



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an amazing start we have had to the school year. I would like to acknowledge the support from all our families for ensuring the children are set up for a successful school year. We are very mindful that the start of the school year can be very expensive, so thank you.

A very warm welcome to all our new families and their children who have joined us. We trust that you enjoy a very positive partnership with Whenuapai School.

Prior to school starting, the teachers engaged in a breadth of professional learning. Additionally, they all spent considerable hours in their rooms, creating wonderful learning spaces for their children. We were all counting down to having the children back in school with us.

I would like to acknowledge Ian Shirtcliffe and Ricky Terrazas for what they have done to get our outside learning environments looking so great. We are also very lucky to have a group of parents reinvigorating our gardens.

We have just received a delivery of new furniture for three classes Room 16, 23 and 24.

It is Miss Rachel Capizzi's last day today. We wish her and Dave all the very best for the safe arrival of their wee one in a couple of weeks.

A very big thank you to those who have volunteered to help us with Road Patrol. We are extremely appreciative of your support.

Once again, thank you for an amazing start to 2018. Please remember our doors are always open.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris
Principal



ASSEMBLY DATES

Monday 19th Feb
9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 23rd Feb
9.15am – Year 0/1

Monday 5th Mar
9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 2nd Mar
9.15am – Year 2/3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20th Feb
Year 4-8 PLD info evening
– 5.30-6.30pm

Thursday 22nd Feb
Family Fun Evening –
5.00-7.00pm

Monday 26th Feb
BOT Meeting – 5.30pm

Tuesday 27th Feb
Toitoti visit Years 5/6

Wednesday 7th Mar
Blue Mushroom Books
Visit – Years 5-8

Thursday 8th Mar
Junior and Senior Disco

Mon 12th – Fri 23rd Mar
Easter Hamper Sales

Mon 19th – Tues 20th Mar
Yr 5-6 water safety –
Mairangi Bay

Tuesday 20th Mar
Year 4 Art Museum Trip

Fri 30th Mar - Tues 3rd Apr
Easter – No School

Mon 9th – Fri 13th Apr
Year 7-8 Camp

Friday 13th Apr
PTA lunch & ice block day

TERM DATES

Friday 13th Apr
Last day of Term 1

Monday 30th Apr
First day Term 2



Are you able to give 20 minutes of your time once a week (or more) to **help keep our children safe on the roads?**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with road patrol. Any regular day that works for you. The time slots are from 8:30am-8:50am or 2:50pm-3:10pm. We will take you through a brief 5 minutes training programme. Please let the office staff or Carla Veldman know if you are able to help us out.

office@whenuapai.school.nz or
cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL WORKING BEE (STAGE 1)

SAVE THE DATE

When: Sunday 4th March

Time: 9.30am start



We are a group of motivated mums, keen to get the school looking fresh, bright and happy for our children and teachers. The local community has been amazing and donated lots of resources for our two planned working bees.

Working Bee 1 will consist of painting the front wall of the school including signs, planting out various gardens across the school and spreading mulch, moving vege boxes and a general garden tidy up. As an enticement to parents, a sausage sizzle and drinks will be supplied on the day. Feel free to bring the kids (& their bikes) along as we view this as a family/community event!

Before Working Bee 2 commences, local company Mountfield Construction are supplying a digger to pull up the front garden of the school for replanting, and removing the existing stage and storage shed in preparation for a brand new stage.

In light of this stage rebuild, we need someone with building knowledge that can help guide us through the stage rebuild (we would work alongside you and provide materials). Note: no building consent is required, just a straight rebuild.

Working Bee 2 date TBC.

If you are keen to help us replant the school towards a beautiful environment, please email Kerry or Peta with interest. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

kerrywhite76@hotmail.com or petaiflorence@gmail.com



A big thank you to Dulux Westgate for the generous donation of free paint.

Worth doing, worth Dulux.

TUI TEAM GARDEN ART

Tui Team (Year 2/3 students) are in the planning stages of creating beautiful garden art for our school. Please see exemplars of our vision and what we want to achieve in these photographs:



The plywood has arrived. Yay! We are now looking for a parent or three who could donate their skills, tools and some time to cut the plywood into giant shapes for us. These would include the following cut outs for the following rooms.

Room 13 Jessica Powell – **flowers** 🌻, Room 14 Fiona Sutherland – **butterflies** 🦋
Room 15 Hayley Moore - **lady bird** 🐞, Room 23 Steph Brook – **bees** 🐝, and
Room 24 Paige Chellew – **birds** 🐦

Can you help us?

