

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parent's and Caregivers

We will soon be welcoming more wonderful families into our community. Our new children are having school visits in preparation for an amazing start to their schooling.

We are all very excited about our move to PR1ME Math's. Molly Fletcher gave a presentation to the Board on Wednesday night. I have again included her recent communication to whānau about this strategic move (see next page)

Our 2020 Strategic and Annual Plan have been uploaded to our website. In 2020 we will be focusing on strengthening our approach to teaching mathematics.

We trust that moving to PR1ME Maths will support whānau engagement and knowing exactly where your child is at. Mathletics also continues to be an integral part of your child's learning. Teachers will be aligning the Mathletics with the child's PR1ME journey.

To support with reading, we again ask that reading at home each night becomes a habit. Reading and writing go hand in hand, so please also encourage your children to write at home.

Tui Team and Piwakawaka Team both held their assemblies this morning. It was lovely to see so many families were able to attend and celebrate with the children.

As always, my door is always open.

*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

PLAYGROUND FOR REMOVAL

In the spirit of paying it forward, if anyone is interested in repurposing all of the junior playground or part of it I would love you hear from you. Please note that is, as is where is condition and you will need to organize its removal. Please contact me directly. It will need to be removed by the 5th April so work can begin on the site to prepare it for the installation of the new one over the Term break – 10th April – 27th April.

Assembly Dates:

Friday 28th Feb: 9:15 – 10am
Tui Team Assembly
Piwakawaka Assembly
10-10:45am

Thursday 5th March
Kea Team Assembly
9:20 – 10am

Friday 13th: 9:15-10am
Tui Team Assembly
Piwakawaka Assembly
10-10:45am

Friday 20th March: 9:15am
Kea Team Assembly

Friday 28th Mar – Earth Hour
Day
Tui Team Assembly
9:15 – 10am
Piwakawaka Assembly
10-10:45am

Friday 3rd April
Kea Team Assembly
Kakapo & Kahu Assembly
10am

Diary Dates

24th Feb: School Hui: 9:15am

26th Feb: Board Meeting at 6pm

6th March: Teacher Only Day

9th March: Whenuapai
Swimming Sports

23rd Mar: School Hui: 9:10am

10th April: GOOD FRIDAY

FUTURE DIARY NOTE
THE NEXT TEACHER ONLY DAY
WILL BE 29TH MAY 2020

Rationale for PR1ME

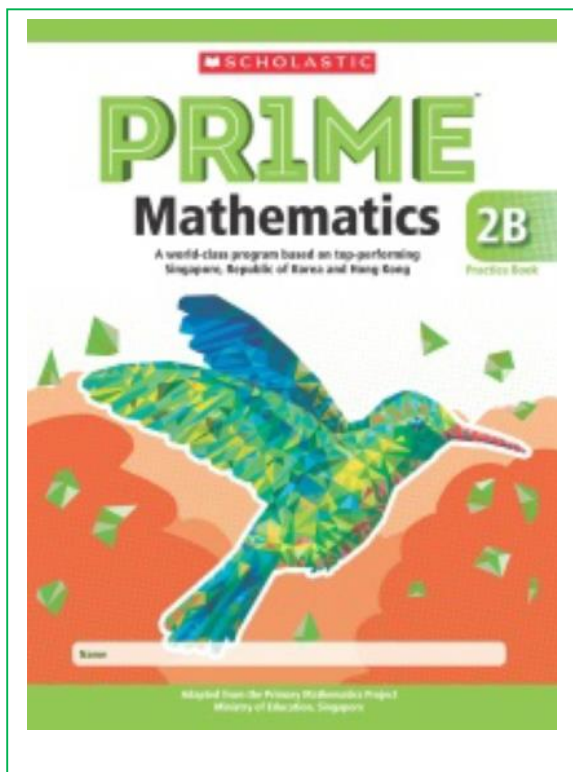
Our analysis of variance goal for Mathematics is to have rationalisation and agreement by the leadership team on the use of resources. This is to support the implementation of a year 1-8 seamless learning journey. Although evidence of the numeracy project was seen in some classes, there was no one tool (or tools) supported by all within the school.

This year we have 5 teachers who are provisionally registered, 3 teachers from overseas, plus one teacher who is secondary school trained. Our mathematics data shows 19% of our students are identified as below or well below the expected curriculum level, with Year 2-3 and 5-6 being of the most concern. Year 4 students showed the most progress and acknowledged that the success was due to deliberate acts of teaching and Maths being made a priority subject. This year level also had experienced teachers across the classes.

The PR1ME programme provides consistency from Year 2-8, with a balance of number knowledge, strand and problem solving over the progressions. Contextual links are made throughout the books Eg. as they learn about fractions, time is introduced. The programme invites hands-on learning opportunities and follow-up support such as Mathletics can be added easily.

