

# Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

Newsletter – 12 May 2026



Kia ora e te whānau,

This week we celebrate and acknowledge our incredible support staff during Support Staff Week. These amazing people are truly the glue that holds our school together.

From our Learning Support team, who work tirelessly to support our students and enable them to succeed at school, to the friendly faces in the front offices who greet you with a smile, answer the phones, and care for your children who are upset or unwell — their contribution to our school community is invaluable.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have our amazing librarian, who fosters a love of reading and learning, helping students discover new ideas, adventures, and opportunities through books.

A special acknowledgement also goes to our accounts extraordinaire, whose organisation and dedication help keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. Their careful work ensures that the many day-to-day operations of our school continue seamlessly.

Behind the scenes, our property and maintenance team work hard to keep our buildings and grounds looking fantastic and running smoothly every single day. Their mahi often goes unseen, but it is deeply appreciated.

Our support staff are the unsung heroes of our school. Their dedication, kindness, and hard work make a huge difference to the lives of our students, staff, and whānau.

A heartfelt thank you to Simone, Kellie, Anita, Jess, Pip, Helen, Jen, Kevin, Elysha, Mele, Nathan, Ian, and Jo. We are so grateful for everything you do.

If you see one of our wonderful support staff around the school this week, please take a moment to say thank you — I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated.

We are excited to inform you of new staff who will be joining us late Term 2 or the start of Term 3.

At the end of this term, both Alethea Nichols and Kaela Jerkovich will be beginning an exciting new chapter as they head off on maternity leave. We wish them all the very best during this special time. We know their students will make the most of the remaining weeks they have together and will continue to create many wonderful memories before the term ends.

Olivia Tustin will also be leaving us at the end of the term. Olivia and her husband are building a house in Whangārei and will be relocating from Auckland. We thank Olivia for her contribution to Whenuapai School and wish her and her family every happiness in their new adventure.

We have been fortunate to appoint several wonderful new staff members to our team:

- **Rose Taliaoa** will be taking over from Alethea in Room 17. Rose brings experience in both early childhood and primary education.
- **Eba Weston** will be taking over from Kaela in Room 16. Eba is an experienced secondary school teacher who is looking forward to transitioning into primary education.
- **Ruth Matthews** is a beginning teacher who will be taking over from Olivia in Room 12. Ruth may already be familiar to some families, as she has been working as a guest teacher at Whenuapai School over the past few months.

- **Kayla Simpson** will be opening our next Year 1 class on 2nd June. She has been on staff since the beginning of this term and working in a variety of roles across the school.
- **Keon Ng** will be opening our Term 3 new entrant class.

I would like to warmly welcome all of these new staff members to our school community. Staff profiles will be shared with the whānau of their students in the before they start in their roles.

We will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day on Friday, joining schools across Aotearoa in standing together to spread kindness, inclusion, and respect. Pink Shirt Day began as a response to bullying, inspired by the simple but powerful idea of supporting someone who was being picked on for wearing a pink shirt. Since then, it has grown into a nationwide movement that reminds us that our words and actions can make a real difference in creating safe and positive spaces for everyone.

Students are encouraged to wear pink on the day as we show that our school is a place where everyone belongs.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels



A central graphic for Pink Shirt Day 2026. It features a large black heart shape on a pink background. Inside the heart, the text 'kōrero mai kōrero atu mauri tū mauri ora' is written in pink. Below the heart, the text 'FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 WEAR YOUR PINK SHIRT' is written in white. To the left and right of the heart are images of pink clothing items: a plaid shirt, a hoodie, and a V-neck shirt. A small circular logo with 'PINK SHIRT DAY 2026' is also present.



## Dates for your diary ...

<b>Wednesday – 13 May</b> 6.00pm – School Board Meeting	<b>Thursday – 28 May</b> Year 7&8 – NW Basketball (Girls)
<b>Thursday – 14 May</b> Year 3-6 - Rippa Rugby Festival National Young Leaders Day	<b>Monday – 1 June</b> Kings Birthday - <b>No School</b>
<b>Friday – 15 May</b> <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	<b>Wednesday – 5 June</b> Year 7/8 – NW Table Tennis
<b>Tuesday – 19 May</b> Year 7&8 – NW Football	<b>Thursday – 11 June</b> Year 5/6 – NW Football
<b>Tuesday – 26 May</b> Year 4 - Museum Trip	<b>Wednesday – 17 June</b> 6.00pm – School Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday – 27 May</b> Year 7&8 – NW Basketball (Boys) Year 3 - Museum Trip	<b>Friday – 3 July</b> Last day of Term 2



### Scholastics Book Club - Issue 3



**CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE**

# Massey High School OPEN NIGHT 2026

Year 8 Students and their Families

**16 JUNE 2026**  
**TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE**  
**4:00PM - 5:30PM**  
**6:00PM - 7:30PM**

Scan to Register



**REGISTER NOW - LIMITED SPACES**

# WELCOME TO THE KEA TEAM

A big welcome to all our new students who started in Week 1. It has been wonderful to see how quickly you have settled into school routines and become part of the Kea team.



We are also excited to welcome Miss Simpson, who will be opening a new classroom in Week 6.



