



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to our new children and their families. Thank you for choosing Whenuapai School. We trust you enjoy a very positive relationship with the School.

It's been wonderful to see our children so engaged with their learning over the past two weeks. All teachers are very aware of the learning time left in the term. They are currently gathering student achievement data to inform the report writing process. Reports go home on the 11 of December 2017.

Selected Year 5-8 students have been involved in the EPro8 Challenge, we are extremely proud that we have two teams going through to the finals.

Our Year 5/6 cricket teams were awesome ambassadors for the School. Thank you to those parents who have supported both of these events.

A number of parents have popped in to see Carla and I recently and we would like you to know how much we both value the dialogue.

A very big thank you to the PTA for running a superb ice-block and sausage sizzle day. We certainly had very happy children.

Just a reminder that should you be in school, you are very welcome to help yourself to a cuppa in the staffroom.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of our school. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris
Principal

CLASS ORGANISATION PROCESS 2018

We have started planning the classes for 2018 so that these can be finalised and communicated to you and your children before the end of year. To help with transition, in the last week of this term we provide opportunities for our students to visit their new classrooms and spend time with their new teachers.

Team leaders in consultation with class teachers are responsible for the placement of their students in their next year classes. They work together to consider the best possible learning opportunities for each student. Carla Veldman and I will also be involved in the process.

The following factors are considered when formulating classes:

- a diversity of learners
- gender balance
- learning relationships with peers

Our children will also be involved in the process and will be asked: who they really would like to be in a class with; who it would be nice to be in a class with; and who they would like a learning holiday from?

Please be assured that these decisions are not made lightly. The process we go through is very considered and rigorous. The process involves teachers, team leaders and student voice.

ASSEMBLY DATES

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

Friday 1st Dec

9.15am – Year 0-2

2.15pm –Year 5/6

Friday 8th Dec

9.15am – Year 3/4

2.15pm –Year 7/8

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th Nov

Year 7-8 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

Wednesday 6th Dec

Sports Prize Giving

Thursday 7th Dec

Prize Giving Day

Friday 8th Dec

WACA Mufti Day

Friday 15th Dec

Last day of Term 4

School finishes - 12.30pm

2018 DATES

Monday 5th Feb

Parent, Student, Teacher
Introduction Interviews

Wednesday 7th Feb

First day back at school

GLORIOUS GOAT ISLAND

On Thursday the 2nd of November, room 10 went to Goat Island. Goat Island is a protected Marine Reserve. On the bus there we played a game where whoever got the most waves from people driving past us on the motorway won the game. In the end, Travis won. The bus trip was the loudest ever. When we got there, we went to explore some rock pools.

In the rock pools we saw kina, starfish, crabs and seaweed. On the sand there were some crazy looking things, I thought it was a fish but it was a squishy eggpod. The egg pod was slimy, revolting and disgusting to touch. We were walking back and I saw Miss Mason. I said, "Hey Miss Mason, do you want to see a kina shell with its spikes still attached?" She said "OK," so I went over to where Miss Dignan had thrown it into a rock pool. I thought it was shallow, but it was not. SPLASH! I went in. "Oh, no!" I thought.

After that we went to the touch tank. There was this funny looking eleven-armed starfish and clams. It was a threat to the clams, so when it got near, the clam went Blob blob blob, all the way to the other side of the tank. There were spiky kina and enormous sea cucumbers. The sea sponges were bright and colourful. We learned so much about marine life. It was such a fun day, I want to go back there again.

By Jack Gillies



LIBRARY NEWS - LUCKY BOOK CLUB.

Due to our recent book fair, which was so generously supported, the school has chosen not to send home brochures for the final Lucky Book Club issue of 2017 - Issue 8.

However, if you still wish to place an order, the Online Loop option will be open from **Monday 13th November until Monday 20th November** to allow you to place online orders. You can view the brochure online, make your order and books will be delivered to your child's classroom or you can opt to pick up your items from the school library (great option if you are purchasing a sneaky Christmas present).

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

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App Store



BOT MEETING

Please note that the dates for the final two Board of Trustee Meetings for 2017 have been moved to:

Monday 27th November

Monday 11th December

ELECTION INFORMATION

BOT elections are now under way. A list of nominees is available to view at the School Office.



LOST PROPERTY

There is a significant amount of lost property at the school at the moment – uniform items, mufti clothing and shoes, shoes and more shoes.

We would love for these items to be claimed by their rightful owners before the end of the year.

Any unclaimed property will be cleared out and donated before the beginning of 2018.

Lost property can be located in the School Hall.



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.

SPORT

Sports Prize Giving

On Wednesday the 6th of December we are holding a formal whole school sports prize giving. All parents and family are kindly invited to attend and celebrate our sporting accomplishments for the 2017 year. We would appreciate if all parents and family could please be seated in the hall at 1.40pm and stay until the first session is over at approximately 2:45pm.

