Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland New Zealand

Newsletter – 3 June 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are now into the final four weeks of Term 2, and it's hard to believe how quickly the term is flying by. It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks across the school, with our students involved in several exciting events, including trees for survival planting, orienteering, football, rippa rugby, and basketball competitions. Write-ups and photos from these events are shared later in this newsletter, but I'd like to take a moment here to acknowledge the many students who have proudly represented Whenuapai School. It's been fantastic to see their teamwork, sportsmanship, and the display of our school values in action, both on and off the field.

As we approach the end of the term, I want to share an important leadership update with you. As announced to our community recently, our Deputy Principal, Molly Fletcher, will be finishing her time at Whenuapai School at the end of this term. Molly has been appointed as the new Principal of Ponsonby Primary School — a wonderful and well-earned next step in her leadership journey.

Over the years, Molly has played an integral role in the life of our school. From helping to lead the development of our Senior Campus to masterminding major events like our Year 5-8 school camp and the AIMS Games, her drive, strategic thinking, and passion for student achievement have made a significant impact. Molly is known for her ability to connect deeply with both students and staff, and her legacy will be felt long after she moves on.

While we are sad to say goodbye, we are incredibly proud of all Molly has achieved and grateful for the time and energy she has given to Whenuapai School. Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the very best in her new role.

As we look ahead to Term 3, I want to reassure you that we have a strong leadership structure in place while we undertake the process of appointing a new Deputy Principal. Rebecca Archer (Deputy Principal) and Olivia Mead (Assistant Principal) will lead at the Senior Campus, while I will be supported at the Home Campus by Assistant Principal Jill Mackenzie.

This year is also a School Board election year. Elections will take place during Term 3, and we encourage members of our school community to consider putting their names forward. Further information about the process and key dates is included later in this newsletter, and we will continue to keep you updated.

Finally, a reminder that our Community Event is taking place this Sunday, 8 June, at Whenuapai Park. Our amazing Kapa Haka and Pasifika Groups will be performing between 12.30pm and 1.00pm and they would love to see you there showing your support. A final decision about whether the event will go ahead (depending on the weather) will be made at 10.00am on Friday. Keep an eye out for updates.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Whenuapai is a special place to be, and that's thanks to the strength of our people, our tamariki, whānau, and staff alike.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Cels



| Dates for your diary | | IMPORTANT NOTICE: "Run It Straight" Game Not Permitted at School |
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| Thursday – 5 June Kiwi Valley Trip – Tūī Team (Year 2) | Wednesday – 18 June 7.00am Matariki celebration | We would like to make you aware that the game known as "Run It Straight" is not permitted at school. Although this game has never been allowed, we have noticed it emerging in our school environment recently due to an online trend circulating on social media. The game involves high-impact physical contact and poses a significant risk of injury, which is not aligned with the safe and respectful play we expect during break times. Our staff will be speaking with students to explain the risks and to make it clear that this game is not appropriate. We ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home and encouraging your child to choose safe and inclusive ways to play with others. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and positive environment for all our students. Book Club Issue 4 - Available Now Issue 4 PDF Click Here - to view and order online New and order online Online We wand order online Our store online |
| Friday – 6 June NW Table Tennis Zoo Trip – Pīwakawaka Team Rooms 16, 17, 18 and 23 | Friday – 20 June Matariki – NO SCHOOL | |
| Sunday – 8 June 12.00-2.30pm - Community Event at Whenuapai Park | Tuesday – 24 June NW Hockey | |
| Thursday – 12 June NW Football - Year 5&6 Kea Team–Little Bo Peep Farm Visit | Friday – 27 June Last day of Term 2 | |
| Friday – 13 June Zoo Trip – Pīwakawaka Team Rooms 10, 15 and 24 | 28 June – 13 July School Holidays | |
| Tuesday – 17 June Massey High School Open Night 4.00pm to 5.30pm or 6.00pm to 7.30pm | Monday – 14 July First day of Term 3 | |

2025 School Board Elections - Online

Every three years, all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this will happen again in 2025.

The School Board is a key part of our kura (school) because it does a lot of important work behind the scenes. While these efforts may not always be visible, they are essential to keeping our kura running smoothly. Our School Board writes our strategic plan, consults with our community about matters that are important to us, ensures our finances are spent wisely, and works to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our kura.

Our board is made up of five parent representatives, the Principal, and one staff representative elected by the staff.

The board is required to appoint a Returning Officer to manage the election process. We have appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election, which will be conducted online. Election Pilot has been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and is currently the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to deliver online election services since these began in 2022.

