



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to Term 4. We are thrilled to welcome so many new families to our school. We trust you enjoy a very positive relationship with our school. A reminder to all our families, Carla and my door is always open.

We have had an extremely busy start to the term. With only 9 weeks in the term we are focused on making the term a positive learning experience for all our children.

Our new rooms are finally able to be used. We currently have a new entrant class in one of the rooms and we are using the other one when teachers want their classes to work together.

It's wonderful to see Room 12 enjoying their time with flow academy today. They were being acknowledged for selling the most sunscreen.

The relationship Year 5/6 have with Summerset Retirement Village is going from strength to strength and is being hugely beneficial for both our students and the residents.

Thank you to those families who have provided us with feedback regarding a PE/sports uniform for Year 5-8 students. It's been extremely positive. A very big thank you to Alisha Geary for driving the initiative.

Congratulations to our newly fully registered teachers, Caitlin Neal, Alisha Geary, Hana Dignan, Lauren Dawber and Olivia Mead. There is a function at the Trust Stadium on the 23rd of November to acknowledge their achievements. We are extremely proud of them all.

Thank you to those families who attended the Year 7/8 2018 information forum. Also thank you to those who have filled out the form indicating your intentions for next year. If you have not completed it, it would be very much appreciated if you could. This information certainly helps with our planning and staffing.

I have included an article, which may be of interest to you. Happy reading.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of our school. We have a number of 'Beyond the School Gate' learning opportunities over the next few weeks and we are very appreciative of the parent/caregiver help for each of these events.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris
Principal

UNIFORM SALES ARE NOW ONLINE

We have moved to an **online uniform shop!**

From Term 4 Whenuapai School uniform will be purchased directly from Argyle Schoolwear through their on-line shop. You will be able to access a Whenuapai School 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.

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday 3rd Nov

9.15am – Year 0-2

2.15pm –Year 5/6

Friday 10th Nov

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm –Year 7/8

Friday 17th Nov

9.15am – Year 0-2

2.15pm –Year 5/6

Friday 24th Nov

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm –Year 7/8

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 31st Oct

Year 0-2 MOTAT Trip

Thursday 2nd Nov

Year 5/6 - Goat Island Trip

Friday 3rd Nov

Yr 3/4 Cupcake Fundraiser

Tuesday 7th Nov

Yr 3/4 Muriwai Trip

Thursday 9th Nov

Toyworld Event

Friday 10th Nov

note the change in date

Lunch and Ice Block Day

Year 5-8 Athletics Day

Friday 17th Nov

Mufti Day

Friday 24th Nov

Junior School Athletics

Car Boot Sale & Carols

26th Nov – 1st Dec

Year 0-2 EOTC Week

Friday 15th Dec

Last day of Term 4

2018 DATES

Monday 5th Feb

Parent, Student, Teacher

Introduction Interviews

Wednesday 7th Feb

First day back at school

BOOK WEEK

The children have enjoyed a busy and wonderful week full off activities to celebrate this year's Book Week.

One of the highlights of the week was the Book Character Parade held last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book character.



Donations greatly appreciated - If you have a pre-loved 12" bike that is wanting/needng a new home we would love to take this off your hands for our smallest riders in the school.

MARRZIPAN DRAMA

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?!

Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website

www.marrzipandrama.co.nz

we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!



**PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING**



Please remember to always use the designated crossing area when bringing your children to school, if crossing during the day and at the end of School.

COHORT ENTRY - 2018

Whenuapai School will be adopting a cohort entry policy from Term 1 of 2018.

Cohort entry is when new entrants start school in groups through the year, at the start of each term, rather than on their fifth birthday.

With a cohort entry you use the mid-term date to work out when your child can start school. The mid-term date (which is set by the Ministry of Education) is the mid-point between the start of the term and the start of the next term.

If your child's birthday is before the mid-term date, then they can start school at the beginning of that term. If their birthday is on or after the mid-term date, then they can start school at the beginning of the next term.

You can always choose to delay your child's start until the beginning of a later term or until age six if you are concerned about the readiness for school.

2018 Mid Term Dates:

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE	END OF TERM
1	07/02/2018	20/03/2018	13/04/2018
2	30/04/2018	11/06/2018	6/07/2018
3	23/07/2018	03/09/2018	28/09/2018
4	15/10/2018	12/12/2018	20/12/2018

SPORT

14th Anchor AIMS Games International Sporting Championships 2017

On Monday the 11th of September, one of our wonderful Year 8 students, Isla Brain, attended the annual Intermediate Schools 14th Anchor AIMS Games International Sporting Championships. The AIMS Games are a week-long sporting competition, where children from all over New Zealand, Australia plus the Pacific Islands come together to compete in various sports. This 2017 games were held in Tauranga.

