can take a long time to eat their lunches, **now manage to finish eating their lunches because they're not spending time opening up packets.**"



Hornby Primary School
Read the rest of the article here

BLAKE
NZ-VR

Kākāpō's Blake VR Experience

By Georgia Leonard Year 6

When we did the VR headsets with Blake Organisation, we went under the water to explore Goat Island, Poor Knights Islands, and White Island. All the good places with healthy habitats were marine reserves which you can't fish in. Then we went to Auckland ocean and under a wharf where you are allowed to fish. There were no fish and the rocks had no seaweed which is bad. Poor knights had a cave so there was no seaweed because the rocks covered the sun but there was sea sponge instead.

The reason we did the VR is to think of solutions to help clean the seas for Sir Peter Blake who tried and made a big impact.



A BIG welcome to all of our new tamariki who started this week!

Kea Team Year 0/1



The kea team have come back from the holidays ready to learn!



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www.schooldocs.co.nz/

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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**
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LUNCH PROGRAMME**

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai school

**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS!!**

TERM 1

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 5th Febraury)

Time: Lunch time

Cost: \$135 per term (10 weeks)
Second child discount of 10% applies!



TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWICKICKSTARS.COM



**GET READY FOR THE NEW THRILLING LUNCHTIME
SCHOOL WORLD CUP PROGRAMME
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE WORLD CUP AWAITS!**

**Whenuapai Senior
school Term 1**

When: Every Tuesday, starting February 11th!

Where: Whenuapai senior school fields.

Time: Lunchtime

Duration: 8 Weeks

Fee: Just \$40!

Team up, earn points, and score extra points each game!!

EXCITING REWARDS:

- Certificates for every game!
- Collect 10 Certificates for a personalized FIFA Match Attax poster!
- Win a Kiwi Kick Stars Boot Bag!

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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™ 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 desire 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+ yrs 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-I) facilitator. Anne-Marie is also an approved Circle of Security Supervisor and has been working with COS for over 10yrs

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

Circle of Security®

Parent Attending To The Child's Needs

