



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a phenomenal week our students have had. We started the week with the Tough Guy and Girl Mud Run on Monday, followed by the Year 5-8 Norwest Cross Country on Tuesday and the Year 5-8 speech finals on Wednesday. The speeches were all outstanding and we are incredibly proud of the children. In addition, our Year 7/8 students were at Hobsonville Point Secondary School on Wednesday morning sampling their students Passion Projects and yesterday they attended a careers expo day for our COL schools at Massey High School.

Today Room 11 and Room 12 hosted their Dad's and other special people for a wonderful shared lunch and celebration. It was fantastic to see such a wonderful turn out and the joy it brought to the children's faces.

I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of parent and caregiver support throughout the week, including getting behind our 'yellow day' today to support the Cancer Society.

I have included the following statement which in essence is the 'why' of our wonderful school:

Mā te mahi tahi ka piki kotuku
Succeeding Together

Ma te mahi tahi o te kura hāpori, ka ako ātātou tamariki i roto i te kura autaiā, kura haumarū hoki kia tū tangata rātou i ngā āhuatanga katoa o tō rātou ake ao. Kia whāngaia hoki te hiahia motuhake ki ngā mahi katoa o te ako mo ake tonu atu.

In partnership with our community, we will provide a dynamic, safe, learning environment of excellence, which prepares all our students for future challenges and a love of lifelong learning.

I have also included an article that may support some home discussion.

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 31st August
9.15am – Year 2-3

Friday 7th September
9.15am – Year 0-1

Monday 10th September
9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 14th September
9.15am – Year 2-3

Friday 21st September
9.15am – Year 0-1

Friday 28th September
9.15am – Year 2-3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th September
Ak Interzone Cross Country

Thursday 6th September
5.00 – 6.30pm Junior Disco
7.00 – 8.30pm Senior Disco

Thursday 13th September
Year 5/6 Science Expo

Thursday 20th September
1st Visit Term 4 Cohort New Entrant

Thursday 27th September
2nd Visit Term 4 Cohort New Entrant

Friday 28th 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 & 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.

Please drive slowly in this area.



PB4L – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Artistic parents we want you!

Whenuapai School is a PB4L School (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We teach behaviour through the use of our school values - **Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Learning, Respect Environment.**

You may have noticed some smaller posters around our school and in classrooms which offer more information on these values. We need more! We need bigger, brighter, more prominent signs to display our school values.

Are there any parents/community members out there who may be able to help us with some design ideas for this larger signage?

Please contact paigec@whenuapai.school.nz for more information and if there is any possibility that you may be able to help.

BUS CHANGES WEF MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER



Important Notice regarding changes to the Whenuapai Primary School Bus Route.

These changes will take effect from Monday 10th September.

One bus will service both Whenuapai Village and Herald Island students.

Please see route description and estimated timings below, maps on the back of page.

We anticipate minimal impact to your service, however if the estimated timings are proving difficult we will adjust as required.

Thank you

Morning Route:

8:20am Depart Bus Stop at Totara & Dale Road

- Straight Totara Road
- Right Waimarie Road
- Right Punga Road
- Right Karaka Road
- Right Totara Road
- Right Waimarie Road
- Left Puriri Road
- Right Kauri Road

8:30am Left Kingsway Road

- Right Ferry Parade
- Left The Terrace
- Right Kingsway Road
- Left Kauri Road
- Right Brigham Creek Road
- Right Tamatea Ave
- Left Airport Road

8:40am Drop off Whenuapai Primary

Afternoon Route:

2:55pm Depart Whenuapai Primary

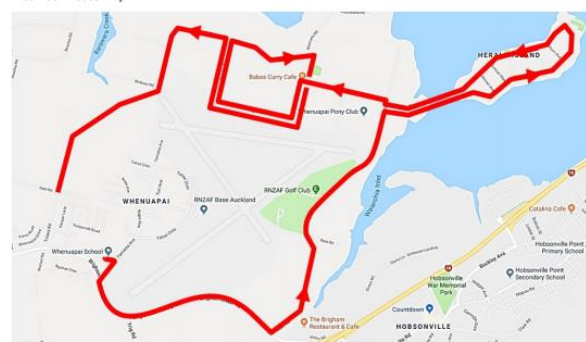
- Exit Bus Bay Left onto Airport Road
- Right Tamatea Ave
- Left Brigham Creek Road
- Left Kauri Road
- Right Kingsway Road
- Right Ferry Parade
- Left The Terrace
- Right Kingsway Road
- Right Kauri Road
- Left Puriri Road
- Left Waimarie Road
- Right Punga Road
- Right Karaka Road
- Right Totara Road
- Right Waimarie Road
- Right Punga Road
- Right Karaka Road
- Left Totara Road

3:15pm Last Drop off bus stop on Totara Road

Morning Route Map:



Afternoon Route Map:



SPORT NEWS

Norwest Hockey

The Norwest Hockey competition for Year 7 & 8 and Year 5 & 6 was held on Wednesday 1st August at North Harbour Hockey Stadium, Rosedale. Our Year 7 & 8 team had a tremendous result and placed second after a very close game in the final where they lost narrowly 1-0. They are to be commended on their performance as Whenuapai fielded a mixed team but were playing in the boys grade so to finish second was an excellent overall result.