## What has Kea been up to?

The Kea team has been learning about journeys and stories from the past, exploring the story of Kupe and Te Wheke. Students retold the story through puppet shows and by creating characters and objects using clay and building materials. We have been so impressed by the creativity and storytelling skills shown by our students





To celebrate New Zealand Sign Language Week, we were lucky to have the lovely Kate, Emilia's mum, visit our Kākāpō Team and teach us some sign language. We loved learning the alphabet, numbers, greetings, and common phrases such as "thank you" and "how are you?"

A huge thank you to Kate, who works for the Auckland Deaf Society, for sharing her knowledge and passion with us. We are excited to continue practising and using sign language in our classroom!



Jacob signing 'boy'



Blayke signing 'I'm good'

## ONLINE SAFETY HUB + PARENT SAFETY APP (QUSTODIO)

We have partnered with Linewize by Qoria to provide our families with a dedicated [Whenuapai School Online Safety Hub](#), packed with practical resources and expert advice to help keep children safe online.

The hub gives parents access to guidance from leading online safety experts and supports families to take an active role in their child's digital wellbeing. Families also receive access to the world-leading [Qustodio Parent App](#), trusted by more than 8 million parents worldwide.

**Visit our Hub at:** <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

### Helpful Resources This Week

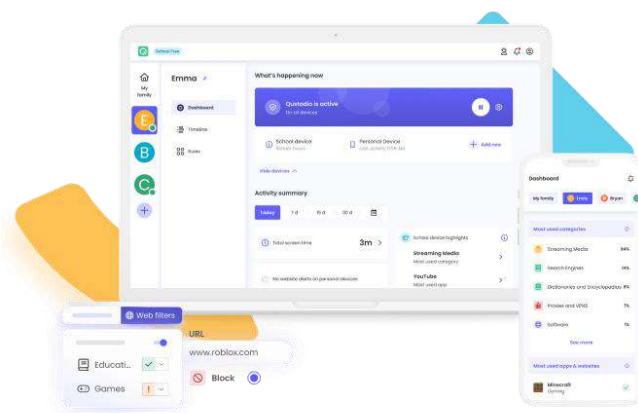
We encourage parents to explore these helpful articles available through our Online Safety Hub:

- [What is the Qustodio Parent App?](#)

Learn how the app can help you manage and monitor your child's online activity.

- [Creating a Family Tech Agreement](#)

A great guide to helping families set clear expectations and healthy habits around technology use at home.



### With Free “My School” Qustodio Access, Parents Can:

- Manage screen time, social media, apps, and YouTube limits across multiple devices
- Receive instant alerts about concerning searches or activity
- Filter websites, images, videos, and searches
- Block apps, websites, and games
- Protect screen-free times such as mealtimes and bedtime by pausing internet access or locking devices

Qustodio works across a wide range of devices, including iOS, Chromebooks, Android, and Windows. It also integrates with Apple Screen Time and Google Family Link.

### Getting Started

1. Visit the [Whenuapai School Online Safety Hub](#)
2. Create your free parent account from the main page
3. Install Qustodio on your child's devices to begin setting up protections and monitoring tools

## School Notices:



For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at:

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

**User** – whenuapai  
**Password** – airport

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## MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

### Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enroll your child in keyboard, guitar, ukulele and drum 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 guitar, ukulele, keyboard and drum lessons, contact Paul Barry  
[paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz)  
Ph 022 198 0044

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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.



# MOVE masters

TERM 2 PROGRAMME



Wednesday 6th May  
**Power Play**  
Kids build fundamental movement skills through exciting games and fast-paced activities.



Wednesday 13th May  
**Motion Squad**  
Ready, set, go! This week is all about racing, relays, and rapid fire fun as you dash your way to victory!



Wednesday 20th May  
**Skill Sprint**  
Put your logic and memory to the test in a week filled with tricky tasks and mental missions.



Wednesday 27th May  
**Action Academy**  
Kids try new movements, learn new skills and build confidence through guided action, practice and play.



Wednesday 3rd June  
**Move & Groove**  
High-speed mini missions and thrilling challenges that keep everyone moving, thinking and competing.

Launching 6 May!



Book TERM 2 now!



Where play *meets* potential

# Tauhinu Tea

Supporting local scouts aiming for Jamboree.

Sat, 13 June 2026, 1:00 - 3:30pm  
Greenhithe Community Hall

**Tickets (only 100 available)**

\$40 per person  
\$45 with a glass of prosecco\*

**Get your tickets here**  
<https://fundraising.tauhinuseascouts.org.nz>

Join us and indulge in locally handcrafted savoury and sweet treats, specialty teas or freshly brewed coffee.

For a little extra, treat yourself to a glass of prosecco.

\*Must be 18 or over to purchase ticket with prosecco



EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY and THE VIRTUAL FIX

# THE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP

AGES 18+

Bring your goals and a friend to help keep you on track!

In this hands-on session, we'll practise tools to manage stress, support healthy eating and exercise, and build routines that stick.

Ashley Clark will help you tailor a realistic plan that can be practised so you can lead a healthier and more balanced life.

### We'll cover

- Mindset
- Goals
- Take home tools and more

COMPANION HANDBOOK INCLUDED

Thursday, 28 May 2026

7.30 - 8.30PM

Headquarters Building  
214 Buckley Ave, Hobsonville

**Tickets \$20 from**  
[exercisepsychology.co.nz](http://exercisepsychology.co.nz)  
Limited availability

