



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to our new families and their children who have joined us over the past two weeks. Please remember our doors are always open.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 5-8 parents attend the Nest – Positive Puberty Parent Evening. The programme that Nest delivers certainly is of a high calibre and very age appropriate. No doubt, now that the programme has been delivered to the students there has been plenty of great dialogue at home.

We are extremely grateful to the Ministry of Education for providing us with a dedicated Educational Psychologist, Mr Richard Baines, to work with our Year 3-4 teachers this term. Richard is focusing on supporting our teachers to develop strategies to address the needs within the cohort.

This week is Bully-Free NZ week and classes have been focusing on Bullying; what it is and how we can collectively address the issue at Whenuapai School. Addressing bullying at Whenuapai will also form part of the work we are doing within the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) framework.

Mike Beale is in school today supporting the Junior Team with the bike programme. A very big thank you to our parents who came to support the class teachers and Mike. We are all very much looking forward to Friday the 2nd of June when we have the official opening of the bike track, starting at 1.30pm. Please join us if you can. Separate communication will go home about this as the PTA are organising some special treats.

Our Prefects and House Captains are out today attending the National Young Leaders Day at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. It is the largest leadership event for primary and intermediate students. The day is dedicated to the sparkling leadership potential that's inside every young person. I'm sure our young people will remain inspired and motivated.

Unfortunately I am not able to provide you with an update on our buildings. As you can see the prefabs continue to sit in the car park and we continue to wait.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Raewyn Matthys-Morris – Principal

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday May 26th

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm – Year 7/8

Thursday June 1st

9.15am – Year 5/6

Friday June 2nd

9.15pm – Year 0-2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 26th

Pink Shirt Day

May 30th

ICAS Science Competition

June 2nd

Friday Fun Day

Opening of the Bike Track

Sausage Sizzle/Ice Blocks

June 5th

Queen's Birthday

June 12th – 16th

ICAS Writing Competition

June 12th

EOTC visit - Auckland War Memorial Museum

June 14th

ICAS Spelling Competition

PTA Meeting - 7pm

June 26th – July 7th

Great Kiwi Competitions
(Science, English, Maths)

June 30th

Quiz Night

June 27th

Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

July 7th

Pizza Day

Last day of Term 2

Term 3 Dates

24 July – 29 Sept

Term 4 Dates

16 Oct – 15 Dec

PB4L - SW POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING SCHOOL WIDE

We have been very fortunate to receive funding through the Ministry of Education for PB4L-SW. The programme is about teaching behaviour, just as we teach other subjects.

PB4L is not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them, to make positive behaviour choices.

Please keep an eye out for a detailed information sheet being sent home via email.

SPORT

Flippaball – All three of our wonderful Whenuapai Flippaball Teams came away with a win this week ...

Whenuapai Blue 3-0

Whenuapai Red 7-0

Whenuapai 3/4 3-1

A huge congratulations to all players!!



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
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

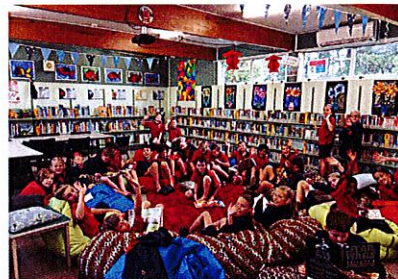
In support of our parents/caregivers with children on the Autism Spectrum, we are starting fortnightly meetings in which we share information on support agencies, resources and strategies to support our ASD children.

This will be facilitated by Sharron Buer (SENCO) and Vivienne Currie-Bassant (Parent). The next meeting will be held in the School Boardroom on Tuesday 30 May from 3:15-4.00pm.

Please RSVP to : sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz by Monday 29 May @ 3pm

LIBRARY

The new bean bags and rug in the library are proving a big hit with our students!



THANKS TO THE PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for the new classroom wet weather boxes.

