



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to a very exciting Term 3. It certainly is once again a very busy term packed with opportunity and challenge for our students. It was wonderful to welcome so many new families to our school at our powhiri last week. We trust you enjoy a very positive partnership with Whenuapai School.

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who shared your views about the 'Weekly Roundup'. Your feedback is highly valued. The Leadership Team will analyse the feedback and share the findings with you.

Thank you to all our Year 4-8 families who attended the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. They certainly are a very different format to our Student Progress Meetings held in Term 1. Shortly we will be seeking your feedback on both formats, so we can best meet your needs.

Cyber safety continues to be a conversation topic and I have attached an article by Andrew Fuller, a renowned Australian clinical psychologist, for you to read. I trust you find the article useful as a conversation starter at home with your children.

We want to say a very heartfelt thank you to 6 Squadron, Navy and Air Force personnel, for landing one of their Sea Sprite helicopters on our field at last Friday. It certainly was an exciting day for all children and staff. A special thank you to George, who organised this and who spoke with all students about the helicopter and the wonderful work that 6 Squadron does.



*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

## Whenuapai School Values

- ◆ Respect ourselves
- ◆ Respect others
- ◆ Respect learning
- ◆ Respect environment



### ASSEMBLY DATES

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

9.15am – Year 2-3

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

9.15am – Year 0-1

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

9.10am – Year 4-8

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

9.15am – Year 2-3

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

9.15am – Year 0-1

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

9.10am – Year 4-8

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

Cross Country

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Year 4 Trip - Stardome

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

ICAS Maths

2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale

7pm PTA Meeting

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Learning Support M/Tea

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Duffy Stage Show

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

New Entrant Parent Evening

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Ripper Rugby

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

5.00 – 6.30pm Junior Disco

7.00 – 8.30pm Senior Disco

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Ice block, lunch & Mufti Day

### TERM DATES

**Term 3**

23 July – 28 September

**Term 4**

15 October – 20 December

## 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/your-health/conditions-and-treatments>

## REMINDER - DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please keep well clear of the school crossing when dropping off and picking up your children. Cars should not be stopping on the painted lines next to the students crossing.

A reminder also to please drive slowly in this area.



## CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE AIR BASE



### Message from RNZAF Base Auckland:

You may have noticed the new 'road' being constructed on Base next to Brigham's Creek Road. This is the first step in a project to replace our taxiways and aircraft parking areas which is being carried out by Fulton Hogan over 14 months.

We decided to use this area so as to have minimal disruption impact on the Base and our neighbours. One issue we were concerned about was the concrete crusher that would be operating at times and the noise and dust it may create (we are recycling the old concrete to use as a base for the new concrete).

A review of the contractor's proposed operation is being conducted by our Health and Safety personnel and I am confident that 'best practice' measures will be taken to ensure the noise and dust will not be an undue annoyance or a safety hazard. As an aside we also looked at shipping the concrete off-site, crushing it and then returning it. The cost involved with this would be about \$750,000 and would increase truck traffic, approximately 1300 truckloads, on Brigham's Creek Road so we decided against that. It is also important to note the concrete crusher will only be used over three periods of approximately seven days during the project. The contractor has been requested to monitor the noise and dust levels so that if we do think it is an issue we can stop the work and consider other avenues.

This information is so you know what we are doing, why and how. If any questions do come up then we are happy to address them. **Please submit any questions through the school office.**

## LEARNING SUPPORT MORNING TEA

On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August at 10.30am, we will be commencing monthly Learning Support morning teas for parents, caregivers and whanau who are interested in learning more about the services available for children who may need additional support in learning and other areas. Each month we will share information on support agencies, resources and strategies available to support our children and families.

The first meeting will be an overview of the learning support and student well-being services. The following monthly meetings will be focused on specific services and will involve guest speakers from these agencies. We will advertise prior to each meeting what the focus of the meeting will be.

Meetings will be facilitated by Sharron Buer (SENCO). Please RSVP to: [sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:sharronb@whenuapai.school.nz) by Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August at 3pm if you wish to attend.

## BUS INFORMATION – TERM 3

1. Any change to your child/ren's bus routine (one-off or permanent) needs to be communicated via the bus alert link on the school website by 1.30pm on the day of travel.
2. If your child does not normally take the school bus but are e.g. having a play date with a child who does, you will need to communicate this to the school office by 1.30pm on the day of travel. You can communicate this via the bus alert link on the school website or by phone to the school office.
3. Bus alerts received after 1.30pm may not be received/checked on time. If you need to make a change after this time please call the office to confirm the alert has been received and recorded.
4. We will only board children to buses who are on the daily bus sheet to ensure the safety of all our children.
5. If a child is not on the bus list, we will keep them at the school office and phone parent/caregiver to collect.



