



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday 1st Dec

9.15am – Year 0-2
2.15pm – Year 5/6

Thursday 7th Dec

11.30 am - Year 5/6
4.15pm - Year 7/8

Friday 8th Dec

9.15am – Year 3/4
11.30am - Year 0-2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24th Nov

Junior School Athletics
Car Boot Sale & Carols

Monday 27th Nov

Wonkey Donkey author –
Craig Smith in School
BOT Meeting – 5.30pm

Tuesday 28th Nov

New Entrant Parent Evening

Thursday 30th Nov

Year 0-2 Parnell Baths
Year 3-4 Fun Day
Rainbows End C.A.R.E Day

Wednesday 6th Dec

Sports Prize Giving

Thursday 7th Dec

11.30pm Yr 5/6 Prize Giving
4.15pm Yr 7/8 Prize Giving

Friday 8th Dec

9.15am Yr 3/4 Assembly
11.30am Yr 0-2 Assembly
*Final Assembly - All parents
welcome, end of year values
certificates awarded.

Friday 15th Dec

Last day of Term 4
School finishes - 12.30pm

2018 DATES

Monday 5th Feb

Introduction Interviews

Wednesday 7th Feb

First day back at school

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's hard to believe there is only three weeks left in the 2017 school year and what a busy three weeks they will be.

Everyone arrived this morning looking forward to the Year 0-4 athletics. The children have been out practicing over the past couple of weeks and are very much looking forward to a fun filled morning – thank you to all the families who have joined us. This will be followed with the Car Boot Sale in the evening. This is going to be a wonderful event where many of our children will be performing throughout the evening. We hope to see you all there.

Next week we have the privilege of Mr Craig Smith the author of the Wonky Donkey and many other wonderful children's books visiting our school. He will be running two creative writing workshops throughout the day as well as putting on a wonderful show for all of the children. I'm sure this will be an amazing and entertaining experience for them all. We will also be using his expertise to help us write a school song.

Thursday next week is also full of fun activities such as the Junior School trip to the Parnell Baths, the Year 3/4 fun day and the C.A.R.E day trip to Rainbows End.

By now you would have received a copy of the 2018 class organisation letter. This letter explains the rationale for having some mixed year classes and details the teaching teams for each year group. Individual class placement letters will be coming home on Thursday the 8th of December.

Our school is 60 years old this year and we are going to have a birthday party to celebrate on Tuesday the 12th of December. Children are invited to wear mufti of their choice – they are welcome to wear party clothes if they wish. We want to make it as easy as possible for our families. We invite our children to make at home and bring with them on the 12th; a flower, stones, twig or grass arrangement in any form or even an old fashioned sand saucer. These will be displayed outside the classrooms for viewing. The children will be involved in chalk art. The courts will be divided up, so each class gets a space to decorate with a birthday theme.

We are going to have a whole school shared lunch on the green that day. Buddy classes will sit together – healthy party food only please. Parents / grandparents you are welcome to join us.

During the day the children will also get to visit their new classes. It is really going to be an extremely busy day.

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

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



It's that time of year again!

Whenuapai School has two Christmas boxes in reception, one for non-perishable food items and the other for wrapped and labelled Christmas gifts. Please feel free to drop in any donations you have. We will present these to Vision West Community Banks on the last day of school.

YEAR 3/4 - MURIWAI BEACH TRIP

Muriwai Beach

Muriwai beach is sunny sandy and satisfying, we had an amazing time!
We went on the gannet walk and we picked up rubbish along the beach and park!

We accomplished picking up 24 and more bags of rubbish. Team 2 did an outstanding job.

We were going to do a sand castle competition but the tide came in too far so we played on the playground instead. We had a terrific time!

By Mia Hassett – Room 13

Muriwai Beach

Massive beach

U will find sand

Rubbish

Incredibly

Waves

Apricots give you energy

It has got lots of shells

Blowholes

Excellent

Amazing

Cheerful people

Has lots of birds

By Sophie Sutton Room 13

Muriwai Beach

I can see the crisp soft sand for miles.
The shiny blue salt water as far as I can see.
The dunes are sleeping giants with moss growing on their backs.
And the deadly rubbish everywhere!

By Evie Temple Room 13



BOT MEETING

Please note that the dates for the final two Board of Trustee Meetings for 2017 have been rescheduled 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. Voting papers have been sent to your home address.

Voting closes at noon on:

Friday 1st December



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.



In Muriwai we got Brian food and van and Gilbert talked about the beach and park and birds. Then we went to pick up rubbish on the beach and cafe and we found a sea gull spine and head then we found the rest of the body. Then we had morning tea and we did the gannet walk. And we saw heaps of gannets on rocks and baby gannets and eggs. Then we had lunch. and we were going to have a sand castle competition but it was too dangerous. So we played on the playground.

