

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 13 August 2024



Kia ora whānau,

It has been a busy term already with our school cross country and a flurry of inter-school events filling up our calendar. With the Olympics recently wrapping up, it's the perfect time to focus on Health and PE. We are incredibly proud of our Aotearoa New Zealand athletes, who have delivered remarkable performances and achieved a record number of medals!

Our tamariki have been deeply engaged in inquiries about the Olympics. A special highlight was our Year 3 and 4 students having the privilege to listen to and watch a presentation by Simone Turnbull (Simone from the Home Campus Office), our own Commonwealth Games superstar! Simone, who represented New Zealand in Gymnastics at the 1998 Commonwealth Games, shared her experiences and inspired our young learners. We are eagerly anticipating the tamariki sharing their learnings at the end of the term.

Book Week Alert: We are excited for Book Fair Week starting on **26th August**. The book fair will be held in the home campus library and is a wonderful chance to add new books to your home library. The week will feature a book character parade, presentation by a local author, and numerous opportunities for tamariki to immerse themselves in reading.

Car Parking and School Buses: As our school community grows, so do the challenges of managing traffic. We've observed increased congestion outside the campuses, especially between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. There have been some near misses with cars and tamariki. Please be mindful of our pedestrian crossing and avoid parking inappropriately.

Remember, the Senior Campus has a specific site designation from Auckland Transport and the Council: only 20% of our students are allowed to arrive by private vehicle. The remaining 80% must walk, cycle, scooter, or use the link buses. We've seen a decline in link bus usage, with only 60% of students regularly using the service in the morning. We kindly ask for your support in increasing this number to meet the 80% requirement and avoid potential restrictions or penalties.

Thank you for your continued support with school transport.

Our Curriculum Showcase is on **Wednesday, 21 August 2024**. This event provides a fantastic opportunity for you, as parents and whānau, to explore our curriculum programmes and gain insight into what your child is learning.

Staff will be available to assist with registration and to help you navigate the school HERO App, which is essential for all school communication and keeping you informed about your child's learning journey and progress.

We value your feedback on how we communicate with you. You can share your thoughts at the Curriculum Showcase or by scanning the QR code to provide your feedback right now.

Curriculum Showcase Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 21 August
- **Drop-in Sessions:**
 - Afternoon Session: 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM
 - Evening Session: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Both Campuses

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

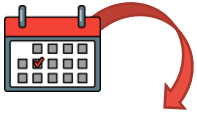
Have a great week!

Nga mihi, Adam Cels

At Whenuapai School, we are committed to maintaining strong connections with our community through various communication channels, including newsletters, phone calls, emails, face-to-face meetings, and Hero.

HOW ARE WE GOING?

Please scan the QR code to complete our short survey.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday – 13 August NW Year 5&6 Netball	7-13 September NZAIMS Games
Wednesday – 14 August 6pm - Board Meeting	Friday – 13 September Junior School - Playhouse Show
Wednesday – 21 August 3.15 - 4.45pm & 6.00 – 7.30pm Curriculum Showcase	Friday – 27 September Last Day of Term 3
Thursday – 22 August Year 5-8 NorWest Cross Country	Monday – 14 October First Day of Term 4
26 –30 August Book Fair Week	Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day– School Closed
Thursday - 29 August (date change) 9.30am Book Parade & Book Day	Monday – 28 October Labour Day – School Closed
Tuesday – 3 September Interzone Cross Country	Friday – 20 December 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.

NorthWest Rewards

A big thank you to everyone who participated in NorthWest Rewards Schools 2024! Our second place prize pictured below!



Library News



Scholastics Book Club Issue 5 out now!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE](#)



Book Fair Week - Dates for your diary

Monday, 26 August – Friday, 30 August 2024.

More details to follow but there will be a Book Fair Parade and whole school Book Day on Thursday, 29 August!



Introducing our new...

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

CLICK HERE TO ORDER

KIDS ICE TEE - YELLOW



- BLUE



KIDS ICE TEE - GREEN



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Below is the size chart.

KIDS MODERN FIT	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
GARMENT ½ CHEST (CM)	34	36	38	40	42	44	47	50

Check out these awesome House T-shirts available for purchase soon on KINDO.
 All proceeds go towards our Whenuapai School AIMS sports teams!
 A huge shout out to Anthony & Nicole at Brandistry and our Awesome House Captains for designing such cool T-shirts for our students to wear at School House events :)



YR 3-6 RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Tino pai mahi, great job to our 5x Rippa Teams who competed with awesome mahi tahi/teamwork at Moire Park on August 1st.



A huge shout out to all our AMAZING parents who helped coach, manage and support our tamariki to have the best day! We really appreciate your help!



TEAMWORK MAKES



the DREAM WORK



Tino pai mahi/great job to all our Yr 7 & 8 Netball teams who demonstrated **AWESOME** respect, teamwork and grit at the recent Northwest Netball Tournament at Te Pai.



