

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand



Newsletter – 21 May 2024

Kia Ora whānau!

Thank you for participating in the recent whānau conferences. I trust that the discussions were both informative and meaningful. We strongly believe that collaborating with you is the best way to create positive opportunities for your tamariki. If there are any further questions or topics you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

You might have heard about the [Education Review Office](#) or ERO, in the news recently, as several national reports on education have been released over the past few months. The ERO plays a vital role in monitoring New Zealand's education system. They evaluate and report on the education and care of learners in schools and across the education system as a whole.

We have been working with our ERO reviewer, Carol Stoney, for the past two years. This partnership has involved regular meetings to set goals and review our kura's (school's) progress. You can view our goals and strengths in our 2022 Profile Report on the ERO website ([click here to follow the link](#)).

To conclude the current review cycle, Carol will be visiting our school on the 18th and 19th of June 2024 to gain insights into our practices and performance. During her visit, Carol will spend time in classrooms, engage with teachers, senior leadership, and our School Board. The focus will be on observing teaching and learning practices, assessing student well-being, and evaluating our overall school performance.

These visits are not just about evaluation; they are about collaboration and growth. We see ERO's feedback as an opportunity to reflect on our strengths and identify areas for improvement, and ultimately enhance the educational experience we provide your tamariki.

At the conclusion of the visit, Carol will work with the School Board and Senior Leadership Team to draft our Whenuapai Evaluation Report. This report will be peer-reviewed by ERO before being released to the school board and community. We look forward to the feedback, which will help us recognise our good performance but also, and more importantly, it will guide us in the right direction for further improvements. After all, this is the only way we can continue to provide the best for our students / your tamariki.

Illness, Sickness, Under the Weather, Being Unwell, COVID - whatever you want to call it - is on the rise, so much so that there are [news articles being written about it](#). Last term, our attendance was 90.2%, with 3.9% of absences due to illness. This term, our attendance is currently 85.8%, with 4.9% of absences due to illness. The medical conditions that are increasing include:

- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Flu symptoms: high temperatures, head colds, fatigue
- Coughing

The illnesses are not limited to the tamariki. There has also been a marked increase in staff and relief teacher illness as well. When a staff member is away, we follow the steps below:

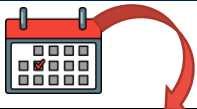
1. Contact our pool of relievers via email / phone.
2. Advertise the position on Staff Sync - an app that advertises the positions across Auckland.
3. Reorganise Team Leader or Teacher Release to use the released teacher as a reliever.
4. If possible, have Senior Leaders take over the class.
5. Split the class across the Year team.
6. Split the class across the school.

Other schools are facing similar issues with staff and tamariki absences, placing considerable pressure on available relievers and resulting in us having to use steps 5 and 6—splitting classes. We thank you for your understanding as we navigate the winter months.

The Government is actively trying to increase attendance and has released guidelines on [knowing if your child is well enough to go to school — guidance for parents and caregivers](#). We know that school attendance helps students to achieve and be successful and we constantly work hard to support all learners to attend and make school a desirable place to be. But we are also having to walk a tightrope between attendance and being healthy. You can support your tamariki and us by having a read of and following the Government and [Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand](#) guidelines.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Ngā mihi, Adam Cels



Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 22 May 6.00pm Board Meeting	Wednesday – 19 June 6.00pm Board Meeting
Thursday – 23 May National Young Leaders Day	Friday – 28 June Matariki – School Closed
Friday – 24 May Massey High School – Year 8 Day	Tuesday – 02 July School Production – Matinee School Production – Evening Show
Monday – 27 May AIMS Movie Fundraiser	Wednesday – 03 July School Production – Matinee School Production – Evening Show
Tuesday – 28 May Year 7/8 – NW Basketball	Friday – 05 July Last day of Term 2
Thursday – 30 May 4.30-6.00pm Junior Neon Disco 6.30-8.00pm Senior Neon Disco	Monday – 22 July First Day of Term 3
Monday – 03 June Kings Birthday - School Closed	Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Tuesday – 04 June Teacher Only Day - School Closed	Monday – 28 October Labour Day – School Closed

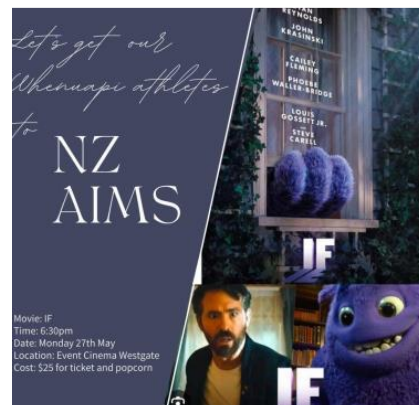
AIMS Games - Movie Fundraiser

Join us for a night at the movies...