# SPORT

## Whenuapai School Cross Country

Whenuapai School cross country event will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** with the saver date on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. All students are expected to participate and are aware of the requirements. Parents are cordially invited to watch the event which will kick off with the Year 0-1 students at 9.30am. The start and finish line are on the main field. The start times for specific year levels are the following:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Year Level</u>	<u>Approximate Distance</u>
9.30am	Year 0-1	968m
10.15am	Year 7-8	3356m
11.40am	Year 5-6	2588m
1.40pm	Year 2-3	1820m
2.15pm	Year 4	1820m

All students must have footwear and a drink bottle. Students at year 5-8 wear their PE uniform and year 0-4 students must have a shirt and shorts with adequate footwear. Can students that require medication e.g (asthma inhalers) please have this with them. Hopefully the weather will hold for us and we will have a great day of races!

## Hillary Outdoors Camp 2019

At the start of the 2019 Academic Year on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February (Week 2, 2019)** we have a group of 10 students attending the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre in the Tongariro National Park. The group will be away for six days and accommodation is already booked and transport is finalised. The cost of the trip is \$400 per student which covers the six day course, food at the centre, accommodation, transport down and back plus transport while down there.

We require one extra student as we have had a student withdraw leaving our group with only 9 students. Please note the students must be Year 7 or 8 in the 2019 academic year and be guaranteed to attend Whenuapai School next year. If any parent is interested in their student attending can you please contact Greg Berry at [gregb@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:gregb@whenuapai.school.nz) or Mobile phone 0212072473 as soon as possible to secure your son or daughters place on the camp.

# Congratulations to:

Rico Clarke and Preston Morunga for making it in to Roller Mills Rugby,  
we are proud of your wonderful achievement!

Rico was selected from Kumeu Rugby Club and Preston from Massey Rugby Club.



## LIBRARY NEWS - SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 5

Brochures for Book Club, Issue 5, will be sent home on Wednesday afternoon this week. As usual there are lots of great books at great prices.

To minimise our administration time please use the LOOP online ordering system and get the opportunity to receive a free book.

If paying by cash or cheque, please send the correct amount in a named and sealed envelope, cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic NZ, with your name and address on the reverse.

**Orders close on Monday 6th August at 3.30pm.**

# Book Club



# PTA NEWS

**30 July-10 Aug** First Aid Kit Fundraiser    **14th Aug** PTA meeting 7pm staff room    **14th Aug** Secondhand Uniform Sale  
**6th Sept** - Disco    **28th Sept** Ice Block, Lunch and Mufti

**30th July - 10th August First Aid Fundraising** – Information about the 2 kits on offer along with an order form should have gone home with your child, but please feel free to email if you have any questions. There is a sample of each kit available in the office to look at. Please hand back the order forms with all the cash collected (or paid via kindo) before or on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, to the office.

**14<sup>th</sup> August PTA Meeting at 7pm** - We are always looking for new members to join the PTA and would to see you at the meeting in the staff room at 7pm. Come and meet other parents and staff and have a say in what kind of fundraising events we hold and how we spend the money that comes in!

**14<sup>th</sup> August Secondhand Uniform Sale** - There will be a small selection of shorts, skorts and polo tops available for sale as well as a large number of jumpers and new terracotta jumpers. Sale will be in front of the school office from 8.30-9.15am. **Cash only please.**

\*If you would like to donate your old uniforms to the PTA to help raise funds, please drop them to the office in a labelled bag.

**Knowledge-A-Thon Prize Giving Assembly Date TBC** - A big thanks to Sue Noonan from Harcourts for sponsoring the prizes; the date for the prize giving assembly will be announced soon! Well done to the children for excelling in their knowledge-a-thon quizzes and a huge thank you to all who participated in sponsoring and collecting sponsorship money! We raised over \$7673.20!!!



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**6<sup>th</sup> September Junior/Senior Disco** - Our popular school disco is back, with the Junior disco running from 5:00-6:30, and our Senior disco running from 7:00-8:30. Please email if you are able to help out with either discos or if you have an idea for a theme.

**28<sup>th</sup> September Ice Block, Lunch and Mufti Day** - The PTA are holding an ice block, lunch and mufti day to wrap up term 3. 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. Please email if you are able to help on the day.

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

*We would love you to join us on Facebook - please 'like' the [Whenuapai School PTA Helpers Page](#) to stay up to date*

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# Cyber relationships

## Andrew Fuller

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On-line relationships are becoming as important as face-to-face ones. In fact cyber friendships are so important to young people that many of them would endure pain rather than lose access to them. As one young man commented, *"I'd rather lose a leg than access to facebook"*. On average, young people have 56 online friends.

