



# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Firstly, a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us recently. We trust that not only do you enjoy a very positive partnership with the school but also with the wider community. Please remember our school gates are open after school or at the weekend for you to use our bike track or playground or have a place to play a game on the courts or field.

'The Lion King' – the children performed with the guidance of Mr Andrew Kent last Friday evening was an absolute credit to the children. It was an outstanding performance. Also outstanding last Friday, were the Kapa Haka who performed at the inaugural Kahui Ako Cultural Festival. If anyone would like to support the on-going development of the Kapa Haka going forward we would love to hear from you.

Last Saturday a sub-committee of the Board and myself, interviewed for the role of Deputy Principal. I am delighted to advise that we are welcoming into our school Mrs Molly Fletcher. Molly is currently at Henderson intermediate and brings a wealth of experience to the role. The team met Molly today.

I'm also delighted to let you know we have found a new 'Mary Poppins' to replace Jo. Sarah Simpson will be joining us from the 18<sup>th</sup> of November and will work alongside Jo for a week.

Today the playground committee met with one of the three possible suppliers. It was exciting to see what the possibilities were for the monies raised to date (\$56,228). We will keep you updated on our options.

Congratulations to our wonderful teachers who have gained full registration, Hayley Moore, Briana Winter and Stephanie Brook. We are so proud of their achievements. There is a formal function for the whole of West Auckland on Thursday, 27 November, to honour all newly registered teachers.

Finally, Karl Ganda, Carli Michelsen and myself would like to invite parents, in particular those new families who have joined us this term to an informal catch up over a cuppa and a biscuit, next Thursday, 14 November, at 2.15pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with you and hear any feedback that you have.

*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 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.10am – Year 4-8

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
9.15am – Year 2/3 (Tui)

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.10am – Year 4-8

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.15am – Year 0/1 (Kea)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
Principal/DP catch up with families

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Christmas Family Night

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 4 Athletics

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
6.00pm BOT Meeting

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 2/3 Athletics

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 0/1 Athletics

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.15am 0/1 Final Assembly  
11.30am 2/3 Final Assembly  
1.30pm Sports Prize Giving

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
2pm - Year 4-6 Prize Giving  
4pm - Senior Prize Giving

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day - 12.30pm finish

### 2020 DATES

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
Meet the Teacher Day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
First day of school

Diary Dates

## PB4L

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - WHENUAPAI SCHOOL VALUES

 Respect Others  Respect Self

 Respect Learning  Respect Environment



# IMPORTANT! SCHOOL CARPARK CLOSED – 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

There will be no parking available on the triangle carpark (by the school crossing) after 1200 midday on 18 November.



Please be aware and consider this when picking up your children on Monday afternoon. Additionally, the entrance to the Air Force Base will have a high level of security on this day.



## PTA NEWS

### Request for Uniform Donations

If anybody has and size 12 girls skorts or any size 16 boys shorts they would like to donation to the PTA we would be extremely grateful. All uniform donations can be left at the school office. Thank you!

### 20<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Family Fun Night

Join us from 5.00 – 7.00pm for the Whenuapai end-of-year Christmas celebration where there will be class performances, a Kapa Haka performance, the RNZAF Fire Truck and a special visit from someone very jolly! Pack a picnic or enjoy the food and drink selection available for purchase on the night! Food and drink options include: sausage sizzle, burgers, nachos, potato man, lollies, coffee, ice cream and more. This is always a special time to enjoy our awesome community of families and staff before heading off on summer break. Platters available for pre-purchase now on Kindo.

A special thank you to Tracey Pitout for the amazing work on both the Family Fun Night and Million Dollar Mission posters!

