

Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 05 August 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 4 of Term 3, and what a busy one it's been!

Our senior school cross country was held yesterday, and what an awesome event it was, with plenty of perseverance, whanaungatanga, and personal bests on display. We're looking forward to seeing our junior runners take to the field this Friday. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Our Math-A-Thon is also in full swing and it's been wonderful to hear such positive feedback from classroom teachers about the progress students are making. It's clear that our tamariki are not only enjoying the learning but also rising to the challenge. All funds raised through this event will go toward our much-anticipated senior playground at the Home Campus. Thank you for your continued support!

As mentioned in a recent HERO post, student attendance in Terms 1 and 2 has been fantastic. In Term 2, 71% of our students achieved 90% or higher attendance, a 15% improvement compared to the same time last year. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your children be present and engaged in their learning.

Book Week Alert - Mark your calendars as our annual Book Fair Week kicks off on Monday, 25 August and will be held in the Home Campus library. This is always a highlight of the school year, with a book character parade and plenty of opportunities for students to celebrate the magic of reading. It's also a great chance to add some new favourites to your home bookshelves.

Thank You for Your Voice - A huge thank you to everyone who completed our three recent community surveys. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will be shared with our School Board to help shape the strategic direction of Whenuapai School. We'll also be providing a summary of key themes and outcomes to the community in the coming weeks.

If you haven't had a chance to share your thoughts yet, it's not too late! All three surveys are still open and will remain available for the next two weeks. We would love to hear from as many whānau as possible. Every voice matters.

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Board Elections – We are so fortunate that our school and community enjoy such a strong partnership. This September, parents and whānau again have the opportunity to strengthen that partnership by participating in our Board of Trustees elections. Our Board is responsible for the governance of our school, setting the strategic vision and ensuring we are providing the very best environment and opportunities for all our students to thrive. Your vote is your voice in this critical process. By taking a few moments to cast your ballot, you help ensure our Board reflects the range of perspectives and aspirations of our parent community, directly shaping the future of our school. I wholeheartedly encourage you to engage with the process and make your voice heard.

AIMS Games Countdown Is On - We are now less than a month out from the AIMS Games, one of the biggest sporting events of the year! This year, we're proud to be sending 39 athletes supported by 14 amazing teachers and parent helpers. To help get our team there, a few final fundraisers are scheduled for this term. Thank you in advance for getting behind them.

As always, thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. We're proud of the incredible learning, spirit, and community that make Whenuapai School such a special place.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Cels



Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 6 August 12 noon – Nominations Close for School Board Elections	31 August – 5 September AIMS Week
Thursday – 7 August Rippa Rugby Festival	Wednesday – 3 September 6.00pm - Board Meeting
Friday – 8 August Cross Country – Home Campus	Wednesday – 10 September School Board – Election Day
Tuesday – 12 August NW Cross Country	Friday – 19 September Last day of Term 3
25 – 29 August Book Fair Week	20 September – 5 October School Holidays



COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

LUNCHTIME CLUBS HOME CAMPUS

MŌNITĒ
Need a quiet space? Get a head start on our colouring competition in Room 8 with Mrs Tanuvasa.

RU'IRUA
Express yourself with Whaea Bree in Room 14 as we complete a turtle craft.

RU'ITORU
Sweet tooth? Decorate biscuits with Miss Sardelich in Room 15

PARAPARAU
Enjoy stories about the Cook Islands with Miss in Room 16!

VARAIRE
Come to Room 3 with Miss Makalio and join the Pasifika group as we learn a Cook Island dance!

COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

LUNCHTIME CLUBS SENIOR CAMPUS

MŌNITĒ
Need a quiet space? Get a head start on our colouring competition in the wharehui.

RU'ITORU
Express yourself and create a paper Tivaevae in the wharehui.

PARAPARAU
Learn a cook island dance with Mrs Gemmell in the Wharehui.

VARAIRE
Enjoy stories about the Cook Islands with Mrs Gemmell in the Library.

Book Club
Issue 5 -
Available Now



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Tūi Team



TUI TEAM HAS BEEN EXPLORING MUSIC THROUGH SINGING, PLAYING INSTRUMENTS, AND MOVING TO THE BEAT. WE'VE ALSO BEEN CREATING DANCE MOVEMENTS INSPIRED BY DIFFERENT DANCE STYLES. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING OUR LEARNING LATER IN THE TERM.



We've been working hard to get ready for our big cross country race on Friday and can't wait to give it our best!





Yr 7&8 North West Netball Tournament



Our teams all enjoyed a very busy day playing 5 games each, battling in pool play, quarter & then semi finals! We are **SO PROUD** of all our placings as this was a very competitive tournament with 15 Boys teams and 14 Yr 8 Girls teams....Go Whenuapai!

Tino pai mahi/great job to all our Yr 7&8 Netball teams who played **AWESOMELY** together at the challenging Northwest Netball Tournament at Te Pai courts (Aug 1st). **Way to reach for the goals** and overcome obstacles!

**Kia mate ururoa,
kei mate wheke**

*Fight like a shark,
don't give in like an octopus!*

**Yr 8 Girls=
3rd place!**



Yr 7&8 Boys= 7th place!

