

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday 13th April 9.15am – Year 2/3

Monday 30th April 9.15am Welcome Powhiri

Friday 4th May 9.15am – Year 0/1

Monday 7th May 9.15am – Year 4-8

Friday 11th May 9.15am – Year 2-3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 10th – Fri 13th April Year 7-8 Camp

Friday 13th April PTA lunch Pies & ice block

Monday 30th April First day of Term 2 9.15am Welcome Powhiri

Thursday 3rd May Student Progress Meetings School finishes 12.30pm

Tuesday 8th May 6pm – Year 5-8 Parent Information evening – NEST Puberty Talks

Wednesday 9th May National Young Leaders Day

Friday 18th May Pink Shirt Day

Thursday 7th June Year 7/8 Open Day

TERM DATES

Term 1 Ends Friday 13th April

Term 2 30 April – 6 July

Term 3 23rd July – 28th September

Term 4 15th October – 20th December

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first term for 2018. It certainly has been a term full of successes and opportunities.

Thank you for the wonderful feedback regarding the Team's weekly roundups. Families have found them really informative. We are very conscious of not sending too many emails to you all each week and we trust that you have noticed a decrease in the volume.

Thank you to all our families who completed the Inclusive Practice Survey. The data will now be analysed by a team and will be used to develop an action plan to inform our processes and practices going forward.

Unfortunately I have nothing concrete to report on the pending redevelopment of our site. I am assured that there is work being done behind the scenes by the Ministry.

Whilst we survived the recent storm, we were left with a large cleanup job. A big thank you to Ian Shirtcliffe, our Caretaker, for his efforts.

Our Year 7/8 Campers are having a wonderful time and no doubt will return tomorrow tired but with lots of great memories. A big thank you to the parents for their amazing support.

Term 2 recommences on Monday 30 April. As you will be aware we are having Student Progress Meetings from 1.15pm on Thursday 3 May. Whilst the school will remain open, normal classes will stop at 12.30pm. If you haven't already booked your conversation time, I urge you to do so, as it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share their learning journey with you.

On Monday, Kathryn Farac was awarded two badges for achieving 18 merit certificates. Kathryn received both a Top Class and a Number One badge. We are very proud of her achievements. Also, Aston Coyle received an acknowledgement from Summerset Retirement Village for his act of kindness. He received a Summerset Hero's Award. Well done Aston.

We look forward to our Powhiri to welcome our new families into our school on Monday 30th April at 9.15am.

If you are travelling over the school break, safe travels.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi. Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

Thank you for your amazing support throughout the term. We couldn't have achieved what we have without it.

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: <u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u> School code: h45vr

Buses - depart at 12.40pm.



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-andillnesses

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

Second Hand Uniform

As you know, the school uniform shop is now closed and uniform is ordered online though Argyle

https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/auckland/whenuapai-school.

Any parents who had second hand uniform held at the old shop to be sold on behalf, we can no longer provide this service. If you would like this uniform returned please contact the PTA on

pta.whenuapai@gmail.com

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 distances can be run or walked.

The safe 2km kids course follows the Air Force 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 longer course takes runners on a 21.1km journey starting from 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 visit http://lacticturkey.co.nz/WhenuapaiHalf/

ANZAC DAY PARADE



10.00am - Wednesday 25th April

Whenuapai students and their families are invited to attend the Hobsonville RSA ANZAC Day Parade and Service on Wednesday April 25th. The parade starts at Hobsonville School and finishes at Hobsonville RSA.

Students to assemble at Hobsonville Primary School at 10.00am.

Students must wear their school uniform.

Students will be laying a wreath on behalf of Whenuapai School.

Parents/caregivers are responsible for dropping off and collecting their children and will need to remain with their children for the duration of the parade.

AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER 😒

WHEN: Every Tuesday 3:30-5:00PM (Term time) WHERE: School field WHO WITH: Blake Semp For all ages and abilities.

