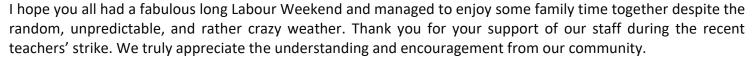
Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland New Zealand

Newsletter - 28 October 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,



Exciting news — our school hall is now completed! The painting and new wall linings were finished last week, and we're absolutely thrilled with the result. The space feels bright and welcoming. I'm looking forward to the school disco on Thursday. Thank you to the wonderful team of parent volunteers who have organised this event.





Last Friday, Rebecca Purdy (DP) and I attended a Ministry of Education roadshow about the revised New Zealand Curriculum. The final version of the refreshed English and Mathematics learning areas was released recently, and we are beginning to work through the changes as we prepare to implement the new curriculum next year. These updates are designed to provide clearer expectations of what students will learn each year, helping ensure greater consistency of learning across schools. Our current programmes, PRIME Maths, Little Learners Love Literacy, The Code, and Writer's Toolbox, continue to fit well within the new curriculum's scope and sequence, so our learners are already well positioned for this next step.

Today, we are expecting the release of the draft documents for the remaining curriculum learning areas, including Science, Technology, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, and Social Sciences. At the roadshow, we were given a small insight into what these changes may look like. The full New Zealand Curriculum is shifting to a *knowledge-rich* model, which means there will be a stronger focus on building students' background knowledge and understanding across all subjects, rather than teaching isolated skills. We anticipate that this will involve some changes to our local curriculum design. As we review these drafts, we'll be identifying where we may need to adjust content, teaching approaches, and assessment criteria to align with the direction.

We are also waiting for further information from the Ministry about upcoming changes to assessment and reporting to parents. A nationwide approach is being introduced, using a range of common assessment tools to track student progress in core areas like literacy and mathematics. As more information becomes available, we'll continue to keep you informed and make sure everyone understands how this will look in practice.

It's hard to believe we are already in week four, this term is flying by! Students are well into their athletics training, with regular practice sessions underway. Athletics Days will be held here on the home campus, and we're hopeful that the fencing will be down in time to open up more field space. The grass is finally thriving after all the building work, and it's great to see parts of our grounds coming back to life.

Please keep checking the school calendar and HERO posts so you don't miss any upcoming events. It's a busy term with lots happening, and we look forward to sharing many special moments with our school community in the weeks ahead.

Sunhats are compulsory for all students whenever they are outside at morning tea and lunchtime. Please make sure your child brings their named hat to school every day. Students without a hat will be required to stay in the shade to stay safe in the sun.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels



No Cash Sales at the School Office

From Term 4 onwards, the school office will no Longer accept cash payments over the counter. No Cash – Card only



Payments can still be made via EFTPOS at the office, or online through Kindo for all items such as donations, sports, trips, and other payables.

We encourage all families to set up their school Kindo account to make payments easier and more convenient.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we move towards a safer and more efficient cash-free system.





Friday, 12 December 2025 - 4.00-7.00pm

Mark your calendars – Thursday 12 December is our much-loved Mistletoe Mania, one of the absolute highlights of the school year! Led by the incredible Bailey Greer and her team, this event promises to be one you won't want to miss. When the call goes out for helpers, we'd love our school community to get behind the team and support in any way possible.



Term Dates

Meet the Teacher Day: Thursday 5 February 2026

Term 1

- Starts Monday, 9th Feb
- Ends Thursday, 2nd April

- Term 2 Starts Monday, 20th April
 - Ends Friday, 3rd July

- Term 3 Starts Monday, 20th July
 - Ends Friday, 25th September

Term 4

- Starts Monday, 12th October
- Ends Friday, 18th December

Trouble Accessing Kindo??

If you're having any issues logging in, making payments, or finding what you need, please don't hesitate to contact their amazing helpdesk team for support.

(0508 4 54636)

Book Club Issue 7 Available Now

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PB4L Focus:

The 30-Second Rule

This week, our PB4L focus has been **Kotahitanga**, which means showing Respect for Others. We have been learning about the **30-Second Rule** - a simple way to help us be kind with our words.

If someone can fix something quickly (in 30 seconds or less) - like tying their shoes or wiping food off their face then it's okay to tell them nicely and quietly.

But if it's something they can't change in 30 seconds - like their hair, skin, or how they talk, we don't say it.

Students have been practicing this through activities and discussions, helping everyone feel safe, respected, and cared for in our classrooms and kura.

Mana - We have also been learning how to show mana by making smart, safe choices in the sun and wearing our sunhat!

When we wear our sunhat, we show mana because we:

- Respect our school's expectations
- Take care of our bodies and stay sun safe
- Set a positive example for others

Show pride in being part of our school community



THE 30-SECOND RULE reminds us to be kind.



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it's okay to tell them nicely and quietly.



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This helps everyone feel safe, respected, and cared for.







