

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

Newsletter – 16 June 2024



Kia ora e te whānau,

At the end of this term, we will bid farewell to two outstanding staff members, Nathan Atherton and Brooke Bennett. Both Nathan and Brooke began their teaching journeys with us and have consistently delivered exceptional work over the years. Nathan will be heading to England to spend time with his extended family, while Brooke has decided to pursue teaching and travel opportunities abroad.

We are fortunate to announce that Yasmin Mohamed will be stepping into Brooke's role in Waru (WSC Room 8). Yasmin has been a valuable member of the Whenuapai team, serving in various capacities over the past 18 months. Additionally, we welcome Joe Soares as the new teacher for Room 11.

In August, Natasha Howard will return from maternity leave to start our next New Entrant class. Our school's growth continues, with our roll at 625 tamariki at the start of term 3. We anticipate reaching a roll of 650 by the end of the year.

If your child will be joining us this year, please ensure you have completed an online enrolment form. Your input helps in our planning efforts to accommodate all students and maintain appropriate teacher-student ratios and open classroom spaces.

Thank you to everyone who completed our Health and PE Survey during Term 1 (we had a 40% return rate). There was a wide range of diverse responses. The School Leadership Team and Board have reviewed the data and identified the following next steps/recommendations for us to work on. Over the coming terms, we will start unpacking these items and looking at how we can implement these steps. If you wish to read the full report a copy is available at the office.

## General Recommendations:

- Improved Communication: Across all year groups, there is a desire for clearer communication about curriculum content. The school should develop strategies to improve communication with whānau about what is being taught and how they can support learning at home.

## Years 1-4:

- Physical Education: Offer a variety of regular physical activities that promote and provide exposure to different skills and sports.
- Social Development: Integrate programmes that address expectations in social interactions, diversity appreciation, and growth mindset.

## Years 5-6:

- Revisit the curriculum to investigate ways to make sure:
  - There is an emphasis on healthy lifestyle choices, screen time balance, internet/cyber safety, body changes during puberty, personal safety, abuse prevention, anger management, conflict resolution, peer pressure and healthy relationships.

## Years 7-8:

- Sexuality Education: Ensure the curriculum provides comprehensive coverage of puberty, including physical changes, social and emotional changes, personal hygiene, developing positive body image, and consent.
- Mental Health: Implement strategies to support resilience, anger management, and mindfulness.
- Friendship Building: Develop initiatives to facilitate friendships among students.

## Additional Considerations

- Life Education: Consider incorporating life education discussions that go beyond an instructional approach.
- Water Safety: Integrate water safety skills into the curriculum.

It is timely that the common recommendation was to improve communication. We recognise the importance of communication, which is why it is a key focus outlined in our 2024 annual plan.

During Term 3, we aim to gather your valuable feedback on how we can improve communication within our school community. Over the past two years, we have utilised a range of communication channels including newsletters, HERO posts, videos, face-to-face meetings, community gatherings, and emails.

We have received feedback indicating that our communication is too much, not enough, too early, lacking sufficient warning and our communication is just right. Everyone is different. Our aim through this consultation phase is to learn about the communication styles that meet the community's needs so that we can adjust for 2025. As always, our wish is to work together to meet the needs of your tamariki during their learning journey.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Football teams who competed in the recent Northwest tournament. Both teams had a fabulous day and a special congratulations to our boys team for winning the event. Also, our Senior Kapa Haka group performed at Auckland Hospital and were outstanding. They upheld all our school values and their performance raised the roof. They originally asked to perform 4 pieces but this was extended to 9 because of their enthusiasm, passion and excellent performance. Mahi tika ana (great work)!