The strength of on-line relationships mirrors the best and at times, the worst of face-to-face relationships. The only problem is that when things go badly on-line, they go really badly. As we know, what goes on the net stays on the net.

In fast paced heated interactions in chat rooms, people who are usually friendly and positive can post nasty and hurtful comments with devastating consequences. For this reason, we need to develop netiquette- standards of behaviour for people on-line.

Cyber-safety is about relationships and how people behave rather than about technology.

Almost two thirds of children have had a negative experience on-line and 20 % feel badly about something they have done on-line.

The following guidelines have been compiled from suggestions made by thousands of young people and may be useful to consider or use as a discussion point.

### **The Suggested Rules of Netiquette.**

#### **1.What goes on the net stays on the net.**

Virtual words have real life consequences. If you wouldn't do it IRL (in real life) don't do it online. Use the nana rule- if you wouldn't want your nana to know about it, don't put it on the web. Your future employers, friends and partners can and probably will, trace your cyber -trail.

**2. Don't ban, plan! Parents should not threaten to ban access to the internet if bullying occurs.** The main reason young people do not tell their parents when they are cyber bullied is because they fear they will lose access to the computer.

Parents should let their children know that they will help them to cope with upsetting events on-line but won't insist they stop using the computer.

#### **3. Take a STAND against cyber-bullying:**

**S**ilence – do not respond to abusive messages. The number one rule for dealing with cyber-bullying is: don't respond, don't interact and don't engage.

**T**ake a copy of all abusive messages- these may be useful legally later on. Create a new folder, called "Abuse", and move hate mail and messages into this folder

**A**ccept that bullies don't think like you do -trying to sort it out with them or asking them to stop won't work. Recognise that you are not dealing with a person who has the same mindset as yourself. Cyber-bullies are cowards who often try to hide their identity and behave in nasty ways to build themselves up and to put other people down. Cyber-bullying is a pathetic act.

**N**ever deal with this problem alone- get help! No one can cope with this alone.

**D**on't be provoked. Some cyber-bullies play "the baiting game". A provocative comment is made and those who respond in irritation are encouraged to engage in conflict with those who respond assertively. The provoker watches, waits and stirs the pot.

Become an observer. Although you may be the target of the cyber-bully's anger, you can train yourself to act as an observer. This takes you out of the firing line and enables you to study the bully and collect evidence.

#### **4. Know that people take cyber-bullying seriously and that you will be taken seriously.**

The Australian Government has just committed \$125 million to improving cyber-relationships. If you are bullied on-line, let your school know and let the police know. There are legal avenues that can be taken to stop cyber-bullying.

#### **5. Develop a code of Netiquette. Some ideas include:**

- Don't bully or be mean to others on-line.
- Let people know that cyber-bullying is a weak and cowardly act of hatred on-line.
- Don't harass or stalk people on-line
- Don't pass on embarrassing photos or posts about others.
- Parents should not allow kids to have webcams in bedrooms. Skype should only be allowed if the computer is in a family room. Chat roulette should be discouraged.
- Know that circulating some photos means that you risk being charged with child pornography.
- Only add friends that you know and do not add 'friends of friends'
- If someone on-line wants to meet you in person, ask an adult to accompany you.

#### **6. Be a responsible user of technology.**

We need people to be good cyber-citizens. Be honest with yourself. Computer games reduce dopamine. This means it is hard to get motivated to do anything else once you have been on-line for a while. Do your study before you go on-line.

#### **Advergaming**

Most of us think that the major dangers to children on-line are pedophiles posing as young people and either showing them inappropriate images of themselves or luring kids into meetings with them. This does occur though kids are much sharper at picking an adult who tries to be younger on-line than most parents believe.

Corporations have also got in on the act of trying to manipulate young people's thinking. Advergaming is a mix of advertising and entertainment that takes the form of games.

Games may be located on a website owned or sponsored by a corporation. Companies use personal information about users to further tailor their marketing.

Other companies develop special games that develop positive attitudes towards a product. One example is the USA army's game America's Army, which was specifically designed to increase recruitment.

Products are also linked to games or strategically placed to promote a desire among young people to buy a product.

#### **Here come the Cyber Doctors**

Adults will never know enough to completely protect young people when they are on-line. For this reason, some schools are setting up groups of students called "Cyber Doctors".

This is a group of students who can help others when bad things happen on-line. They educate themselves about cyber relationships and then are available for anyone in the school who needs them.

If someone has done something on-line that they regret or have experienced something negative for themselves on-line they can request a meeting of the cyber doctors who work with them to resolve the issue.

Often young people are in the most powerful position to help others cope and disentangle the complexities of cyber-bullying.

The Cyber Doctors have an adult who also meets and co-ordinates the group as well as collecting information about the types of incidents that occur.