



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an amazing journey we have had as we have navigated Term 3. We have certainly had much to celebrate. Our wonderful young people have embraced a breadth of opportunities both in-school and beyond the school gate.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Hui on Wednesday evening. It was certainly a significant meeting for our school. The wisdom shared was invaluable and much appreciated.

MA TE RONGO, KA MOHIO
MA TE MOHIO, KA MARAMA
MA TE MARAMA, KA MATAU
MA TE MATAU, KA ORA.



THROUGH LISTENING, COMES AWARENESS
THROUGH AWARENESS, COMES UNDERSTANDING
THROUGH UNDERSTANDING, COMES KNOWLEDGE
THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, COMES LIFE AND WELL-BEING

Although as a school we farewell Carla today, on the first day of Term 4 a group of staff and students and our Board Chair will be accompanying Carla to Pinehill to support her as she starts her new journey there and formally meets her school students for the first time. We wish Carla all the very best for the journey ahead. We will miss her and Pip immensely. **Please note** - our Term 4 Pōwhiri is scheduled for 11.20am to enable us to be there for Carla.

We have begun the process to appoint a new Deputy Principal who would take up the role in Term 1 of 2020. Karl Ganda and Carli Michelsen will share the role for Term 4. Their email addresses are karlg@whenuapai.school.nz and carlim@whenuapai.school.nz. Please be mindful that they will still be teaching until noon each day and they also remain in their Team Leader roles; so please give them 24 hours to respond to any direct correspondence. Please copy me in, so I can support the communication process, otherwise email me directly.

To all our families thank you for the very many ways in which you have walked alongside us throughout the Term. We are very appreciative of your on-going support. If you are travelling over the break, safe travels. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday and some quality time with family.

*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

ASSEMBLY DATES

Monday 14th October

11.20am – Pōwhiri

Friday 25th October

9.15am – Year 2/3 (Tui)

Monday 28th October

9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 1st November

9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

Friday 8th November

9.15am – Year 2/3 (Tui)

Monday 11th November

9.10am – Year 4-8

Friday 15th November

9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

Friday 22nd November

9.15am – Year 2/3 (Tui)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 31st October

Year 7/8 Athletics

Thursday 7th November

Year 5/6 Athletics

Thursday 28th November

Year 4 Athletics

Thursday 5th December

Year 2/3 Athletics

Wednesday 11 December

Year 0/1 Athletics

TERM DATES

Term 4

Mon 14th Oct – Fri 20th Dec

12.30pm – finish

2020 DATES

Tues 4th Feb

Meet the Teacher Day

Wed 5th Feb

First day of school

Diary Dates

PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL VALUES



Respect Others



Respect Self



Respect Learning



Respect Environment



SPORTS

Rippa Rugby Year 5 & 6 Girls vs Marina View

The Whenuapai Girls Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby team played Marina View School in the curtain raiser game to North Harbour vs Otago NPC Rugby on Saturday 21 September. It was a great occasion for the girls to get the opportunity to play on North Harbour Stadium and all players represented the school very well in their own performances and the teams.

The students have had training sessions with the Year 5 & 6 boys leading up to this event. Although Marina View won the game there was some very good attack and some desperate defence which stopped a number of tries from being scored. All players are to be commended on their ability to support and encourage each other. A special thanks to the students below that represented the school across the rippa rugby season and at this event and to the large number of parent supporters that have supported this team. Thanks again to all on behalf of Whenuapai School.

Year 5 – Jayda Meek, Emmie Peck, Ella Blakey, Amara Reti-Dobbs, Emma Reti-Dobbs, Pyper Hennessey, Leila Peck, Stella Hogg and Taylor Wright

Year 6 – Holly Christiansen, Taya Nasmith, Talia Hosking and Caitlin Dickie.



Bellas on Mountain Bikes

Over the past eight weeks a group of seven amazing Whenuapai School students joined a group of young students from other local schools to partake in the inaugural 'Bellas on Mountain Bikes' programme. The Bellas programme was run by female coaches for female riders. The programme provided the opportunity for the girls to develop as mountain bikers and individuals in a safe, supportive, fun, learning and social environment. It also developed their confidence, resilience, riding skills and fitness. We are thankful to the amazing coaches and sponsors of this wonderful programme.

Also a huge thank you to one of our wonderful parents, Mr Mike Beale, who was the Programme Manager and driving force behind this incredible programme and wonderful opportunity, THANKS MIKE! The girls all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many of our riders are now making their way to Rotorua to compete in the Whaka 10km event. Good luck girls!!