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi, Adam Cels



### Dates for your diary ....

<b>Wednesday – 19 June</b> 6.00pm Board Meeting	<b>Friday – 05 July</b> Last day of Term 2
<b>Friday – 21 June</b> Rainbow Team Mufti Day Gold Coin Donation	<b>School Holidays:</b> 06 -21 July 2024
<b>Friday – 21 June</b> FOW – Friday Noodle Lunch	<b>Monday – 22 July</b> First Day of Term 3
<b>Tuesday – 25 June</b> NW Year 5-8 Hockey	<b>Wednesday – 7 August</b> Tough Guy and Gal
<b>Friday – 28 June</b> Matariki – <b>School Closed</b>	<b>Thursday – 1 August</b> Year 3-6 Ripa Rugby
<b>Tuesday – 02 July</b> School Production – Matinee School Production – Evening Show	<b>Friday – 27 September</b> Last Day of Term 3
<b>Wednesday – 03 July</b> School Production – Matinee School Production – Evening Show	<b>Friday – 25 October</b> Teacher Only Day – <b>School Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday – 03 July</b> 8.30am FOW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale	<b>Monday – 28 October</b> Labour Day – <b>School Closed</b>

## NW Year 7&8 Basketball

Last Tuesday, seven brave intermediate students ventured to Trusts Stadium Waitakere, to compete in the North-West basketball competition. The students were: Hajoan, Connor, Walker, Dwyght, Iwa, Bradley and Kenzo. The boys were full of anticipation and excitement before the first game and they certainly did not disappoint.

It was fantastic to see the school values on display as the boys worked hard together as a team. After only one victory in the pool stage, it would have been easy for the students to give up, but no. These boys showed great Mana and upped their performance significantly during the play-off games.

Noticeable improvements were observed in positioning, passing and most importantly utilising rebounds on both attack and defence. After a tense extra time victory in the play-off game, the boys bowed out with their heads held high in the semis.

Special thanks to all the parents who helped organise their children for the event. A massive thank you to Amber (Bradleys mum) who was a superstar scorekeeper.

Lastly, a big cheer to our players who are most definitely future professional basketballers!

Congratulations and well done for your achievements.



# N O O D L E S F O O D



## 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.

## Friday Treat for 21 June 2024

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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!

**Whenuapai School**

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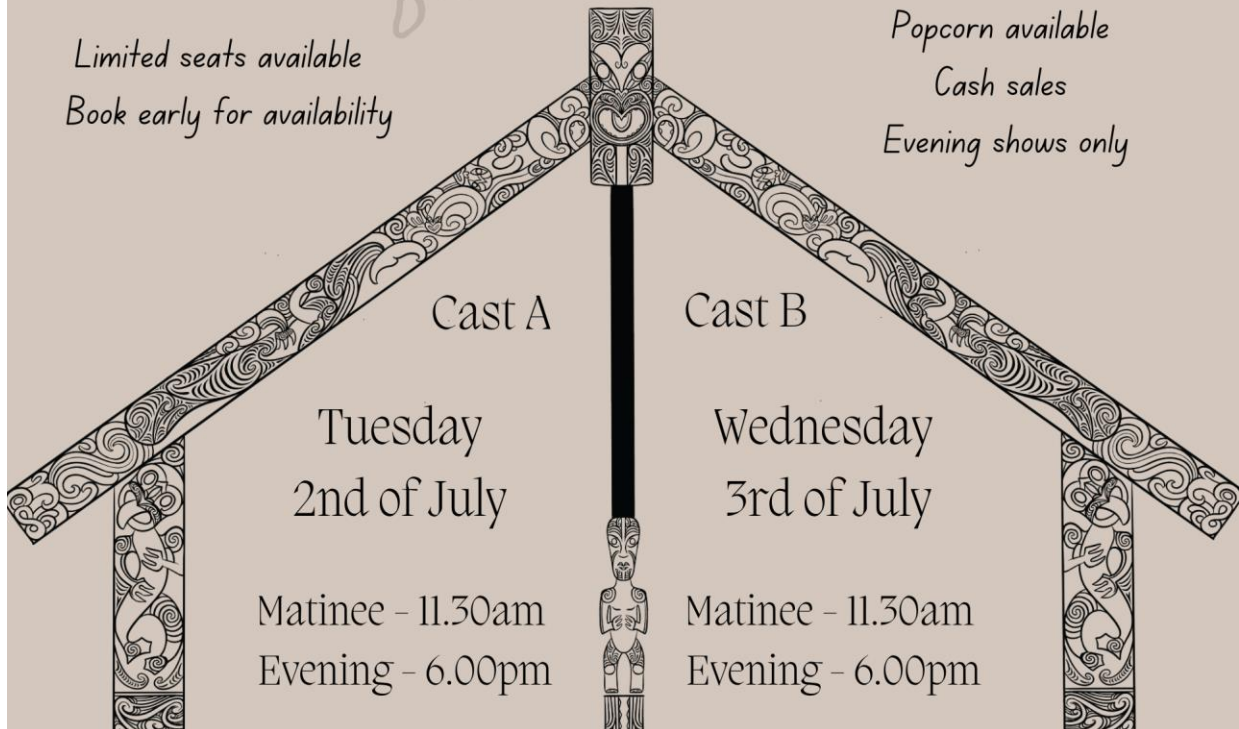
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Cast A

