



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3

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## ASSEMBLY DATES

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am – Year 2/3

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

9.15am – Year 0/1

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

9.10am – Year 4-8

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

9.15am – Year 2/3

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Second Hand Jumper Sale  
– 8.30am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

BOT Meeting – 5.30pm

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar - Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr**

Easter – No School

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Shore to Shore

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 7-8 Camp

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

PTA lunch (Jester Pies) &  
ice block day

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Student Progress Meetings  
School finishes 12.30pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Pink Shirt Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 7/8 Open Day

## TERM DATES

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Last day of Term 1

**Term 2**

Mon 30 Apr – Fri 6 July

**Term 3**

Mon 23 July – Fri 28 Sept

**Term 4**

Mon 15 Oct – Thurs 20 Dec

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an amazing term to date we have had. Whenuapai School teachers and children have been very busy continuing their learning journeys. Our teachers are very committed to being the very best they can be for your wonderful children.

Our children throughout the school have been showing how committed to their learning they are. The classroom walls certainly depict a wonderful learning story.

Congratulations to all our children who have represented us beyond the school gate. We are not only very proud of their achievements, but of the way in which they have conducted themselves. I would also like to acknowledge the high level of parent/caregiver support with these events. We couldn't do all of these wonderful things without your help.

We are very excited to welcome Riley Kaio to the Whenuapai teaching team. Riley who has moved to Auckland from Gore will be teaching alongside Carli Michelsen in Room 16 in preparation for starting a new entrant class later in the year.

Please be reminded that Tuesday is a holiday for all schools in New Zealand. If you are travelling over the Easter break we wish you safe travels.

Kind regards,

Raewyn Matthys-Morris

Principal

## Student Progress Meetings

**When: Thursday 3rd May 1:15pm - 7:00pm**

for larger classes limited time slots available on Thursday 10th May from 3.30pm

**School will finish at 12.30pm**

Book online now at: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

**School code: h45vr**

**Buses** - School will remain open but **normal classes for the whole school will stop at 12.30pm** and buses will leave at 12.40pm.

Please be aware that there will **only be one bus run on Thursday the 3rd of May**. Therefore if your child normally catches the bus on this day it **will be leaving School at 12.40pm**.

**After School Care** - The Skids and Whenuapai After School Care facilities have been informed of the time normal classes will cease (12.30pm). It is parents/caregivers responsibility to make the appropriate arrangements with these two providers.

Skids After School Care - 021 174 8473  
Whenuapai After School Care - 417 7000 Ext 7882

A letter with more information will be sent home with all students.



## 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.

Information on a number of conditions or illnesses can be found on the website below. Please see a doctor if you are concerned.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses>

This week there has been several cases of **strep throat** reported.



### Thank You!

*A big THANK YOU to Paul Brinkman and Paul Wright who are cutting out our plywood outlines for our garden art. We appreciate you!*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.



## SPORT

**Whenuapai Half Marathon and 2km Fun Run** - Come along to a fun run based at the school on Sunday 29th April

The Shoe Science Whenuapai Half Marathon & Fun Runs celebrates its 31st anniversary. There is a 2km fun run as part of the range of distances which also includes the Half Marathon 21km, a 10km and a 6km. All of these distance can be run or walked.

The safe 2km kids course follows the airforce base boundary fence on a grass track before joining the last 1km of the other courses on the footpath, to finish under the finish arch at the school.

The 21km by taking runners on a 21.1km journey starting from the Whenuapai School, through rural Whenuapai's gently undulating country roads, across the causeway, and around picturesque Herald Island. It then circumnavigates the RNZAF base and finishes back at the Whenuapai School. **For more details please see the flyers on the last page of the newsletter.**

**SAFCA Soccer Programme** - After school soccer for kids all ages and abilities. Every Tuesday in the school term 3:30pm-5pm, however I am there at 3pm to set up/supervise. The cost is \$80 per term or \$10 per session. 10% discount for siblings. Term fee includes a free t-shirt. Personalised shirts (choice of number and name on back) costs an extra \$30.

Payment can be made online (03-1568-0051147-00) or in cash. If you are interested please contact Blake Semp on 0212981590 or [sempblake@yahoo.com](mailto:sempblake@yahoo.com)

**Norwest Cricket** - The Norwest Cricket competition for Year 7 & 8 was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Huapai Domain. Unfortunately the weather didn't give the organisers and players much luck and play had to be abandoned part way through the competition. The players still managed to complete 3 rounds of the girls tournament and 2 rounds of the boys tournament. The school would like to thank all students for their participation and attendance at the competition. Also, a big thank you to all the parents that supported and assisted on the day with supervision and transport. The final results were Hobsonville and Helensville for winning the boys and girls competitions.