Please contact Carla Veldman, Deputy Principal on cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz



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/you-r-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses>

This week we've received reported cases of a vomiting bug and chicken pox.

LIBRARY

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2018

The first Book Club brochures for 2018 will be sent home with children this week. As usual the brochure has a fantastic selection of books and other items at very good prices. All orders benefit Whenuapai School in the form of rewards to enable us to purchase library books and school resources which we otherwise may not be able to purchase - so your support is greatly appreciated.

Please, wherever possible use the **on-line LOOP** ordering system to minimise our administration time. If you do need to send an order to school, please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ. Any cash orders need to be sent to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and room number clearly marked on the front. Please also ensure that the cash is the correct amount for the order.

Orders must be received on-line and at school by 9.00 am on Monday, February 26th.

SPORT

Whenuapai School Sports Opportunities

Any students wishing to compete in the Year 7 & 8 Equestrian Schools Competition or in the sport of Sport Stacking can you please see Mr Berry or email at gregb@whenuapai.school.nz for further information on these events. Note parents will be required to attend with their son/daughter at these competitions.

Kumeu Rugby



Shaun and Dean from the Kumeu Rugby club will be coming in to School on Thursday the 22nd of February to run a lunchtime session of skills and drills with any interested children. They will be able to answer any questions the children may have about playing rugby this season and how to sign up.

PTA NEWS

Family Fun Evening -Thursday 22nd February 5.00-7.00pm

There are lots of fun games planned. Tug of war, parents running race, lolly scramble and more! Air Force personnel are bringing over a fire truck and other vehicles for the children to explore through. Bring your togs as the fire engine will hose everyone down at the end of the evening! There will be a sausage sizzle, burgers, drinks and ice cream and coffee truck all available to purchase from. Come down for a fun evening. **Event will be cash only – no EFTPOS available.**

Junior and Senior Disco - Thursday 8th March (Entry fee is \$5.00)

The Junior disco Year 0 to Year 4 is from 5.00 to 6.30pm. The Senior disco Year 5 to Year 8 is from 7.00 to 8.30pm. Drinks, snacks and glow products will be available for purchase. Please make sure that all children Junior & Senior are collected from the school hall. Due the size of our school hall size and health & safety, we would request that any siblings who are not currently a student please do not attend.

Easter Raffle – 12th – 23rd April

We have Easter hamper raffles for sale during the weeks of 12th-23rd of March. Tickets will go home for sale on the 12th of March. At this stage we are asking for any donations of brand new items that we could put into the hampers. Anything from hair care, games, wine, chocolates, electronics, beauty products, craft products, home wares, sporting goods, vouchers etc. Please drop any donations into the office. Thank you for your support.

Ice Block and Lunch Day – 13th April

PTA Secretary

The PTA are currently looking for a person to fill the Secretary position. We have some really exciting fundraisers planned this year! 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 - Carey Jones and Paula Pusich. We would be appreciative of anybody who is willing to give this a go.

Help Please

We need more helpers. If you are able to help out in any way no matter how big or small please join our Facebook helpers page. Once on Facebook type in the search option "Whenuapai School PTA Helpers" and request to join the group. The PTA use this page to ask for help for any fundraising events that we have.

KEY CONTACTS

Principal – Raewyn Matthys-Morris	rmatthys-morris@whenuapai.school.nz
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Board of Trustees	wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz
PTA	pta.whenuapai@gmail.com
SKIDS After School Care	whenuapai@skids.co.nz
Team Leaders	
Year 0-1 – Carli Michelsen	carlim@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 2-3 – Carla Veldman	cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 4 – Chris Groen	chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 5-6 – Maureen Mason	maureenm@whenuapai.school.nz
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.

Also payments can be made via our online school shop at mykindo.co.nz

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LOCAL NOTICES:



Guess what? Marrzipan are running awesome confidence through drama classes at YOUR SCHOOL - Yippee!!

Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of **shy children**, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and **dramatic types** too, as we focus on **positive leadership and social skills**. Our classes focus on **inner and outer self-confidence**, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with **weekly emails about what's been covered in class** and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have **two awesome showcases at the end of every term** too, so you can see your child's development first hand.

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!)

