



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12

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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 over the past two weeks. We trust you enjoy a very positive relationship with our School. Please remember our doors are always open.

A very big thank you to all our families and friends who provided support with the Year 3/4 Pet Day last Friday. It was lovely to see such a range of wonderful animals and the smiles that these animals brought to the children's faces.

We have had a wonderful day today with both the Year 0-2 and Year 3-4 students competing in their cross country. It was wonderful that so many families were able to support their children.

Preparations are well and truly under way for the Whenuapai School Wearable Arts event in the last week of term. The children have been working extremely hard on their costumes and are looking forward to sharing these with you.

The refurbishment of the two prefabs should be completed by the end of term; sadly not in time for our new entrants who are starting with Mrs Kate Hunt and Mrs Leanne Morrison in the last week of term. The class will start in the library.

Carla Veldman and I are attending the New Zealand Principal's Conference Tuesday to Friday next week in Queenstown. For anything urgent please contact Jo Wright (My PA). Sharron Buer, Maureen Mason and Rachel Capizzi will also be available.

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

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris - Principal

ASSEMBLY DATES

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

Monday Oct 16th

9.15am -Welcome Powhiri

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday Sept 21st

Junior Disco 5.00-6.30pm

Senior Disco 7.00-8.30pm

Tuesday Sept 26th

Wearable Arts – Matinee

11.30am

Wearable Arts- Evening

Show 7pm

Friday Sept 29th

Last day of term

** Please note the Year 3/4 Gym Trip planned for Wed 20 Sept has been postponed until Term 4**

TERM DATES

Term 4

16 Oct – 15 Dec

2018 DATES

Monday Feb 5th

Parent, Student, Teacher Introduction Interviews

Wednesday Feb 7th

First day back at school

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WEARABLE ARTS

SAVE THE DATE -26th September Whenuapai Wearable Arts 2017

- 11.30am - gold coin donation- everyone welcome!
- 7pm - \$5 tickets- under 13 free

We were very fortunate to have Yvonne Stewart, who has a background in costume design, come in and discuss design with our students. Yvonne spent time taking some students through planning, or helping others add detail to their plan.

Our costume design is looking amazing- tell your friends and come along!

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 19th September at the front office.

Seating is limited, so get in quick!



UNIFORM SALES – MOVING ONLINE

We are moving to an **online uniform shop!**

In Term 4 Whenuapai School uniform will be purchased directly from Argyle Schoolwear through their on-line shop.

You will be able to access our order form through www.argyleonline.co.nz by selecting Shop Argyle Online, Auckland then Whenuapai School.

Online orders can be placed 24hrs 7 days a week.

Measurements will be available online and a small stock will be kept at school for anyone who wishes to try on different sizes before purchasing.

CONGRATULATIONS

ICAS English Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students who received Distinction, Credit or Merit awards in the recent

ICAS English Competition:

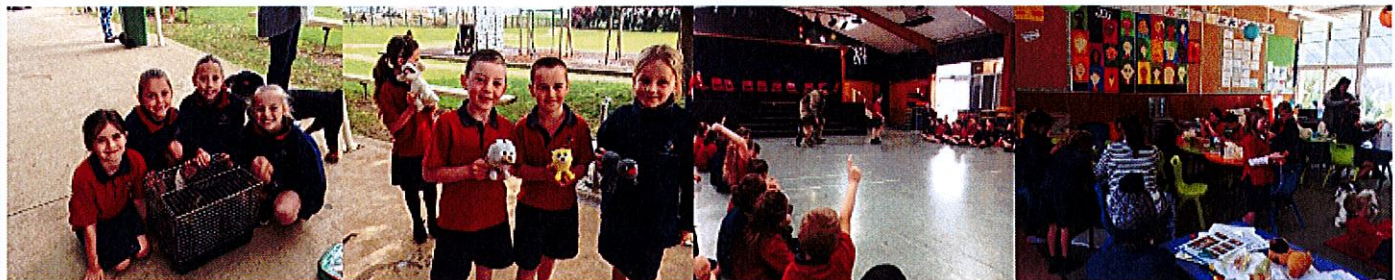
- ✓ Aaron Ang- Year 4 (Distinction)
- ✓ Isla Brain- Year 8 (Merit)
- ✓ Jorja Beale - Year 7 (Credit)
- ✓ Georgia Hodges - Year 8 (Credit)