On the Monday, Isla competed in 7 swimming events which included 50m Freestyle & Butterfly, 100m Butterfly, Freestyle & Breaststroke, 200m Freestyle & 200 Individual Medley. It was a hard competition but Isla did extremely well gaining personal bests in her races. An amazing achievement, especially after battling sickness beforehand.

The school are looking forward to entering the 2018 Games.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand National Pool Championships 2017

Isla Brain had another amazing performance, this time represented Mairangi Bay Surf Life Saving Club at the SLSNZ Pool Championships, which took place at the Sir Owen G. Glenn National Aquatic Centre (AUT Millennium). The weekend long competition saw Surf Clubs from throughout New Zealand come together to compete, demonstrating skills required of participants, both individually and as part of a team.

Isla gained medals in the following team events:

- * 100m 4 x 25m Brick Relay - Gold Medal (A new New Zealand Record was achieved by the 4 team members)
- * 200m 4 x 50m Medley Relay - Silver Medal
- * 200m 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay - Gold Medal



A fantastic performance in both events, well done Isla!



NORWEST INTERZONE ATHLETICS YEAR 5 AND 6

This year there will be no Norwest Interzone Athletics day for our Year 5 and 6 students. Unfortunately this decision is out of our hands and hopefully we will have an opportunity to go again next year.

Norwest Athletics advised that they will not be going ahead with the Year 5 and 6 competition due to the uncertainty of venue.

The School athletics day for Year 5 and 6 will still be held.

**Reminder:
School hats are
compulsory in
Term 4!**

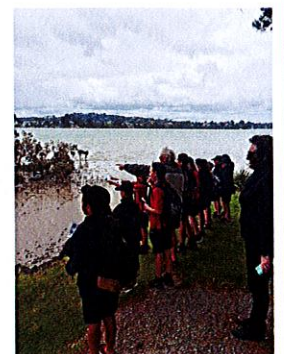
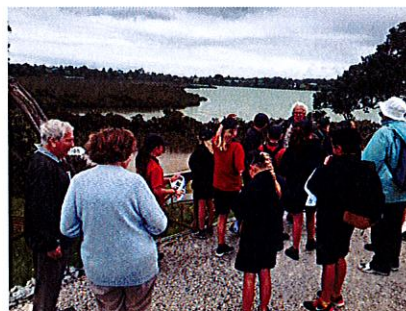


SUMMERSET RETIREMENT VILLAGE

On Tuesday 25 August the first Year 5 and 6 group went to Summerset Retirement Village. We went there to meet the lovely people who live there. As soon as we got there Paul, Pam, Ted, and some others were waiting friendly for us at the door. We had a tour of the main building and then went to a meeting room and Paul talked about birds such as the Tui, Morepork, Kingfisher, and lots more. Paul also made us a checklist with common and uncommon birds on it.

We then went outside and explored the estuary and had a look to see if we could find any birds. If we found some we put a tick next to the picture. We saw a White faced heron, Sparrows, Kingfisher, Magpies, Mallards, Myna, a Song Thrush and a couple of Tui's. We really enjoyed our experience there and we are looking forward to the other children being able to attend.

By: Maia Hunt & Amelia Dawson



SPECIAL MAIL DELIVERY

Our Year 3/4 Team received a lovely thank you letter from a very special visitor who popped in during the recent Pet Day.



To the kids at Whenuapai School,
Thank you for your wonderful letters! Liam and I were so impressed by your letter writing skills and we had so much fun reading them.
I really enjoyed meeting you all 😊
Keep up the great work.
From Uro the dog
Retired Military Working Dog for the Royal New Zealand Air Force

LOST PROPERTY

We have a significant amount of lost property at the school office including car keys, a watch face, three pairs of glasses and some jewellery.

Items are available for collection at the School Office.



PTA NEWS

9 Nov Toyworld Evening	10 Nov Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block Day
17 Nov Mufti Day	24 Nov Twilight Car Boot Sale and Carols by Candle Light

Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block day – A notice will have gone home last week. Please note the change of date to 10th Nov.

Toyworld Evening - What a great opportunity to get a head start on some Christmas shopping with fantastic discounts! Come along to an evening at the Westgate Toyworld and get some Christmas shopping done. 20% off everything in store including already discounted lines. Refreshments will be served. Notices have gone home this week.

