



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us recently. We look forward to forging a very positive relationship with you all. To all our families thank you for the very many ways in which you have communicated with us on a myriad of issues recently. As I have previously said, your feedback is invaluable and my door is always open.

Thank you to all the parents/caregiver's who attended the opening of the cycling program and bike track on Friday. What a wonderful afternoon it was. Our children are very lucky to have so many enthusiastic parents and caregiver's wanting to support them and our School. We are extremely proud of this new resource and we all look forward to many hours of fun spent on the bikes developing the children's cycling skills. We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors who made it all possible.

It was wonderful the level of support the children received with the Math-a-thon. It was certainly not only a great fundraiser, but a great learning opportunity. A big thank you to the PTA for initiating it.

On behalf of the Whenuapai team, thank you for your on-going support of our School.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris – Principal

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday June 9th

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm – Year 7 /8

Friday June 16th

9.15pm – Year 0-2

9.15am – Year 5/6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 12th

EOTC visit - Auckland War Memorial Museum

June 14th

ICAS Writing Competition
ICAS Spelling Competition
PTA Meeting -7pm

June 21st

Final date for payment of ICAS English and Maths

June 26th – July 7th

Great Kiwi Competitions

June 30th

Quiz Night

June 27th

Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

July 7th

Last day of Term 2

TERM DATES

Term 3

24 July – 29 Sept

Term 4

16 Oct – 15 Dec

BIKE TRACK OPENING

Friday Fun Day was a huge success. Our wonderful PTA put on ice blocks for morning tea and a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

Both were a huge hit with the children. We were joined in the afternoon by many supportive parents, our generous sponsors, members of the NZDF and our local Councillor – Linda Cooper.

Together we opened the wonderful new cycling programme and fantastic bike track. Our children put on a superb bike display showing some amazing skills. What a fantastic resource we now have for all to benefit from.

Keep an eye out for an article in the North Harbour News.



CELEBRATING WRITERS YEAR 5/6 WRITERS

Fire Rescue

I have finally put the fire out, it is time to search the smouldering house! I look around the dark, dark room. I get my flash light out and put it high above my head. Looking around with the flash light, I see piles of ash everywhere! I go searching in every room. Suddenly, I spot a tiny kitten lying motionless on the burnt carpet. I pick up the kitten, sprint outside and put an oxygen mask on the tiny kitten. All I hear is my mate screaming my name. I look up a tiny mate and he chucks me ice, cold water. I pour the ice, cold water on the tiny, lifeless, hot kitten. The kittens paw move an inch, so I put more ice cold water on it. A couple of seconds later the kitten starts breathing. I felt like a hero!
By Brody Good

Fire Rescue

As I cautiously entered the house now that the flames had died, I hear nothing but silence. As I enter I see nothing but pitch, black ash and pitch, black walls. I'm nervous with the darkness that surrounds me. I get my trusty torch and put it above my head. As I move my torch around I see a tiny, dead looking kitten. I think it's nuked out.
To be continued...
By James Lee

Fire Rescue

As I finish putting out the fire, I approach the house with my fire proof suit and mask. I get my torch ready. Ash is everywhere. I feel nervous. The house looks like it might collapse. Walking slowly I can still hear the fire sizzling inside the house. I see a lifeless kitten covered in ash. I pick up the kitten and run outside. My mate gives me some ice cold water and I pour the water on the poor kitten. Its leg moves an inch. All the ash washes off and I put an oxygen mask on the kitten. I hold the kitten in my arms. He starts to breathe, his life is back!
By Kheymin Beaton

BULLY FREE NZ WEEK

Our School participated in Bully Free Week along with 1187 schools, individuals and organisations across New Zealand. Classrooms made posters and slide shows. All students were given a coloured cardboard band which they wrote a positive message on. These were stapled into a huge classroom chain. On Friday 26th May we had a Pink Shirt Day. Students took their positive message class chains down to the school field and classes lined up in to an infinity symbol representing 'Kindness Forever'. It was a fabulous way to bring the whole school together and stand united. Our positive message chains are now displayed in the office. We invite you to view and read them.

Creative Pink Shirts - Alec Death (Room 9) and Jackson Death (Room 1) created their own pink shirts for our Pink Shirt Day. We think they look fantastic! Very creative and we love the written messages. 'We went to the Warehouse, got white T-shirts, fabric spray paint and fabric pens.' (Jackson) 'We painted them in the dark outside. We hung them up to dry and with the fabric pen wrote messages on our shirts.' (Alec)



Alec and Jackson Death



Our School Friendship Seat:
Callum (Yr6), Pip, Mrs Veldman and Zoe (Yr1)



Full school on the field forming infinity symbol

CHICKS

The chicks have hatched in Room 11.

So far we have three new additions.



LOST PROPERTY

Reminder to please check the lost property box located in the foyer of the school hall.

