



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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03 DECEMBER 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 7 December

1.45-2.45pm - Tui Team
(Yr 2-3) Take Off Show Case

Thursday, 10 December

Class Placement Packs -
available for pick from
8.15-9.15am and
2.30-3.30pm

Friday, 11 December

4.00-7.00pm – PTA Event
Mistletoe Mania

Monday, 14 December

2021 Class Visits

Tuesday, 15 December

End of Year Assembly

9.30am – Year 2/3
11.30am – Year 0/1
1.40pm – Year 4

Wednesday, 16 December

Prizegiving / Graduation

1.30pm – Year 5/6
4.00pm – Year 7/8

Thursday, 17 December

Yr 8 Graduation Dinner

BOT MEETING DATES

4.30pm Start

Thursday, 10 December

2020 TERM DATES





Friday, 18 December

Final Day of Term 4

PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

-  Respect Self
-  Respect Others
-  Respect Learning
-  Respect Environment



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Tēnā koutou,

We are getting very close to the end of the school year, and what a year it has been. COVID-19 has put a lot of pressure on our children and school community but together, we have risen to the challenge.

I want to sincerely thank you, for all you have done to keep yourselves, your children, your whānau and our community as safe as possible. Through reinforcing good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, staying away if sick and seeking medical advice, we have kept operating safely, and our children have, importantly, continued to learn.

I would also like to extend a specific thank you to our neighbours on the Whenuapai Air Force Base, the wider Defence Force and all those in our community who have worked in health services, and on the frontline to support New Zealand's defence against COVID-19. They and their families and whānau have sacrificed so much to contribute to our own safety and to support the return home for more than 70,000 New Zealanders – THANK YOU.

2021 Class placement packs will be available for pick up outside the main office building (by the Principal and DP office windows) next Thursday, 10 December 2020. Packs will be available to pick up from 8.15-9.15am then again from 2.30-3.30pm. The children will then have the opportunity to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher on Monday, 14 December 2020.

Please be aware that due to the different way primary carer details are recorded in HERO, envelope labels will be addressed to the first primary carer recorded in our system. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to include both parents/caregivers names on labels. If you have any questions or concerns about your label or if your address details are incorrect, please email my PA, Jo Wright at pa@whenuapai.school.nz

Also, next week on Friday, 11 December 2020, the PTA are holding their Christmas event - Mistletoe Mania. The PTA have worked extremely hard to make this event a lot of fun and a huge success. I want to thank them, as well as all of our families and whānau who have donated items and also all of the local businesses and organisations who have donated and/or sponsored items and prizes for this wonderful event. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, due to a change in date for this event and a prior family commitment, I will be unable to attend on the night. I wish I could be there to celebrate the end of a challenging year with you, however, I wish you and your whānau all the very best for a fun filled evening. I am very much looking forward to hearing all about it and seeing pictures.

Finally, congratulations to two of our amazing teachers, Mone Brindle and Riley Kaio who celebrated gaining their full teachers' registration (earlier in the year) at the Waitakere Area Principal's Association - 2020 Newly Registered Teachers Function.

*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



SPORT

Norwest Year 7/8 Athletics

Whenuapai School had 14 students compete in the Norwest Year 7 & 8 Athletics Sports on Thursday 19th November held at Trusts Stadium Henderson. All students competed to a very high standard and can be proud of their performances. The following two students Talia Hosking and Caesar Panui qualified for Interzone Athletics from this event and went on to represent the school and compete at the Interzone Athletics Champs at Mt Smart held on Thursday 26th November. The school would personally like to thank Catriona Farac, Sylvan Hosking, Kerry Berry and Andreia Alcantera for assisting with transport and supervision of the students for NW Athletics.

The Whenuapai Athletics Team was made up of the following students:

Talia Hosking, Fala Timaio, Tylah Davis, Taine Rawhiti-Wall, Jack Peterson, Richoh Hartwell, Martim Monterio, Latrell Tucker, Charlie Farac, Kathryn Farac, Olivia Curgenvin, Payton Berry, Caleb Kingi and Caesar Panui.

Orewa Beach Surf Trip

Whenuapai School had 50 students travel to Orewa Beach by bus on Tuesday 24th November for a surfing trip. The day started with a bus ride to Orewa then the group was split into two with one group having an instructor led session on surfing technique, ocean dynamics and wave identification and the other group doing minor games and playing on the playground. The groups swapped over for the afternoon session with all students getting an opportunity to challenge themselves in the waves and in the water.

The surf was not big but sufficient for the majority of the students to get some stand ups and rides into the beach. There were at times 5-10 people on a wave and many of the students were well supported by the instructors who gave individual students tips on how to carve, hang ten and for some wipeout like a pro.

The day was a great success and the school would personally like to thank all students that attended and their overall school respect values that were demonstrated throughout the day. Special mention also to all the parents that took up their valuable time to attend and support the Whenuapai School Surf Team of 2020. Your support and commitment to the students was amazing and very much appreciated.



WHENUAPAI SPORT IN 2021

Enrolling your son or daughter in sport at Whenuapai School in 2021 will again be done through the Enrolmy online platform. The information will be emailed to all parents in late January/early February 2021. Parents are kindly asked to start thinking about what long term sports their son or daughter would like to participate in and parents are also advised that there will be a deadline and cut-off date for registrations of which must be met.

1. Teams that are entered will be based on availability of coaches and managers acting as support to our school teams and students' numbers registered.
2. Enrolmy website will give all relevant information specific to each sport.
3. Individual student payment through KINDO will be required after teams have been finalised.
4. Parents will be required to complete the Enrolmy online registration and agree to the terms and conditions if your son/daughter wishes to participate.

You will have the option of the following long-term sports in 2021 to choose from. Please Note: Further information about each sport including year levels and age grades specific to each sport will be given out when parents are asked to register in 2021.

