



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to Term 2.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and their children who have joined the Whenuapai Learning Community.

I would like to welcome back to the teaching team - Mrs Amber Graham who is in Room 21, Ms Sandra Watson who is teaching across years 1-4 and Mrs Fiona Sutherland who will be replacing Mrs Lisa Pyne in Room 11 from next week.

At the beginning of the term we welcomed Miss Stephanie Brook to the year 3/4 team. Stephanie is teaching in Room 12. Next week we will also be welcoming Mr Greg Berry to the team. Greg will be teaching in Room 9. Mrs Christine Graham will continue to stay connected with the school by supporting us with our Maths professional learning.

As many of you will have seen the Ministry of Education has delivered two relocatables to the car park across the road, whilst they await the necessary consents. Kylie Haskins our Board Chair and myself have voiced our concerns to the Ministry about their current condition. They have assured us that they will be refurbishing them to a high standard. We will be closely monitoring their progress.

This week the Positive Behaviour for Learning team attended another intense day of professional learning to drive the implementation of the programme. It is such a valuable initiative to be part of.

A very big thank you on behalf of us all to Mike Beale for making the Bike programme at Whenuapai School a reality. The Bike track is amazing and will be a great asset for our community. A very big thank you to our sponsors and the many helping hands who have made it possible.

On behalf of the Whenuapai Learning Community thank you for the very many ways in which you supported us in Term 1. Your ongoing support is very much valued and appreciated.

Remember my door is always open.

Kindest Regards

### ASSEMBLY DATES

#### **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm – Year 7 /8

#### **Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am – Year 0–2

2.15pm – Year 5/6

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **May 16<sup>th</sup>**

6.00pm Parent Info

Evening (Yr 5-8 students)

#### **May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mufti Day

#### **May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Year 8 Immunisations

#### **May 25<sup>th</sup>**

National Young Leaders

Day

#### **May 30<sup>th</sup>**

ICAS Science Competition

#### **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sausage Sizzle/Ice Blocks

#### **June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Queen's Birthday

#### **June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

ICAS Writing Competition

#### **June 12<sup>th</sup>**

EOTC visit - Auckland War

Memorial Museum

#### **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

ICAS Spelling Competition

#### **June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Great Kiwi Competitions

(Science, English, Maths)

#### **June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Quiz Night

#### **June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Junior Tough Guy and Girl

Challenge

#### **July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Pizza Day

Last day of Term 2

## CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS



Are you hearing from us?

To be kept up to date with what is happening in the school it is important to make sure your contact details are accurate and up to date.

If your contact details (address, phone numbers or email etc.) have changed within the last six months or so, please come in and see us at the school office or send an email to [office@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:office@whenuapai.school.nz) to check and/or have your details updated.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Caregivers of students in Years 5 - 8 are invited to attend a Parents Information Evening about our Positive Puberty programmes this term:

Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 6:00pm (~90 mins)

# ICAS



## ICAS Competitions open for entries:

Please note: Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) will not accept late entries so please get these in by 3:00 pm on the closing dates below.

ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS SITTING DATE	ENTRIES CLOSE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE	FEE
Writing	Monday, 12 June – Friday, 16 June 2017	Friday 12 May, 2017 (This Friday)	\$20.50
Spelling	Wednesday, 14 June 2017	Friday 12 May, 2017 (This Friday)	\$11.50
English	Tuesday, 1 August 2017	Wednesday 21 June, 2017	\$9.50
Maths	Tuesday, 15 August 2017	Wednesday 21 June, 2017	\$9.50

## ASD – SUPPORT MEETINGS

In support of our parents/caregivers with children on the Autism Spectrum, we are starting fortnightly meetings in which we share information on support agencies, resources and strategies to support our ASD children.

This will be facilitated by Sharron Buer (SENCO) and Vivienne Currie-Bassant (Parent). The first meeting will be held in the School Boardroom on Tuesday 16 May at 3:15pm.