### **Norwest Softball and T-Ball**

The Norwest Softball and T-Ball competition was held at Rosedale Park on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. There were a large number of participants and more than 18 diamonds in use. Whenuapai school girls Year 7 & 8 team combined with some Year 5 and 6 students to take out their division which was a great result. Whenuapai Boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> equal and the boys T-Ball team showed some strong performances throughout the day. The school would like to thank all the students for their representation for the school and also to all the parents that transported and assisted with supervision. A big thanks also to our coaches and for the Ramblers Club for supporting with equipment for our teams. Below are the overall results.

<b>Girls Softball</b>	<b>Boys Softball</b>	<b>Girls T Ball</b>	<b>Boys T Ball</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Whenuapai	1 <sup>st</sup> Lincoln Heights	1 <sup>st</sup> Birdwood	1 <sup>st</sup> Marina View
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marina View	2 <sup>nd</sup> Huapai	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marina View	2 <sup>nd</sup> Swanson
3 <sup>rd</sup> = Hobsonville & Massey	3 <sup>rd</sup> = Waitakere & Whenuapai	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kaukapakapa	3 <sup>rd</sup> = Massey & Huapai

**Norwest Tennis** - The Norwest Tennis tournament was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at West Harbour Tennis Club. We have four students competing. Cameron Collins, Cody Lunny, Conner Skeens and Charlotte Graham. All won their first round games but unfortunately lost their second games. The day was interrupted with rain in the afternoon so there was no doubles play held. Students are to be commended on their participation and willingness to give a new sport a go. Thanks on behalf of Whenuapai School Sport.



## USE OF DRONES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

There aren't many schools that can say they have an Air Force Base as next-door neighbours, and that brings its own unique requirements.

Drones (also known as UAV's or RPAS – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or Remotely Piloted Air System) are becoming more readily available and pose a hazard to all aircraft. Drones are subject to stringent Civil Aviation Rules – a pamphlet explaining them and a letter from the Air Force Base Commander will be sent home with every student this week. This is a testament to how much of a concern it is for the Base.

The Whenuapai Board of Trustees are the custodians of the land and have determined that drones are not to be flown in the school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. Overlapping this requirement is the military airspace which covers areas of West Auckland across to the North Shore, and the Base is required to authorise every drone 'flight' in this area. There are multiple layers of approval required and more information is available in the pamphlet, from [www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz) and [www.caa.govt.nz/rpas/rpas-faqs/](http://www.caa.govt.nz/rpas/rpas-faqs/) or by contacting the Base's Operations Centre on 09 417 7442 or [akbaseoperations@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:akbaseoperations@nzdf.mil.nz).

The Base's focus is conducting military air operations and keeping their aircraft and crews safe is a priority.

## PTA NEWS

**4th April** - Second Hand Jumper Sale - Please note the date change. Cash only please

**13th April** - Ice Block and Jesters Pie Day

**29th April** - Whenuapai Half Marathon Sausage Sizzle

### **Second Hand Jumper Sale - 4th April**

Please note the date change. There will be a large selection of second hand jumpers for sale as well as a small section of brand new terracotta jumpers and t-shirts. Sale will be in front of the office from 8.30-9.15am. Cash only please.

**Jesters Pie and Juicie Ice Block Day** -13th April -We are having our first Jesters Pie and Juicie day. All orders will be taken through Kindo. Pies are \$5. There will be the usual favourites of steak and cheese, butter chicken as well as vegetarian and coeliac options. Look out for further details coming home with your child next week. As the pies are sourced from Jesters there cannot be any pie orders on the day.

**Entertainment Books** - are ready to order or download onto your phone. Use the following path for your order <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82>

**Whenuapai Half Marathon - Sausage sizzle** -29th April - The PTA and basketballs teams are holding a sausage sizzle at the Whenuapai Half Marathon. There will be sausages, bacon butties, juicie ice blocks, and drinks for sale.

**PTA Chairperson Position** - The PTA is looking for a new chairperson. Currently we have had two expressions of interest. If you have an interest in the role please email it through by the 30th March. [pta.whenuapai@gmail.com](mailto:pta.whenuapai@gmail.com)

**PTA Secretary Position** - Currently the PTA have someone that has offered to be the secretary for term two. We are still looking for a secretary for terms three and four. If you are interested please email [pta.whenuapai@gmail.com](mailto:pta.whenuapai@gmail.com)