Our Bellas - Taylor, Talia, Stella, Taya, Amelie, Holly and Abigail!

PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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 and Respect Environment.**

For the final week of Term 3 and the first week of Term 4 we want students to focus on all four school values.

We would love for you to discuss at home what these mean and look like in and around your child's classroom and at home.



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.

We have reported cases of colds and tummy bugs in the school.

The Ministry of Health site has information on a number of conditions or illnesses that can be searched to help families understand what their child may have and what action should be taken. Please see a doctor if you are concerned.

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



BASKETBALL

My basketball team is called Whenuapai Slammers, we played on Thursday night. The game was very exciting, and thrilling. The adrenalin intense with all the yelling, and all that. JB storm played valiantly, but we were victorious in the end. But I'm getting ahead of myself. In the first half JB storm were winning by dodging our defence. It was hard to keep up with their shooting, all we could do was to defend, and we mostly stopped them from shooting for the rest of the game. After the game, me and probably the other guys legs/feet hurt so bad/sore. We had done it, we had won 14:11. It was a great game thanks to my team, the YMCA and the parents; my teammates for the effort they put into the game, the YMCA for letting us use the court, and last but not least the parents for driving us to the games, and putting time to watch us and support us. And special thanks to a woman named Julia Coyle.ps: she's my Mum.-
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PTA NEWS

30th October – Junior and Senior Discos

The PTA are holding a Junior and Senior Halloween Disco on Wednesday, 30 October and we are in need of parent helpers for both discos. Without enough parent help we will be unable to run this event. If you can help please e-mail pta.whenuapai@gmail.com

Parent Helpers

The PTA are always looking for more parents to join us at our termly meetings, which help organise fundraising events, or at our actual events, to help ensure that they run smoothly. Please contact us through email (pta.whenuapai@gmail.com) or find us on our Facebook helpers page to stay connected.

Thank You

Thank you to the lovely Julia Coyle who has donated new basketball hoops in the playground which have been installed.

Thank you for a wonderful term of fundraising -the PTA have raised over \$8000 this term! Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you at the great events and meeting planned for Term 4!

thank you 😊

IMPORTANT!



A friendly reminder that the driveway in front of the school office is for staff access and buses only.
This is not a drop off area.

CONSERVATION WEEK – 14-22 SEPTEMBER

During conservation week we had two very dedicated and passionate parent volunteers who did an incredible job of organising activities and information sessions for our students. The week was a huge success and we wanted to say a special thank you to **Tineke Joustra** and **Naomi Harrison!!**

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL CHESS CLUB



Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

We are really pleased to start a Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to our children.

Why Chess?

- * Improve concentration and focus
- * Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- * Tactical & Strategic thinking
- * Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- * Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

What happens in a Chess Power Coaching Programme?

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way. Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

Q Where can I learn more? **A** Visit our website www.chesspower.co.nz and click Parents Centre

CLASS DETAILS

This is 9 weeks chess coaching program running on **Fridays** from **18 October 2019** till **13 December 2019** from **9.45 am – 10.45 am**. The fee will be \$110/student for the term. The sessions will be held in Room #22. If the program is successful a new full 10-week program will be made available for Term 1.

REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this please visit our website. Both registration and payment can be done online.

www.chesspower.co.nz/register

KELLY SPORTS
SUPER SUMMER SPORTS!
LEARN NEW SPORTS SKILLS IN TERM 4

Have heaps of fun in the sun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports over the term.

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Touch Rugby
- ✓ Athletics - Throwing
- ✓ Athletics - Running
- ✓ Volleyball
- ✓ Athletics - Jumping
- ✓ Cricket & Fun Games

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For year 0 – 4 students.

PRICES FROM \$85 – \$95

Schools & Clinic Schedule:

- Greenhithe - Monday, 310-410pm (8 weeks, \$95)
- Marina View - Tuesday, 310-410pm (7 weeks, \$85)
- Oteha Valley - Tuesday, 305-405pm (7 weeks, \$85)
- Pinehill - Wednesday, 310-410pm (7 weeks, \$85)
- Hobsonville - Thursday, 310-410pm (7 weeks, \$85)
- Upper Harbour - Thursday, 310-410pm (7 weeks, \$85)
- Whenuapai - Friday, 310-410pm (7 weeks, \$85)
- Hobsonville Point - Friday, 310-410pm (8 weeks, \$95)

Super Summer Sports starts week of 21st of October 2019. In case of wet weather, Greenhithe and Hobsonville Point sessions will be in the school hall. For other schools with no available covered venue, children's well-being is our priority and parents will be notified of any cancellations on or before 2PM. Make-up sessions will be arranged accordingly.