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

- **Movie:** IF
- **Date & Time:** 6.30pm - Mon, 27 May 24
- **Location:** Events Cinema Westgate
- **Cost:** \$25.00 (movie ticket & popcorn)

Raising money to get our amazing students to AIMS.



Friday Treat for 24 May 2024

Live on Kindo now

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This week's Friday Treat is Trident Chicken Noodles Cups and Chicken Pho Noodles (GF option).

- Cost - \$3.00
- Chicken flavour (Regular and GF available)
- Sales close at 5pm on Thursday 23rd
- Available at the Senior and Junior Campus.
- Please BYO Fork



Huge thank you to our amazing FOW Team!

FRIENDS OF WHENUAPAI PRESENT

NEON disco

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024

Whenuapai School Hall
Year 0-4 - 4.30-6.00pm
Year 5-8 - 6.30 - 8.00pm

Purchase \$5 tickets/\$2 pizza on kindo

TUCKSHOP ON THE NIGHT-DRINKS/ICEBLOCKS LOLLIES - GOLD COINS
ONLY CURRENT WHENUAPAI SCHOOL STUDENTS

YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE AUCKLAND MUSEUM



On Friday 17th May, the Year 3s went on a trip to the Auckland Museum. We got off of the double decker bus ready to learn and explore everything the museum has to offer!

We enjoyed an amazing session with Gabriel, one of the educators from the museum team. He taught us all about Matariki. We learnt the story of how the Matariki stars got to be in the sky, learnt a new song, and did some weaving. It was tricky, but we persevered!

We spent the rest of our day learning and enjoying the amazing exhibits that the museum had to offer. We made sure to visit the Māori Court, and all checked out the Te Rā sail.

Thank you to all of our amazing parent helpers, and to our students for showing the School Values.



ROOM 10 WAS PINK SHIRT DAY READY AT THE MUSEUM!



PIRIPi LOOKING AT A SAIL THAT IS OVER 200 YEARS OLD!



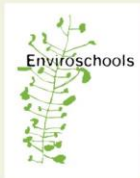
FUN LOOKING AT THE MAP OF TAMAKI MAKAURAU!



LOOK AT THIS AMAZING BOAT FROM FIJI! IT REMINDED US OF MOANA!



Waste Free Lunchboxes



Whenuapai School is an EnviroSchool and we ask that students come to school with waste free lunches (**Nood Food**) to show Kaitiakitanga/Respect to our school environment.



A waste free lunch means only packing items that can be composted or recycled. That means, **no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods**. We have compost bins for food scraps which we feed to our worm farm which then fertilises our vegetable māra/gardens and fruit trees. Through this process we are teaching the students to be responsible for the waste they create and how they can make a difference to our planet. **If students bring waste to school, we ask them to please take this home.** Thank you for supporting our school value of Kaitiakitanga/Respect for the Environment.

CLUB HOUSE

LUNCH TIME ROOM 20

Monday
Drawing Club

Tuesday
Pacifica Group

Wednesday
Board Games

Thursday
Construction Club

Thursday
Kapa Haka in the Hall

Friday
Lego and Drawing

GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW. HARVEST. PREPARE. SHARE.

NEW WICKING GARDEN BEDS [A7] SENIOR CAMPUS

Enviroschools



Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi
(With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive)

MAY 16TH: MAHI TIME
anna.harrison@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Some of our AmaZing Senior Enviro Heroes worked alongside our Garden to Table sponsors to make 4x wicking garden beds last week. Our new mārakai/veggie gardens each have a 30cm pumice filled reservoir to help keep our plants hydrated, so we can keep growing yummy food for our students to harvest, cook and eat during their Garden to Table lessons.



NGā MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU/THANK YOU!!

A BIG Thank you to all our Enviro Heroes, Bunnings, Pat Hooper, Bark & Soil Growing Media and Auckland City Council for making this day possible!!



Kaitiakitanga

(Showing Respect for the Environment)



Donate a Native Tree appeal!

27-31 MAY 2024

Every donation made at tfsnz.org.nz/donate between 27-31 May 2024 will gift a native tree to a Trees for Survival's school for students to grow, nurture and plant **AND go in the draw to win one of three \$50 Mitre 10 vouchers!**

Donate at tfsnz.org.nz/donate



We're proud to be a Trees for Survival School! Support us!

Trees for Survival's school programme empowers students to grow, nurture and plant native plants on at-risk land and waterways across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our school programme enabled over 146,000 native plants to be planted by NZ students last year. With your help, more students and communities can be involved.