Sports Prize giving Schedule

- Starting promptly at 1:45pm (for Years 1-4 teams)
- 2:45 - 3:05pm Parents are invited into staffroom for light refreshments and children will receive an ice block
- 3.10pm Prize giving recommences for Years 5-8 teams
- 4:30pm (approximately) Prize giving concludes

Year 0-4 Athletics Fun Day

On Friday 24 November we will be holding our Years 0-4 Athletics Fun Day. This will be starting at 9.15am and running through until 12.40pm.

All parents and family are welcome to come and watch the children participate in a range of athletic based events.

At approximately 12.20 there will be sprint finals for the Year 3 and 4 students. We hope you can come and join us for what will be an enjoyable day.

Sports Photos



Important Info Order Process "Annual Sports and Class Photos"

Dear Parents,

Below you will find all the information you need regarding the order process for the annual sports and class photos of your school.

Login information

New clients: - parents who have never placed an order on our website before, please follow the instructions below.

To locate and view the sports and class photos on our website, please use this link:

www.schoolsholz.co.nz/group-photos/

It will navigate you directly to the correct web page where you can locate your school's photos. Please click on "Whenuapai sports and class photos 2017".

Alternately, when you use this link (www.schoolsholz.co.nz), the sports and class photos can be found under our "view/order photos" tab on our home page.

When you hover over this tab, click on the "group photos" link. Then please click on "Whenuapai sports and class photos 2017".

Fill in the password which we have supplied you with below.

Password: **WhSpC2017**

Note regarding the password: the letters "W, S and C" are uppercase letters, the rest lowercase letters and all written as one word.

Returning clients: - parents who have placed an order with us before using the same email address as previously, are considered returning clients on our website.

Please use this link, www.schoolsholz.co.nz, and sign in using our "ordered before? Sign in now" button in the blue box at the bottom right corner of the website.

It will ask for your username and password.

If you cannot remember your login details, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can reset your login information.

Once logged in, please click on our "view/order photos" tab which is located on the top bar between the "home" and "teachers" tab.

Hover over this tab and click on the "group photos" link. Locate your school and use the password which has been supplied above.

IMPORTANT INFO. ANY ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER THE 20TH OF NOVEMBER WILL RESULT THAT YOUR ORDER WILL BE POSTED TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS IN 2018. FOR THIS WE CHARGE A FEE OF \$6.50 ON TOP OF YOUR ORDER.

Return due date orders: 13th of November

If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Kind Regards

Alice van der Hilst
SchoolSholz
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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!**



FIRST AID TRAINING - YEAR 5/6

Year 5/6 have spent 2 days with Donna from St John. We have been learning how to assess a patient using DRSABC, danger, response, send for help, airway, breathing, CPR - we did not learn CPR at this level. We were taught and practiced appropriate actions, such as checking the area for dangers, placing our patient in the correct position. We learned how to stop bleeding if we get cut making dinner at home. Everyone really enjoyed learning First Aid.

Room 7



PTA NEWS

17 Nov Mufti Day

24 Nov Twilight Car Boot Sale and Carols by Candle Light

Mufti Day - In lieu of a monetary payment we are asking for baked items for the car boot sale and non-perishable grocery items for the hampers, to be sold as a raffle at the car boot sale. **Years 0-4** will be given a cake box on the 17th of November to take home and bring back a baked good on the **24th of November**. **Years 5-8** we are asking that you bring in on the 17th of November a non-perishable grocery item. Notices have gone home.

Car Boot and Carols Evening – Three helpers are still needed for the first shift of 4.45-6.00pm. Please let us know if you could help out. There are still a limited number of car boot spaces available. Email the PTA for a booking. pta.whenuapai@gmail.com

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 preform, grab a bargain and dinner!

Chair and Secretary Position - The time has come where the PTA are asking for people to put their hands up for our Chair and Secretary positions for 2018. Paula Pusich and Danjelle McKay have done an amazing job this year and given their all. 2017 has been a fantastic year of fundraising for our school and we hope that we can find some energetic and passionate people to fill these roles for next year.

For an idea of what's involved the PTA documents can be found on the school website which has an outline of the roles. We would be appreciative of anybody who is willing to give this a go.

If you are interested we would like you to email a brief blurb about yourself and whether you would be interested in the Chair or the Secretary position. We would like these to be emailed by Monday 27th November at the latest. If we are in a position to have to vote this will be done at the next and last PTA meeting for this year which is held on Tuesday 5th December 7pm in the school staffroom. If you don't want to volunteer for these roles we would still love to see you there.

If you have any questions please let us know via email pta.whenuapai@gmail.com or feel free to come and have a chat to any of our current PTA committee members when you see them around - Jelena Nasmith, Paula Pusich or Danjelle McKay.

KEY CONTACTS

Principal – Raewyn Matthys-Morris	rmatthys-morris@whenuapai.school.nz
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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