

Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 22 July 2025



Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to New Families and Staff!

A warm Whenuapai welcome to all our new families joining us this term – we're delighted to have you as part of our school whānau!

We're also excited to welcome some new faces to our staff team:

Bianca Ness has joined us as the new teacher in Room 23 (New Entrants). Bianca comes to us from Te Atatū Intermediate and brings with her great passion and enthusiasm.

Elysha Young joins us as a new teacher aide, supporting learning across the school during the day. Elysha is already a familiar face to many, as she continues in her role as manager of our sKids after-school programme. Welcome Elysha – we're thrilled to have you on board!

Charmaine Peters - while Charmaine is not technically new to Whenuapai School as she is one of our amazing and regular relievers, she has this term joined the teaching team to teach Science two days a week.

Community Survey

A big thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete Community Survey 1 – your input is essential and highly valued.

- So far, 23% of our community has completed Survey 1, which is still available via HERO or via the link below:
 - [Click Here to Access Survey 1](#)
- Survey 2 will be released tomorrow, so keep an eye out!
- All surveys will remain open until Friday, 15th August.

Your feedback helps the School Board shape the strategic direction of our school – this is a true partnership between school and community. As always, our Senior Leadership Team is happy to discuss any ideas or concerns – don't hesitate to get in touch.

School Board Elections

Our School Board Elections are underway. What Does the Board Do? New Zealand school boards play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of schools. While the Principal and Senior Leadership Team manage the day-to-day operations, the board focuses on governance, including:

- Setting the school's vision and long-term goals
- Overseeing financial and property management
- Ensuring student progress and achievement
- Supporting the wellbeing of students and staff

We're currently calling for nominations for our upcoming School Board election. The election is being managed by Election Pilot - please check your emails for important details. Nomination forms were emailed out on Friday last week. Copies are also available at the school office.

Interested in standing for the board? Come along to our next meeting to see what's involved:

- Wednesday 30 July, 6:00pm, Home Campus Staffroom

Also, NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) is offering a free Kōrari Webinar for aspiring board members tonight, Monday, 22 July at 7 PM. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what being on a school board involves.

🔗 Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../korari-for-aspiring-board>

Car Parking - We Hear You!

We know that parking around the Home Campus is a real challenge – especially as our school roll has grown past 700 students. We've never had enough carparks and unfortunately, the loss of five carparks due to construction has made the situation even more difficult.

Our school carpark only has 30 spaces available for over 40 Home campus staff, many of our team are already parking on the street or in other locations.

We are trying to make things better, recently we have:

- Created a new disability car park near the driveway entrance
- Retained two Kindy Parks for whānau with newborns

We're actively working with a team including Auckland Transport, NZ Police, RNZAF Air Base, the Council, and ITM Whenuapai to find solutions.

Please do not use the school driveway or pedestrian crossing as a drop-off or turnaround point.

The safety of our tamariki – and the Kindy children – is our top priority.

Walking School Bus and Wednesday Challenge

Did you know that most of our students live within easy walking distance of school? We're looking to set up more Walking School Buses and need community leaders to help make this happen. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Jenny Cornish at jennyc@whenuapai.school.nz

Tomorrow is a great day to test out leaving the car at home and taking on the Wednesday Challenge. Auckland Transport will be joining us in celebrating those who make it to school by walking, scootering, carpooling, or taking the bus. We compete against schools around the country to earn prizes!

New Classrooms

Exciting News – Six More Classrooms are coming to the Home Campus. We were just as surprised as you to learn on Friday that our school will now be getting six additional classrooms, bringing our total to 12 new learning spaces.

All 12 classrooms will be built together as one building, similar in internal design to Rooms 19–21 and our Senior Campus. They'll be individual classrooms that can open into collaborative learning spaces when needed.

The estimated completion date is the end of 2026.

These new spaces are part of our long-term plan to bring the entire school back together on one campus. While we're currently signed to operate the Senior Campus until 2028, this gives us a clearer timeline for reunification.

As a result, we're also accelerating our plans for the school grounds, including new playgrounds and sandpits. We are working toward an installation date in late January 2026.

Got a great idea for senior play equipment? Let us know.

Math-A-Thon

Our current Math-A-Thon fundraiser is going strong, with all proceeds going toward the new senior playground at the Home Campus.

We have been fundraising for approximately 8 years now. Our Goal: \$200,000 - Raised so far: \$150,000

We're nearly there – thank you for your ongoing support.

As always, thank you for your partnership and commitment to making Whenuapai School the best it can be. Here's to an exciting and productive term ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Cels



Dates for your diary

Monday – 28 July Tough Guy and Gal Challenge	Friday – 5 August Cross Country – Home Campus
Tuesday – 29 July NW Year 7&8 Netball	Tuesday – 12 August NW Cross Country
Wednesday, 30 July 6.00pm - Board Meeting	25 – 29 August Book Fair Week
Friday – 1 August Cross Country – Senior Campus	31 August – 5 September AIMS Week
Tuesday – 5 August NW Year 5&6 Netball	Wednesday – 10 September School Board – Election Day
Thursday – 7 August Rippa Rugby Festival	Friday – 19 September Last day of Term 3

Curious about joining a school board?



