

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parent's and Caregivers

This week we welcomed a number of new families into our school. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all on behalf of the Whenuapai Learning Community.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and leadership we have been afforded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health in regards to Coronavirus. Their flow of information has been outstanding, not only for our Community but also for our staff.

On the following page, I have added two website addresses that link to videos you might like to watch as a family. I have also attached a letter for whānau from The Ministry of Education.

It is wonderful to see our refurbishment programme going to plan. We are very excited to see the transformation finally begin to take place with classrooms 7-10 almost ready to be occupied.

Our school was certainly very colourful today; not only were we thinking of events a year ago that shocked our community but we also had a focus on 'kindness' in our place. How can we as a school spread ripples of kindness all day, every day, no matter where we are.

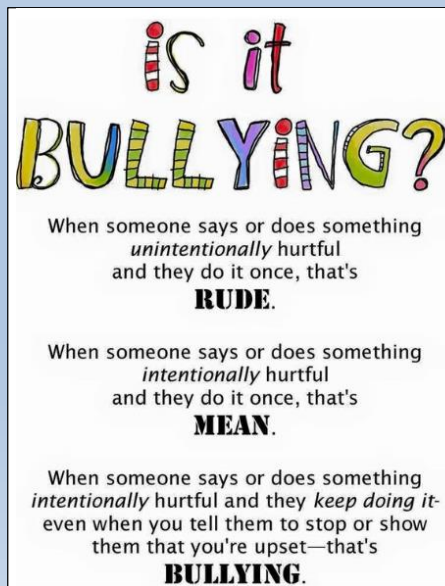
Playground

Please be advised that we have now secured a contractor to prepare the current junior playground site for the installation of the new playground scheduled for the 4th May. We will be relocating the current flying fox and some of the bars, but everything else will be demolished in the second week of the school holidays. Should anyone be interested in repurposing part or all of the remaining playground, can you contact me by Friday 20th March to arrange a time for removal between 9th April – 15th April.

As always, my door is 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



Assembly Dates:

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

18th Mar: Splash Day

23rd Mar: School Hui: 9:10am

27th Mar: Cultural Day

2nd April: Family Fun and
Classroom showcase evening

10th April: GOOD FRIDAY

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

COVID-19 declared a pandemic

Kiaora

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

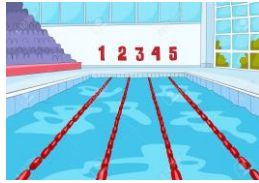
For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPsY-jLqaXM>

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus: Head to the PM's Facebook page to see this and also head to the Newshub website for some more information (<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2020/03/watch-health-experts-join-jacinda-ardern-to-dispel-some-coronavirus-covid-19-myths.html>).

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Ngā mihi



SWIMMING SPORTS 2020

Whenuapai School held its annual swimming sports at the base pool on Monday 9th March 2020. The performances were amazing and it was great to see our students getting the opportunity to compete. The event started with freestyle events moving to backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. The event was open to all competitive swimmers with the distance across 50 metres. This created strong competition between swimmers and many of the finals were very tightly contested with a touch at the finish being the difference between winning, placing second or third. All the students are to be commended on their performances and they all represented the school to a very high standard. Parents are thanked for their support of the event in timekeeping, organising, administration and officiating. We appreciate your support and service to the school. The students that qualified from the Whenuapai swimming sports will now attend the Norwest Zone swimming event being held on Tuesday 24th March which is followed by the Interzone event which is on Thursday 26th March.