Contact: Blake Semp 021 298 1590 sempblake@yahoo.com



Mental Health Foundation

PINK SHIRT DAY - 18 MAY 2018

For a second year running, Whenuapai School is excited to be participating in "Pink Shirt Day". Pink Shirt Day is celebrated annually around the world as a show of support against bullying. Pink shirt day aims to create Schools, Workplaces and communities where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

At Whenuapai School we believe that it is important for us to show our support for this excellent cause. We ask that on Friday the 18th of May you send your child to school in a pink shirt. While donations are not expected, we will be collecting anything received to be donated to the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation.

If you have any questions about Pink Shirt day please visit their website at pinkshirtday.org.nz or contact Carla Veldman at cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz

We thank you for your support.



Information Evening

Parents/Whanau of Year 5 – 8 Students

NEST Puberty Talks TERM 2 Week 2 2018

6.00pm Tuesday the 8th of

May 2018

(approx. 75 mins)

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 <u>drones are not to be flown in</u> <u>the school grounds</u> 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 <u>www.airshare.co.nz</u> and <u>www.caa.govt.nz/rpas/faqs/</u> or by contacting the Base's Operations Centre on 09 417 7442 or <u>akbaseoperations@nzdf.mil.nz</u>.

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

PTA NEWS

13th April - Ice Block and Jesters Pie Day 29th April - Whenuapai Half Marathon Sausage Sizzle

Pie and Juicie day - 13th April

Pies and Juicies need to be ordered through Kindo. Cut off for ordering online is Thursday 12pm as an outside company (Jesters) is supplying the pies. There are lots of different pies to choose from including vegetarian and gluten free options. Juicies will be delivered to classrooms at morning tea and the pies will be delivered to classrooms at lunch time.

Entertainment books

You can order 2018-2019 Entertainment books online now. Hard copies of the book are available as well as digital copies. <u>https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/952m82</u>

New PTA Chairperson and Secretary

I would like to introduce Pam Muller as the new PTA chairperson and Claire Lynch-Chapman as the PTA secretary. Pam will be on board from Term two and Claire will join from Term three. A massive thanks to these ladies for taking on these roles. Without you the PTA would not have been able to continue so we are very grateful to you both.

If you are able to help out with the secretary role in term two please let us know. pta.whenuapai@gmail.com

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.

KEY CONTACTS		ONLINE PAYMENTS
Principal – Raewyn Matthys-Morris	rmatthys-morris@whenuapai.school.nz	Payments can be made via our online school
Deputy Principal – Carla Veldman	cveldman@whenuapai.school.nz	shop at mykindo.co.nz
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HOD – Sport	gregb@whenuapai.school.nz	Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock via email at: <u>thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz</u> For any Direct Debit payments:
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РТА	pta.whenuapai@gmail.com	
SKIDS After School Care	whenuapai@skids.co.nz	
Team Leaders		Bank Account details: 12 3085 0494188 00
Year 0-1 – Carli Michelsen	carlim@whenuapai.school.nz	Reference: Students Name Details: The activity the payment is for If you pay online for more than one activity or
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	pay for more than one student and various
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@whenuapai.school.nz	activities, please email Tony detailing what payments are for.
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NOTICES:



Come and join our HILARIOUS Marrzipan Holiday Workshop!

Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! All workshops run 10am - 4pm.

Birkdale Intermediate School- Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th April Hobsonville School - Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th April Churchill Park School - Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th April

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: <u>marrzipandrama.co.nz</u> E: <u>workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz</u> T: 027 217 0693

Coding & Robotics

To register, please email us

cdm@kumeucricket.com

or \$80 for all 3 days

Holiday Programme in Browns Bay. Easter Holiday Programme which starts Monday 16th of April. Please check out our website <u>http://netkids.co.nz/</u> or watch <u>https://youtu.be/8a6nU52SCeA</u>

12:30pm, cost \$30 per day or \$80 for all 3 days.

Year 6-8 hard ball, 1pm - 4pm, cost \$30 per day