The Year 5 & 6 hockey competition saw two Year 5 & 6 mixed teams play and for some students this was their first experience at competition hockey. The students played with commitment and great teamwork while supporting each other throughout the day. One of the teams played off in the 3rd and 4th playoff while eventually placing 4th overall.

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.

Waitakere Netball - Whenuapai School Year 5 Boeings Netball Team

The Whenuapai Year 5 Netball team won their final within their grade on Saturday 25th August 7-4 against St Dominics School. The players collected medals and certificates to celebrate their achievement. The players are to be congratulated on their performances and a great overall season. The team was supported by team management consisting of Kimberly Gray and Paula Pusich who the school would like to thank for their services to Whenuapai school netball. The players in the team were the following and also included are photos.

Thanks again to all players and their support team for a great result for Whenuapai School Netball.

Caitlin Dickie, Anka Pusich, Amelie Grbic, Kyla Williamson, Sophie Sutton, Fala Timaio and Isabel McClure.

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

On Monday 27th August Whenuapai School was lucky enough to send 87 students to the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. It was an amazing day filled with lots and lots of mud. Our year 3 and 4s ran 1.5km and our year 5, 6, 7 and 8's ran a massive 3km. The course was filled with tunnels, barbed wire, climbing walls, rivers and of course tons of mud. All Whenuapai children had so much fun and most of them were hardly recognisable at the end! Whenuapai School won an award for being the loudest school and won popcorn for the whole school. The event could not of been possible without the awesome support of our parents and teachers who helped out - thank you! Well done to all of those who competed.

Norwest Cross-Country – Years 5 - 8

On Tuesday 28th August, 31 of our amazing students headed off to Muriwai beach to compete in the Norwest Cross Country. It was an incredibly tough course and completely different to the conditions of our school cross country. They had to run along sand, up dunes and around sharp corners. All students tried their hardest, showed great effort and determination and achieved outstanding results. Special mention to **Rico Clarke who placed 1st** in Year 8 boys, this is an outstanding accomplishment to win out of all Norwest schools competing, well done Rico. Other special mentions go to **Brody Good who placed 4th** in Year 7 boys, **Vettori Haskins who also placed 4th** in Year 7 girls and **Pippa Macnicol who placed 3rd** in Year 5 girls. Rico, Brody and Vettori have qualified for Auckland Champs next Tuesday, 4th September, which is also being held out at Muriwai. We wish them all the very best!!

Photo collage attached below

SPITFIRES NETBALL SEASON

Whenuapai School's year 6 netball team, the Spitfires, struck hard this season with a team of 9 positive people. We had a magnificent coach, Hayley Moore. We also had Shona Christie as our manager. In our team we had Cinamyn De Souza, Madeleine Gush, Ella Henderson, Maddi James, Mia Christie, Millie Beattie, Tonieka Hannon, Brooke Naylor and Kathryn Farac. It was the first year of playing netball for some of the team. The Spitfires also took part in a one day netball tournament against other schools and were mind blowing. Throughout this season we have been getting better each game and we have had heaps of support from parents. We finished off the season with a fiercely fought draw and then had a fun lunch to celebrate our team's success. This season has been amazing for the Spitfires and we are looking forward to playing more netball. Thank you to all the parents who helped and especially our coach and manager, Hayley Moore and Shona Christie. We can't wait until next season.

By Mia Christie



LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club, Issue 6.

Brochures for this latest issue will be sent home on 30th August, and as usual it is full of lots of exciting books and products to purchase including five \$2 books! Perfect for Christmas gifts!

Please, where possible use the LOOP online ordering system, all classes are listed as Room 1, Room 10 etc.

If paying by cash or cheque, please place the order and correct amount in a sealed envelope with your child's name and room number clearly marked on the front, cheques should be made payable to Scholastic NZ, with your name and address on the reverse. Please also ensure that orders are legible.

Orders must be received back at school by 9.00am on Monday, September 10th, sorry, but no late orders can be processed, however LOOP orders will remain open until 9.00am on Tuesday September 11th.

Book Club



PTA NEWS

6th Sept - Disco

28th Sept Ice Block, Lunch and Mufti

6th September Junior/Senior Disco - \$5 entry, you are able to prepay your ticket entry on kindo. We have spot prizes for both discos as well as best dressed prizes! Notices to come home next week.

Junior disco theme is a PJ party and runs from 5.00-6.30pm, sausage sizzle will be available throughout the evening as well as some snacks, drinks and the ever popular glow bar.

Ghost and zombies senior disco is from 7.00-8.30pm. There is a prepaid pizza option available via kindo. A small selection of drinks and snacks are available and glow products.

28th 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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ONLINE PAYMENTS

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

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock via email at: 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.