YEAR 3/4 – PET DAY

On Friday 8th of September for Year 3 and 4 it was Pet Day. Lots of pets came: dogs, cats, chickens, guinea pigs, lizards and rocks. If you couldn't bring a live pet you could bring a stuffed toy. First we had a pet parade. After that the pets went home. We had a rotation so in Room 11 we drew animals, in Room 12 we made kitten toys for the SPCA, in Room 13 we made snakes for cats in the SPCA and in Room 14 we made butterflies for the SPCA. Then it was morning tea. After morning tea a dog handler came from base. Then it was lunch. After lunch the SPCA came, then we gave them the toys for the cats and kittens. I think it was really really really fun!

By Sophie Sutton, Room 13



KidsLink is an online resource available to parents to find a range of services that specialise in working with children, teenagers and their families with issues that affect their learning, development and well-being. For more information visit www.kidslink.co.nz

Make a great connection with KidsLink



SUMMER HOCKEY - ALL AGES

If your children are interested in playing Summer Hockey, North Harbour run a competition for 7 weeks throughout Term 4. The Season commences on the 16th of October and runs through until the 11th of December (there is no play on 23rd October & 20th November).

- Year 1/2 will be played on a Monday on 1/8 of a turf, 4 aside.
- Year 3/4 will be played on a Monday on 1/4 a turf, 6 aside.
- Year 5/6 will be played either Monday/Tuesday depending on which grade we enter.
- The development grade will be played on a Monday on 1/4 of a turf, 6 aside.
- The Advanced grade will be played on a Tuesday on 1/2 a turf, 6 aside.
- Year 7/8 will be played on a Tuesday on 1/2 a turf, 6 aside.

All games are 30 minutes long.

I am still waiting for confirmation from North Harbour on the fees. We do require coaches for the teams and also teams are required to supply their own umpire.

Please email carlim@whenuapai.school.nz if you are interested or pop into Room 15.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – PB4L

Whenuapai School Values and Tokens

Whenuapai School is very fortunate to be undergoing professional learning with the Ministry of Education on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) as previously unpacked in our earlier newsletters.

We have recently reviewed our school values. This was a lengthy process we had support with and used our behaviour data analysis, student voice, teacher voice and a representative parent/whanau voice to base our values around. This has resulted in us having four core values being:

Whenuapai School Values

- Respect Ourselves
- Respect Others
- Respect The Environment
- Respect Our Learning

Teachers are unpacking these values with whole school teaching and learning around what these look like, sound like and feel like at Whenuapai School.

Alongside this we have introduced respect tokens. Tokens are given out to students who are displaying the respectful behaviours listed above, both in and out of the classroom. To launch the token system we have put together a reward system when a certain amount of tokens is reached.

The launching reward system has been:

- 10 tokens = Choose a game/book to play/share with the class
- 20 tokens = Golden time with you and a buddy
- 50 tokens = Lucky Dip (eraser/ruler/protractor etc)
- 100 tokens = class mufti day

For all classes that have gained **100 tokens**, the mufti day will take place in week 9 on Friday 22nd September. So far this includes Rooms 9, 10, 13 and 17. More Rooms may be added to this list before Friday.

To follow the launching process, each team is putting together a reward system that works for their team and appropriate age level of students. Team leaders will email this process out after week 9.

RESPECT

Name: _____
Room: _____

Ourselves
 Others
 Environment
 Learning

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 in Week 1 and 2 of Term 4 in the school library. Orders and payments will need to be made by Friday 27 October to ensure delivery by late November. There are samples in the office or with Mrs Pengelly in Room 17 to view.

SCHOOL READERS

We are currently missing many of our junior school reading books.