Important documents such as nomination and voting forms will be sent to you directly by Election Pilot via email. If we don't have an email address for you, don't stress—Election Pilot will send these to you by post so you won't miss out.

There are a number of legal requirements surrounding School Board elections. The main ones are set out in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot so they can deliver election services for our kura, as required by law. They will only use your information for Whenuapai School's election and will delete all contact details 60 days after the election, in line with legislative requirements.

If you have any questions about the election process, the best people to talk to are the team at Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or by emailing election@electionpilot.nz.

We'll continue to keep you updated as we move through the election process. Our election date is Wednesday, 10 September 2025.



On Tuesday 27th May, some people from the Auckland Council Animal Management came. Tahi, which was our class, was the last class for the visitors. Nugget was a black dog that was with them. They taught us how to protect ourselves from a dog, how to touch a dog, and also what a dog looks like when they are scared. They first taught us that when you see a dog with a tucked tail, a panting tongue, and also a shaky body, that means that the dog is scared or saying go away. The second thing they taught us was petting a dog. First, if you want to pet someone else's dog, you have to let them sniff your hand, then you can touch the chest. The last thing they taught us is protecting yourself from an angry dog. You can use a bag, book, or an umbrella to protect you from a dog's bite. If the dog is running to you, you can also stand still like a tree, so they would think you are useless to them. After they taught us all the dog stuff, they led us to their van to see Nugget. We didn't pet her because Nugget was very tired and not in the mood for petting.

> By Elsa Yr 6





Meet Nugget 🤎









Auckland Interzones

On Wednesday 14th May, ten Year 7&8 students had the opportunity to compete at the Auckland Interzone Orienteering Regionals held at Moire Park. The event was highly competitive, featuring 14 checkpoints scattered throughout the entire park. Each student gave it their all, aiming to achieve the fastest time possible. It was a challenging yet rewarding day for everyone involved! Our fastest time was 20 mins. Thank you to Molly's mum (Ellen) and Whaea Sarah for taking us.



By Kennedy Bone



NORTH HARBOUR RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

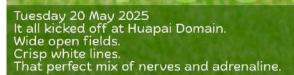
WE REPRESENTED WHENUAPAI PRIMARY AT THE NORTH HARBOUR RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT DAY LAST WEEK. WE WON ALL OF OUR GAMES AND PLAYED VERY WELL AS A TEAM. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMENT DAY IN AUGUST!

HUDSON PALMER - YEAR 6









The whistle blew. The sun was out.

Game on.



Riverhead 8-0 win

Iden- "We played really well as a team in this game-linking up with through balls, passing back to move forward, making strong dribbles, and doing all the little things in between." I scored 5 goals with Johnny, Mark and Jett all scoring one goal.

Fletchie - "We started off really strong, pressing hard and forcing turnovers early on. That momentum carried us through, and we ended up winning the match! Iden was on fire, scoring five incredible goals from outside the box. Johnny added one, Mark got one, and Jett chipped in with another. Solid performance all around!"



Whenuapai v. Swanson 1-0 Win

Year 7 & 8 NW ZONE

Iden- "The energy was great right from kickoff. They pressed us hard, but we stayed composed, played around them, and created several close chances. They defended well, but we kept pushing and came away with a 1-0 win." Fletchie – "Iden opened the scoring with a brilliant strike from outside the box to make it 1-0. We came so close to adding more goals, creating plenty of chances throughout the game."



Scott Point 0-0 draw

Iden - "We dominated possession, even against a physically imposing team. Although the match ended in a draw, we had some incredible opportunities to snatch the winunfortunately, luck wasn't on our side. But in the end, the result was still a huge boost for us! That draw saw us top the group and secure our place in the quarter-finals! What an incredible feeling to keep pushing forward!"

Fletchie - "We had plenty of chances but just couldn't finish them. It was a real back-and-forth battle - we pressed them, they pressed us, and it stayed evenly matched throughout. Our defense was solid, doing a great job stopping their attackers, and both goalkeepers pulled off some fantastic saves. In the end, we just couldn't find the net."

We made it to the first knockout game against Taupaki 2-0!