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Toy World Event Westgate

Come in for a VIP night at Toy World in Westgate and finish off that Christmas shopping early! A percentage of the money spent on the evening will be donated back to Whenuapai School! More information will go out closer to the time!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> December – PTA AGM

Join us in the staff room from 7.00 – 9.00pm for our final PTA meeting of the year and the Annual General Meeting, where we will summarise our year and talk about next year. We are currently looking for someone to fill the roles of Chair and Secretary for next year so if you are interested then we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [pta.whenuapai@gmail.com](mailto:pta.whenuapai@gmail.com).



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION - LION KING

This bunch of amazing cast and crew put on an incredible performance last Friday evening in the school production of the Lion King. You should all be so very proud of yourselves. Family, friends and staff all loved the show. Thank you for your time and dedication at lunchtime practices over the past few months.

A special mention to the wonderful Mr Kent who dedicated so much of his own time and resources to produce such a fun and entertaining show.

We can't wait for the next one!!





# SPORTS

## Norwest Touch Tournament

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Whenuapai School was represented at the Norwest Touch tournament with a boys and girls team playing at Moire Park. Both teams performed well but unfortunately missed out on the semi-finals and finals. Both teams are to be commended on their perseverance and commitment. All students demonstrated respect for others, themselves, officials and other players from other schools. The school would like to thank Kim Weston and Kevin McFadgen and other parents that kindly assisted with transport both to and from school.

## Hobsonville Point Secondary School Fun Day Touch Tournament

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October over 50 students travelled by bus to Hobsonville Point Secondary School to participate in a fun day touch tournament. Other schools represented were Hobsonville Point Primary and West Harbour School. The day turned out to be a great occasion with many students who do not normally get the opportunity to represent the school benefitting from the experience. We had two teams from each of the Year levels 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 represented. All students were part of a mixed team.

The students are to be commended on their positive attitudes and their respect for other schools, staff, students and their coach leaders. This fine display of performance and sportsmanship was evident in all players and some students were awarded prizes and the school was privileged to be given some new balls and a gear bag.

The school would like to thank Hobsonville Point Secondary School senior students for organising the day and Sage Magele who is the teacher in charge. Special mention to Claire Brain and Kevin McFadgen and other parents for their support on the day of our Whenuapai students.

## Whenuapai Athletics Sports Year 7 & 8 2019

Whenuapai School held its annual Year 7 & 8 athletics day on Thursday 31st of October 2019. The sun came out making for ideal conditions. The day started with the 1500 metres with some students testing themselves over this long-distance event. Once completed the students moved through the field events including shot put, high jump, long jump and discus and the track events which included 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m. Some students attempted a new event for the first time and were successful in accomplishing new personal bests.

The competition for the top student in each age category was fierce and every student was attempting to improve across the day. It was evident from the final results that some students performed well in field events like throwing and jumping while other students had greater success in the running track events. Some students preferred the sprints while others enjoyed the longer distance. The day finished with relays with Room 3 being the fastest class overall. The event was made more successful with the support of teachers coordinating their events, recording, timing and general organisation. The 2019 Whenuapai Athletics event was a tremendous success and the school would like to thank everyone for their support and the students for their top efforts!

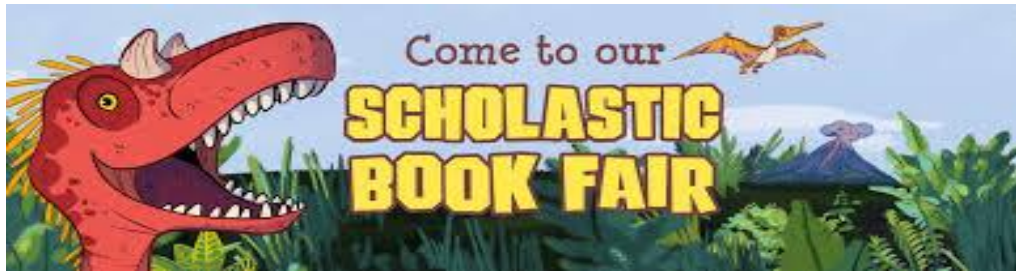
Congratulations to the following students, our overall Athletics Champions for 2019:

Year 7 Boys	Year 7 Girls	Year 8 Boys	Year 8 Girls
Latrell Tucker (290 pts)	Olivia Curgenvn (190 pts)	Brody Good (280 pts)	Abigail Grbic (230 pts)

## Bombers Touch

The Bombers Touch season has now kicked off. We have a number of teams entered and we are looking forward to a great season. Well done to those students who competed or helped out with the Year 5/6 Athletics day yesterday and then went on to play touch last night! Fingers crossed you all slept well after such a big day in the sun.





