

# Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland  
New Zealand

Newsletter – 2 July 2024



Kia ora whānau,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are already at the middle of the year. Time sure flies when you are having fun.

Looking back, there have been so many high points it is difficult to select what to discuss and share. I am sure you all have your own positive memories of the term. Here are four of mine:

Our sports teams have represented our kura with passion and pride, achieving great results including top-three placings. I have received lots of positive feedback from the supporting kaiako and whānau about the teams' on-field performance and, more importantly, about their sportsmanship, off-field behaviour, and the way they have upheld our values. Kei runga noa atu! (top-notch! great!).

At the time of writing, the school production is yet to be performed, but I have selected it as one of my highlights because of the learning that the tamariki have been involved in. The production is the culmination of our term's inquiry into Aotearoa's history. Each year level has learned about a different period of our history, and the production attempts to capture a segment in time and of learning. I hope you enjoy the show.

Our staff professional development has continued, and it is exciting to see the teachers using their new knowledge and skills within their classroom programmes. Our professional growth is important to enable us to remain at the forefront of best educational practices.

It has been a long road, but I can finally say that our Senior Campus is completed. It has been wonderful to see the spaces being used as designed and to see the school humming. Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students for a successful transition into their new classrooms. Thank you to all the staff who have supported or been part of the transition process. As a Kura, we are still learning the best way to lead two campuses separated by distance; we always welcome feedback and are looking for ways to improve. Picture below was taken one Thursday morning in June before school started ..... stunning!

Our review with the Education Review Office was a very positive experience. Carol Stoney, our reviewer, made a number of positive comments about our kura, learning programmes, and student progress, but I can't rate it as a highlight yet because we are waiting for the final written report. At this stage, the report is likely to be finalised towards the middle of Term 3. I look forward to sharing it with you.

As we prepare for Term 3, I would like to once again acknowledge Nathan Atherton and Brooke Bennett for their dedication and the invaluable contributions they have made to our school and the growth of our tamariki. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours, both in their travels and teaching careers.

For Term 3, we warmly welcome Ashleigh Cooke and Legha Basiri to our team. Both of these fantastic teachers have been relievers in the school, and we are thrilled they are officially joining us for the remainder of the school year as staff members. Ashleigh will be serving as a classroom release teacher for Rooms 11, 12, and 18, while Legha will take on the classroom release role for Rooms 10 and 17.

While this term has been amazing, the one negative has been the amount of illness circulating within our community. Our student's termly attendance has slipped below 90%, with 7.2% related to illness - this is nearly double that of Term 1. Illness has also affected the staff this year, with 251 sick days to date.

The school holidays are timely, and hopefully, a chance for us all to fully recover and break the spread of illness so we can all start refreshed, well, and ready for an exciting term of inquiry into:

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| Mā te kimi ka kite     | Seek and discover.           |
| mā te kite ka mōhio    | Discover and know.           |
| mā te mohio ka Mārama. | Know and become enlightened. |

Term 3 inquiry focus - The Olympics - Get your running shoes on!

See you all again on Monday, 22 July.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe, have fun, and look after yourselves.

Ngā mihi, Adam Cels





**Dates for your diary ....**

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| <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b><br>11.30am – Production Matinee<br>6pm – Production Evening Show | <b>Wednesday – 7 August</b><br>Tough Guy and Gal                     |
| <b>Wednesday – 03 July</b><br>8.30am FOW Uniform Sale  | <b>Tuesday – 13 August</b><br>NW Year 5&6 Netball                    |
| <b>Friday – 05 July</b><br>Last day of Term 2  | <b>Wednesday – 14 August</b><br>6pm - Board Meeting                  |
| <b>School Holidays:</b><br>06 -21 July 2024  | <b>Friday – 27 September</b><br>Last Day of Term 3                   |
| <b>Monday – 22 July</b><br>First Day of Term 3   | <b>Monday – 14 October</b><br>First Day of Term 4                    |
| <b>Thursday – 01 August</b><br>Year 3-6 – Ripa Rugby   | <b>Friday – 25 October</b><br>Teacher Only Day– <b>School Closed</b> |
| <b>Friday – 02 August</b><br>Cross Country   | <b>Monday – 28 October</b><br>Labour Day – <b>School Closed</b>      |
| <b>Tuesday -6 August</b><br>NW Year 7&8 Netball  | <b>Friday – 20 December</b><br>Last day of Term 4                    |

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**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.