- Basketball
- Waterpolo
- Netball
- Hockey
- Touch
- Summer Football
- Ripper Rugby



HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE TRANSPORT PLANS FOR NORTHWEST AUCKLAND!

Community feedback on a range of proposals for public transport, road improvements, and new walking and cycling paths is open from 30 November 2020 to 15 January 2021.

Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth, a collaboration between Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, is leading the planning and public consultation process for future transport solutions for growth areas in the northwest. A Detailed Business Case is being prepared and they'd like to hear from the community to help them make decisions on preferred routes.

To find out more and have your say, visit: www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/have-your-say/north-west-auckland/

Whenuapai School is a:

**Travelwise
School** 

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

END OF YEAR REMINDERS

Lost Property

Please check Lost Property! There is a significant amount of lost property at school including – uniform items, mufti clothing and shoes. We would love for these items to be claimed by their rightful owners before the end of the year.

Any unclaimed property will be cleared out and donated.

Sports Uniforms

Please return any sports uniform to Mr Berry in Room 22. Uniforms must be placed in a bag with the student's name and room number on it please.

Library Books

Please return any library books and/or early readers.



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 8 -10 of Term 4 is: **Respect for Others.**

- How can we be a good citizen?
- What are our communities and how can we support them and be kind?
- Random acts of kindness

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



YEAR 2/3 – TUI TEAM ATHLETICS DAY



Sprint Finalists



Sprint Winners



Well done to all students on a fun filled day!



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.



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M3 MINDFULNESS

On Tuesday 24th November we welcomed Jase Te Patu to our school. Jase is the founder of the M3 Maori Mindfulness programme. He facilitated some interactive workshops with our tamariki from Year 0 to Year 8. The 3 M's in M3 represent:

- MĀORI STORIES - Taha Whānau
- MOVEMENT - Taha Tinana
- MINDFULNESS - Taha Hinengaro/Taha Wairua

It was wonderful to see all our students participate actively within the sessions and engage within the storytelling, movement and mindfulness moments.

Jase also facilitated some PD for our teachers, focusing specifically on Hauora, a Māori philosophy of health which covers the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs. Māori believe that each of these 4 concepts supports the others. He walked us through the process and supported us to add personal and practical strategies to our kete.



HEALTH & WELLBEING



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.

Reminder



School hats are compulsory in Term 4.

These can be ordered online through MyKindo.

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

YEAR 8 LEAVING LEGACY

This year the Year 8's are leaving a legacy out the front of their school. Thanks to Bunnings Westgate they were able to plant a Nikau Palm out the front of the school to symbolise their time here. Later this term they will also be putting up a community pataka kai (pantry) and notice board.





MISTLETOE MANIA

what's on guide



- Friday 11th December**
4 - 7 PM
- Bowl of Nachos - \$10
 - Chicken kebab - \$10
 - Chicken & Vegetarian Sushi - \$5 for pack of 6
 - Beef Burgers with coleslaw - \$6
 - Sausage Sizzle - \$2
 - Kiddy packs - drink, lollies and chips \$3 or \$5 with a sausage sizzle
 - Dessert Stand - cakes, cupcakes, slices - POA
 - Iceblocks and drink - all \$2
 - Harcourt coffee & icecream truck
 - Fletcher Living popcorn machine - \$3 a bag
 - Beer, Wine and Cheese Platters for the Adults (pre-purchased below or sold by the glass/bottle on the night)



- Christmas Carols sung by the Whenuapai students
- Performance from the Kapa Haka Group
- Santa and his lolly scramble
- Live DJ & Band
- The Infamous Fire Truck - remember to bring your togs!
- SKIDS & their fun game
- Lucky Chuck
- Bouncy Castle
- Chocolate Trailer
- Dunk the Teacher
- Preloved Stall
- Body Art



Example cheeseboard from 2019



- The following combos can be pre-purchased on Kindo!
- Cheese Platter (for 2): \$15.
 - Cheese Platter (for 2) and a bottle of either
 - Awatere Malborough Sauvignon Blanc or
 - South River Central Otago Rose \$30.
 - Cheese platter (for 2) and four Panhead Beers \$30



MISTLETOE MANIA

event checklist

Friday 11th December
4 - 7 PM

Before the event

- Pre-order your cheese platter and adult drinks on Kindo
- Remember to tick of your class donation(s)
 - Year 1: Bag of wrapped lollies e.g. Fruit Bursts, Mintis etc
 - Year 2/3: Cake, cupcakes or slice. A box will be sent home for you to fill and return to your classroom teacher on Thursday 10 December
 - Year 4: Block or bars of chocolate
 - Year 5/6: Crackers or fancy relish
 - Year 7/8: A round of cheese suitable to garnish a stellar cheese platter
- Make sure you have joined the 'Whenuapai School Parents and Caregivers Page' on Facebook.



On the night

- Bring your togs and towel if you fancy getting blasted by the infamous Fire Truck
- Cash! There will be loads of dinner options and entertainment games. Eftpos will also be available.
- A picnic blanket and/or chairs. There will be lots of space in front of the stage for you to sit back and watch all the entertainment we have on offer.
- Bring your own glass. Great way to help the environment while sipping a glass of wine

ROOM 11'S PLANET EARTH AND BEYOND INQUIRY SHOWCASE



KEY CONTACTS

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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: 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 the payments are for.

Payments can also be made via our online school shop at mykindo.co.nz

NOTICES:



GENTLY LOVED MARKETS
Preloved Clothing, Accessories & Homewares

10am - 2pm
Saturday 20th February 2021
Kumeu Community Centre,
35 Access Road

Free entry

A range of stalls selling preloved, vintage and retro clothing, accessories and homewares

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