This programme will reduce hours of planning, and increase focus on Mathematical literacy - supporting further learning such as ICAS and Kiwi Competitions. The programme is flexible; students working faster than others can be moved to different groups, and there is the possibility of using these for home learning to boost anyone needing it. PR1ME maths will reduce photocopying as teachers only require the course books.

These books go up to Book 6A and 6B which are the equivalent of working above the expected curriculum level in year 8. PR1ME ensures coverage and mastery at each level and our teachers looking forward to using the PR1ME programme.





SPORTS

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This year we are aiming to provide more sporting opportunities throughout the school by making a commitment to attend a range of community events. The first of which is the Shore to Shore on **Sunday 5th April 2020**. The fun run will start at Takapuna Grammar and finish at Milford Reserve. We have secured a tent site for the day so we will be able to be together as a school. Student participants will get a goodie bag at the end of the run supplied by Whenuapai School.

Parents and participating students must find their own way to and from the event venue. Please find all relevant information related to the event on the Shore to Shore website when you register as per below.

There are two types of events you can register for:

- 5km fun run → \$10.00
- 5km timed run → \$16.00

Every 20 entrants we receive raises money for the school that goes towards sporting equipment. The Shore to Shore is a growing event and there are over 5,000 participants and we are very excited to be part of that this year.

If you are interested in joining, please head to www.shoretoshore.co.nz and register under Whenuapai School. It is a fun day filled with lots of activities, silly dress-ups and laughter for both children and adults.

We are looking forward to being there on the day and making it a great school event!

Any questions please contact gregb@whenuapai.school.nz

Thank you,
Greg Berry
Head of Sport
Whenuapai



CRICKET IN HOBSONVILLE

HAVE A GO, HOBSONVILLE!

Primary and Intermediate school age range:
both girls and boys welcome

REGISTER: PLAYCRICKET.NZ/HOBSONVILLE



SUPERSTAR ACADEMY

We would like to help develop cricketers within your wonderful community.

Auckland Cricket will be running a Hobsonville Superstar Academy at the Hobsonville Memorial Park.

Girls and Boys are invited to join the Academy, to learn about developing cricket skills in a fun and action packed fashion. Each Academy member will also receive their very own BatFirst bat and ball, plus participation certificate.

The Academy takes place from 4.30 - 5.30 pm starting on 28th February and running for 4 weeks.

Total Cost for the Hobsonville Superstar Academy is \$20.

RIP RUGBY NON CONTACT GRADE

2020 will see our second year of Boys Non-Contact Grades up and running alongside our Girls grades that are thriving!

We want to make a big push to promote these grades as an alternative option to tackle to keep these young boys in the game.

If your school has a newsletter or provides community updates through their website, could we please ask to promote our Non-Contact Grades using the image attached? We would be eternally grateful.

The link below also provides more information around Rip Rugby (formerly Quick Rip) and points of contacts at the clubs.

More information around PSF/ISF will be sent to you soon. ☺

<http://www.harbourrugby.co.nz/webpages/club-junior-information/>



2019 Harbour MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

Get your 2019 Harbour Membership NOW!

By renewing or purchasing your membership before EASTER SUNDAY, YOU stand a chance to sit side-line with the Harbour team at our first home game, "A MONEY CAN'T BUY EXPERIENCE".

MEMBERSHIP PRICES & BENEFITS	Gold	Silver
Membership		
Junior (5-14 years)	\$40	\$20
Adult (15+ years)	\$120	\$80
Family (2 Adults + 2 Juniors)	\$250	\$170

Logos: KPMG, Harbour Rugby, PALADIN, RITCHIES, BENEFITZ, North Harbour, QBE

WHENUAPAI PRIMARY IS NOW AN ENVIROSCHOOL

As part of this exciting new journey that has a focus on sustainability, we are wanting to encourage kids to have nude lunchboxes – what this means, is no packing or wrappers. There is an amazing website you can visit to get some ideas. Head to www.familytimes.co.nz to find out more.

Here are just some of the ideas they suggest:

- Use beeswax wraps to keep sandwiches fresh.
 - Use small, reusable containers for yoghurt from a larger pottle.
 - Keep vege and fruit pieces fresh in sealed reusable containers.
- If you *just* want a lunchbox, and no other containers or bags, find a lunchbox that has at least three dividers: one for roll/sammies, one for veges and fruit, and one for snacks.
- And the ultimate saviour from all the packaging waste – use a Bento Lunchbox.
- These have several compartments to keep everything in order and your kids happy.



NOTICES:

MARRZIPAN

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 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?!

Come and join Marrzipan!

We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills at your school! 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. All parents receive weekly class reports too to keep them up to date on their child's development. Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development.

Contact Jex on 027 521 7352 or email info@marrzipandrama.co.nz



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THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors of student activities and our Kahui Ako.



FREE BARK

With our new playground in the pipeline, we wanted to reach out to any of our families who might be in need of some bark. We want to gauge if there is enough interest for anyone who might like it for their gardens etc, before we organise and pay for its disposal. If you think this is something you would like, please contact our Caretaker, Ian on ians@whenuapai.school.nz.