Swimming Sports 2020 Results

Competitive - 50 Metres

50m Free	Names		50m Free	Names	
Year 5 Girls	1	Amber Young	Year 5 Boys	1	Cory Saunders
	2	Hannah Angelo		2	
	3			3	
Year 6 Girls	1	Amberlee Roberts	Year 6 Boys	1	Max Mitchell
	2	Natalia Pusich		2	Lachlan Hosking
	3	Sapphire Morris		3	
Year 7 Girls	1	Talia Hosking	Year 7 Boys	1	Jack Peterson
	2	Tylah Davis		2	Aston Coyle
	3	Stella Beale		3	Tavita Orum
Year 8 Girls	1	Payton Berry	Year 8 Boys	1	
	2	Tonika Hannon		2	
	3	Olivia Curgenven		3	
50m Backstroke	Names		50m Backstroke	Names	
Year 5 Girls	1	Amber Young	Year 5 Boys	1	Cory Saunders
	2	Alia Queenin		2	
	3			3	
Year 6 Girls	1	Amberlee Roberts	Year 6 Boys	1	Max Mitchell
	2	Sapphire Morris		2	Lachlan Hoskings
	3	Reanna Bone		3	
Year 7 Girls	1	Tylah Davis	Year 7 Boys	1	Jack Peterson
	2	Talia Hosking		2	Aston Coyle
	3	Taya Nasmith		3	Tavita Orum
Year 8 Girls	1	Olivia Curgenven	Year 8 Boys	1	
	2	Kathryn Farac		2	
	3	Payton Berry		3	
50m Breaststroke	Names		50m Breaststroke	Names	
Year 5 Girls	1	Amber Young	Year 5 Boys	1	Cory Saunders
	2	Alia Queenin		2	
	3			3	
Year 6 Girls	1	Amberlee Roberts	Year 6 Boys	1	Max Mitchell
	2	Natalia Pusich		2	Lachlan Hosking
	3	Reanna Bone		3	
Year 7 Girls	1	Taya Nasmith	Year 7 Boys	1	Jack Peterson
	2	Talia Hosking		2	Tavita Orum
	3	Sophie Sutton		3	Aston Coyle
Year 8 Girls	1	Payton Berry	Year 8 Boys	1	
	2	Tonika Hannon		2	
	3	Kathryn Farac		3	
50m Butterfly	Names		50m Butterfly	Names	
Year 5 Girls	1		Year 5 Boys	1	Cory Saunders
	2			2	
	3			3	
Year 6 Girls	1	Amberlee Roberts	Year 6 Boys	1	Max Mitchell
	2	Reanna Bone		2	Lachlan Hosking
	3			3	
Year 7 Girls	1	Tyler Davis	Year 7 Boys	1	Jack Peterson
	2	Stella Beale		2	Tavita Orum
	3	Talia Hosking		3	Aston Coyle
Year 8 Girls	1	Payton Berry	Year 8 Boys	1	
	2	Kathryn Farac		2	
	3	Tonika Hannon		3	

Swimming Sports Champions 2020

Category	Name	Class	Points Total	Placings in an event
Year 5 Girls	Amber Young	7	36	1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 5 Boys	Cory Saunders	9	48	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 6 Girls	Amberlee Roberts	7	48	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 6 Boys	Max Mitchell	9	48	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 7 Girls	Tylah Davis	3	30	2 nd / 1 st / 1 st
Year 7 Boys	Jack Peterson	2	48	1 st / 1 st / 1 st / 1 st
Year 8 Girls	Payton Berry	3	38	1 st / 3 rd / 1 st / 1 st
Year 8 Boys				
<u>Points allocation for competitive championship</u>				
1 st in a race = 12 points 2 nd in a race = 6 Points 3 rd in a race = 2 Points				

Norwest Tag

The Norwest Tag competition was held on Thursday 27th February at Trusts Stadium Henderson. Whenuapai had a boys' team and a girls' team represented. It was a huge turnout with all schools and supporters having excellent sideline behavior and support. Both Whenuapai teams improved across the day and won a series of games. The games they lost were by very narrow margins and the students are to be commended on their effort and team play across the course of the tournament. The weather was extremely hot and a number of students backed the day up by representing the school in their afternoon sports like touch and basketball later. Thanks to Kim Weston, Kevin Mcfadgen, Kerry Berry and Catriona Farac for their support of both teams and all the supporters and parents that assisted on the day and also with transport.