**Term 2 House Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Boeing 6723**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Orion – 6715**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hercules 6457**

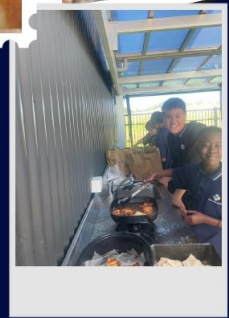
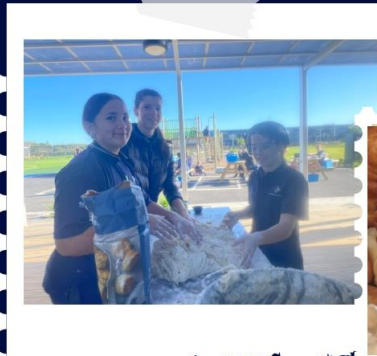
**4<sup>th</sup> Seasprite 6214**

**Congratulations!!**



TE IWA O

*Matariki*



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa mō te āwhina i tēnei rā! A huge thank you to all those that helped on this day! Across our campuses, Whenuapai Kura celebrated the coming of Matariki through the making and sharing of kai. Thank you to our whānau who kindly donated our hua whenua (vegetables), prepped and cut by our kaiako and the Year 5 & 6 Garden to table team to make our hupa (soup). Accompanied with parāoa parāi (fry bread) prepared by our tuakana from Kāhu team. Together, they made over 650 pieces of bread to be enjoyed by our tamariki and teachers!

# Kāhu

## TERM 2

### Matariki Art

To celebrate Matariki, the Māori new year, Kāhu students worked hard to create some beautiful pieces of art. Students were tasked with choosing one of the following inspirations for their piece; recreate a scene from the Matariki creation story; represent one of the stars from the Matariki cluster; or, create a poupou based off one of the Matariki stars. Once they had chosen and drafted their designs, students could choose a medium of pastels, pencils, or watercolour to bring their piece to life. Their final pieces turned out amazing and really embodied the spirit of Matariki. Ka rawe, Kāhu!



### Massey Day

On Friday 24th of May, year 8 Kāhu students had the awesome opportunity to check out what Massey High School had to offer them in 2025. The kid's were so excited to see previous students performing in the Kapa Haka group, getting to see what is like to be in a classroom, and talking with current students. Everyone came back with a positive attitude and a better understanding of what Massey had to offer them.



### Inquiry

This term, our inquiry focus is on New Zealand history. Kāhu has been specifically looking at the impact migration and immigration has had on our country. In weeks 3 & 4, Kāhu teachers hosted a series of lessons where students learnt about key post world war 2 events that explored this impact; Bastion point; the 1981 Springbok Tour protests; Māori urbanisation; and Migrants post 2000. Students were thoroughly engaged with these topics and created some awesome pieces of writing and artworks to capture their learning.



### Siapo Art



### Samoa Language Week

Week 5 was Samoan language week! Kāhu students celebrated firstly by having some of our students present and share their knowledge of Samoan culture and traditions. Both Kāinga's loved learning about different myths and legends, songs, and even learning a few phrases such as 'O ā mai oe?' Meaning 'How are you?' As a follow up to our learning, students created Siapo, tapa cloth, designs on paper then dyed them. It was awesome to see everyone so excited to learn about a different culture!

## ICAS Assessments – Students in Years 4-8 Only

Registrations are now open – All information is on HERO.

Parents/Caregivers are able to register their children using the following link and access code:

Parent Page Link - <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Access Code - **PBA648**

Please register **no later than Friday, 26 July 2024.**

Assessments will be held in August, Term 3.



