

# WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### **22 OCTOBER 2020**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday, 26 October Labour Day

Tuesday, 27 October Teacher Only Day

Wednesday, 28 October 5.30 – 7.00pm – School Hui \* please remember to RSVP

**Thursday, 29 October** Year 7/8 Athletics Sports

Friday, 30 October Year 7/8 Open Day for students in Year 6. Parents invited from 1.30pm

Thursday, 5 November 4.30-6.00pm – Junior Disco 6.30-8.00pm – Senior Disco

**Friday, 6 November** Year 5/6 Athletics Sports

**Thursday, 12 November** Year 4 Athletics Sports

Wednesday, 18 November Year 2/3 Athletics Sports

Wednesday, 2 December Year 0/1 Athletics Sports

**Friday, 11 December** 4.00pm – Mistletoe Mania

BOT MEETING DATES 6pm Start Wednesday, 18 November Wednesday, 9 December

> 2020 TERM DATES Friday, 18 December Final Day of Term 4 12.30pm finish

> > In a world where you can be anything **Be kind!**

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā koutou,

What a great start it has been to Term 4. Last week we welcomed 16 new students and their families to Whenuapai School. A very warm welcome to you all. We trust that you enjoy a very positive partnership with Whenuapai School. Please remember our doors are always open.

Over the past two weeks there has been a real buzz across the school. Classes have settled quickly and children are well underway with learning both in and out of the classroom.

As always, Term 4 is going to be a very busy term. A reminder that next week there is no school on Monday or Tuesday due to Labour Day and our NZEI Teacher Only Day. On Wednesday evening, 28 October, we are hosting our 2020 School Hui in the hall from 5.30-7.00pm. We would love to see you there and hear any thoughts and ideas that you may have to continue our journey to improve the visibility of Māori culture and knowledge in our school. Please RSVP to pa@whenuapai.school.nz

Also, next week on Friday, 30 October, the Year 7/8 team will be hosting an open day for all current Year 6 students. The team have a wonderful morning planned with many learning activities. Parents are invited to join their children from 1.30pm. There will be a question and answer session at 2.30pm in Room 2.

Term 4 is also filled with many sporting opportunities. Ripper Rugby, T/Ball, Badminton, Touch, Cricket, Athletics and the Shore to Shore event just to name a few. We would like to thank Mr Greg Berry for his amazing dedication and organisation that goes in to each of these events and we wish all the participating students well for each activity.

As always, we value the very many ways that you support our school.

If you are travelling over the long weekend, safe travels.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work

He iti hau marangai E tū te pāhokahoka After the storm, the rainbow appears

Ngā mihi nui, Raewyn Matthys-Morris, Principal





\*More details to come\*

# **EPROS CHALLENGE**

The EPro8 Challenge is an engineering and problem-solving competition. Some Year 5 and Year 6 students got a taster and two Year 7/8 teams competed in the challenge.

Their brief was to use the equipment to produce a "robotic zoo creature" that met a range of specifications. Team *Turquoise Seals* engineered a butterfly with functioning wings, while Team *Wall-e* created a crocodile, which could do "death rolls."





## Whenuapai School is a:



We encourage you to walk your children to and from school as it:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours!)
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn
- Keeps the school crossing area clear of parked cars so it is safer for everyone
- Helps your child to become familiar with their community and to learn road sense skills
- Saves on petrol money

# **SEEKING YOUR HELP**

We are reaching out to our wonderful community seeking some volunteer help for the following:

- A choir teacher to assist with starting a school choir
- Road Patrol helpers Brigham Creek Rd (8.30-8.50am)

If you think you could help with any of the above please contact the school office and let us know: <u>office@whenuapai.school.nz</u>



We would also love to hear from anyone who has availability to:

 help put away readers in the book room on Friday mornings from 8:30am

This usually only takes an hour, less if there are more helpers. Please email <u>sbone@whenuapai.school.nz</u> if you are available to help with this role.

# **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.

Our PB4L values focus for Week 2 and 3 of Term 4 is: **Respect for Learning -** We are present during learning time, physically and mindfully. This means being in class at the right time, actively listening to teachers and peers, taking part in classroom activities, and staying focused and on task during learning time.

It would be wonderful if you could talk to your children at home about our current PB4L focus.



# **ATHLETIC SPORTS DATES 2020**

Year Level	Date	Saver Date	
Year 7 and 8 Athletic Sports	Thursday – 29 October 2020	Wednesday – 04 November 2020	
Year 5 and 6 Athletic Sports	Friday – 06 November 2020	Monday – 09 November 2020	
Year 4 Athletic Sports	Thursday – 12 November 2020	Friday – 13 November 2020	
Year 2 and 3 Athletic Sports	Wednesday – 18 November 2020	Thursday – 19 November 2020	
Year 0 and 1 Athletic Sports	Wednesday – 02 December 2020	Thursday – 03 December 2020	



As a School, we have become more and more aware that some children and families in our community are in need. For this reason, we are setting up "The Hunger Buster Project" where we encourage families who are in a position to help, to be able to. This could be by way of a monetary donation or it might be dropping off some of the following items which we can use to keep our beautiful children well fed. At this stage we would be asking for food donations of the following items:

• Fruit, Muesli Bars, Cup of Soup, Margarine, Bread and Milo

All of these items will help us to make sure hungry tummies are full which encourages a much more productive learning day for them. Alternatively, if you would like to contribute financially, we have set up a separate bank account for us to purchase such items.

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We thank you so much for any support, little or large. Every bit helps and we know as a community there will be many of you who will want to help in any way you can. Your generosity is so much appreciated.