**Opening - Friday 22 November - Friday 29 November**

Our Book Fair is being held in the school library and children will be visiting with their class teacher at a prescheduled time where they will be given wish lists for them to record their favourite items.

Parents are more than welcome to visit the book fair during the following times:

**Friday 22nd November - 2.30 - 3.30pm**

**Monday 25th – Friday 29th November – Daily between 8.00 - 9.00am as well as Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 - 4.00pm.**

Books will be available for purchase with cash, EFTPOS or cheque at these times. Alternatively, a form will be sent home with your children this week which has order and credit card payment options on the reverse. Any cheques need to be made out to Whenuapai School.

The brochure is just a snippet of the books that will be available, there will be so many more to choose from at the book fair. So please wait to place your order until you and/or your children have had a chance to have a look – just incase.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and stocking fillers as the books and novelty items are usually well priced with lots of variety. Please support us if you can, it is a great way for us to raise funds to benefit your children and the school. We can earn up to 30% commission with your invaluable help.

**Book Character Parade – Friday 22 November**

As part of our book week celebrations the children are able to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character. We will be holding a parade starting at **9.30am** and families are more than welcome to attend (dressed up if you wish). There will be a colouring competition, spot prizes and prizes for the most imaginative recreations.

The Book Fair will be open for purchases after the parade until the start of morning tea.



**PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

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

**PB4L Focus for Term 4 Weeks 3-4**

Our current focus is **Respect for Learning** and in particular; **focus on your learning and let others focus on theirs.**

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 shingles 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>



## 2020 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child that you intend on starting on the first day of Term 1, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 please feel free to pop into the reception during office hours 8.00am-4.00pm to complete a pre enrolment form. We look forward to seeing you!



For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: [www.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/)

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## Whenuapai Residents are invited to: Connecting Whenuapai



Dear Resident,  
Whenuapai is changing and growing, as new people have moved into the neighbourhood. We have had few opportunities to connect as a community. We want to help people meet their neighbours, enjoy living in Whenuapai and help make it even better! So come along and join us for more than a conversation...

1:30pm Doors Open  
Refreshments  
2:00pm The Fun starts!  
4:00pm Finish.



All ages welcome!  
Text R.S.V.P for catering purposes 021 578 832



Sunday 10th November  
Whenuapai School Hall  
14 Airport Road, Whenuapai

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### ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any queries please contact Mr Tony Hitchcock at email: [thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto: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](http://mykindo.co.nz)

# NOTICES:

Join us for the .....

## SWITCHING ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WENUAPAI VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 1st December, from 6pm  
Sausage sizzle (\$1 each), lolly scramble for the kids  
BYO drinks, holiday spirit and a few gold coins for your sausages



### Takapuna District Cricket Club

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**Tuesdays – 4.00-5.15pm**  
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Get your skates on at Westgate Shopping Centre's free ice skating rink.  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> December.  
11am to 6pm daily.  
Find out more at: [westgate.kiwi](http://westgate.kiwi)

### Catch up on measles vaccination

The measles outbreak is continuing, so it's still important to catch up on your children's vaccinations. Children will get very sick with measles. They also can miss school activities like sports, concerts and camps.

The friends of a child with measles may also have to stay at home if they are unvaccinated. **See your doctor - it's FREE.** Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with end-of-year activities and get-togethers.

**If you suspect measles please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.**



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