**A MASSIVE NGĀ
MIHI NUI THANK
YOU TO OUR
AMAZING
SUPPORTERS
TOO: TAMRYN,
MISS TORCKLER
& WHAEA SARAH!**

Tough Guy/Girl Challenge!



Tough Guy & Girl Challenge – What a Day!



Our Year 3–8 students had an awesome time at the Tough Guy & Girl Challenge at the Kumeu Showgrounds on Monday 28th July. It was a day full of adventure—mud, water, and heaps of exciting obstacles! A huge well done to everyone who gave it their all. Each student proudly received a participation medal at the end. A massive thank you to our amazing parent helpers—your support made the day run smoothly and helped create such a memorable experience for our tamariki!



**Whenuapai School is working towards
being a Green/Gold EnviroSchool!**



Kaitiakitanga: Showing Respect for the Environment



**Please help us look
after our School property!**

We need your support with:



- **Nood Food** (pack rubbish free lunchboxes)
- **Label School Uniform Items** (esp. jumpers)
- *Walk, bike, scooter, bus or carpool to school on Wednesdays (and as often as you can!)*
- **Compost** food scraps to help our gardens grow
- **Recycle** paper, cardboard, glass & plastics (1,2 &5)
- *Be a tidy Kiwi (don't litter!)*



School Notices:



For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:

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User – whenuapai
Password – airport

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Concerns or Complaints

Managing complaints appropriately, using fair and consistent practice, is an important part of how we support our school community.

If you have a concern, we encourage you to follow the process outlined in our school's policies.

You can find the full procedure on our **SchoolDocs website**:



[Click Here](#)



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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BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3**

**ENROLMENT WEEK MEETINGS
COMING UP:**

MONDAY 11 AUGUST -

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS & WHĀNAU MUST
ENROL & ATTEND A HUI WITH ONE OF
OUR SENIOR LEADERS. WHEN YOU HAVE
COMPLETED THE ENROLMENT FORM YOU
WILL HEAR FROM US WITH THE LINK TO
BOOK A HUI.

SURF CAMPS & PROGRAMS

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5 nights. All inclusive.
Term 3, 4 & 1 Holidays | ages 8-15

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KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
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Term 3 & 1 Holidays | ages 6-15

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HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing **great stories** from an **award-winning author**

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill
The award-winning author of books including NZ Endangered Dolphins & Epic New Zealand Adventurers

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer"

Gabriella (14)
"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."

Anna (12)
"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."

Where: Orewa College
76 Riverside Road, Orewa
When: 23 Sept to 25 Sep 2025

Register now at:
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McIntosh Dental

2025 Orthodontic Scholarship Nominations are open!

We are proud to announce the return of our 2025 Orthodontic Scholarship.

What is the Orthodontic Scholarship?

Two deserving students will win orthodontic work valued up to \$10,000 each! Students can be nominated by family, whanau, teachers, peers or anyone from their community.

Nominations are open to students in Year 7 to 13 who attend selected schools in West Auckland and West Harbour.

Scan the QR code below to apply or nominate a deserving student
T&C's apply



Planting Day

Riverlea Reserve

16TH AUG 2025, SATURDAY
10AM - 12PM
END OF RIVERLEA ROAD

RSVP on Facebook or at
<https://tinyurl.com/riverlea16aug>

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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.



School Uniform

You can now purchase our school uniform not only online via the [Argyle Online website](#) 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.

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14th – 18th July



Vive la France

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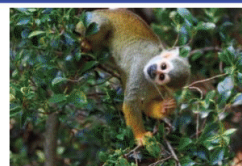
21st – 25th July



Space Week

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure! Learn about planets, astronauts and space missions through fun games, crafts and activities!

28th July – 1st August



Amazon Antics

Explore the rainforest and play fun games that explore the Amazon environment. Create flicking frogs, dirt pudding and build the tallest Kapok tree!

4th-8th August



Sweet Treats Week

It's Sweet Treats Week! Cooking, STEM, Team Challenges and activities to make you feel good!

11th-15th August



Blast From The Past

Welcome to our totally rad trip back in time — get stuck into cave murals, stone crafting and sing-along to 90s karaoke! It's a step back in time all week long!

18th – 22nd August



Kindness Crew

Celebrating World Humanitarian Day on 19th August, we will be honouring the people who help during emergencies and disasters.

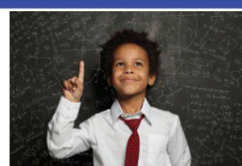
25th – 29th August



Daffodil Day

Explore with us the significance of Daffodil Day through engaging activities including crafts, puzzles, poetry, and baking!

1st-5th September



Inventors Lab

This week celebrates inventions, sparking creativity and inspiring future problem-solvers each day.

8th – 12th September



Safety Week

Teaching kids essential life skills through fun, hands on activities, from first aid to basic fire safety and emergency responses.

15th-19th September



Aroha ki te tangata

Celebrate Māori Language Week, International Charity Day and Father's Day with a variety of crafts, games and mindfulness activities.

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