Join our online info session on 22 July @ 7pm

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Te Whakarōputanga
Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa
New Zealand School Boards Association
a tūāwhiri māori...

Join our Kōrari for Aspiring Board Members information webinar - TONIGHT

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

ICAS – Registrations Close On Friday

A detailed post has gone home on HERO

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:



1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices [click here](#).
2. Read the terms and conditions [click here](#).
3. Go to Parent Portal [click here](#).
4. Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Book Club Issue 5 - Available Now

[Issue 5 PDF](#)

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Celebrating Success....Champions Season 1 U7s Basketball 2025

A Huge Shoutout to Our Incredible U7 Basketball Team!

What a phenomenal journey it has been! Through grit, determination, and unwavering team spirit, our young champions have risen to the top — **claiming victory in the finals** and bringing glory to Whenuapai School! Their path wasn't easy, many doubted their abilities. But these remarkable kids didn't let that stop them. They came back stronger — training harder, supporting each other, and showing what true resilience looks like.

☀️ From setback to comeback, they've shown us the power of belief and unity. ☀️

Today, we celebrate not just a win, but the heart, hustle, and heroism of our team.

Whenuapai School... YOU ARE THE CHAMPIONS! 💪🔥

From Arun – Team Manager

Congratulations to our Basketball Team!

With effort, perseverance, and an unbreakable spirit, they reached the final... and won!

This victory is the result of true dedication and teamwork.

In the first game, few believed in them they faced a tough loss.

But like true warriors, they regrouped, trained harder, and never gave up.

Today, we proudly sayWhenuapai School... CHAMPIONS!

From Karen – Team Coach



Congratulations:

Aarab
Aiden
Andres
Armin
Braxton
Isabella
Luka
Nicolas
Shaurya
Zane



PB4L CORNER

This fortnight, our PB4L focus is on kaitiakitanga (respect for environment). We are exploring what it means to be kaitiaki (or 'guardians') of our bathrooms and cloak bays. At Whenuapai School, we know that we all have a part to play in keeping shared spaces tidy and pleasant for everyone to use. Part of being a good kaitiaki is demonstrating initiative and taking action when we notice something that needs fixing. By showing integrity and doing the right thing even when no one is watching, we all contribute to a clean and comfortable environment.

Here are some simple ways to support our kaitiakitanga learning from home:



- Model how you tidy shared spaces such as bathrooms and living rooms by thinking aloud. This will support your child to understand how our actions contribute to a comfortable environment for everyone to enjoy.
- Give your child a regular household job like wiping the dining table or tidying cushions. This teaches children that we all have a part to play in looking after our shared spaces.
- Celebrate moments when your child tidies or cleans something without being asked. Praise how they have shown kaitiakitanga by saying things like, "You showed kaitiakitanga when you put the dishes away - thank you!" This will support your child to understand the importance of kaitiakitanga in different environments.
- Create a short family tidy-up routine, such as five minutes before dinner. You may like to incorporate music or make it a challenge, such as seeing who can put ten things away the fastest. This will teach your child that caring for our environment is a shared effort.

**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!)*





**New Classrooms
Open**

Three of the Piwaka Year 3 classes have moved into the new block on the field near Rms 11-14. Our new room numbers are 19, 20, and 21.

We're loving the large, warm, interconnected, quiet spaces.



Happening tomorrow



IMPORTANT

REMINDER

THIS WEDNESDAY

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOLS
CHALLENGE**
CHANGE THE WAY YOU TRAVEL FOR GOOD

JULY 23rd

We are hosting a school gate celebration for the Wednesday Challenge.

We would like our tamariki to **walk, bike, scooter, bus, skate or carpool** to and from school if you can.

Our Wednesday Challenge team will be at the gate as you arrive at school.

You will help our school **earn leaderboard points** as well as going in the draw to **win a prize**.



**HEY KIDS!
CHOOSE
YOUR MODE!**



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

We hope you can join us!