Visit tfsnz.org.nz to find out more about Trees for Survival

SPORT

North Harbour Harcourts and Co Rippa Rugby – Massey Rugby Club

The inaugural Rippa Rugby competition for Whenuapai School's Year 3-6 students took place on Thursday, 16th May 2024. The event was hosted at Moire Park, with students traveling by bus to and from the venue. Despite the variable weather, which included wind, rain, and occasional sunshine, Whenuapai students and supporters showed great resilience. All five Whenuapai teams played exceptionally well.

The school fielded three Year 5-6 teams and two Year 3-4 teams, comprising both boys and girls. Throughout the tournament, our students worked hard to develop and demonstrate our school values. It was heartening to see the support among team members, as well as the teamwork and positive relationships formed with each other and with other teams.

Notable improvements were observed in how the teams utilised space and moved the ball through effective passing. Our players new to the sport have shown remarkable progress in their understanding and application of the game's principles. Their strong commitment to improving is truly exciting to see.

We are looking forward to the next tournament on Thursday, 1st August 2024.

Special thanks to all the parents who organised and prepared their children for the event. A heartfelt thank you to the team leaders for their incredible efforts, and to all the parents who pitched in to help on the day. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated by both the students and the school.

Lastly, a big cheer and thank you to all the students. You made the day fantastic, and you should be proud of your achievements!



Whenuapai School Flippa Ball Update

The Whenuapai Orions are actively participating in the North Harbour Flippa Ball League, with games held at AUT Millennium on Sunday afternoons. The team primarily consists of Year 4 and 5 students. To enhance their skills and boost confidence, we have introduced training sessions on alternate weeks. In Term 1, we finished second in our grade after a thrilling 4-3 victory against the formidable Hauraki Megalodons.

With this success, we moved up a grade for Term 2, and the team has made an impressive start, winning all three games so far. In week 1, we defeated Forest Hill Taniwhas 5-1. In week 2, we secured an easy win against Campbells Bay Silver with a 7-0 score and in week 3, we overpowered the Browns Bay Sharks with a commanding 10-0 victory.

We are incredibly proud of the team, not just for their victories, but for their exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship. We look forward to continued success for the Whenuapai Orions throughout the rest of the season. In our next newsletter update, we will be introducing the players on the team.

***We are looking to recruit a few more players from Year 3 to Year 6 so we can enter another team in Term 3. Feel free to reach out.**



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2024 Parent Handbook



There is a Parent Handbook available on our school website with lots of useful information.

You can check it out by clicking on the following link: <https://www.whenuapai.school.nz/information/general-admin/>

Classic Cuts



63 Brigham Creek Road



Music Lessons at Whenuapai School

Visit: <https://musiqhub.co.nz/>

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




DRUM LESSONS at Whenuapai School

We're very excited to announce that we'll be offering drum lessons onsite starting term 2!



To secure your spot or ask any questions please contact Paul Barry paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT

Remembering and capturing the stories of our school and community history

Thursday 23rd May
Our classrooms will be open at 2pm to visit, students will be remembering the past. This will be followed by a short ceremony, cake, mix and mingle time. Food and refreshments will be available to buy.

Massey High School

Open Night

Monday, 10th June 24

- 3.30-5.30pm or
- 6.30 to 8.30pm

Meet in the Bruce Ritchie Performing Arts Centre for the Principal's address.



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sKids Whenuapai

Open on 4 June 2024 due to the Teacher Only Day

When

Tuesday 4th June 2024

7.30am to 6.00pm \$68.00

(Children can be dropped to us from 7.30am onwards, and pick up needs to be by 6pm).

Where

Whenuapai School Hall, 14 Airport Road

What

The Theme for Today is: Royalty – prize for the best dressed royal! Join in with our royal high tea and activities.

How



Book this day via:

<https://enrolmy.com/skids-whenuapai/book-now/30-sKids-Whenuapai-open-on-4-June-2024-for-the-Teacher-Only-Day>

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FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME KIWI KICK STARS Whenuapai school

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!! TERM 2

Our awesome programme gets kids exercising through super fun activities based around football and storytelling. Kids build confidence while improving their motor skills and coordination. Learning how to play with others, focus on problem solving. Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun! Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

Where: Whenuapai School fields
When: Wednesdays (starts on Wednesday 1st May).
Time: 3 - 4 pm.
Cost: \$135 per term (10 weeks)
Second child discount of 10% applies!

HARBOUR SOFTBALL NORTH HARBOUR SOFTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Whenuapai School

THURSDAY 3PM TO 3:45PM
ON SCHOOL FIELD
4 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

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