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Use the voucher code 'earlybird' before 16th October to save!

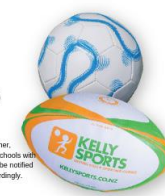
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ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock at email: thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz

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.

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

NOTICES:





Massey Athletic Club

Massey Athletic Club is a family-based club, which has events for children between the ages of 2 to 15 years old.

For 2 and 3 year olds, there are three running races every Monday night. There is no cost for the under 4 year olds to participate.
For 4 year olds and over, there is a programme of events including running races, long jump, shot put and discus. Age is taken at 31st December.

Club night is on Mondays starting at 5:15pm, and the summer athletics season goes from Labour Day to the end of March.

If you like outdoor fresh air and your child likes to run, wants to have fun, and enjoys a challenge - **give athletics a go!**

JOIN NOW!

For more information visit www.masseyathletics.org.nz
Mare Park 53 Granville Drive, Massey Ph 833 8497
Facebook: www.facebook.com/masseyathletics/

Kanuka Yoga are running a [Kids Yoga School Holiday Program](#), starting next Monday 30th Sept. We are located at 102C Hobsonville Road (opposite Hobsonville Primary).

This is a **five-day course**, and kids have the option to drop-in casually or do the whole series. It'll be our third Kids Yoga series and [Erika Rodriguez](#) will be running it.



The NZ Traditional Boatbuilding School

is holding an event to make and take home a model boat, in conjunction with the Auckland Heritage Festival.

Sat 5, Sun 6 & Mon 7 October 2019
from 10am to 3pm each day.

Unit 2, 17 Totara Road Te Atatu Peninsular.
Admission is by Koha.

Health & Safety

1. This is not a drop off event, an adult must accompany the children.
2. Closed shoes must be worn
3. If you feel unwell please do not attend.

For more Auckland Heritage Festival events from 5 – 28 October check out heritagefestival.co.nz

BOOK LAUNCH – Herald Island 28th September

Joan Joass retired from full-time primary school teaching 3 years ago and has at last had time to pursue one of her dreams, writing books for children. Joan spent a year completing a 'Writing for Children' course with writing tutor /assessor Janet Marriot, winner of the 'Best contribution to N.Z Writing' award in 2018.

Joan has always had a real love for the outdoors and ever since completing a Science degree with papers in paleontology, has spent many happy hours fossicking for rocks and fossils all around N.Z.

It seemed an ideal place to start, and Joan has recently completed her first non-fiction book for children, titled, "We're Going on a Fossil Hunt". As well as providing a lot of information on fossils, the book includes many delightful photographs of real children on a real fossil hunt. "Which is partly why it took so long to complete", says Joan. "It can take a while to coordinate everyone and get the right weather for a venture into fossil territory."

Joan initially asked some senior school students (Waioneke School, Sth Kaipara Head) what they would like to know about fossils and has used their most common questions as a basis for the information in the book. The year 8 students of Ficino School in Mt Eden have also provided some beautiful drawings and the book includes some fun puzzles and quizzes for children

Apart from writing, Joan enjoys walking, gardening, cats and philosophy. Joan and her husband Paul are true Westies and have lived in Muriwai, Henderson, Kumeu and, for the last ten years, on sunny Herald Island.

The "Fossil Hunt" book, due to be released in a couple of weeks, will be followed by a picture book called "The Long Drop" (Published by Oratia Media, due for release early next year), appealing to both children and anyone who has ever had anything to do with longdrops! So watch this space!

Joan is currently working on a book called "The Hudson, The Hunt and the Helicopter" which is about a 12 year old's adventure to find the crashed plane (located in the mud to the West of the Upper Harbour Bridge) when something goes terribly wrong!

Joan is keen to develop a real interest in fossil hunting amongst our young ones and after signing your new purchased book is happy to donate a fossil for each book sold.

Further to the book launch at the Herald Island Library on the 28th of September, future book orders can be made via Joan at email joass@xtra.co.nz or telephone 027-2166449 or Etta at our Herald Island library email address :- heraldislandlibrary@gmail.com

