

# Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand



Newsletter – 11 November 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

## Whenuapai School – Community Consultation Summary

“This is what we heard – is this correct? What more would you like to add?”

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Community Consultation (24% community). Your input has provided valuable insight into what our families value most and where we can continue to grow. The feedback reflects a strong sense of pride in Whenuapai School’s caring and inclusive culture, as well as its commitment to student wellbeing and learning.

**What our community values** - The overwhelming sentiment from families is positive. Our community sees education as more than test scores — you want children to be happy, confident, and resilient learners who feel valued and supported.

### Key values identified for your tamariki:

1. Happiness, Confidence, and Wellbeing
2. Love of Learning and Engagement
3. Friendships, Relationships, and Community
4. Academic Foundations and Progress
5. Resilience and Personal Growth
6. Holistic Development and Life Skills

Parents want learning to be meaningful and balanced — combining strong academics with wellbeing, creativity, and connection. The following values are the top priorities for our community:

Value	Responses	%	Value	Responses	%
Strong academic outcomes	154	80.6%	A respectful and inclusive culture	142	74.3%
A focus on student wellbeing	153	80.1%	Innovation in teaching practices	86	45.0%

### You have told us that “good learning” looks like:

- Engaging and Nurturing
- Practical and Hands-On
- Community Centred
- Balanced
- Personalised and Inclusive
- Challenging but Supportive
- Future Focused

### You have stated that Whenuapai School’s strengths are:

1. Building a Strong Sense of Community and Inclusiveness
2. Caring, Approachable, and Dedicated Staff
3. Providing Student-Centred Learning and Opportunities
4. Communicating and Engaging effectively with Families

### In the future you would like us to focus on:

1. Increased Academic Challenge and Support
2. Stronger Behaviour and Wellbeing Management
3. Broader Extracurricular and Enrichment Opportunities
4. Improved Facilities, Safety, and Practical Supports
5. Enhanced Communication and Transparency

**We’d love to hear from you** - Does this reflect your views? Is there anything more you’d like to add? Send us an email or come and have a chat to share other ideas you think we should consider.

**Next Steps: Strategic Planning** - The Board is using this feedback to inform the development of our Strategic Plan. The Ministry of Education / Government has updated the timeline, extending the planning deadline to 2027. The Board will continue writing the Strategic Plan and aims to share a draft with the community at the end of Term 1, 2026, ensuring families have the opportunity to provide input before it is finalised.

## Measles

I understand that hearing about the measles outbreak in New Zealand may cause concern. We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our tamariki (children) and staff is our highest priority.

Measles is a serious viral illness, and because it is highly contagious, maintaining good awareness and preventative steps is our best way to protect our whole school community.

Measles spreads very easily but understanding the symptoms helps us to act quickly. Symptoms usually appear 10–14 days after exposure and often begin much like a cold:

- A high temperature (over 38 degrees)
- Coughing
- Runny nose
- Sore, red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- A distinctive blotchy rash that appears on the face/behind the ears 3–5 days after the first symptoms, before spreading down the body.

The MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine remains the most effective and safest protection—two doses provide about 99% immunity.

We are currently reviewing the immunisation records we hold on file for our tamariki and suggest all families check your child's (and your own) immunisation status. Children are routinely vaccinated at 12 months and 15 months of age. If anyone in your family is not fully immune or you are unsure, please arrange for a free MMR vaccination through your GP or local provider as soon as possible. It is perfectly safe to get an extra dose if you are unsure of immunity.

Measles is contagious even before the rash appears. If your child develops any of the cold-like symptoms listed above, especially if they are not fully immune, they must stay home from school and public places. Please phone your doctor or Healthline for advice. Healthline: 0800 611 116 is available 24/7 for free health advice.

At kura (school) we are guided by the advice from the Ministry of Education and Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora. We currently have no confirmed cases at our school and students and staff should continue to attend school as usual. Should a case be identified, the Public Health Service will manage the situation, advising us on contact tracing and informing affected families individually about any necessary quarantine requirements based on their immunity.