Mufti Day - In lieu of a \$2 payment we are asking for the below items for the car boot sale.
Years 0-4 will be given a cake box on the 17th November to take home and bring back a baked good on the 24th November.
Years 5-8 we are asking that you bring in on the 17th November a non-perishable grocery item.
More information will be in the notice that will come home.

Car Boot and Carols Evening - Helpers are still needed for the evening. We are running our stalls in two shifts 4.45-6.00pm and 6.00-7.15pm. Please let us know if you could help out with a shift.

There are still a limited number of car boot spaces available. Please let us know if you would like to book a spot.
Information about class performances will be sent home shortly.

There will be plenty to see and do at the event, with lots of car boots, stalls and entertainment.

There will be car boots selling a variety of things from bric a brac, baby clothes, toys, crafts, home made Christmas cards and baubles, scentsy products which include candles, diffusers, lotions and creams, just to name a few.

The PTA will have the following stalls:

- * Sausage sizzle and hamburgers
- * Hampers/guess the lollies
- * Second hand jumper stall
- * Lolly stall
- * Cake stall
- * Sunscreen stall
- * Glow wear stall
- * Juicies ice block stall
- * Bouncy castle

Bring the family, enjoy watching the children perform, grab a bargain and dinner!

Sunscreen – A big thank you to the following families who have been selling sunscreen after the sales period to shift the remaining stock. You have been amazing and we appreciate your hard work.

Julia and Craig Coyle, Danjelle and Tim McKay, Carey Jones, Helen Brinkman, Louise Roff, Robbie Hannon and Shona Christie

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Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karg@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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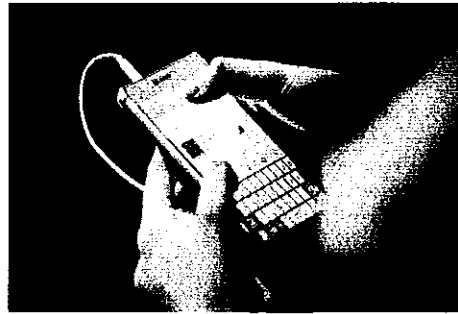
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MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA

With examinations, winding down at school and the long holidays ahead, many students are having to learn to manage their free time. This includes determining how much of it they will spend on their devices. It's getting increasingly difficult to extricate those devices from our daily lives. Instead of punishing our children or monitoring them 24/7, we should focus on healthy socialisation, effective self-regulation and safety - helping them to make positive choices and exercise freedom and responsibility.



HOW TO BUILD GOOD HABITS

Check your child's phone. Children should know you can ask for their phones and expect full access. While some parents take a hands-off approach because they want to respect their children's privacy, it's important to make the distinction between privacy and safety. 24-hour access doesn't mean 24-hour snooping. It means that a parent is still responsible for monitoring what a minor does online. It's not just what they put out there, it's also what they're receiving. If you find something you don't like, talk to your child about why you find it inappropriate — and then ask them what they think. Once they verbalise their thoughts, it allows them the opportunity to think things through and come up with their own set of values.

Be app-savvy. If your child is on it, you should be too. At least try it out so you can have informed conversations about it. If your children know that you understand the social media they're using, they're more likely to come to you to talk about issues that arise.

Help children understand their 'why'. Inspire children to act out of internal motivation instead of fear by helping them build their own filter. Encourage your children to ask themselves 'Why am I picking up my phone? Am I bored, am I lonely, am I sad? Am I insecure?' Or 'Why am I posting this? Does this make me feel up or

down?' This helps them make decisions that reflect their own values and choices and separate their online experiences from real-life ones. Asking themselves 'why' also slows down impulsive online communications, and encourages children to make smarter choices.

Set clear ground rules. Talk to your children about appropriate social media use before you give them a phone or allow them to download a new app. Clearly state rules and expectations, and stick with them as much as possible. This may include not putting anything online that you wouldn't want your friends' parents to read (because several of them will); getting permission before downloading a new app; and checking phones into parents at bedtime.

Do a digital detox. Learn to be okay with being offline. Parents can start by modelling that behaviour: no phones at the dinner table, for example, or no checking texts while you're talking with your child. And while most children won't admit it to their parents, when parents put restrictions on how much and when children can use technology, it can be a relief.

Acknowledgement: Ana Homyoun, author of *Social Media Wellness: Helping Tweens and Teens Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World*.