Can we please ask parents and caregivers to have a hunt at home for any of these little books and return to these to School – thank you!



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

As the end of the term is approaching we are very proud of all of Whenuapai Flippaball teams. It has been a massive term with some outstanding results. A massive thank you to all our coaches, managers, parents and amazing supporters, it would not be possible without your help.

If you are interested in playing Flippaball next term could you please contact Alisha Geary on alishag@whenuapai.school.nz for further information.

Year 5 – 8 Cross Country

On Friday the 11th of August our Year 5-8 students ran their school cross country. Despite miserable weather all students got out there and gave it a go and were determined to finish the race. Some of the results were really tight showing the excellent level of competition.

Jayne Levien took out the Year 5 girl's race followed by Jasmine Luke in second and Samantha Jenkinson in third. In the Year 5 boys Latrell Tucker took first followed by Jack Pringle in second place with Liam Haylor, Owen Pitout and Maddix Oxborough taking joint third.

In the Year 6 girls, Vettori Haskins took first place with Ariana Carrie in second and Kayla Good in third. First in the Year 6 boys was Brody Good followed by Jake Mitchell in second place and Cole Hodges in third.

Year 7 girls had joint first winners Charlotte Graham and Ariaa Hartwell, closely followed by Elena O'Keeffe in second place, with Brooke Slade and Emily Kemble coming in joint third place. The Year 7 boys also provided for a close race with first place narrowly going to Rico Clarke, with Casey Good coming in second and Sal-Victor Walter coming in third.

The final races were the Year 8's. The Year 8 girl's winner was Isla Brain, with Akane Shibata in second and Hannah Naylor coming in third. The Year 8 boy's joint first winners were Joseph Backhouse-Smith, Jack Blankley and Hayden Whitaker. Second place went to Oliver Abplanalp, with third place going to Ben Teahan.

These place winners went on to compete spectacularly at the Norwest zone Cross Country.

Interzone Cross Country

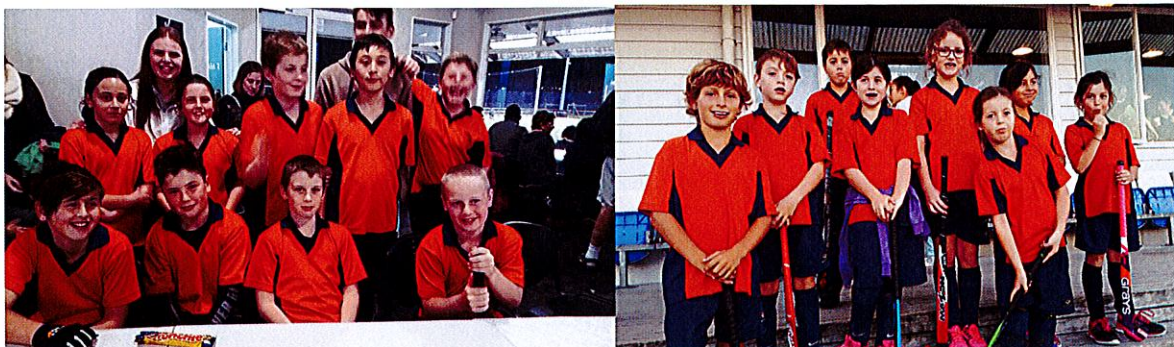
Over the last couple of weeks we have been hard at training for the interzone cross countries. The Norwest Interzone was held at Muriwai Beach. It was a tough course and nothing like we had experienced here at Whenuapai! We sent 45 outstanding students who represented Whenuapai to the highest of standards. Everyone who competed looked incredibly fit and showed great sportsmanship. We were very proud of all 45 students.

From there 8 students placed high enough to head to the Auckland Champs Interzone Cross Country held at the Pukekohe Showgrounds - Rarima Clark, Hayden Whitaker, Cody Lunny, Joseph Backhouse-Smith, Ariaa Hartwell, Charlotte Graham, Elena O'Keeffe and Isla Brain. They worked incredibly hard and ran as hard as they could. It was a tough course filled with mud, hills and the top runners from all over Auckland. Well done to ALL runners who have competed at the interzone courses, we are very proud of you all.