We have some very happy students all hoping for a rainy day!

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 and several coughs and colds.

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>



WEST AUCKLAND BUS SERVICES

Everything about the bus services in West Auckland will change on Sunday the 11th of June.

There will be new bus routes and new timetables. This means if your child uses a public bus to get to school, their journey is likely to be different and you will need to re-plan their bus journey.

Bus timetables and bus route maps are available from Auckland Transport at: www.AT.govt.nz/newnetworkwest

School buses - Some school buses will be changing from Monday 12 June 2017.

For more information please use the link - <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/timetables/school-timetables/west-school-bus-changes-from-monday-12-june/>

More information is available on Auckland Transport's website or contact the Call Centre on 09 366 6400.

*****Whenuapai School morning and afternoon bus routes and timings remain unchanged*****

CELEBRATING WHENUAPAI WRITERS

Mrs Veldman read us a book full of onomatopoeia sounds, called 'Rustle up a Rhythm'.

Onomatopoeia describes words whose sounds match their meanings. Words like hiss, crackle and pop. Sometimes words are even made up just by writing down the sound they make, like zap, kapow, biff. Writers use onomatopoeia in their poems or stories to create a deeper picture in the readers mind about what they are writing about. We took a couple of minutes to listen to all of the onomatopoeia sounds we could hear in and outside of our classroom.

Mrs Veldman shared an onomatopoeia poem with us and then we wrote our own poems. Here are some of them:

Room 14 Noise

Chitter, chatter go the kids, talking about their learning.
 Ch, ch, ch, ch goes the helicopter flying over our school.
 Tap, tap goes my highlighter as I bang it softly on the table.
 'Sh, sh, sh' goes Mrs Blockley, 'It's time for learning
 Onomatopoeia sounds surround us in room 14!

By Natalia Pusich

Room 14 Noise

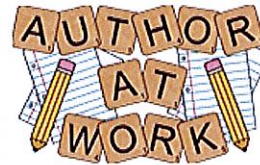
Humm, humm goes Caitlin humming a song at the table.
 Chitter, chatter go the kids in Room 14.
 Click, click, click goes Mrs Blockley tapping on the lap top.
 'Sh, sh, sh' says Mrs Blockley, 'It's time to go to the library.'
 Onomatopoeia sounds surround us in room 14!

By Emmie Peck

Room 14 Noise

Zoom, zoom goes the plane over Whenuapai School.
 Whooo, whooo goes the alarm at the air base next door.
 Whosh, whosh goes the wind in the trees outside our room.
 Chitter, chatter go the learners in our classroom.
 Onomatopoeia sounds surround us in room 14!

By Lewis Evans



PTA NEWS

2 June Friday Fun Day - Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block Day

30 June Quiz Night

14 June PTA Meeting

7 July Pizza Day (last day Term 2)

Friday Fun Day - as well as celebrating the opening of the bike track, prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Math-a-thon. Notices will be coming home for the sausage sizzle and ice block orders.

With the current **Entertainment books** expiring at the end of the month now is a good time to purchase the new 2017/2018 copy. Please follow the link to purchase either a digital copy or a hard copy.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82> - \$14 from every book sold comes back to the school.

The next **PTA meeting** is on the 14th of June at 7pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

Quiz night tickets are selling fast. You can purchase yours from the school office. \$20 per ticket or you can buy a table of 8 for \$140 or a bar leaner of 6 for \$100.

Helpers needed please! The school community has been asking for a family event and the PTA thought it would be fun to run a family movie night on the 11th August. In order for this event to take place we need to form a small committee of around four people to take charge and run the event. If you would be interested in helping out then please email pta.whenuapai@gmail.com

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SKIDS After School Care	whenuapai@skids.co.nz	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.
Team Leaders		
Year 0-2 – Rachel Capizzi	rachelc@whenuapai.school.nz	
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Year 7-8 – Sharron Buer	sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz	
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