PTA NEWS

14 June PTA Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)

30 June Quiz Night



Pizza Day – The pizza day has been postponed. Due to the number of events the PTA have had this term we have decided to postpone the pizza day and will be in touch with a new date once decided.

Wish List - The PTA are collating a wish list again. We are looking at doing another round of spending in term three. We have had lots of teacher requests but only a few parent requests. An example of what we have purchased this year are, wet day boxes (games and the like), basketball hoop, basketball uniforms, gardening equipment, sand box toys, jackets for coaches, outdoor carpet, bean bags for the library, outdoor yard games, bike helmets the list goes on. If you have anything that you would like to see in our school can you please email pta.whenuapai@gmail.com before the next PTA meeting which is the 14th of June.

Math-a-thon results - Please continue to bring in any outstanding money. We have nearly fundraised \$4000.00!!

A huge congratulations to **Madeleine Gush** who fundraised a massive \$323.00 to win the bike and helmet.

Well done to **Room 10** and **Room 21** who were the class rooms that raised the most money. Room 10 raised \$396.00 and Room 21 was so close behind with \$393.00. Both rooms get to enjoy ice blocks for morning tea.

Outstanding effort awards go to: **Abby McLean** (Year 0-2), **Logan Vermeulen** (Year 3-4), **Kenneth Ye** (Year 5-6), and **Nathan Smith** (Year 7-8).

Congratulations to **Thomas Weston**, **Aston Coyle**, **Natalia Pusich**, **Alia Queenin**, **Sylva Morris**, **Gray Hutchins** and **Anka Pusich** who each raised over \$100:

Thanks to our community for supporting this fundraiser.

Entertainment Books - The 2016-2017 Entertainment books have now expired. If you would like to purchase a current Entertainment Book - June 2017-2018 please visit:

<https://ww-w.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82> The school receives \$14 from every book sold

Quiz night – Quiz night tickets are selling fast. See Sera in the office to purchase yours. \$20 per ticket or get a group of friends together and buy a table of 8 for \$140.00 or bar leaners, 6 tickets for \$100.00. Raffle tickets will be going home shortly, so those who cannot attend the night have a chance to purchase some raffle tickets. There are some amazing auctions up for grabs on the night, family photo session, night away package, Dad's pack and a Mum's pack to name a few. It's promised to be a night of fun!

ICAS SITTING DATES

The sitting date for both the **ICAS Spelling Competition** and the **ICAS Writing Competition** is Wednesday 14 June.



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The genre for the writing exam is persuasive writing this year.

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 12 June from 3:15-4.00pm.

Please RSVP to: sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz by Monday 11 June @ 3pm

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 will be sent home with your child on Friday, 9th June and orders must be placed by 9.00 am on Tuesday, 20th of June.

Apologies, but orders received after this time cannot be processed.

You are able to place your order online, or you may use the credit card option available.

All orders should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and room number on the front. Please ensure your written order is legible.

If paying by cash, please send as above, with the correct amount included.

Book Club



SPORT

Introducing your under 13s basketball team, the Whenuapai Thunder.

My husband Kevin has the privilege of coaching this great bunch of boys. These boys do our school proud every week and are fantastic representatives of the values of our school. We have become very fond of each of them. **Brandon** is an incredible dribbler and sportsman. He continually shows great sportsmanship on and off the court. **Preston** always plays by the rules and is an awesome team player. **Arvin**, never gives up, he is always trying and his improvement has been exponential. **Cody**, is always willing to learn and try something new to improve his skills. **Issei** is fast on his feet, and can get the ball up the court in a blink.

He also has a fantastic sense of humour. **Vaughn** is a natural leader, his perseverance is commendable and we love how he rallies the team. **Rewi**, joined our team later in the season but took to the court like he had always been part of the group. He is an awesome team player and his skills are growing by leaps and "rebounds". All the boys show incredible determination, all the boys show Kevin wonderful respect and all the boys show a willingness to listen. They work hard and often play full games with no subs. We are so proud of them and how far they have come. They play by the motto, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard".

Also a really big thank you to the school and PTA for organising the new basketball uniform. The boys were so thrilled to receive it and wear it with pride. They are so looking forward to the new basketball system being installed. Thank you to all those that worked to make that a reality. It has been great to see the collaboration between parents and teachers to make basketball a reality in our school. So thank you to everyone who said "yes" and worked to make it happen. From Whenuapai Thunder - **THANK YOU**. (A wonderful write up from one of our Mum's – Tracy Pitout).



ROAD PATROL VOLUNTEERS - Any parents or caregivers who have availability to help with morning or afternoon road patrol please contact: Mr Barry Backhouse-Smith on barryb@whenuapai.school.nz

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ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock at Email: 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.

For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: www.schooldocs.co.nz/ User- whenuapai Password- airport