# STEPS-A (DBT in Schools) Project

This year, some students at Whenuapai Senior Campus have had the opportunity to participate in the STEPS-A (DBT in Schools) project. Young people today face a challenging environment with numerous distractions and difficulties created by cell phones, social media, and online gaming. STEPS-A is a social and emotional skills training programme designed to help our tamariki acquire and practice skills and strategies to cope with stressful life events, manage strong emotions, and maintain important whānau, peer, school, and other valuable relationships.

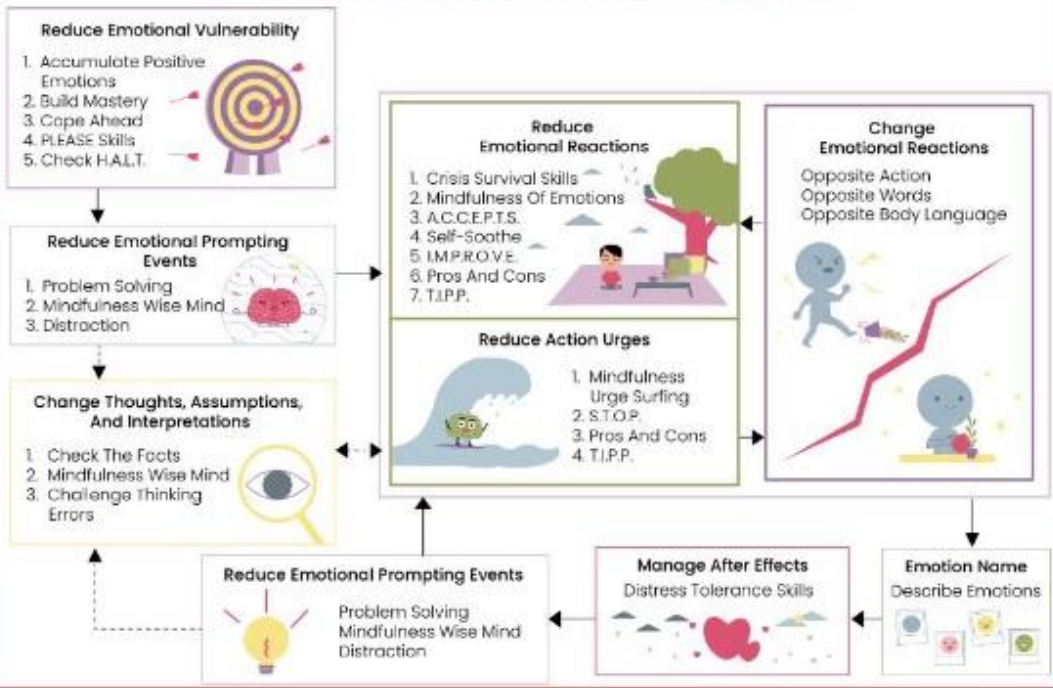
Each session begins with a mindfulness practice, ensuring everyone has a kete of strategies to be present in the moment. We have been learning about emotions and their role in signaling that something is happening. Emotions provide information, enable us to communicate with and influence others, and help motivate and prepare us for action. We have explored ways to change our emotional responses and use the Model of Emotions to understand recent emotional reactions, using this knowledge to better manage future emotional responses.



Our tamariki have been incredible throughout these weekly sessions, actively participating and allowing themselves to be vulnerable and share their thoughts and feelings with one another. Over the 17 weeks, we had a lot of fun together and noticed a significant improvement in our students' ability to recognize and articulate their thoughts, feelings, and emotions, navigating challenges much more effectively.

