



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 9

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us. I trust you will forge a very positive relationship with the school.

To all our families, welcome back to Term 3. The start of the term certainly has been busy. We have also been challenged with a range of winter illness.

We had our first full school gathering in the hall on Monday. We aim to do this fortnightly as it is so good for fostering the notion of a Whenuapai Family. Our Prefects will be facilitating the 'gathering'. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate parents due to the capacity of our hall, however we look forward to our families continuing to attend our assemblies on a Friday.

It was lovely so many parents and caregivers could attend the Keeping Ourselves Safe parent/caregiver information afternoon. If you were unable to attend and would like to contact the Police Education Officer, Lorena McCabe about the programme, you are welcome to do so on lorena.mccabe@police.govt.nz.

Thank you for your on-going support of the school and as always, my door is always open.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris
Principal

Year 1-4 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

<http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/kos-faqs.pdf>

FAQs

https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/kos-keeping-kids-safer_0.pdf A guide for Keeping Kids Safe for families.

http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/kos-safely-home_0.pdf

A guide for our 'Safely Home' booklet.

Year 5-8 'Doing Things Right'

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/responsible-citizens/doing-right-thin-0>

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday Aug 4th

9.15am – Year 3 /4

2.15pm – Year 7/8

Friday Aug 11th

9.15am – Years 0-2

2.15pm – Year 5/6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday August 15th

ICAS Mathematics

Friday August 11th

Years 5-8 Cross Country

Monday August 14th

SPCA Cupcake Day - Yr 3/4

Monday August 14-25th

PTA Sunscreen Sale

Friday August 25th

Daffodil Day

Monday August 28th

BOT Meeting

Friday Sept 1st

Pet Day

Tuesday Sept 19th

PTA Meeting

Wednesday Sept 20th

Year 3/4 Gym Trip

Thursday Sept 21st

Junior and Senior Disco

Monday Sept 25th

Wearable Arts – Matinee

Tuesday Sept 26th

Wearable Arts- Evening

Friday Sept 29th

Pizza and Ice Block Day

TERM DATES

Term 3

24 July – 29 Sept

Term 4

16 Oct – 15 Dec

NETSAFE

At the parent /caregiver information afternoon Constable Lorena McCabe spoke about a wonderful resource for parents called Netsafe. <https://www.netsafe.org.nz>

Netsafe is an independent, non-profit New Zealand organisation focused on online safety. Netsafe provides information, advice and support for all kinds of online safety topics including:

- online bullying, abuse and harassment
- online scams
- keeping accounts and information online safe and secure
- online safety in schools
- online safety for parents
- staying safe online generally



ICAS MATHS

The sitting date for the ICAS Mathematics competition is **Tuesday 15 August (9:30am)**.

If your child is registered to sit the exam please note this in your calendar.

We will run a catch-up test on Wednesday 16 August for any students absent on the 15th, but we are unable to extend this further due to the competition rules.

ICAS SPELLING

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit and Distinction awards in the ICAS Spelling Competition:

- ✓ Georgia Hodges (Yr 8) Distinction
- ✓ Connor McLean (Yr 4) Merit
- ✓ Maddison James (Yr 5) – Merit
- ✓ Jemima Wang (Yr 6) – Merit
- ✓ Akane Shibata (Yr 8) - Merit



BREAKFAST CLUB

The Whenuapai School Breakfast Club runs on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.15 – 9.00am. We are looking for more parent volunteers to assist with the club, with the view to opening on additional mornings.

If you are interested and able to help please contact Mrs Ali Oliver on 021 114 7817

HEALTH & WELLBEING

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

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>

This week we have had reported cases of colds, a vomiting bug, a flu like virus, chicken pox and also glandular fever.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING SCHOOL WIDE (PB4L-SW)

We are ready to rock and roll with PB4L!

PB4L is about focusing on changing the behaviour and not the students. From Monday we will be handing out respect tokens to children who make good choices in regard to themselves, to others, the environment and their learning. This is a school wide initiative and we are all on board - specific positive praise all the way.

YEAR 3/4 CUPCAKE DAY

Monday 14th of August is Cupcake Day. Children from the Year 3-4 team will be asked to make cupcakes and sell at school to raise money for the SPCA. Cost will be a gold coin donation.



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DAFFODIL DAY

GO YELLOW on Friday 25 August.

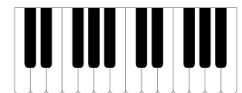
In association with the Cancer Society and the ANZ we are proud to support Daffodil Day 2017. Please come to School dressed in yellow/yellow accessories/mufti and bring along a gold coin donation.



PIANO & KEYBOARD LESSONS

Two vacancies are available for piano/keyboard lessons at school during Term 3.

Please contact Diane Hunn directly on 021 653386 or 832 6241 for further information.



CHANGE OF UNIFORM/CLOTHES

We have a limited amount of spare uniform available in the sick bay and are currently struggling to keep up with demand. It would be appreciated if a spare change of uniform or clothes could be brought to school and kept in your child's school bag.



SPORT

Flippaball

We started off Term 3 with an absolute bang at Flippaball. We welcomed back our 3 teams and all teams did a great job kicking off their third term in the pool. It was amazing to see the progress all teams have made since the beginning of Term 1. Whenuapai Blue has been fortunate enough to have 3 amazing sponsors come on board and supply amazing togs and caps. Big thank you to Craig Walker Building Removals, NZMG and Flooring Xtra for all of your support.



Hockey

On Wednesday 2nd August Whenuapai sent 2 teams to the Norwest Zone Hockey tournament. Both teams competed very well. Our year 7 and 8 mixed team won their competition. They played the final against Marine View and they won on a penalty shoot-out. Our year 5 and 6 team also made it into the final, unfortunately they lost 2 - 0 going down to Huapai. Thank you to our parent helpers and coaches for your support in ensuring the children could participate in the day.



PTA NEWS

14-25 Aug Sunscreen Sale
19 Sept PTA Meeting

21 Sept Junior & Senior Disco
29 Sept Pizza and Ice Block Day



\$12 each
or
six for \$60

Sunscreen Fundraiser – We are really excited for the sunscreen sale and are hoping for this to be the biggest fundraiser this year. Sunscreen will be going home with the eldest or only children on the 11th August. There will be two representatives from the PTA every morning between 8.15-9.00am from 14th-25th August set up undercover next to the side door of the office. They will be able to take any returns, money and will be able to issue more sunscreen. Eftpos will be available. There are some awesome family prizes up for grabs as well as some fantastic spot prizes.

School Disco - We are having both a junior and senior disco on the 21st September. Junior disco starts at 5.00 to 6.30pm and the senior disco will be from 7.00-8.30pm. We have a brand new glow bar that will be at both discos. There is a huge range of awesome glow products for children to purchase on the night. We have some fun prizes lined up for the children.

Pizza and Ice Block Day - Last day of term the PTA have decided to do a pizza lunch along with an ice block morning tea. We will be offering vegetarian, gluten free (coeliac) and dairy free options for the pizza. More details closer to the time.

Wish list - We are continuing to update our wish list. If there is anything that you would like to see within the school and or class rooms please email the PTA and we can add it to the wish list.

Entertainment books - are still available for purchase. <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82>

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