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Play cricket this summer at Kumeu Cricket Club

Kumeu Cricket Club registrations are open for
2018/19 season (Term 4 & Term 1)

Year 0-4 (boys and girls) soft ball (Friday night)

Year 5-6 girls soft ball (Friday night)

Year 5-8 boys hardball (Saturday morning)

Season's Fee softball \$120, Hardball

\$155 (Includes free club shirt and a cap for all new
members)

Plus all equipment provided by the club.

Early bird discount of 10% until 15th September.

Register online www.kumeucricket.com

APPA Music Festival **3 Day Instrument Course**

This is for accomplished instrument players in years 4 – 8 who
wish to develop their musicianship skills in orchestral and
band performance, and perform at the Auckland Town Hall as
part of the wider APPA festival in November.

The students need parental commitment so they can attend
the 3 Day Course at the venues below, in the last week of
term 3; plus there will also be a few Saturday or Sunday
rehearsals, lots of practice at home and one rehearsal in the
Town Hall which they also need to get their child to.

Registrations close on Monday, 10th September 2018

www.appa.org.nz/appa-music-festival-3-day-course-open

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THE PROBLEM OF POPULARITY

We all worry about friendships, play dates, birthday parties, who's in and who's out.

Sometimes we worry more than our children do.

We want them to be happy and enjoying having lots of friends. We are sad when they fall out with friends and anxious when they make a friend we are doubtful about. Popularity is a minefield, for parents as well as children.

While many friendships don't last long when we are young, the effects of popularity, or lack of it, can endure a lifetime. If you're popular, you're given more opportunities to practise social skills or gain access to new information. The flip side is that unpopular kids don't get the same advantages.

When it comes in the form of likability and making others feel included and welcomed, popularity leads to good outcomes. Adolescents, however, tend to admire being cool, visible, influential and dominant, and kids who trade on status may vie for it as adults and fail to develop other important skills. As a result, they may be more likely to experience depression, anxiety, relationship difficulties or addiction.

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN DEVELOP THE RIGHT SKILLS

Move the focus away from status.

Stop liking, liking, liking, and counting your likes. Ask questions that encourage children to target real, quality friends rather than fly-by-nights. Offline, don't convey to your kids that they need to be in a particular club or clique. When you focus on ephemeral popularity, they won't learn how to identify healthy, reciprocal relationships.

Address their desire for popularity.

When children are unhappy with their place in the pecking order, offer extra love, acknowledge their feelings and share your values. You can't persuade them to not care, but you can try to understand why this matters to them. Remind them what they'd lose if they sacrificed their existing friendships to pursue popularity.

It's difficult when a child wants to be popular, and there are no easy answers. Adults can point out that the most popular kids may also be lonely and lack trusting, reliable friendships. We can never know what is really happening in others' lives. **Focus on what they can control, such as being kind.**

In every community, there are things that make you popular. If it's a wealthy community, it might have to do with your level of wealth. If it's a religious community, it might be about your parents' status in the religion. You can teach skills that will make a child more likable, but helping them attain status is trickier. By encouraging them to focus on what they can control, including being kind, you'll increase the odds that they land the right friends.



Turn outward to find new friends and activities.

There's a primal social impulse to be part of the pack, but children thrive when they think less about themselves and more about others. If your son or daughter comes home and says, 'No one likes me' or 'Everyone is walking to lunch without me,' turn the tables. Encourage them to invite that new student to lunch or to tutor a younger student. When kids transcend the self, they feel empowered and confident. Engaging in something bigger than themselves also helps them stop ruminating about unreturned texts or their social position.

Cultivate good matches.

The unspoken rule of adolescence is that you're supposed to interact with the people closest to you in the social hierarchy. The culture may value physical attractiveness or athletic ability, but your child may thrive in a setting that values academic achievement or community service. Look for activities that align with your child's interests. Your child's teachers and counsellors can suggest good friend matches, pair them on projects and reinforce social skills.

Teach them skills they need to be more likable.

Help struggling kids practise basic skills such as asking questions. Help them focus on connecting instead of impressing. Encourage children to identify common

ground. If you're talking about something that only pertains to you, it's irrelevant to the friendship. Are they wearing a shirt from a music group you like? Did they watch the same football game last night?

Some children may not know how to join a conversation. Show them how to slide into action without interrupting, and match the emotional tone of the group. When we look at videos of children who end up being the most liked, they listen to others and try to build on and shape what they're doing instead of saying 'No, that's stupid, let's do it this way'.

Learn from children who change often.

Children from some business families may move several times during their school years. Other students can learn from their openness. They may be more likely to approach a stranger in a crowded common room or to appreciate positivity over status. These children have figured out what works for them. They're not trying to find a forever friend or a best friend. There's a freedom to take risks on new friendships when you live in the moment. When the goal is to befriend people who are nice, the burden of popularity is lifted.

The best antidote to craving the wrong friends is finding the right ones and parents can help by offering transport or making their home welcoming.

Acknowledgement: Seven steps parents can take to ensure kids work for the right kind of popularity by Phyllis Fagel, 1 March 20

