

ASSEMBLY DATES

Friday 22nd June 9.15am – Year 2-3

Friday 29th June 9.15am – Year 0-1

Monday 2nd July 9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 6th July 9.15am – Year 2-3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22nd June Knowledge-a-thon

Monday 25th June 9.30am - Maths Kiwi Comp 5.30pm - BOT Meeting

Tuesday 26th June 9.30am - English Kiwi Comp MOTAT - Rooms 13, 14 & 15

Wednesday 27th June MOTAT – Rooms 23 and 24

Thursday 28th June 9.30am - Science Kiwi Comp

Thursday 5th July Year 7/8 Open Day

Friday 6th July Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day

Monday 23rd July 9.10am - Welcome Powhiri

Friday 27th July 11.30am – Visit from 6Sqn, Air Base personnel 2.00pm - Knowledge-a-thon Assembly

Tuesday 31st July ICAS English

TERM DATES

Term 2 30 April – 6 July

Term 3 23 July – 28 September

Term 4 15 October – 20 December

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The past two weeks have continued to be filled with amazing learning, experiences beyond the school gate and lots of celebration. At team assemblies the children have been showcasing their learning and our fortnightly Hui's have been focusing on setting the scene for the fortnightly school-wide PB4L focus.

This past fortnight the PB4L focus has been 'Respecting Others'. All teachers have been developing an understanding of what 'respecting others' looks like, feels like and sounds like, at Whenuapai School.

A very big thank you to all of you who continue to provide support for the school in so many ways; please be assured we really do appreciate everything that you do for us.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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

Kind regards, Raewyn Matthys-Morris, Principal



HELPING YOUR CHILD STICK AT IT

Does your child sign up for activities - sports, dance, clubs, music lessons - and then quit when it gets too hard or they say they are sick of it? Because parents know how they had to persevere in life, they are naturally worried their child may become a quitter.

Don't think of your child's character as fixed. Most of our worries about our children are about the future. We see the 9-year-old who quits as the aimless 20-year-old. But who they are now is not who they will always be.

Explain the difference between "I don't want to" and "I don't feel like it". Distinguishing long-term desires from immediate feelings will help children understand the difference between an immediate task and ultimate goal. This is a lesson that doesn't register right away, but it's worth planting the seed and emphasising over time.

Let them know you see the areas in which they do work hard or show motivation. Say "I know you're someone who can stick with things when they're important to you".

Get to the root of their concern. Why doesn't they want to go? Perhaps they feel they aren't as good as the others. What might make that better? Extra practice with your help? Help them see we often have to be not so good at things for a while as part of the process of getting good at something.

Children should have control over their own lives but that doesn't mean they can back out of a commitment, or waste the money parents have paid for lessons or gear. If they are adamant, then expect them to write a letter to the coach or organiser explaining why they are quitting. This makes them take ownership of their decision. They cannot ask parents to phone and get them off the hook.

Keep exploring. It may take a while to find what really motivates and enthuses them. There's no rush!

We can't make them develop grit. We can expose them to things they may like, support them in sticking with things as they get harder and express confidence that they can handle the stress or the boredom.

The world is so complex that we have no idea where the things that will turn our kids on come from. If we encourage children to keep seeking what they love, and to work hard at it when they find it, that will help them grow into confident and self-directed young adults.

Source: Principal's Digest – Volume 24 Number 31

PB4L

Whenuapai School is a PB4L School (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We teach behaviour through the use of our school values.

Whenuapai School Values



Reward System

Our classroom and playground values reward system is four-tiered. Tokens are given out by any staff member to reward positive classroom or playground behaviour. Teams have their own collective rewards for class milestones. Individually collected token rewards are:

- 50 tokens students earn a bronze values wristband
- 100 tokens students earn a silver values wristband
- 150 tokens students earn a gold values wristband

200 tokens - students earn a rainbow platinum ultimate wristband

What and why?