Please RSVP to : [sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz) by Monday 15 May @ 3pm



## ROAD PATROL

If any parents are keen to help out with road patrol supervision this term, please pop in to the school office, or phone Sera at reception.

A BIG thank you to Jo Goad, for helping to supervise our road patrollers on Friday mornings and afternoons. You're a star 🌟

## Mufti Day



On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, Whenuapai School is proudly supporting Rotary International. We will have a casual blue and yellow day to show our support. If your child would like to take part in the mufti day, please send them to school with a gold coin donation.



## SPARE CLOTHES

As the weather changes it would be appreciated if a spare change of uniform could be brought to school and kept in your child's school bag

## HEALTH



We would like to remind parents / caregivers about the spread of viruses in school. If your child is unwell please keep them home.

This week we have had reported cases of vomiting, impetigo, strep throat and chicken pox.

The Ministry of Health site has information on a number of conditions or illnesses that can be searched to help families understand what their child may have and what action should be taken. Please see a doctor if you are concerned.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses>

## ANZAC DAY

Thank you to all the wonderful students who represented Whenuapai Primary School on ANZAC Day.

It was a beautiful day as we marched from Hobsonville School to the Hobsonville RSA.

Vincent Ayres and Taylor Wright lay our beautiful wreath in front of a very large crowd.

It was a very proud moment for all and an honour to be involved in such a special part of New Zealand history.

Lest we forget.



# SPORT NOTICES



## SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN

In the last newsletter we wrote about a wonderful group of students and teachers who completed the Shore to Shore Fun Run on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. Out of the 5394 participants on the day, one of our lucky students, Holly Christiansen, won one of the major prizes awarded. A brand new bike from Avanti Plus Westgate.

**Congratulations Holly!**



## SWIMMING

Two of our senior students, Isla Brain and Charlotte Graham went to Diocesan school on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April for the Interzone Swimming Championships. (Competing against the fastest qualifying children from all the schools in Auckland).

Isla competed as a Yr8 in 50m Fly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle and also 100m Freestyle. She came 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the 100m Freestyle and 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the 50m Freestyle.

Both girls competed in the Yr7 (Charlotte) freestyle relay and Yr8 (Isla) freestyle and medley relay as part of the North West Schools team.

**A big congratulations and well done to both girls!**



## PTA NEWS

**11 May** Math-a-thon

**30 June** Quiz Night

**2 June** Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block Day

**7 July** Pizza Day

**Entertainment books** are now available in the office available to buy or you can follow the link for the digital copy. \$14.00 from every book or digital copy sold comes back to the school.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82>

The **Math-a-thon** is taking place today. You may have heard from excited children that the first stage of the bike track is underway and it's starting to look fantastic. The test results will be delivered back to your child's class on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May for them to take home and celebrate their results and to start collecting the sponsorship money. All sponsorship money is to go to the office please and dropped off in the PTA box.

- The top fundraiser will get a brand new Avanti Bike and helmet which will be fitted to the child's size.
- The class with the highest fundraising achievement will receive an ice block at lunch time.
- One student from each teaching team who the teachers feel have put in the most effort will also receive a \$50 Avanti Plus gift voucher to spend at the Westgate store.

The PTA are collating a **wish list** of items to be purchased with the monies fundraised over the year. We are asking parents if there is anything you would like to see purchased within the school. This can be big ticket items such as basketball hoops to small items such as sandbox toys. If you have any suggestions please email [pta.whenuapai@gmail.com](mailto:pta.whenuapai@gmail.com)

Keep an eye out for the **new basketball hoop** that is being installed at the end of May!

### KEY CONTACTS

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Year 4-5 – Maureen Mason	<a href="mailto:maureenm@whenuapai.school.nz">maureenm@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 7-8 – Sharron Buer	<a href="mailto:sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz">sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz</a>

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock at Email: [thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz)

Bank Account details: 12 3085 0494188 00  
Reference: Students Name  
Details: The activity the payment is for.

If you pay online for more than one activity or pay for more than one student and various activities, please email Tony detailing what payments are for.