Iden- "If you didn't already know, this was the game of the year. This was the team that sent us packing last season, and we were more than ready for some serious redemption. The game kicked off, and from the first whistle, it was nonstop action, side-to-side, both teams giving it everything. But as we neared the final moments, I sent in a perfect cross, and Fletchie-boom-he unleashed a rocket that tore into the back of the net! The whole squad stormed him in a wild celebration-pure madness! And just moments later, it was my turn. Jett slid the ball back, I took the shot with my right foot-and smack-it went right under the keeper's arms, and the place exploded! The subs came charging onto the pitch like it was a cup final. It was pure chaos, pure joy! Redemption was ours, and now we're heading to the semifinals with the momentum of champions!"

Fletchie – "We started really well and the game was evenly matched for most of it. Credit to the other team – they played well. But with five minutes left, I broke the deadlock with a great goal to make it 1-0. Then Iden sealed the win with another shortly after. Final score: 2-0!"





Semi-finals against Marina View 1-1 draw Won on penalties!

In the semi-finals against Marina View, we faced a tough battle that ended in a 1-1 draw, pushing us into a nerve-wracking penalty shootout. They caught us off guard early, scoring just seconds after the kickoff. It was a sucker punch, and we barely had time to react. But despite the setback, we stayed strong, determined not to let that early goal define us.

We didn't let our heads drop. We kept fighting, kept pushing, and thenout of nowhere-a moment of brilliance. Their keeper blasted the ball towards me, and without thinking, I took a touch with my left foot and struck it. The ball flew into the top corner of the net, hitting the crossbar with a satisfying smack. Before I could even process what had happened, I was on the ground, teammates piling on top of me in pure joy.

But even then, we knew the job wasn't done. A single goal had leveled the playing field, but we still needed more. We kept fighting, running ourselves into the ground, but no matter how hard we tried, we couldn't find that elusive second goal. It was down to penalties.

We lined up, one by one, each player with the weight of the moment on their shoulders. As the shootout went on, it all came down to Fletchie. If he scored, we would win and reach the final-something no one at Whenuapai School had ever done before in years 7 and 8.

He scored! The moment the ball hit the back of the net, we erupted in celebration. We had done it. We had made it to the final, and we were going to make history.

It was a moment none of us would ever forget-a moment of pure teamwork, determination, and heart.

Fletchie - "They scored their first goal early, putting us behind 1-0. After that, we gave it everything - creating chance after chance, pressing hard, and not letting them near our box. Finally, Iden fired in a brilliant shot from outside the box to level it, and everyone jumped on him in celebration. The match went to penalties, and it all came down to me. I stepped up to take the deciding penalty... and scored! Everyone jumped on me, and just like that, we're through to the finals!"



MAY 27TH

On Tuesday, May 27, all North West Basketball participants went to the Trust Stadium to compete against other schools. We had two teams: one team had boys, and the other had girls. Our first game was at 9:45, and we started practicing for our first game at 9:15. The girls team had five games and won two! Our first game was against Scott Point; the score was 12-4.

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GIRLS

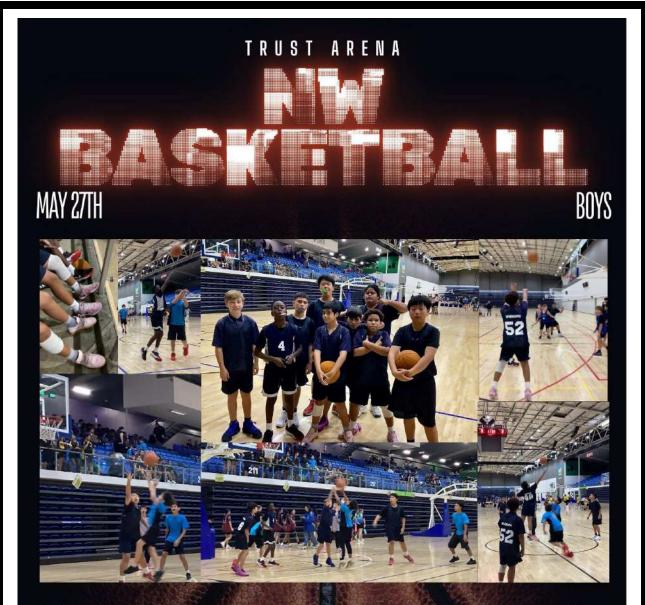
The girls team played Marina view, Huapai, West Harbour, and Royal Road. Between those games we had an hour and a half break to watch the boys play and eat some food. The boys played really good the first few games then started to get tired towards the end. Our girls team had 8 people and 5 on the court which left 3 people to be our subs. Our games went pretty good and the boys would support us on the sidelines every game.



