



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families who have joined us recently. I trust you enjoy a very positive relationship with our School. Please remember, Carla Veldman's and my door is always open.

A very big thank you to all our families who have provided support with school events recently. It is very much appreciated and highly valued.

The Year 5-8 speech finalists were a credit to themselves. The breadth of topic and content was outstanding. They certainly made a difficult job for the judging panel. We wish Georgia Hodges and Harriet Boot all the very best for the District final next week.

Congratulations to our cross-country team. Once again it was a superbly run event and our children did exceptionally well. We have children going to the Auckland Interzone Cross Country at Pukekohe next week. We wish them all well.

A working bee was held at the School on Sunday 27 August to work on the next steps of our Cycling programme. Thank you to the many volunteers that were there to support this. The students are looking forward to the next part of the track being developed.

Sadly, Tess Blockley, on medical advice, is unable to return to school this term. We wish her well for a speedy recovery. Mrs Carla Veldman has taken over the role of Team Leader. We have been most fortunate that Miss Sandra Watson and Mrs Kate Hunt have been providing consistency for the class.

There are many events to look forward to over the remaining four weeks of term. These include, a Pet Day (Year 3/4 only), cross-country for our Year 0-2 and Year 3-4 students, the school disco and an amazing wearable arts event. We look forward to seeing our wonderful students in action.

Again I have included in the newsletter an article for you that may be of interest.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of our school.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris

Principal

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday Sept 1st

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm – Year 7/8

Friday Sept 8th

9.15am – Year 0-2

2.15pm – Year 5/6

Friday Sept 15th

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm – Year 7/8

Friday Sept 22nd

9.15am – Year 0-2

2.15pm – Year 5/6

Friday Sept 29th

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm – Year 7/8

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday Sept 8th

Pet Day – Year 3/4 only

Friday Sept 15th

Cross Country:

Year 0-2 starts 9.15am

Year 3/4 starts 11.30am

Tuesday Sept 19th

PTA meeting 7.00-9.00pm

Wednesday Sept 20th

Year 3/4 Gym Trip

Thursday Sept 21st

Junior Disco 5.00-6.30pm

Senior Disco 7.00-8.30pm

Monday Sept 25th

Wearable Arts – Matinee

Tuesday Sept 26th

Wearable Arts- Evening

Friday Sept 29th

Last day of term

TERM DATES

Term 3

24 July – 29 Sept

Term 4

16 Oct – 15 Dec

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

Whenuapai School held Speech Finals on Wednesday the 23rd of August 2017.

Our illustrious judges from the Board of Trustees and Senior Management had a tough time choosing the overall winners out of 12 finalists.

Winners for year 7/8 was **Georgia Hodges** with her speech on Pay Equality, she will be in the District Finals at Waimauku School on 6th September.

Winners for year 5/6 were 3rd equal **Ariana Carrie & Cole Hodges**, 2nd **Ella Henderson**, and 1st place in the District Finals is **Harriet Boot** with her speech on Free Range Food. Well done to all of the participants.

Congratulations!



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 and also conjunctivitis.



LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 6 brochures will be sent home on Friday afternoon, 1st of September and it is full of great bargain priced books. All orders need to be back at school no later than 9.00am on Monday, 11th September. Apologies but no late orders can be accepted.

Scholastic are no longer providing a credit card voucher option in their brochures, this means that you will need to order through Scholastic's LOOP online ordering system which is very easy to follow and our preferred way for you to order. You may still pay by cheque, just make it payable to Scholastic NZ. We also accept cash but this must be the correct amount as no change can be given. Orders must be sent to your child's classroom in a sealed envelope with your child's name and room number marked clearly on the front.

Please also ensure that the order form is legible to minimise any problems with your order.

All orders earn our school 20% back in rewards for us to purchase books and valuable resources your and we are, as always, very appreciative of your support of the book club.

LOOP – Scholastic are offering parents who registered for **LOOP** the opportunity to earn **Bonus Books** with their Book Club orders for the remainder of the school year. This gives families the chance to build their home library and earn extra books in time for Christmas! Parents who are registered for **LOOP** have the opportunity to keep the reading momentum rolling throughout the school year with a **Keep it Rolling** special offer.

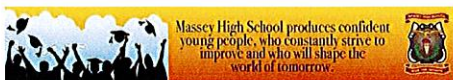
- Why not use LOOP to order and pay for Book Club? It's easier!
- All LOOP orders also earn the same great Scholastic Rewards for your school!
- All LOOP orders go directly to your school and books will still be distributed by your teacher.
- No need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers - please do not return anything to the school.

Download on the App Store or go to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz



MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

Massey High School are enrolling in-zone students every Wednesday between 3.30pm – 5.30pm until further notice.



CALENDAR ART

Over the coming weeks all students will be creating some wonderful art which can be purchased as 2018 calendars, diaries and cards. These make fantastic Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Viewing of the art will take place during week 1 of Term 4. There are some samples in the office or with Mrs Pengelly in Room 17.



DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you to all those who supported us on Daffodil Day. Our school raised \$416.70 for the Cancer Society which is a fantastic effort!