## ezlunch Menu and App now available!

Android & iPhone App now available myKindo app is now available for iPhone and Android phones. If you like the flexibility of ordering anywhere, anytime then go ahead and download the app! Access via the appstore, searching "mykindo" or by using the links below: Android Google Play: <u>https://play.google.com/</u>

iPhone App Store: https://apps.apple.com/



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### Term 4 Chess Lessons:

Fridays from 16 October 2020 till 11 December 2020

From **9:45 - 10:45 am.** 

The **fee** will be \$110/student for the term.

The sessions will be held in **Library**.

### **REGISTRATION:**

Both registration and payment can be done online at: www.chesspower.co.nz/register



**Reminder** - School cats are compulsory in Term 4. These can be ordered online through <u>MyKindo</u>.



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> User- **whenuapai** Password- **airport**

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anai School PTA Presents The Junior School Outerspace Disco Ur 0-4 Thursday 5th November- 4.30-6.00pm \$5 entry - Pre pay on kindo available Sausage Sizzle/Snacks/ Glow Wear vailable for purchase on the night BRING CASH Prizes for Best Dressed out of this world! NOTE: Junior pick up 5.45pm - come along and enjoy the last dance with your children/Only current students

Thursday 5th November - 6.30-8.00pm \$5 entry - Pre pay on kindo available Sausage Sizzle/Snacks/ Glow Wear available for purchase on the night -ERTING CASH

Presents

NOTE: Senior pick-up from 7.45 - Come and enjoy last dance/ Only current Students

Out of this world



#### 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

- 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.

# **SHORE TO SHORE**

This year's Shore to Shore event will be held on <u>Sunday - 8</u> <u>November 2020</u>. The fun run will start at Takapuna Grammar and finish at Milford Reserve. We have secured a tent site for the day and student participants will receive a goodie bag at the end of the run. Parents and participating students must find their own way to and from the event venue.

There are two types of events you can register for:

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

Every 20 entrants we receive raises money for the school that goes towards sporting equipment.

To register, please head to <u>www.shoretoshore.co.nz</u> and register using the Whenuapai School button. It is a fun day filled with lots of activities, silly dress-ups and laughter for both children and adults.

Any questions please contact <a href="mailto:gregb@whenuapai.school.nz">gregb@whenuapai.school.nz</a>



# MARRZIPAN

### 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 & 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

## HEALTH & WELLBEING 🚎

We would like to remind parents and caregivers about the spread of viruses in school.

Please remind your children about the importance of good hygiene, proper handwashing and sneezing into their elbow

If your child is unwell please keep them home.

## 2021 Term Dates

• 3 February – Parent Interviews



- Term 1 4 February 16 April 2021
- Term 2 3 May 9 July 2021
- Term 3 26 July 1 October 2021
- Term 4 18 October 16 December 2021



## M3 Mindfulness:

At Whenuapai we are delighted to be incorporating the M3 Mindfulness programme across

our school. We are fortunate to have Jase Te Patu visiting our school to facilitate sessions of his 'M3 Mindfulness for Children' programme with our students on Tuesday 24th November.

M3 is fun, accessible, modern and interactive. M3 works from the Māori 'Hau Ora' model - Te Whare Tapa Whā. Children cultivate a healthy body, mind and soul, as well as learning a sense of connection to others. M3 aims to create mindful children who are robust, resilient, present, calm, happy and grateful. It is based around:

- **MINDFULNESS** Taha Hinengaro/Taha Wairua Through breath techniques and visualisation, tamariki gain a sense of presence. Each session works with a takeaway theme such as calmness, happiness, peace and gratitude.
- **MOVEMENT** Taha Tinana Taking the strengthening and stretching elements of yoga to teach tamariki connection to body through storytelling.
- **MĀORI STORIES** Taha Whānau -The telling of our Māori stories and legends enable tamariki to connect to our rich Aotearoa based culture, instilling a sense of belonging.

M3 has impacted nearly 10,000 children in Aotearoa, with Jase and his trainers supporting 200+ preschools and primary schools throughout New Zealand. You can find out more about Jase <u>here</u>.



KEY CONTACTS		ONLIN	
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Year 5-6 – Chris Groen	chrisg@whenuapai.school.nz		
Year 7-8 – Karl Ganda	karlg@whenuapai.school.nz		

## **ONLINE PAYMENTS**

Any queries please email Mr Tony Hitchcock at: <u>thitchcock@whenuapai.school.nz</u>

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 the payments are for.

Payments can also be made via our online school shop at <u>mykindo.co.nz</u>

# **NOTICES:**

# An evening with Nigel Latta

Whether you're a parent with young children or teenagers, or just trying to deal with the unprecedented uncertainty of the times we all find ourselves living in, we could all probably do with some pointers on how to manage our wellbeing. In this entertaining evening, Nigel will explore how Covid-19 has impacted all of our lives, young and old, and share some strategies for managing and coping with stress and anxiety. This is an evening that will be appropriate for all ages.

- Date: Tuesday 10th November
- Time: 7.30pm 9.30pm
- Location: Westlake Boys High School, Forrest Hill, Auckland
- Early bird tickets are on sale now: \$25 + fees, a saving of 10% off the standard ticket price
- More information can be found here: www.kenziesgift.com



Babysitting and Tutoring - Hi! I'm Sarah and I am a local, fully registered Primary School Teacher. I am available for babysitting and/or tutoring in the evenings and on weekends. Please text or call me on 0211437180 for more information.



#### Are you looking for childcare?

We would love to show you around our purpose built centre full of love, laughter and Fun!

### **Remarkable Kids Learning Centre**

10 Kawakawa Place, Whenuapai Contact Kelly on 09 218 5858

info@remarkablekids.co.nz