Junior Golf

Redwood Park Golf Club
13 Knox Road, Swanson
 Starting now - Mondays
 4pm or Sundays at 9am
 for more information visit
<http://www.redwoodparkgolf.co.nz/juniors>
 or call 09 8338253

Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Currently I have vacancies for piano/keyboard lessons at school for the first term 2018.
 Please contact Diane directly on 021 653386 or 832 6241 for further information.

spanish club

Fun Languages offers an opportunity for children to learn Spanish with our native speaker Mariameila. The main focus is on spoken Spanish, the children taking part in fun games and activities with emphasis on immersion. Children are taken on a journey of discovery through the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. For more details take a look at the content of our lessons

<https://fcclubs.co.nz/spanish-for-kids/>

Options: Morning time 60 mins \$20.00
 Lunch time 45 mins \$15.00
 After school 60 mins \$20.00

Please register your interest with school and/or contact me for further details. mary@fcclubs.co.nz
 Small groups (minimum of 6/10)



You can see more about me on my website:
<http://www.childrenillustrationelbosquescondido.com>

HOSTED BY KUMEU SQUASH CLUB - 50 ACCESS RD KUMEU
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JUNIOR SQUASH COACHING SERIES

7 WEEK PROGRAMME

Sundays 10am - 11am
 11 Feb through 25 March 2018
 For Kids 6-12 Years Old - 16 Slots Available
 Venue: Kumeu Squash Club
 Cost - \$35 Total For 7 Weeks
 Balls, Racquets & Eye Protection Provided
 Email Sharon to register: shazleigh@hotmail.com

CLUB INFO AT WWW.KUMEURACQUETSCLUB.ORG

KUMEU JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2018

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEB 4-7 PM
 SATURDAY 3RD MAR 8-11AM
 WEDNESDAY 7TH MAR 4-7PM
 SATURDAY 10TH MAR 8-11AM

J1 (U13) J2 (U12) J3 (U11) J4 (U10) J5 (U9) J6 (U8) J7-J8 RIPPAs
 GIRLS RIPPAs U13 U11 U9

RUGBY.KJRC@GMAIL.COM
 WWW.KUMEURUGBY.CO.NZ
 6 ALEXANDER STREET, RIVERHEAD

A fun, social Chess Tournament open to all players... ages 4 to 18
 6 games at 15 mins per player
 Four divisions - suits all player levels
 Lots of fun activities, puzzles and our FAMOUS LOLLI SCRAMBLE!!

THE SARAPU CUP

Venue: Browns Bay Bowling Club
 Date: Sunday 25 Feb 2018
 Time: 1:00pm - 5:30pm
 Location: 784 Beach Road, Browns Bay, Auckland
 Entry fee: \$20 per player
 Enter Online www.chesspower.co.nz
 Click Tournaments, Upcoming Tournaments

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GUITAR LESSONS

RUN EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING OF TERM
 022 604 8766
 JOHN.CASSON@MUSICHUB.CO.NZ
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 JOHN CASSON

The KUMEU CHILDREN'S Art Club

We are a non profit organisation
 We promote a culture of peace through creativity
 "Creative Children ensure creative communities"
 Te Kura aroha toi
 Love Art
 Be Kind

BOOKINGS Contact: julie.moore@kumeuartscentre.co.nz 0212983714
 Check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kumeuartscentre>

TERM 1 2018 CARNIVAL CREATIONS

Term 1 at Kumeu Children's Art Club is set to be an exciting and inventive one.
 In preparation for our 20th Birthday Carnival celebrations we will be designing and creating carnival costumes, to be paraded at our Carnival party at the end of term. Games, activities and decorations will also be created for the whole family to enjoy at our birthday celebrations.

Roll up Roll up... The carnival is in town!
 Session times: Thursday 3.30 - 5.30pm starting 8th February
 Tuesday 3.30 - 5.30pm starting 13th February
 Term runs for 8 weeks \$160

At Kumeu Arts Centre
 300 Main Road, Kumeu (behind the public library)

GIRLS ONLY CLUB RIPPAs

Does your daughter want to play Girls Only Rugby this year?

Rugby season is coming around fast and soon your local club will be holding registration & muster days for Girls Rippa (non-contact)

Competition Information:
 • Saturday Morning - 9-30am
 • May-August
 • Home and away games + 2 festival days
 • Grade Structure: (7 aside)
 Under 9 - Rippa
 Under 11 - Quick Rip
 Under 13 - Quick Rip

For more information contact your local club for their registration dates, or Sarah Medley Women's Rugby Manager sarah@harbourrugby.co.nz 021 193 8716

Have-a-Go Cricket

Learn bat & ball skills, play mini-games - For Children Years 1-4
 Wed 5.00 - 6.00pm. Starts 14 Feb 2018
 Hobsonville War Memorial Domain (opp Countdown)
 \$30 per child for 5 sessions OR \$25 if you introduce a friend!
 Register your interest at our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/HPsportlocalcricket/> or email hobspoint.cricket@gmail.com