Cast B

Tuesday  
2nd of July

Wednesday  
3rd of July

Matinee - 11.30am  
Evening - 6.00pm

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# Rimu Kāinga

For inquiry, we've been practicing our school production. We started practicing in Ruma Tahi (Room 1). It has been going really well. To help us envision what the stage would look like, we used duck tape to form a stage. We replicated what the stage would look like by dividing the stage into two sides. One side represents the trenches and war, and the other side was the home, where our characters lived; Lily and Sarah. We would rotate from cast A to cast B.

Now, we have been practicing on the deck outside the Wharehui. We sensibly walk on stage using the side stairs, do our play, and walk off the other side stairs. It is coming together really well! To gauge what we would look like on the stage, Miss Torckler and Miss Jones drove the Kakapo cast in the school vans from the Senior Campus to the Junior Campus. We had to go nine at a time. When we got there, we got to eat some food, and then we went into Room 1 to do some rehearsals. The Year 6 cast had to wait for the year 5's cast A and B to do their rehearsals in the hall. While they did that, we rehearsed as hard as we could to get a polished performance so that Mrs Fletcher would be impressed when she watched. After that, we went back to Room 1 to rehearse it one more time and then the bell rang. It was so fun, we can't wait for you to come and watch us!

Written by a Year 6 Student



# Kōwhai Kāinga

## Production Madness!

For Inquiry, we are getting ready for our upcoming New Zealand Histories School Production by making a range of props that are needed for our set.

Because we are focusing on the Gold Rush, things such as gold, pounamu, merchant signs and merchant goods are being created to bring our set to life. It has been fabulous to watch the creativity shine from our students, and the enthusiasm everyone has to make the show the best it can be is inspiring.

We are practicing hard and looking forward to stepping on stage. We hope to see you there!



We have been over to the Home Campus using the stage and practicing with the main cast to make things perfect. Miss Torckler and Miss Jones drove the cast and dancers over in the vans. We have a couple more run throughs with them before the big days!



# NorthWest Champions!

## YR 5/6 NORTHWEST FOOTBALL



IT WAS GAME DAY !  
 OUR EMOTIONS WERE MIXED UP, SOME OF US WERE NERVOUS, SOME OF US WERE EXCITED, AND SOME OF US WERE PUMPED TO PLAY HARD AND WIN. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT OUR TOURNAMENT, WE NOTICED THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST 12 SCHOOLS INCLUDING WAIMAUKU, RIVERHEAD, AND WAITĀKERE. IT WAS GOING TO BE TOUGH, BUT WE KNEW THAT OUR TEAM HAD TRAINED HARD AND HAD THE SKILLS AND ABILITIES TO WIN THIS TOURNAMENT !  
 AFTER OUR FIRST WIN AGAINST RIVERHEAD 1-0 WE WERE PRETTY PUMPED AND THOUGHT THAT WE COULD WIN THE TOURNAMENT... BUT IT GOT HARDER, MUCH HARDER !



