

Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 9 June 2026

Kia ora whānau,

As we move into the final four weeks of the term, it is hard to believe how quickly Term 2 is drawing to a close. There is still a great deal happening across the school, and the next few weeks will continue to be full of learning, activities, and celebration.

One of the real highlights of this term will be our upcoming Matariki celebrations on Thursday, 2 July (the last week of term). We normally celebrate Matariki in different ways across the school, however this year we are doing something a little different and for the first time, we will be holding a whole-school evening celebration on the school site.

This is a really special addition to our school calendar and promises to be a memorable event for our tamariki and whānau. Our incredible staff team are working extremely hard behind the scenes to create a meaningful, welcoming, and engaging evening experience for everyone. We are very much looking forward to opening our gates in the evening and coming together as a community to celebrate Matariki. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

As always at this point in the term, attendance and engagement in learning remain a strong focus. The colder mornings and winter bugs can make this time of year challenging, but regular attendance continues to be one of the most important factors in student success. We thank families for your ongoing support in getting children to school each day, on time and ready to learn.

We are also seeing a very busy calendar of sporting and cultural activities continuing across the school. These opportunities are a valuable part of school life, helping our tamariki to build teamwork, resilience, and connection. A huge thank you goes to all the parents, coaches, and volunteers who give their time to support these programmes. We simply couldn't do it without you.

You may also notice that things continue to feel busy around the school site. Alongside learning programmes, there are always a number of behind-the-scenes projects, maintenance jobs, and planning tasks happening to keep our school running smoothly and to support the growing needs of our kura. We are very grateful to our property and support teams who do an incredible job keeping everything safe, clean, and ready for learning each day.

With winter now well and truly here, we are also seeing the familiar arrival of the school lost property mountain! Please take a moment to ensure all clothing is clearly named as this really does make a huge difference in helping us return items quickly to their owners.

Bus safety reminder - A reminder for families of children travelling by bus to ensure clear arrangements are in place for students to be safely met where required. We have recently been made aware of concerns where some children have been crossing roads independently at bus stops, including using traffic islands instead of designated pedestrian crossings.

For the safety of all students, we ask that children are reminded to always use marked crossings and safe crossing points, and where appropriate, are met by a parent or caregiver at their bus stop. The safety of our tamariki is our absolute priority, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing these important safety expectations at home.

We thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Working together continues to make a real difference for our tamariki, and we appreciate everything you do to support school life.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Matariki celebration on Thursday, 2nd July.

Ngā mihi nui,

Adam Cels





Dates for your diary ...

Thursday – 11 June Year 5/6 – NW Football	Thursday – 2 July 5–7pm - Matariki Celebration
Wednesday – 17 June 6.00pm – School Board Meeting	Friday – 3 July Last day of Term 2
Friday – 19 June Rainbow Mufti Day	Monday – 20 July First Day of Term 3
Thursday – 25 June Senior Campus Lockdown Training HPSS Parent Kōrero Evening	Teacher only Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 28 August • Tuesday, 27 October
Friday – 26 June Junior Campus Lockdown Training	
Tuesday – 30 June Year 5-8 NW Hockey	



Scholastics Book Club - Issue 4



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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

WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS!

Te reka o Matariki

Nau mai, haere mai!

Join us for a special evening as we celebrate Matariki together as a whānau and community.

**THURSDAY
2ND JULY
5PM – 7PM**

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF
FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC & ACTIVITIES!**

- CLASSROOMS OPEN**
Classrooms open at 5pm. Come and explore our classrooms and see learning in action.
- KAPA HAKA**
Enjoy powerful performances from the Whenuapai Kapa Haka groups.
- FOOD TRUCKS**
A delicious variety of kai available to purchase.
- LEARNING SHOWCASE**
Learning will be presented in the hall. See and celebrate the amazing learning our tamariki have been doing.
- OUTSIDE GAMES**
Fun games for all ages – come and get involved!
- LOLLIES**
Lollies for kids – a sweet treat for our tamariki!

He tau hou, he oranga hou – te mātahi o te tau!

EVERYONE WELCOME! BRING YOUR WHĀNAU AND CELEBRATE WITH US.
Mānawatia a Matariki!

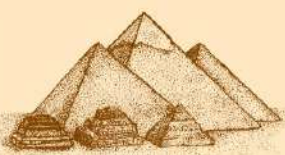
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In Week 6, our Year 3-4 students enjoyed visiting the Auckland Museum on both Tuesday and Wednesday as part of our inquiry topic, "Mā te kimi ka kite, mā te kite ka mōhio, mā te mōhio ka mārama" - Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.

This term, we have been learning about Ancient Egypt, and the museum visit provided an exciting opportunity to bring our learning to life. Students explored fascinating exhibits, including ancient mummies and artefacts, while discovering what life was like thousands of years ago. They also enjoyed visiting other areas of the museum, learning about animals, natural history, and the world around us.

The trip was a wonderful hands-on learning experience, and students showed curiosity, enthusiasm, and respect as they explored and discovered new knowledge throughout the day.





NW was a really fun day. It inspired us to work together as a team in preparation for AIMS. Our experience was challenging but we pushed through, even if the competition was hard. Thank you to Marsh/Dad for coming on the day to hype the team up and set us up for success! Thanks to Jaycen for keeping score for us.