KEY CONTACTS

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Year 4 – Paige Chellew	paigec@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 5-6 – Chris Groen	chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@whenuapai.school.nz

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:

DANCE CLASSES

"Tania Foster school of Dance" offers classes in Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical Styles of dance for all ages and abilities, new students welcome to trial a class at no obligation to enrol.

We offer students Graded exams, Fun classes, Competitions and Yearly shows.

Three locations, Hobsonville, Whenuapai and West Harbour.

Please enquire to Principal Teacher Tania Foster JDNZ Examiner and Registered Teacher with 40 years' experience nurturing young dancers. Phone 027 280 8857 or email taniafosterdance@gmail.com



HEALTH & WELLBEING



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE KEEPING THEMSELVES SAFE WITH THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK OVERSEAS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK AS SOON AS THEY ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

We would like to remind parents and caregivers about the spread of viruses in school. 'Please remind your children about the importance of handwashing, and if they are unwell please keep them home.

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.

Time Capsule

According to local legend, there was once a time capsule buried somewhere on the grounds of Whenuapai School by former teachers and students. If you have any information regarding the capsule's contents or location, please contact Inspector Ganda at karlg@whenuapai.school.nz



WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR.....

ONE OF OUR LOVELY TEACHERS, RILEY KAIO IS IN SEARCH OF SOME PUZZLES AND ALPHABET/WORD GAMES THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR YEAR TWO CHILDREN. IF YOU HAVE ANY THAT ARE NOT NEEDED AT HOME, WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS.



Free Outdoor Entertainment

Make the most of warm summer days at NorthWest Shopping Centre. Check out the free outdoor family fun for everyone. Park on the ground level and walk straight through the shopping centre.

Free Movies in the Square

THE LION KING FRIDAY 28TH FEB AT 7:30PM

Featuring the voices of Beyoncé, Seth Rogan and James Earl Jones. This movie will be shown on the giant outdoor movie screen in the NorthWest Town Square. Bound to appeal to new generations and rekindle memories for the 80s/90s generation. Bring the whole family for a night to remember.

GREASE FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 7:30PM

Everyone's favourite classic movie – watch Sandy, Danny and all the Pink Ladies on the giant movie screen in the NorthWest Town Square. Make it a night out with prizes to be won for best dressed! Grab dinner from NorthWest food retailers, pack a blanket and snuggle in amongst the beanbags.

Copthorne Rotorua Off-Road Half Marathon

1 week until the late fee kicks in...

Enter before Wednesday next week and save up to \$10 on your entry fee.

Event Options

21km Copthorne Rotorua Half Marathon

10km Mitre 10 Mega Run or Walk

5km Red Stag Timber Fun Run/Walk

1.5/2.5km Lance Lawson Little Devils Race



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 1

For the beginning of Term our focus is on all four School values, what they are, what each one means and how we can live the values every day.

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.





MUSIC LESSONS at Whenuapai School

Would your child like to learn to play music?
Would you like in-school lessons with qualified music teachers?
Enrol your child in music lessons at Whenuapai School!

MusiQHub is holding a Have-A-Go Day on Thursday 20th February in the Hall, where your children can try out an instrument and you can meet the music tutor Gloria Arboleda Martinez.

Gloria has a Bachelor of Music and has tutored in schools in Colombia, the UK, and for the past three years with MusiQHub here in Auckland. Gloria offers music lessons in guitar, ukulele, keyboard/piano, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone and trumpet.

WHAT? Have-A-Go Day at Whenuapai School

When? Thursday 20th Feb

Times? 8.00am - 8.45am

2.45pm - 3.30pm

Where? Hall

For more information, contact
Gloria Arboleda Martinez
0274 422 654 • gloria.arboleda@musiqhub.co.nz

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AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

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Dates and times

Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 12pm
Book online at swimiq.co.nz
Outdoor Pool, unheated

For more information and to reserve your spot contact
swimiq.contact@gmail.com

ARE YOU A TALENTED BARISTA?

Do you love making coffee and being a warm and welcoming face at one of Whenuapai's favourite coffee shops?

The MILK BAR (65 Brigham Creek Road) is looking for someone to join their team. If you are a trained Barista with proven experience in making delicious coffees and open to working flexible hours (including early starts), then pop along to visit the amazing team.





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Tuesdays
5.30pm-7.00pm

on the field next to the Parkhouse Café
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Kids Yoga - Term 1 After-School Series

Yoga is a wonderful way to bring children together through a non-competitive, yet physical activity. It benefits the body (of all ages) by offering balance and flexibility and strengthens the lungs. It supports concentration and allows children to develop healthy techniques to tackle problem solving and tricky situations.

Five-Week, After-School Series

Ages - suitable for a 6-12 year olds

When - begins Wednesday, 11th March

Time - 4pm-5pm

Where - Kanuka Yoga Space

\$100 for all five classes - \$24 per casual drop-in

To book, email hello@kanukayoga.co.nz