After the girls' team finished their games, we watched the boys team play for a little bit, and then we played a friendly game with West Harbour before leaving to go back to school. When we were driving back on the motorway there was lots of traffic coming back. The girls came back in a van with Mrs Fletcher. Then the boys came back in a van with Mrs Mohamed, and on their way back they got ice cream without us. Now Mrs Mohamed owes the girls' team ice cream!

By Mateia, Leila, and Kalani.

Girls' Basketball team: Kennedy, Kalani, Leila, Ruby, Tegan, Aine, Xanthe and Mateia.



Basketball North West was so much fun. The boys placed 8th in the tournament of 16 teams with them winning 4 games and losing 4. Our first games were against Don Buck, Swanson, Lincoln Heights, and Hobsonville. We won three out of those four matches, placing second in our pool. This qualified us for the quarter-finals, where we faced Taupaki — the team that went on to win the entire competition. We then played Scott Point in the semi-finals and came away with a strong win, advancing to the final against West Harbour. We are so grateful for our teacher Mrs Mohamed for taking us to the Trust Arena. Mrs Mohamed is such a W teacher, she bought us Macca's ice cream on the way back home. We really appreciate you doing this for us.

From THE BASKETBALL BOYS

Ivan, Dwyght, Iwa, Corban, Kenzo, Elijah, Daniel, Cooper, and Bryan.



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TE IWA O

Wednesday 18th June 7am

Matariki is the Māori New Year, marked by the rising of the Matariki star cluster, symbolising reflection, preparation, and celebration of the past, present, and future.

> Join us on the courts for karakia, and hautapu to acknowledge four whetū connected to kai. Then enjoy a Matariki breakfast as our Kapa Haka rōpū perform waiata in the hall.





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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

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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.





School Uniform

You can now purchase our school uniform not only online via the <u>Argyle Online website</u> but also in person at Argyle's retail shop, giving you the option of a full in-store shopping experience.

Retail Store Location:

- Unit 4, 91 Central Park Drive, Henderson
- Retail Store Term Hours: 3.00-6.00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For the best service, we recommend booking a fitting appointment. Simply visit our school's page on Argyle Online and click on 'Book a Fitting'.

Please note: Limited parking is available in front of the store.

Click Here to Book a Fitting



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.

NUDE FOOD: HEALTHY, FRESH & WASTE-FREE!

What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic, or commercial packaging. It's all about fresh. healthy, and environmentally friendly choices!

Why Choose Nude Food?

- · Encourages healthy eating habits
- Reduces waste and helps protect the environment
- · Empowers students to make conscious food choices

Tips on How to Pack a Nude Food Lunch

- Use reusable containers for food and drinks
- Bring cutlery from home instead of using plastic utensils
- Choose a lunchbox with separate sections to keep food fresh

Try to Avoid These Items:

X Zip lock or plastic bags.
 X Plastic wrap or aluminum foil

Tips for Packing a Nude Food Lunch

- Get the kids involved in choosing their lunches to reduce food waste
- Buy larger portions of yogurt or snacks and portion them into reusable containers
- Choose in-season fruits and vegetables-they are fresher, more affordable, & better for the environment!





you are invited.

Meet the Principal Strategic Plan & Data Q & A

6pm - 7pm Wednesday 18 June at Whenuapai School Senior Campus

EVERYONE WELCOME. We are happy to meet all whānau with children in any year level as well as those enrolling for 2026!



KUMEU CLOTHING SWAP & SHOP

Kumeu Community Centre DROP OFF - Friday 13th June 11am-7pm EVENT - Saturday 14th June 10am-3pm

Bring your children's clothes (sizes newborn - 10 years) to the drop off day. Then come to the event, and take away with you the same amount of items you've donated.

We accept all good quality children's clothing, shoes, sleep sacks & swaddles, swimwear, sports wear and uniforms. Follow our socials for more details.

\$30 ENTRY FOR UP TO 30 ITEMS

\$1 per item for each additional item over 30





Keep Children Warm This Winter

As winter sets in, some of the children and families supported by *Attendance West* are facing the cold without the basics — warm bedding, duvets, or even a heater at home.

To help, Attendance West has launched a series of **blanket drives**, collecting clean, warm bedding and blankets to pass directly to families in need. The response so far has been heart-warming, thanks to the generosity of local communities — and now, we're joining in!

Whenuapai School is proud to support this initiative and is now a drop-off location for donations.

How you can help?

If you have any clean, warm blankets or bedding you no longer need, please drop them off at the School Office.

Every donation makes a difference.

Thank you for your support!





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