## Emotion Regulation Skill Skills For A Model Of Emotions

DBT skills you can use for each step in the emotional process



# AIMS Hockey Team

We had a great afternoon today taking the AIMS hockey team over to Rosedale for a training on the full turf and then to Albany to visit **Pioneer Pies**. Pioneer Pies have very generously donated a pie for every Player of the Day certificate across all the North Harbour school teams. We surprised them a bit bringing the whole team in one go mid-afternoon, but they bent over backwards to make sure the kids all got their pie of choice, and they were delicious pies! The adults may have had one each too... 😊

If you are in Albany, go and visit Pioneer Pies and say you are from Whenuapai School. They are a small family business so would be nice to pay forward their support of our yummy lunch!

<https://www.pioneerpies.co.nz/>

The team are training very hard and growing into a great unit. We came through grading games strong and made the top mixed grade.

Now we are learning lots from some harder games and building our skills gearing up for the NZ AIMS games in September. We have had a couple of really tough games the last two weeks and I have been very proud of the team for pushing hard right to the end of matches and managing to score late in the game. The team fitness is strong thanks to the weekly fitness sessions with Amber and Molly and you can see that showing through as we out-run even the best teams in the grade! Keep working hard team.



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our AIMS Teams Fundraisers this Term!



## TREES FOR SURVIVAL YR 5 PLANTING DAY

**JUNE 19TH: MAHI TIME**

**Ngā MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU/THANK YOU!!**

Tino pai mahi to our awesome Yr 5 students who helped plant 1,210 Natives along the banks of our beautiful Waiarohia Stream with Te Ngahere & Tfs.



**Kaitiakitanga**  
(Showing Respect for the Environment)



Check out the AMAZING growth of the natives we planted across the stream in 2022!!

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**NorthWest Rewards Schools is back. Shop and vote for your local school to win a share of \$6,000!\***

Plus, for every vote, you'll go in the draw to WIN\* a \$250 NorthWest gift voucher for yourself!

17 June - 21 July 2024

\*T&Cs apply. See website for full details.



## Help your local school win cash!\*

VOTE & BE IN TO WIN\* A **\$250** NORTHWEST GIFT VOUCHER

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Plus! Every vote you place puts you in the draw to WIN\* a \$250 NorthWest gift voucher.

## Thank you for your support!

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# Vote now for Whenuapai School!

## School Notices:



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Policies and Procedures

For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: [www.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/)

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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:

[Click Here](#)



### FRIENDS OF WHENUAPAI UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are in desperate need of tidy uniforms to help provide 2nd hand uniform options to our school community.

**DONATE NOW!**

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#### Music Lessons at Whenuapai School

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For more information, contact:

Gloria Arboleda Martinez

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For DRUMS email: [paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz)

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FULL WEEK OR ONE DAY OPTIONS

Kids rate our programme ★★★★★

*'My daughter loved this programme and was so excited to go everyday. She did holiday classes previously with Ten Feet Tall but particularly enjoyed this because it builds each day on the theme and goal of working toward the show. She loved the mix of art and play preparation, as well as the dance and games. Excellent programme!' - Kristin*

#### SKILL FOCUS

- Drama skills
- Dance classes
- Art/Crafts
- Group presentations
- Drama games
- Year 6-8 Leadership



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# JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

# KIWI KICK STARS



**KEEP ON KICKING THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH KIWI KICK STARS!!!**

Our awesome programme get 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 and problem solve. Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun!

**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  
(104A Hobsonville Road)

**Time:** 9 am to 3 pm

**Cost:** Individual day = \$55  
Full week (3 days) = \$150  
Second child discount = 10%

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO**

**WWW.KIWICKICKSTARS.COM**



# FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME

# KIWI KICK STARS

**Whenuapai school**



**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!**  
**TERM 3**

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 24th July)

**Time:** 3 - 4 pm

**Cost:** \$135 per term (10 weeks)  
Second child discount of 10% applies!



**TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWICKICKSTARS.COM**



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For 5 to 13 year olds

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8th – 19th July

MSD-Approved. Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available!

|               |                 |          |
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| Short Day     | 8:30am – 3.00pm | \$58.00  |
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| Activity Fee* | Make & Take     | +\$ 8.00 |
| 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**

**NERF** 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.

**DREAMWORKS**

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**JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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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](#).