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.



SPORTS UNIFORM

Whenuapai School is researching the possibility of introducing a sports uniform for students in Years 5 – 8.

A sports uniform could be worn on a weekly basis during class time sporting activities and could also be worn at sporting events both on school grounds and when representing Whenuapai in an offsite activity.

The cost would be approximately \$64.00 for a pair of dry-fit shorts and a matching t-shirt.

As part of the investigation process we would like to hear feedback from our students and parents. Please send any feedback to Mrs Jo Wright at

jwright@whenuapai.school.nz



PTA NEWS

21 Sept Junior & Senior Disco

29 Sept Ice Block and Pizza Day



Sunscreen Fundraiser - Thanks to all the families that have sold sunblock over the last couple of weeks, your participation is much appreciated. We are pleased to announce our top sellers who will receive one of our great prizes. The following families have made an outstanding effort, as well as many others who also sold several more bottles of sunblock than what they were given.

Congratulations to:

- Taya (Room 12), Astyn (Room 16) and Kaylan (Room 15) whose family sold 117 bottles
- Natalee (Room 14) and Haylee (Room 12) whose family sold 71 bottles
- Isabelle (Room 20) whose family sold 70 bottles
- Orlando (Room 8) whose family who sold 66 bottles.

We will be able to announce all the spot prize winners and top class next week.

We still have some outstanding sunblock or money from families. We need this to be returned ASAP so we can start alternative methods of selling the remaining sunscreen. If you would like to help us sell the remaining sunscreen please let us know. We would be really appreciative of any helpers we could get. Just a reminder that any un-returned sunscreen will be invoiced to the family from next week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything surrounding the sunblock sales please email the PTA email and someone will be in contact to answer any questions you may have.

Disco - The **junior disco** starts at 5.00 - 6.30pm. A sausage sizzle is available throughout the disco. We have an awesome range of glow products for sale at our brand new glow bar! Notices to go home during the week of 11th September.

The **senior disco** starts at 7.00 - 8.30pm. We are trialing a pre-paid pizza dinner option. Order forms will be attached to the disco notice that will go home on the 8th of September. Pizza orders are due in on Monday the 18th of September. **We cannot accept pizza orders on the day.** We will have a gluten free and vegetarian option available but unfortunately for this event we cannot cater for dairy intolerance's or coeliac - sorry. There is an awesome range of new glow products available at the glow bar! Entry fee is payable on the night.

Pizza and ice block day - Notices to go home on the 15th of September. We are having an outside company supply the pizzas so we **cannot accept pizza orders on the day.** Money is due in on Friday 22nd September. We have gluten free (coeliac friendly), vegetarian and dairy free options available. Please note these are smaller slices than what will be offered at the senior disco.



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Year 7-8 – Sharron Buer	sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz

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

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BRINGING OUT THE INNER GENIUS

What support do children need from teachers and parents to develop the cognitive skills, values, attitudes and attributes needed for lifetime success? Here are some ideas to help your child become a high performer.

THINK RIGHT

• **If children get stuck at something, don't sort it out.**

Ask "How could you do this?" "Have you done anything similar before?" "What did you do then?" This helps them develop their own learning ideas and makes them much less likely to say they can't do things.

• **Build big picture thinking.**

Ask "What would happen if ... it never got dark/the rivers ran dry/ everyone ignored the law?" A key characteristic of students labelled as gifted is their ability to see how learning connects to the wider world.

• **Build imagination.**

Ask "How would you weigh a giraffe/rhinoceros/bridge/house/star?" Creativity builds learning capability and is vital for high performance.

• **Develop critical or logical thinking.**

Ask "Why do you think ... bread goes mouldy if you don't freeze it/babies cry/ leaves fall when autumn comes?" The ability to deduct, hypothesise, reason and seek evidence is probably the characteristic most associated with academic success.

• **Help them monitor their own progress.**

Ask: "What do you need to be able to do this? How can you check you're on track? How can you tell whether you are doing it right?" This is the key to maximising thinking skills.

BEHAVE RIGHT

• **Intellectual confidence.** This is a "can do" approach to learning, even when it's hard. If a child says they are no good at something, say: "I know you can learn how to do this if you work at it."

• **Open-mindedness.** Being open to new ideas is the hallmark of an advanced learner. Start with being open-minded yourself so you model what it's like to be receptive to ideas that differ from your own.

• **Curiosity.** Children ask lots of questions if you answer them. The desire to know more – curiosity – is at the heart of all learning. The more curious children are, the better they do at school and in life.

• **Practice.** It's the only way to get good at something. Make sure it is regular, deliberate and planned, working towards achievable incremental goals. Practise what you can't do well.

• **Perseverance.** To keep going when it's tough is the most important behaviour in high performance. With younger children you can talk about what would happen if no one persevered – the farmer who didn't bother to harvest his crops, the builder to finish the house, the surgeon to complete the operation. With older ones, encourage a sense of pride in what they do so that they are motivated to persevere.

Acknowledgement: Great Minds and How to Grow Them, by Wendy Berliner & Deborah Eyre.