### KEY CONTACTS

Principal – Raewyn Matthys-Morris	<a href="mailto:rmatthys-morris@whenuapai.school.nz">rmatthys-morris@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
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SENCO - Sharron Buer	<a href="mailto:sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz">sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
HOD – Sport	<a href="mailto:gregb@whenuapai.school.nz">gregb@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Board of Trustees	<a href="mailto:wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz">wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
PTA	<a href="mailto:pta.whenuapai@gmail.com">pta.whenuapai@gmail.com</a>
SKIDS After School Care	<a href="mailto:whenuapai@skids.co.nz">whenuapai@skids.co.nz</a>
<b>Team Leaders</b>	
Year 0-1 – Carli Michelsen	<a href="mailto:carlim@whenuapai.school.nz">carlim@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 2-3 – Carla Veldman	<a href="mailto:cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz">cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 4 – Chris Groen	<a href="mailto:chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz">chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 5-6 – Maureen Mason	<a href="mailto:maureenm@whenuapai.school.nz">maureenm@whenuapai.school.nz</a>
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	<a href="mailto:karlg@whenuapai.school.nz">karlg@whenuapai.school.nz</a>

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

Payments can be made via our online school shop at [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock via email at: [thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz)

#### **For any Direct Debit payments:**

**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/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/) User- **whenuapai** Password- **airport**

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# NOTICES:

## GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Enrol your child in fun, easy to follow Guitar and Ukulele lessons. John Casson, Graduate from London's Guitar Institute and musician from MusiQHub, has guitar and Ukulele lessons available at your school.

- Complete beginners to potential music prodigies are all welcome.
- All lessons are during school time and are 30 minutes in duration.
- We offer group (3-5 students), paired and 1-on-1 lessons.
- Students in groups or pairs are placed with others of the same age and ability where possible.

### There is NO REGISTRATION FEE!

Group Lessons **\$18.00**  
Twin Lessons **\$23.50**  
One To One **\$33.00**

### Frequently Asked Questions from Parents

**Do we pay per lesson?**  
Payment is made for the term - usually around 8 to 10 lessons and is invoiced before lessons start. Payment plans available.

**Do we have to buy a musical instrument?**  
Yes, do let me know if you need an instrument since there are discounts available.

**Are there any other expenses?**  
A music tuition book is required for each student. This is \$33. These books typically last 1 to 2 years. The charge will be added to the first invoice.

**Are there additional lesson resources?**  
Absolutely! There are hundreds of video lessons available. I record lessons on my YouTube channel daily. So there is always something new to inspire you! I have other questions not answered above. Do contact me by phone or email. I'm very happy to answer any other questions you have.

Click [HERE](#) to register

To register or for more information, contact John:  
Phone: 022 604 8766  
Email: [john.casson@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:john.casson@musiqhub.co.nz)  
Or via our website [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz)

**MUSIQHUB**  
PLAY SMART

## Keyboard, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute & Recorder Lessons at Whenuapai School

Enrol your child in the music lessons they have always wanted to do.

Gloria Arbolada, an experienced music tutor and musician from MusiQHub, has keyboard, clarinet, saxophone, flute and recorder lessons available at your school.

- Complete beginners to experienced students are all welcome.
- All lessons are during school time and are 30 minutes in duration.
- We offer group (3-5 students), paired and 1-on-1 lessons.
- Students in groups or pairs are placed with others of the same age and ability where possible.

### There is NO REGISTRATION FEE!

Prices range from \$20.40 per student per lesson for small groups to \$33 per student for 1-on-1 lessons.

### Frequently Asked Questions from Parents

**Do we pay per lesson?**  
Payment is made for the term - usually 8 to 10 lessons - and is invoiced before lessons start. Payment plans are available.

**Do we have to buy a musical instrument?**  
Keyboard students are required to have their own keyboard or piano for home practice. Clarinet, saxophone, flute and recorder students are required to have their own instruments and these can be rented through MusiQHub.

**Are there any other expenses?**  
A music tuition book is required for each student. Prices range \$33 to \$45. These books typically last for 1 to 2 years. This charge will be added to the first invoice. I have other questions not answered above. Contact MusiQHub by phone or email. We are only too happy to answer any other questions you have.

To register or for more information, contact MusiQHub:  
Phone: 0800 78 78 66  
Email: [admin@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:admin@musiqhub.co.nz)  
or via our website [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz)

**MUSIQHUB**  
PLAY SMART



### This year long programme includes:



#### FIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

##### ADVENTURE DAYS KEY DATES

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

Adopt a local park

Both based average hunt

Putting up vegetables

FRIDAY 13 JULY

Adopt a local park

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#### 20 HOURS COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### Community Service can include:

Adopting a local park

Helping around the school with gardening, painting and cleaning up

Helping build a community garden

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#### 20 HOURS PASSION PROJECTS

##### Passion Projects can include:

Robotics

Coding

Drains

Foreign Language

Music

Photography

Gardening

Creative Writing

Origami

Dance

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Approximately 20 After School sessions and three non-consecutive days during the school holidays.

### We grow AWESOME Kiwi Kids