Vivaan & Theo



YEAR 8'S AT MASSEY HIGH

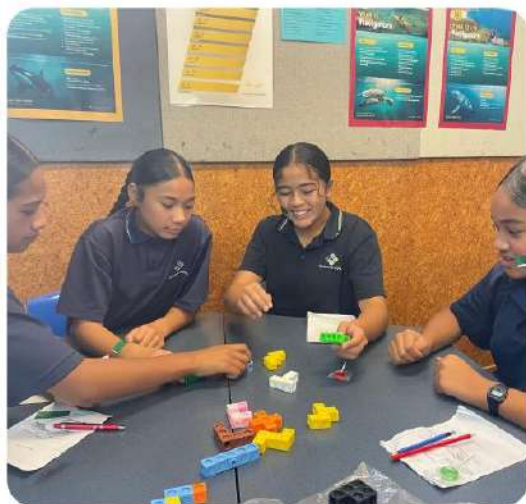


The experience

On Thursday 5 June, some of our Year 8 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Massey High School and take part in their Annual Year 8 Day. Throughout the day, students explored the school grounds, learned about the wide range of learning opportunities available, and participated in a variety of fun and engaging activities. It was a fantastic experience that helped our students become more familiar with the high school environment while building excitement and confidence for their next step in education.

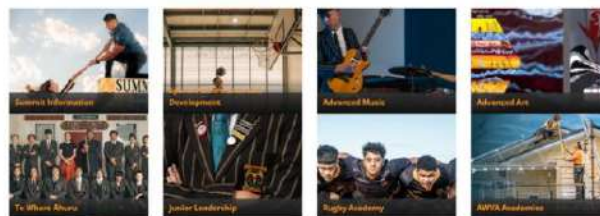


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What's on offer?

There was a lot of information shared with our Year 8 students. Below are links of some of the topics that were covered if you'd like to learn more. You can also find additional information by visiting the Massey High School website using the link [here](#).



Scan to register or click the link [here](#) if you are interested in attending the 2026 open night. Spots are limited!

Click this link [here](#) if you would like to know more about the programmes on offer





TREES FOR SURVIVAL YR 5 PLANTING DAY



**NGā MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU
THANK YOU YEAR 5'S & TFS!!**



MAY 26TH: MAHI TIME

Tino pai mahi to our awesome Yr 5 students who helped plant 1,157 Natives along the banks of our beautiful Waiarohia Stream with Te Ngahere & Tfs.



Kaitiakitanga (Showing Respect for the Environment)



Thank you to our amaZing parent helpers (Kris and Grant) for their Kotahitanga (Respect for Others) and mahi tahi (Teamwork)!!

Celebrating Success – Zanneja Murray

Congratulations to one of our amazing Year 7 students, Zanneja M, on her outstanding achievement at the recent Highlander Mountain Bike Race in Rotorua.

Competing in challenging wet and muddy conditions against a field of more than 600 riders, Zanneja showed incredible determination and skill throughout the event.

Racing in the Under 15 Girls 30km category, Zanneja crossed the finish line in an impressive time of 2 hours and 13 minutes, placing **1st overall**.

Her fantastic performance earned her both a finisher's medal and a gold medal for taking the top spot on the podium.

What an amazing achievement, Zanneja. We are incredibly proud of you!



Haere rā Anita

On Friday 29 May, we farewelled one of our much-loved Teacher Aides, Anita. Anita's connection with Whenuapai School spans many years – first as a student, then as a parent, and most recently as a valued member of our Learning Support Team.

Throughout her time with us, Anita has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students through her warmth, patience, kindness, and unwavering dedication. Her caring presence and strong relationships with students, staff, and whānau will be deeply missed.



While we are sad to see Anita go, we are excited for her as she embarks on a new chapter and new adventures. We thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community and wish her all the very best for the future. Anita will always remain a cherished part of the Whenuapai School whānau.

Goodbye

Online Safety Hub + Parent Safety APP (Qustodio)

Whenuapai School families have access to our Online Safety Hub through Linewize by Qoria, providing a range of helpful resources, practical strategies, and expert guidance to support children's online safety and digital wellbeing.

The Hub helps parents and caregivers stay informed and engaged with their child's online world and includes access to the [Qustodio Parent App](#) — a tool used globally to support healthy online habits.

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

Parents can access free "My School" Qustodio, which provides tools to help manage safer online use at home, including:

- Managing screen time, apps, social media, and YouTube across devices
- Receiving alerts for concerning searches or activity
- Filtering and blocking websites, apps, games, and content
- Setting screen-free times by pausing internet or locking devices

Qustodio works on iOS, Android, Chromebooks, and Windows, and also integrates with Apple Screen Time and Google Family Link.

Getting started is simple:

1. Visit the [Whenuapai School Online Safety Hub](#)
2. Create a free parent account
3. Install Qustodio on your child's devices to set up monitoring and safety features

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



CHECK OUT THIS WEEKS HELPFUL RESOURCE



[Navigating Social Media and Gaming Apps Safely](#)

- Age recommendations alone are insufficient to ensure your child has a positive experience with social media apps and online games.
- Following the **ABC** model (safe **A**ccess, clear **B**oundaries, and open **C**ommunication) will help keep your child safe online.



School Notices:



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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
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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.

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Launching 10 June

Wednesdays

Taste TREK



Wednesday 10th June
Food Groups
Learn all about the 5 food groups and how they help our bodies grow!



Wednesday 17th June
Plant to Plate
Discover where food begins as you explore the journey from seed to harvest.



Wednesday 24th June
Taste the Seasons
Learn why food grows at certain times of year and how it affects taste and nutrition.



Wednesday 1 July
skids to Home
Make something fresh, tasty and made with love to take home and share with your family.



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.

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9-12PM OR 1-4PM

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH
9-12PM OR 1-4PM

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH
9-12PM

Register by 17th June for July 3rd classes, 24th June for July 10/11th classes
Email nzmadebyme@gmail.com or call/text Jaimi on **0278569568**

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