Yr 8 Girls Poseidons Team @ Centre Passoff

Our Yr 7 Girls Boeing team had 2 convincing victories to win their pool play. They then had another epic win in the quarter final against Scott Point before being beaten in the semi final to finish up 3rd = place out of 14 teams. Fabulous effort Boeings :)



A MASSIVE NGA MIHI NUI THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS: TONIEKA, RACHEL, AMY, POOJA, MISS MATIAHA & WHAEA SARAH!

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge 2024



On Wednesday, the 7th of August 2024, 80 students from Years 3-8 took part in the West Auckland Tough Guy Gal Challenge.

The event was a fantastic success, with everyone enjoying a day filled with laughter, joy, and a whole lot of mud!

The Kumeu Showgrounds were completely transformed into a challenging track, brimming with obstacles and muddy pools that tested the students' endurance and teamwork.

Even the spectators were caught up in the excitement as they cheered on the participants.

Next time, be sure to pack an extra pair of shoes (or you might just end up going home with only one!).



STAFF APPRECIATION HOW AMAZING ARE THESE PEOPLE?!



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Cross Country 2024



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



FOOTBALL ADVANCE SKILLS LUNCH PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL & MASTER BALL CONTROL IN OUR FOOTBALL ADVANCED SKILLS SESSIONS

The programme aims to develop skilful and confident players on the ball by teaching them ball mastery and skills essentials for football.

This programme focuses on developing individual player techniques and skills, and how to apply them in game situations. Perfect for ages 10-14.

Curriculum

- 1- Passing 2- Turning and Shielding
- 3- Shooting 4- Faints
- 5- First touch 6- 1v1 2v2 3v3

Where: Whenuapai School Turf/fields
When: Monday (starts on Monday 5th August)
Time: Lunchtime
Cost: \$87 per term (7 weeks)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWICKICKSTARS.COM



Join us for our
Hobsonville
 Kindergarten



50th Birthday Celebration

Date: Saturday 21 September 2024
Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

We'd love to see past and present whānau and kaiako join us to celebrate 50 years of Hobsonville Kindergarten.

Join us for a shared afternoon tea. Tamariki will enjoy facepainting, and a special rock painting activity. Bring some cash along to be in to win our Raffle!

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Look who's getting nominated for Awesome Kaitiakitanga!

Great Job Whenuapai School...we are being nominated for the 2024 Tāmaki Makaurau Zero Waste Awards



Thank you to all our students for bringing food and/or taking their lunchbox rubbish home...it is making a massive difference!!

You may have noticed we don't have landfill bins outside anymore because we are trying to decrease our waste



Keep composting your food scraps at home... together we can all help our planet



SPREAD THE WORD!

The following message is a suggested Community Feed Post about Hero's new partnership with Noel Leeming, offering discounts to families at your school!

KIA ORA PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

Hero have just announced their new partnership with Noel Leeming, granting Hero users exclusive in-store discounts. This partnership aims to make essential tools and technologies more accessible for whole school communities, to drive student success.

As a caregiver of our school, we're excited to share that this discount extends to you, too!

How does it work?

- **Get Your Code:** In your Hero App, navigate to 'Hero' - your barcode is located here, in the new 'Special Offers' tab.
- **Shop, Scan & Save:** Present your barcode in-store to access exclusive discounts across a range of products.

Happy shopping!

**Terms & conditions apply. Barcodes must be scanned in-store to redeem preferential pricing.*

ADD AN IMAGE

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of parents late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family, discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lead themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

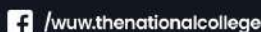
To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at @CyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/tips-for-creating-family-rules-for-using-devices



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Policies and Procedures

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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](#)



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ORTHODONTIC SCHOLARSHIPS



TWO \$10,000 PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Scan the QR code to submit your nomination



McIntosh and Fraser Dental are excited to offer two \$10,000 Orthodontic Scholarships in 2024.

Established in 2012 by Dr. Alex McIntosh and Dr. Milan Raniga, the scholarship was founded to help deserving students in West Auckland. Dr. McIntosh and Dr. Raniga saw a significant need for support and created this scholarship to give something meaningful back to the community.

Since its creation in 2012, McIntosh and Fraser Dental have transformed the smiles of 28 students by awarding \$195,000 in scholarships. This year the Orthodontic Scholarships consist of two prizes of up to \$10,000 in orthodontic treatment.

We are looking for students who have a clear need for orthodontic treatment and who excel in one of these key areas: academics, sport, the arts, cultural or community involvement. Students can be nominated by teachers, school staff, whanau and their peers.

Nominations are open to students in Year 7 to 13 who attend selected schools in West Auckland and West Harbour. You can find the full list of eligible schools on our websites: mcintoshdental.co.nz/scholarship and fraserdental.co.nz/scholarship.

All nominations must be submitted via our online nomination form. For more information and to fill out and submit the nomination form please visit mcintoshdental.co.nz/scholarship or fraserdental.co.nz/scholarship. Students can be nominated multiple times, so spread the word to support your nominee!

Nominations are open from 1st August 2024 and close on 31st August 2024. Dr. McIntosh, Dr. Raniga and the scholarship committee will select the finalists in September 2023, and the winners will be announced shortly after that. Make sure you follow us on Facebook for regular scholarship updates.

Good luck!

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