WHENUAPAI SCHOOL
PB4L Learner Capabilities

Self Manage
Be Resilient
Be Honest
Growth Mindset

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Wishing a very warm welcome to

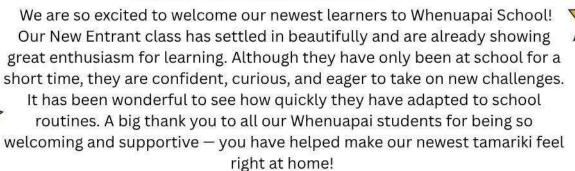
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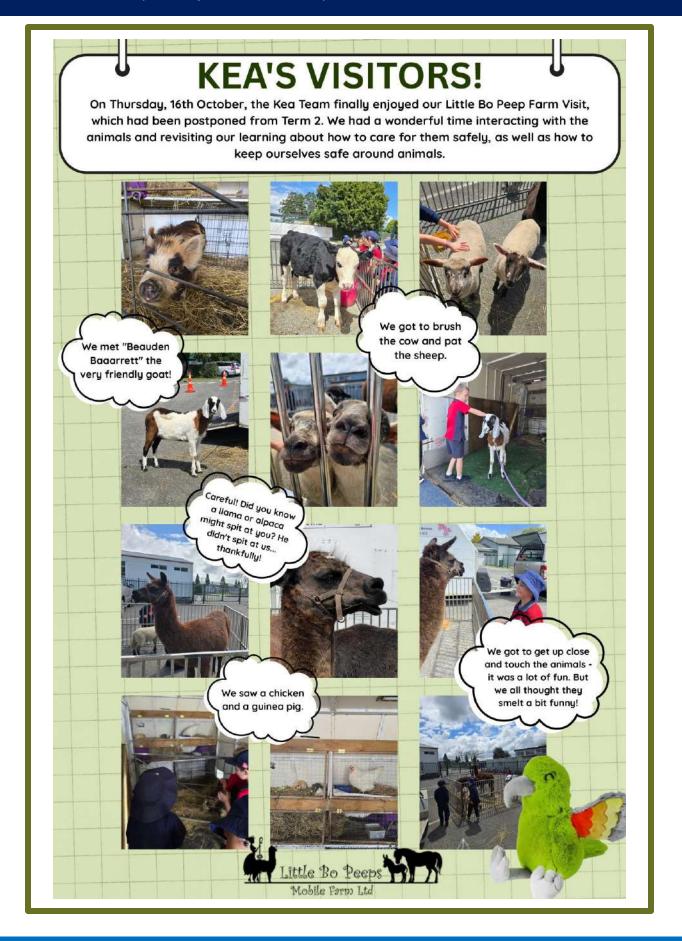














Whenuapai School is working towards being a Green/Gold EnviroSchool!



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!)
- <u>Compost</u> 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:

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

New spaces are now available:



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@musighub.co.nz Ph 0274 422 654

For more information on drum lessons. contact Paul Barry Ph 022 198 0044

MUSIQHUB

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NorthWest.

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Email: northwest@numberworks.com

Hilton Brown

Lessons for life

Hilton Brown Hobsonville

https://swim.school.nz/

5 Rawiri Place, Hobsonville. Ph: 09 666 0240

EMAIL

BOOK HERE



After School - we'll feed them a nutritious afternoon tea, run a fun activity, and make sure homework is done so you don't have to worry about it! Whether you need care for full weeks or just a few days, your child will be safe, supported, and having fun. School Holidays - Our programmes are packed with crafts, science, sports, games, and challenges—plus exciting trip days to explore the community!

Contact: whenuapai@skids.co.nz or 021 174 8473





NETBALL **SKILLS 2025**

Hobsonville Point Secondary School are offering a FREE summer netball skills programme during Term 4.

Location:

Hobsonville Point Secondary School Courts

Starting Friday 17th October at 3:30PM-4:45PM, HPSS outdoor

Ages:

Open to Year 7 - 13 students

Cost:

All sessions are FREE

With who:

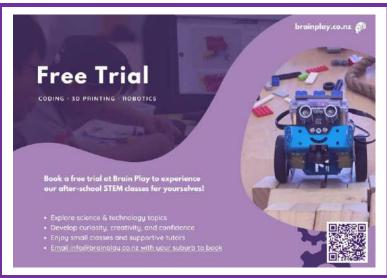


TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM

Term 4 Activities











Book now at sKids.co.nz/book

6th October - 19th December 2025

0800 274 172

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information. TERM 4



What's on this term

6th -10th October



STEM Superstars

Get ready for a week filled with fun STEM activities! Engineering, compass building, water filtration and more!

13th - 17th October



Indigenous People

Discover the rich traditions of Indigenous cultures through a week of creative art, active play, and storytelling-inspired fun.

20th - 24th October



Diwali

Join us for a vibrant Diwali celebration filled with creativity, culture and fun. Decorate rangoli cupcakes, craft clay diyas and explore the festival of lights!

27th-31st October



Halloween

Get into the spooky spirit with this weeks Halloween fun themed activities, and fast paced fun.

3rd - 7th November



You're the Zest

Squeeze the day with a juicy mix of citrusinspired games, creative crafts, fizzy experiments, and a splash of DIY lemonade fun.

10th-14th November



Sprinkle Kindness

Celebrate the power of kindness with a week full of heartwarming activities, thoughtful gestures, and creative ways to make someone smile!

17th to 21st November



Disney Week

Step into the Hundred Acre Wood for a magical week of Disney fun with Winnie and Friends—packed with crafts, games, and imagination!

24th-28th November



On The Move

Celebrating World Transport Day as we explore the exciting ways people and goods travel across our communities and around the world!

1st -5th December



It's Legendary!

Experience myths and legends from all over the world with this week's mythical and magical theme.

8th-12th December



Animal Kingdom

Dive into the wild with hands-on fun, creative challenges, and animalthemed adventures that spark curiosity and bring nature to life!

15th-19th December



Christmas Week

Make spirits bright with our Christmas Week after-school programme

In addition to the weekly theme activities each week, we also have The Taste Factory every Monday from Week 2 to Week 7 and enjoy The Weekender Club every Friday throughout Term 4—all at no extra cost.

Just make sure to book on Mondays and Fridays to take part!

Check with your local SKIDS site for Term 4 school dates specific to your location.