Hockey

Well done to all our hockey players for the 2017 season. We have had another successful year with our year 7/8 team placing 2nd in their grade and our year 5/6 team placing 4th in their grade. We had several new players this year and hockey can be a difficult sport to pick up!

Thank you again to Tracy Collins and Deanna Skeens for coaching our Year 7/8 team. Thank you to Briar Collins and Jack Howes for coaching the Year 5/6 team, also thank you to Lee Howes for being their Manager. Thank you Paula Pusich for coaching our year 3/4 team and Carey Mellish for being their manager.



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

Book Fair

IT'S BACK – We didn't hold a Book Fair last year so we are starting Term 4 with one in conjunction with BOOK WEEK.

Please save the dates and be sure to visit us, there are usually some great bargains for early visitors to snap up and it's also a great opportunity to purchase some fabulous Christmas gifts.

Every purchase, large or small, helps us earn up to 30% of our sales in books and resources for our School.

More details will follow!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR!**

All purchases earn books and learning resources for our school!

Date: 20th ~ 27th October Time: Various
Place: Whenuapai School Library

Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

SCHOLASTIC

SKIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

skids Safe Kids In Daily Supervision

skids Whenuapai
@ the Whenuapai School Hall
14 Airport Road, Whenuapai

Holiday Programme

2 - 13 October 2017

Full Day	7.30am to 6pm.....	\$35
Half Day*	7.30am to 1pm or 1pm to 6pm.....	\$35
NB* Half Day Not Available on Trip/Premium Days		
Trip / Premium Day	7.30am to 6pm.....	\$70

MB- No Half Days

2 OCT - MONDAY
PJ PARTY!
Come in your PJs for heaps of fun and games.

Pyjama Party

3 OCT - TUESDAY
TRIP
Inflatible World
Bounce on in to Inflatible World with us.

INFLATIBLE WORLD

4 OCT - WEDNESDAY
Carnival Day
Bouncy Castle, Carnival Games & Crafts and more

MB- No Half Days

5 OCT - THURSDAY
TRIP
Sensory Maze
Challenge your mind with illusions, obstacles and strange senses

6 OCT - FRIDAY
Giant Games Day
All your favourite board games enlarged and fun sized.

TO GO

9 OCT - MONDAY
Kids Bedroom Decor
Make your room look amazing by creating awesome bedroom décor.

MY ROOM'S NOT A MESS IT'S UNDER CONSTRUCTION

10 OCT - TUESDAY
TRIP
Extreme Entertainment
Ten pin bowling, Laser tag and more.

EXTREME

11 OCT - WEDNESDAY
PREMIUM
Pet Safari
Interactive activities with exotic animals.

12 OCT - THURSDAY
TRIP
Kelly Tarlton's
Explore the wonders of the sea.

SEA LIFE

13 OCT - FRIDAY
TRICK or treat
Get ready for Halloween season with games and crafts.

Happy Halloween!

ids: Please bring your water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day*
Please be at the programme by 9 am on trip/premium days*

For more information, call 021 174 8473 Or
e-mail Whenuapai@skids.co.nz

register now at www.skids.co.nz click on **Parent Login**

Bookings to be made 5 days in advance of the start of each week

MSD OSCAR-Approved Work & Income Subsidy available!
"Kids just love it!"

SPORTS UNIFORM

Whenuapai School is researching the possibility of introducing a sports / PE uniform for our 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 feedback to Mrs Jo Wright at jwright@whenuapai.school.nz



PTA NEWS

21 Sept Junior & Senior Disco	29 Sept Ice Block and Pizza Day	16-27 Oct Calendar Art
3 Nov Lunch and Ice Block Day	9 Nov Toyworld Evening	17 Nov Mufti Day
24 Nov Twilight Car Boot Sale and Carols by Candle Light		

Junior and Senior disco - Junior disco starts at 5.00 - 6.30pm, senior disco starts at 7.00 - 8.30pm. \$5 payable on entry. **Senior disco pizza orders in by Monday 18th September.**

Pizza and Ice Block day 29th September - Notices will be coming home this week. Unfortunately we cannot accept late orders. Orders and money due in by Friday 22nd September please.