Thank you for your partnership and cooperation in keeping our school a safe and caring environment for everyone.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Adam Cels





## Dates for your diary ....

<b>Wednesday – 12 November</b> Tūi Team Athletics Day	<b>Monday – 8 December</b> Kākāpō and Kāhu Science Showcase Open Morning
<b>Thursday – 13 November</b> Kea Team Athletics Day	
<b>Friday – 14 November</b> Pīwakawaka Team Athletics Day	<b>Wednesday – 10 December</b> Year 7-8 Prizegiving & Yr 8 Dinner
<b>Thursday – 20 November</b> NW Athletics Day	<b>Friday – 12 December</b> Team Prizegiving for Kea, Tūi, Pīwakawaka & Kākāpō teams
<b>Friday – 21 November</b> Pīwakawaka Base Pool Trip	Mistletoe Mania
<b>Wednesday – 26 November</b> NW Tag – Year 5&6	<b>Monday – 15 December</b> Last Day of Term 4
<b>Thursday – 27 November</b> NW Badminton – Year 7&8	<b>Tues 16 &amp; Wed 17 December</b> Teacher Only Days – No School
<b>Thursday – 4 December</b> Sports Prizegiving	<b>Thursday – 5 February 2026</b> Meet the Teacher Day
<b>Friday – 5 December</b> Rainbow's End C.A.R.E Day	<b>Monday – 9 February 2026</b> First Day of Term 1 2026

### 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.



## Save the Date

**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, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb
  - Ends – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Term 2**
  - Starts – Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April
  - Ends – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Term 3**
  - Starts – Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July
  - Ends – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4**
  - Starts – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October
  - Ends - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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(0508 4 54636)



### Friends of Whenuapai Fundraiser

## Juicie Friday!

**Cost: \$3 via KINDO (No cash sales)**

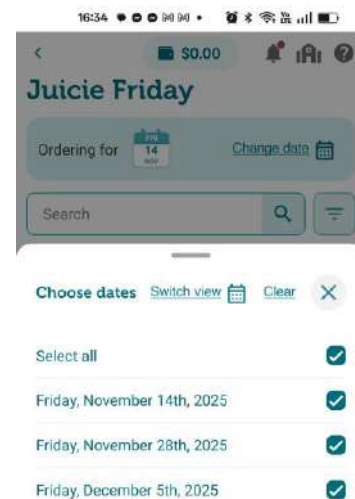
Available on Friday:

- **14 November**
- **28 November**
- **5 December**

**\*KINDO cut off the Thursday before**

**[Click Here to Order](#)**

**Order via the Kindo App – you can order for one Friday or every Friday!**



# KĀHU ATHLETICS



What an epic day out on the field! Our Kāhu tamariki brought their absolute A-game to Athletics Day – sprinting, jumping, and throwing their way through a day full of competition, teamwork, and laughter.



From 100m dashes to impressive long jumps and high-flying relays, it was awesome to see everyone giving it their best and cheering each other on. The team spirit was unbeatable, with students pushing themselves to new personal bests and showing real kotahitanga and mana.



A huge shoutout to everyone who gave every event a go (even the ones that looked a bit scary at first!) and to those who supported their classmates from the sidelines – your energy made the day even better!



# KĀKĀPŌ YR 5/6 ATHLETICS DAY



On Friday 7th November, we did athletics day. It was very hot and perfect for sports! In the morning, we met in the hall to discuss the day. Then we headed out to the field. The first event was an 8 lap race (1500m). We did it in groups of genders and years.



After the race was done, we headed to our first field event. As each field event ended there was a running race. Once we had done all the events, there was class relays and sprints. For sprints we had to get into our year groups, then they would call up 8 people at a time.



They did competitive and non competitive. For class relays, our teachers had to choose 2 girls and 2 boys. They had to run 100 meters each. Once the class relays were done, we packed up all of our stuff and went home! What a fun day!



Georgia & Ivy B,  
Year 6



# NW TOUCH



The Touch day at Moire Park was very good! The boys won one game, lost four, and drew one. Our team were very positive to each other, we cheered each other on from the side lines. The girls team came to watch some games. We came 11th place out of 16 teams.  
By Johnny Thomas





Final Issue of 2025!

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## *Diwali Celebrations in the Library*



Diwali was celebrated at the Senior Campus Library with painting Rangoli inspired decorations. Students have had a lot of fun. So much concentration has gone into painting the decorative patterns. Happy Diwali everyone!