PB4L is about teaching behaviour as we teach other subjects. We teach behaviour through the use of our school values.

"If a student does not know how to read, we teach them.

If a student does not know how to swim, we teach them.

If a student does not know how to multiply, we teach them.

If a student does not know how to behave, we.... "

Preventing and correcting misbehaviour focuses on how to help children learn to behave through teaching rather than through punishment.

John Herner, National Association of State Directors of SPecial Education President 1998 - 1999

How?

By teaching and rewarding expected behaviour this assists with the prevention of inappropriate behaviour. Students are helped to remember our behaviour expectations by targeted teaching and through our PB4L signage situated in and around the school.

For more information visit the Ministry of Education's PB4L web page http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/



Spare Uniform

Winter is now certainly upon us. With this comes the cold, the rain and often big muddy puddles. Please remember to put a spare change of clothes in your children's bags.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

We would like to remind parents/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/yourhealth/conditions-and-



PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENINGS WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LEARNING SUPPORT

Reminder: The Ministry of Education are running a series of Parent Engagement meetings across the Auckland Region.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for parents to meet the MOE staff, find out more about the Learning Support services and process, ask questions and provide feedback on what is working well and what can be improved.

The dates/times for the West and Northwest regions:

- Thursday 21 June, 7.00-8.00pm: MOE West Auckland Centre, 10 Montel Avenue
- Thursday 28th June, 7.00-8.00pm: MOE Northwest Office, Level 1, 102 Rosedale Road, Albany, North Shore



Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?!

Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website <u>www.marrzipandrama.co.nz</u> (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

SPORT

Norwest Table Tennis - The Norwest table tennis tournament was held on Thursday 7th June at Hobsonville Point Primary School. We had four students competing, Cameron Collins, Nathan Anderson, Arvin Akhavian and Charlotte Graham. All performed with distinction on the day but unfortunately didn't place in the top three in their respective divisions. Students are to be commended on their participation and willingness to give this new sport a go. Thanks on behalf of Whenuapai School Sport and a personal thank you to Majid Akhavian who is the parent of Arvin. Majid trained the table tennis team and prepared them for their competition and attended on the day. As a school we appreciate the support offered and Majid's service to Whenuapai School sport.

PTA NEWS

<u>Knowledge-A-Thon – 22nd June</u> - This Friday the Knowledge-a-thon will take place so help get your kids ready by practicing at home and encouraging sponsorship. There are some great prizes to be won for top earners and we would like to send out a big thank you to Sue Noonan from Harcourts for providing them! Good luck everyone!!!



<u>Sausage Sizzle and Mufti Day – 6th July</u> – The PTA are holding a sausage sizzle and mufti day at lunch time to wrap up Term 2. Hellers have kindly donated the sausages. Closer to the time we will send home notices. All orders will be purchased using Kindo. If you have any questions about how to use Kindo please let us know as we are happy to help.

<u>Entertainment books</u> - 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>

<u>Quiz Night – 2nd November</u> - Help needed please. We are looking for people to get involved in organising and running the Quiz Night which will be held on November 2nd. This great evening was a lot of fun and helped to raise a large amount that we were able to pour back into the school! Please contact Pam if you would like to learn more at pta.whenuapai@gmail.com

We would love you to join us on Facebook - please 'like' the <u>Whenuapai School PTA Helpers Page</u> to stay up to date with PTA events and when help is needed.

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NOTICES:



The <u>5th North Shore</u> <u>Sarapu Cup</u> is not for away - on Sunday 24 June!

The Sarapu Cup North Shore is a fun, social Chess Tournament open to all players ages 4 to 18. Come join a fun afternoon of Chess, great prizes and our famous Iollie scramble!

Register Now

Refer to our <u>Tournament</u> <u>Calendar</u> for all events this year.

The Sarapu Cup North Shore is held at the Mairangi Bay Bowling club.

www.chesspower.co.nz