NOTICES:



SPLASH DAY

A 23 metre inflatable water slide plus
sausage sizzle & iceblocks

THURSDAY 19th MARCH
(This event will be held during school time.
Each class will get an hour of fun on the water slide)

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TOGS & TOWEL

1 x hour on the water slide:	\$5.00
Sausage in bread:	\$2.00
Chicken burger:	\$4.00
Iceblock:	\$2.50

Please pay via Kindo or at the school office before
TUESDAY 17th MARCH

NOTICES:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE



We are asking for help from any whānau who might be free on a Friday morning from 8:30-9:30 to help in the book room.

Not only is this a huge help for Teachers, but it is also a lovely chance to meet other parent's and whānau from our community.

If you think you could spare an hour on a Friday morning, Sarah Bone would love to hear from you sarahb@whenuapai.school.nz

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.



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.



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CULTURAL DAY



Friday 27th March

To celebrate our diverse melting pot of culture, on Friday 27th, we will be celebrating. Students can come dressed in their cultural costume of choice and there will be a parade at 12pm.

Family Fun and Classroom Showcase Evening

On 2nd April we will be welcoming whānau to come and enjoy a classroom showcase as well as a family fun evening.

Classroom showcase: 5pm

Movie: 6pm

BYO Picnic

PTA will have sausages and juicies for sale.



Whenuapai School is pleased to have the opportunity to facilitate the Seasons for Growth Programme. Seasons for Growth is an innovative, evidence-based, peer-support programme based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life.

The programme draws on the metaphor of the seasons to help understand emotions, and supports our tamariki to develop their resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. It helps our children to build their understanding, communication, decision-making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group and to appreciate and nurture their own personal strengths and gifts.

If you feel your child may benefit from being involved in Seasons for Growth, or would like any additional information, please contact Jill Mackenzie, Learning Support Coordinator at lsc@whenuapai.school.nz.



Do you want to gain new friends, grow your leadership skills and make a difference to young women?

GirlGuiding New Zealand is looking for new volunteers to help run amazing Guiding programmes in your area! If you want to give a few hours of your time to help a young woman gain confidence and learn some life skills, sign up on our website or email Jenny on jenny.knight@ggnz.org.nz to chat about the different options available.

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

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



TAI CHI & GREEN TEA
FREE family friendly Tai Chi sessions during March

Come for some exercise
Stay to meet your neighbours

Sundays 9.00am-10.30am
Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.00pm

on the field next to the Parkhouse Café
Totara & Brighams Creek Roads

Tai chi is great exercise for all ages, as it is gentle on your joints. It uses safe, mindful, flowing movements and deep breathing to improve strength, balance and to reduce falls.

Proudly supported by
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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.

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



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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.



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.



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

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SUMMER SWIM LESSONS!

AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Learn to swim, or improve in the water, with SwimIQ over the summer break. Lessons run by SwimIQ's Lauren Boyle, former World Champion and three-time Olympian for New Zealand!



25-minute lessons
\$15
Fee in Advance

Classes for students aged 5 to 15yrs - introduce your child to swimming or take the next step in skill development

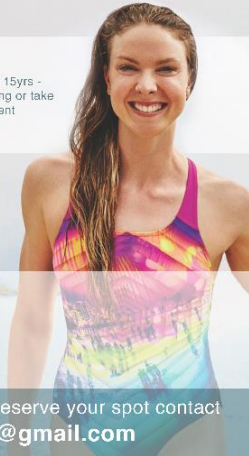
Small groups of 6 swimmers max

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Or direct book, if needed

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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

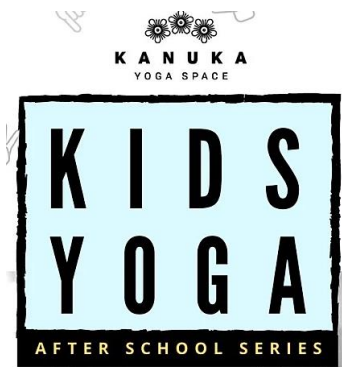
When - begins Wednesday, 11th March

Time - 4pm-5pm

Where - Kanuka Yoga Space

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

To book, email hello@kanukayoga.co.nz



Have a wonderful weekend