Calendar Art - Children's art work will be on display in the library during week one and two of Term 4 (Monday 16 October to Friday 27 October). The art work will be in class folders. Order forms will be sent home at the start of Term 4. Order and payment must be made by Friday 27th October. The art work will be back late November for collection. There is a variety of things that you can order from calendars, cards, mouse pads, note books, diaries the list goes on. We find these gifts are very popular Christmas presents!

Lunch and Ice Block day 3rd Nov - More details to follow next term.

Toyworld Evening - Exclusive Christmas Evening at Toyworld Westgate for family and friends of Whenuapai School. 20% off everything in-store including already discounted lines. Refreshments available on the night. Notice to come home next term.

Mufti Day - Instead of a gold coin payment we are asking for a non-perishable grocery item from the senior school and a delayed (to be brought in on the 24th November) baked good from the junior school for the car boot sale on the 24th November. More details to follow.

Twilight Car Boot Sale and Carols by Candle Light - If you are interested in booking a stall/car boot please email the PTA (pta.whenuapai@gmail.com). Spaces are limited.

We will need helpers on the day. If you are interest in helping out please get in touch. The areas we need help are:

- ✓ Guess the Lollies
- ✓ Cooks for the BBQ
- ✓ Bouncy Castle
- ✓ Juicy Station
- ✓ Cake Stall
- ✓ Second Hand Jumper Sale
- ✓ Glow Stand
- ✓ Car Parking Attendants

KEY CONTACTS

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Year 3-4 – Carla Veldman	cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 4-5 – Maureen Mason	maureenm@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@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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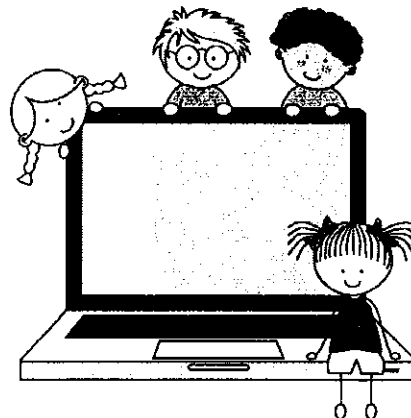
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SERVING A HEALTHY FAMILY MEDIA DIET

Many parents struggle with exactly how much screen time is okay for their children. Is a half-hour TV show okay but a full-length movie bad? How much gaming should you allow when your children also use their computer for homework? Does Wikipedia count as reading? And when does a passion for, say, video games become problematic?

The truth is, there is no magic formula. And just as every family differs in what they eat, when they eat and what they like, a healthy media diet is different for every family. The key is making sure that the things that are important to your family are fairly balanced over the long term.

A healthy media diet balances activities (games, social media, TV), time (fifteen minutes? three hours?) and choices (YouTube, Minecraft, “Star Wars”) with offline activities (sports, face-to-face conversations, hobbies).



1. Find balance. Instead of counting daily screen-time minutes, aim for a balance throughout the week. Help your children plan a week that includes stuff they *have* to do and stuff they *like* to do, such as schoolwork, activities, chores, reading, family time and TV or gaming. Decide on limits and behaviour using a Family Media Agreement.

2. Walk the walk. Put your own devices away while driving, at mealtimes and during important conversations. Children learn habits from the adults around them.

3. Talk about it. Ask questions about their favourite games, shows and

characters. Discuss ideas and issues they read about or learn about through a TV show or a game. This is an opportunity for bonding, learning and sharing your values.

4. Create tech-free zones. Set rules that fit your family, such as no devices during dinner, no social media during homework or all screens off before bedtime. Some families have a central spot for charging and all devices must remain there after bedtime.

5. Check ratings. Choose age-appropriate, high-quality media and technology for your children.

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