WE VERSED LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEXT. IT WASN'T AS HARD AS WE THOUGHT BECAUSE WE WON 4-0.

WE ENDED UP MAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SEMI FINALS. IT WAS A TIGHT GAME TO START, UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE THE VERY END OUR TEAM SCORED A BUZZER BEATER. ONE SECOND BEFORE THE FINAL WHISTLE BLEW, WE SCORED ! WE WENT WILD!

WAIMAUKU AWAITED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH. JUST LIKE THE SEMIFINALS, THE SCORE REMAINED STUBBORNLY TIED AT NIL-NIL. BUT WITH THE CLOCK TICKING DOWN, JUST THEN, ONE OF OUR PLAYERS STRUCK ONCE MORE. HE UNLEASHED A THUNDEROUS SHOT THAT ROCKETED INTO THE TOP CORNER, SECURING VICTORY AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE!

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL BOYS - YEAR 5/6 CHAMPIONS? YOU BET!  
BY NAYTEN AND JOHNNY



Our girls team played 8 games over the course of the day. They all showed great sportsmanship and teamwork, coming together to win a game and come 8th overall. Special thanks to all the parents who came along to support our teams on the day!



# WHENUAPAI SENIOR KAPA HAKA RŌPŪ



Today, we were given an incredible opportunity to perform at Te Toka Tumai (Auckland Hospital) for the staff, residents and visiting members as part of their Matariki Celebration. When we got there, they welcomed us and it felt like we were given the VIP experience going through so many doors and on heaps of elevators. Once we started singing it was like all the anxiety and worries we had disappeared. After every waiata we would get a huge round of applause and you would look around and see all of us have the biggest smiles. A huge thank you to Auckland Hospital for having us, performing for you all was such a cool experience.

So proud of our rōpū today, all of our hard work paid off as we sung our hearts out and performed the best we ever had!  
By Yan & Vida



# MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

In celebration of Matariki, the Māori New Year, Kāhu tamariki will be preparing and making parāoa parai (fry bread), and vegetable hupa (soup) for a shared gathering of kai on **Thursday, 27th of June.**

**We will begin preparing our kai at 9.00am, ready for a 12.30pm shared gathering. If you are available to support in the preparation and would like to stay for the kai, please email [jessicam@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:jessicam@whenuapai.school.nz)**

If your child has dietary requirements, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

# SENIOR DISCO



On the 30th of May 2024, we had a senior disco based in the hall at the Home Campus. The theme was neon, so everyone came wearing bracelets and necklaces made of glow sticks. When you walked in, there was a long line of people waiting to buy a range of goodies like Juice boxes, Jucies, and long sour lollies called Jumbo Tougues. While there was music puming in the hall, you could go outside for a nice break. While you were outside there was an opportunity to get a slice of pizza if you'd ordered it. At one point, everyone formed a circle and a few people - one at a time - went in the middle to show off their dance moves. I got chosen so I just did the worm. All in all, the disco was loud, fun, and amazing.

Written by: A Year 6 student



## JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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**In case of a rainy day, we will have an indoor facility available**  
Sunny or rainy the FUN doesnt stop!!

**Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!**

**When:**

Week 1: Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th July  
Week 2: Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th July

**Where:** Hobsonville school fields  
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**Time:** 9 am to 3 pm

**Cost:** Individual day = \$55

Full week (3 days) = \$150

Second child discount = 10%

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17 June - 21 July 2024

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Massey High School grows aspirational leaders who influence their community to lead happy and successful lives.

**Additions to Massey High School Uniform from 2025**

We have some exciting news for members of our wider community concerning our uniform, with some new choices being added. This has been driven largely by our student leaders, and the voice of our wider community.