Kea Team - Year 0/1

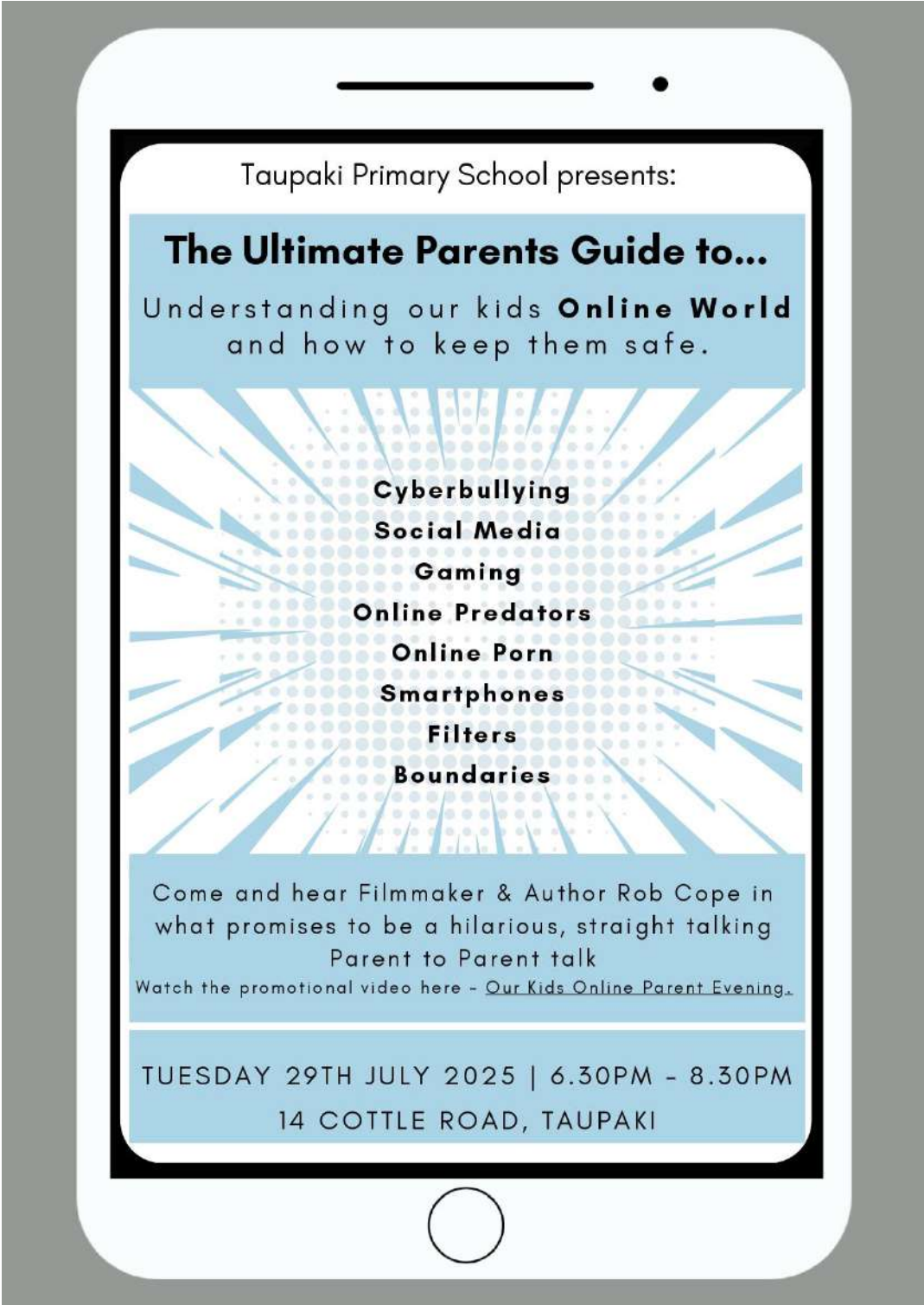
Our delightful Year 0 students have had a fantastic first week settling into Room 23! It has been a busy and exciting start as we've begun to explore classroom routines and expectations, and the children are already showing great enthusiasm and confidence. This week, we've introduced Milo Monkey and started our handwriting journey, focusing on the letters M and S. In maths, the students have enjoyed hands-on activities like threading beads/shapes, building with blocks, and creating imaginative abstract designs using magnetic shapes.

We also began our first art unit by learning about self-portraits and the students have begun to create some wonderful artworks that truly reflect their personalities. It has been a joyful start, and the students have already made Room 23 a happy and engaging place to learn. We're looking forward to an amazing term ahead!



A big welcome to our new teacher, Miss Ness!





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what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
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Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

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July 29, Tuesday, 6:00 PM - \$15 per ticket @ eventfinda
Taupaki School Hall
www.ourkidsonline.info and [Our Kids Online Promotional Video](#)
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/cyber-safety-with-rob-cope/auckland>



**FOOTBALL
LUNCH PROGRAMME**

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai school

***FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS!!
TERM 3***

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

Time: Lunch time

Cost: \$135 per term (10 weeks)

Second child discount of 10% applies!

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM

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For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:

www.schooldocs.co.nz/

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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**
gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz
Ph 0274 422 654

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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.



Schoolwear

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.

[Click Here to Book a Fitting](#)





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14th July – 19th September 2025

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Contact your service for detailed information.

TERM 3



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your spot
today!
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14th – 18th July



Vive la France

Celebrate Bastille Day and the French Revolution through hands on crafts, games and story telling.

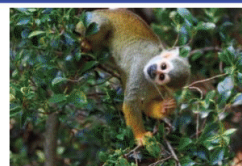
21st – 25th July



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.

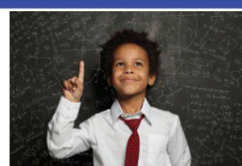
25th – 29th August



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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