**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!)*



# RESTORING WAIAROHIA - WEEDING & STAKING

**16TH NOVEMBER, SUNDAY & 7TH DECEMBER, SUNDAY  
10AM TO 12PM**

Join us for weeding of pest plants and staking new plantings along the Waiarohia Stream. Bring your family and friends for some nature activities!

Protect our native plants, insects, birds, fish and more by restoring the Waiarohia stream!



## What to Bring:

- Gum boots (better!) or boots
- Weather appropriate clothing (sun or rain)
- Drink bottle
- Weedpullers and gloves (if you have them, or will be provided)

**We got your refreshments covered!**

Location 📍: **167 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai**  
(where the watercare building is)



Register: Scan QR code or email:  
[reshnu@livingwhenuapai.org.nz](mailto:reshnu@livingwhenuapai.org.nz)





**\* Go Deli Big Savings Promotion \***

**Thank You to Schools and Parents**

Go Deli has been proudly providing healthy and delicious school lunches for 15 years. To express our heartfelt thanks for the continued trust and support from schools and parents, we are delighted to announce a **\*\*Big Savings Promotion\*\*** offering 20% - 50% discounts on popular lunch items.

**(17 Nov to 12 Dec Only)**

Day	Item
Monday	Macaroni Cheese (Small & Large)
Tuesday	Pie (Mince, Mince & Cheese, Steak & Cheese)
Wednesday	Spaghetti Bolognese (Small & Large)
Thursday	Pizza (Ham, Pineapple, Chicken)
Monday to Friday	Waffle & Blueberry



Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We truly appreciate being part of your school community.

To view the full menu and place an order, just log in to your Ezlunch account as usual.

**Together, we simplify school life — one lunch at a time.**



# SHOP BY XMAS & YOUR UNIFORM COULD BE FREE!

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**Nov - Dec 2025**

Saturdays (9am-1pm): 29 Nov, 6 Dec, 13 Dec  
Tuesdays (3pm-6pm): 2 Dec, 9 Dec, 16 Dec

**Jan 2026**

Thursdays (10am-6pm): 15, 22, 29 Jan  
Fridays (10am-4pm): 16, 23, 30 Jan  
Saturdays (10am-3pm): 17, 24 Jan  
Tuesdays (10am-6pm): 20, 27 Jan  
Wednesdays (10am-6pm): 21, 28 Jan

**Feb 2026**

Tuesdays (10am-3pm / 3pm-6pm): 3, 10 Feb  
Wednesdays (10am-3pm): 4 Feb  
Thursdays (10am-3pm): 5 Feb





## Public transport services for 2026

Kia ora,

With the end of the school year approaching, we want to reach out to schools and parents with information about public transport in readiness for 2026.

The beginning of the school year, from the second week of February through until Easter, see a sharp increase in demand on Auckland's roads and public transport as schools and universities commence and people return to work from summer holidays. There will be more people than usual on the roads and using public transport services, especially during peak hours.

Each year, Auckland Transport reviews the performance of the network from February to April of the previous year, including school bus services and other popular services. We have already reached out to schools across Auckland asking for roll changes to plan ahead.

Here are three things parents and students can do to help ease the impact on school journeys during this busy time:

- **Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up.** Children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% off travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card. For information on how to set up concessions search 'AT HOP card' online.
- **Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip.** It is important that everyone tags onboard so we can get accurate information about how many students are onboard each bus. This information is used to make informed adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- **Plan ahead for the busy season.** If school buses are not an option for students, they can use urban bus services. You can use AT Journey Planner to find the service that will work best for them. Please know that public transport services will be busier than usual, so it's important to allow enough time for them to arrive early to get their bus, train or ferry in case there are queues.

If you have any questions about public transport services, you can call **09 366 6400** or email [info@at.govt.nz](mailto:info@at.govt.nz).

Have a great end of the year and summer break,

Auckland Transport



## School Notices:



For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:

[www.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/)

User – whenuapai  
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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**  
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Ph 0274 422 654

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Contact: [whenuapai@skids.co.nz](mailto:whenuapai@skids.co.nz) or 021 174 8473



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