As you are aware our blazer, shirt, and tie are integral components of our uniform and are a source of pride for our students – nothing changes in this regard. However, **for students starting at Massey High School in 2025**, there will be additional uniform choices available for all students from the start of the year.

Our existing uniform can be found on our website at [Uniform Information](#).

The options below are being added to our uniform from the start of 2025.

Shorts - Charcoal shorts, with tone-on-tone Massey High School logo. Shorts may be worn with sandals (see below) or with black leather shoes and black socks.

- Sandals are being introduced as a uniform option from the start of 2025. Sandals must be black leather Roman sandals. Further information about other acceptable options will be on our website. No socks are to be worn with sandals, and sandals are not to be worn with long trousers. Please note – crocs and other forms of informal footwear will not be permitted.
- Students taking technology which require enclosed shoes in workshops should bring appropriate shoes for those subjects on the days they are timetabled. Similarly, experiments in science labs will require appropriate shoes. More information will be on our website.

Trousers, shorts, skirts, sandals, shoes will all be uniform choices that can be worn year-round. There is no summer/winter split.

In addition, we will have a new option for our current vest (design being confirmed) and the le faitaga will also become a uniform choice.

Our full prospectus is available electronically at [Prospectus 2024](#).

## School Notices:



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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:

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Short Day	8:30am – 3.00pm	\$58.00
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Trip Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$80.00

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July

Monday 8th



Opening Ceremony

Including a virtual hang out with **Gold Medalist Liam Malone & 2024 Olympian Camille French**. Plus unleash your creativity as well as make team banners!



Tuesday 9th



Cinema Trip – Despicable Me 4

**Please arrive by 9am!!** You can bring some pocket money for extra snacks. Use up your energy when we're back and join in with some challenge games! Plus wear our minion outfit. **(Trip Day)**



Wednesday 10th



Passport to Paris

Let the Games begin! Unleash your competitive spirit in the Gladiator Games and capture the flag! You'll also create your own global passport for collecting stamps, and we craft Notre Dame inspired art.



Thursday 11th



ART-letic Games

**Make & Take:** Design your own T-Shirt Creativity wins! Unleash the inner artist, by joining in with our Art-letic Drawing Challenge & Origami Frog races.

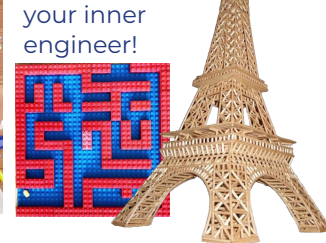


Friday 12th



Building Bricks Games

Imagination and skill collide! Compete in the Eiffel Tower Challenge, LEGO maze & more. It's a day filled with creativity & fun, as you unleash your inner engineer!



July

Monday 15th



Yum-Games

Ready, set, cook! Don your chef's hat for a tasty adventure as we whip up yummy French crepes. Also don't miss out on MYO Banana Sushi. It's a culinary delight guaranteed to create sweet memories!



Tuesday 16th



Air-letic Games at Flippin' Fun

**Please arrive by 9am!!** Catch air with us at Flippin' Fun! Create an air-some mini skateboard & skatepark and Battle of the Bridge STEM! **(Trip Day)**



Wednesday 17th



sKids Games

Compete to see who will win the GOLD! Showcase your Athletic skills, individually and with your team! We will also create some unique Athletic Art!



Thursday 18th



Nerf Games

Will your team win the action-packed Nerf Games? Including the shooting range, Nerf Battle and cup pyramid challenge to name a few.



Friday 19th



Closing Ceremony

**Olympian Dean Kent** hosts our virtual Medal Ceremony! Today is fun filled with DIY Mini Hockey Sticks, Finish Line Banners, Guardian Tag, Paper Plate Awards and more!



\* The Make & Take activity is an additional cost to the daily fee and is charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.