And we climbed the hill and rolled down it was INCREDIBLE!!! My favourite thing was the gannets.

By Taylor Wright Room 13

CYCLE PROGRAM WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2017

There will be a working bee at the school from 9.00am to 12.00pm to complete the new ramps and features of the mountain biking skills trail. If you are able to help please contact Mike Beale on 021 913 831. Basic tools required.

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

Year 0-4 Athletics Fun Day

Friday 24 November, we will be holding our Year 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 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

Whenuapai Athletics Sports Year 5 & 6 2017

Whenuapai School held its annual Year 5 & 6 athletics day on Friday the 10th of November 2017. The sun came out making for ideal conditions. The day started with over 100 students dressed in their team class colours with many shades of blue, red, yellow and green marching down to the field.

The first event was the 1500 metres, with a large group of students testing themselves over this long distance event. Once completed the students moved through the field events including shot put, high jump, long jump and discus. Then track events which included 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m. The events that the students competed in allowed them to gain a participation certificate as part of their achievement.

A large number of students crossed over many events and these students competed in as many running, jumping and throwing events as they were able. Some students attempted a new event for the first time and were successful in accomplishing new personal bests.

The competition for the top student in each age category was fierce and every student was attempting to improve across the day. It was evident from the final results that some students performed well in field events like throwing and jumping while other students had greater success in the running track events. Some students preferred the sprints while others enjoyed the longer distance.

The day finished with relays with Rooms 7, 8, 9 and Room 10 competing against each other with Room 8 being the fastest class overall. The event was made more successful with the support of parents and teachers coordinating their events, recording, timing and general organisation.

The 2017 Whenuapai Athletics event was a tremendous success and the school would like to thank everyone for their support and the students for their top efforts!



WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR A STAGE REBUILD!

We are in desperate need of a new outdoor stage, which is looking a little bit worse for wear! If there is any person or company who would be interested in sponsoring a rebuild, please contact Miss Maureen Mason at: maureem@whenuapai.school.nz - Thank You!



PTA NEWS

Car Boot and Carols Evening – TOMORROW

Come along and join in the fun. There are approximately 44 car boots selling their new and used items, we will have sausages and burgers on the BBQ, nachos, cake stall, hampers, guess the lollies, glow products, 2nd hand jumpers and heavily discounted new jumpers and polo tops in very limited supply, sunscreen, lollies, ice blocks and drinks. Children will be doing a variety of performances.

So come on down and grab dinner, have a look around and watch some of our talented students.

A big thanks to the year 5's though to 8's for all the grocery items brought in on the mufti day last week. We were able to make three hampers for the car boot sale. The left over items that we couldn't fit into the hampers are going to be donated to Vision West Community Trust. Also a big thank you to the junior school for bringing in so many yummy looking cakes and biscuits this morning!



Toyworld Evening

A big thanks to all the families that came to the Toyworld evening, there were so many of you which was fantastic to see. We hope you were able to put a dent in the Christmas shopping.

A massive thanks to the wonderful staff at Toyworld for hosting such a great evening.

Chair and Secretary Position

PTA Chair and Secretary applications close on the 27th of November. Please email your applications to the PTA email address - pta.whenuapai@gmail.com



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 strep throat, a vomiting bug and also shingles.

LOST TEDDY

If anyone has seen this very special and well-loved teddy comforter which was lost near the school grounds / car park area over past week, please let us know at the main office.

We have a very special little boy who is missing his favourite teddy that his big sister gave him when he was born. We'd love to see him home again!



KEY CONTACTS

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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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5 DAYS OF GIVEAWAYS

It has been a dream of Karina’s to do an amazing giveaway and as the community will see she doesn’t do things by halves. This Christmas giveaway is going to be fantastic!

We are wanting to find five families within the community to treat this Christmas. These families don’t necessary have to be in hardship, maybe they have someone who has been unwell, or they have had a loss, or they might just be that person who always gives to others.

Nominations close on Friday the 8th of December.

December 18th will be our 1st day of giveaways and will continue until Friday the 22nd of December.

Nominations can either be confidential or published we do have a photographer working with us to capture the huge smiles, happy tears, all the wrapping paper & amazing food.

Closer to the time we will purchase gifts for family members (Mum, dad, children) create food hampers, supply a recipe with ingredients for Xmas day. This might seem small to some but to others a full tummy is very rare and can make a big change with a big smile.

We are also looking for donations of any sort to go towards the 5 days of giveaways fingers crossed we get more than what we aim for, if so we can either put it towards something else in the community, help an extra family, pay someone’s sports fees/uniform, or put it towards 2018 giveaways.



Karina’s 5 days of giveaways

Contact

Karina 021477955

To NOMINATE

a family or person who you think
deserves something special this
Christmas.

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