

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 27 August 2024



Kia ora whānau,

Exciting News for Whenuapai School!

We're thrilled to share that Whenuapai School has received outstanding feedback in our latest Education Review Office (ERO) evaluation. The report, dated 12th August 2024, highlights our commitment to fostering a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

Key points from the review include:

- **Strong Leadership:** Our leadership team is commended for their clear vision and effective management, which has positively impacted student outcomes.
- **Engaging Learning Experiences:** The curriculum is recognized for its relevance and ability to engage students, ensuring they are well-prepared for future challenges.
- **Positive School Culture:** The review underscores the positive relationships and supportive atmosphere at Whenuapai, contributing to a thriving school community.
- **Focus on Student Well-being:** The emphasis on student well-being and individualized support is noted as a significant strength.

Looking ahead, we will continue to build on these strengths by working to implement the next steps recommended in the report to further enhance our educational practices and community involvement.

For the full ERO report, please visit [ERO's website](#).

Thank you to tamariki, whānau and staff for your continued support and dedication. As a school we are proud of these achievements and look forward to building on this success together!

Daffodil Day - This Friday 30th August is New Zealand's Daffodil Day and will be participating in this special day to help raise funds and awareness for the Cancer Society.

To show our support, we're having a Mufti Day where everyone is encouraged to wear something yellow—whether it's a daffodil-themed accessory or a bright yellow shirt. Don't forget to bring a gold coin donation to help fund vital cancer research and support services.

Student Attendance - We are continuing with our emphasis on regular student attendance.

Did you know that missing just one day of school every two weeks adds up to missing over a year of school by age 16. Consistent attendance is crucial for academic success, and tamariki, whānau and our kura play key roles in maintaining regular attendance.

Please remember to notify us if your child will be absent for any reason, like medical appointments or family events. Note that holidays during term time or non-school-related activities are not acceptable reasons for absence.

Spring is in the air, but the days can still be wet and cold, it can be hard to decide if your tamariki should stay home. Visit the [Ministry of Health Website](#) to see their recommendations and guidelines. We are following these guidelines when students visit our sickbay during the school day.

If you're having trouble with school attendance, please reach out to us. We're here to support your tamariki and we can access extra support. Together we can make a positive difference for your tamariki.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Evening last week. It was wonderful to connect with you and share the curriculum we're so proud of. Thank you for your support and feedback.

Finally, please, please, please provide us with feedback on our school communication systems and methods. Are you receiving the information you require? Scan the QR code and let us know.

Have a great week!

Nga mihi,
Adam Cels

A graphic titled 'STAYING IN THE LOOP' with the Whenuapai School logo. It contains text about maintaining strong connections with the community through various communication channels. Below the text is the heading 'HOW ARE WE GOING?' followed by a QR code and the instruction 'Please scan the QR code to complete our short survey.' A red arrow points from the main text area towards the QR code.

STAYING IN THE LOOP

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

26 –30 August Book Fair Week	Monday – 14 October First Day of Term 4
Thursday - 29 August 9.30am Book Parade & Book Day	Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day– School Closed
Friday – 30 August Daffodil Day	Monday – 28 October Labour Day – School Closed
7-13 September NZAIMS Games	Thursday – 31 October NW Year 7/8 Badminton
Wednesday – 11 September 6.00pm Board Meeting	Monday – 4 November School Photos
Friday – 13 September Junior School - Playhouse Show	Tuesday – 5 November School Photos NW Year 7&8 Touch
Wednesday – 25 September NW Year 7&8 Girls Volleyball	Tuesday – 12 November NW Year 5&6 Cricket
Friday – 27 September Last Day of Term 3	Friday – 20 December Last day of Term 4

Tongan Language Week 18 – 24 August 2024

A beautiful display set up in our school foyer by one of our amazing Teacher Aides, Mele Vuki and an incredible parent, Siosi'ana Lolesio.



A huge thank you to you both....

Mālō 'aupito.

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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.

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!



PB4L Corner

This fortnight, we're focusing on Mana (Respect for Self), especially Integrity. We are using language such as "Mana," "resilience," "honesty," and "managing yourself." Try integrating these words at home to reinforce the values we're teaching at school and promote consistency.

Integrity is about doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. It's about being honest, taking responsibility for your actions, and being accountable for your mistakes. When we act with integrity, we build trust and respect with others. We also feel good about ourselves and our accomplishments.

Here are some ways you can help your child develop integrity:

- **Model honest behaviour** - Children learn by watching their parents and caregivers. Show them how to be honest, even when it's difficult.
- **Encourage your child to admit their mistakes** - It's important for children to learn that it's okay to make mistakes. Help them understand that the important thing is to take responsibility for their actions and try to do better next time.
- **Be patient and supportive** - Developing integrity takes time. Be patient with your child and offer them support and encouragement along the way.
- **Provide opportunities for your child to practice integrity** - Look for opportunities for your child to demonstrate honesty and responsibility. For example, you could ask them to help you with a task or run an errand for you.

By focusing on integrity, we're helping our tamariki to develop strong character, build trust, and create positive relationships.



RESPECT FOR SELF

MANA

WHENUAPAI SCHOOL
PB4L Learner Capabilities

Self Manage

Be Resilient

Be Honest

Growth Mindset

HPSS - Hobsonville Point Secondary School's first round of Enrolment Hui is on this week - from Monday 26th August to Saturday 31st August.

<https://www.hpss.school.nz/> - and just click 'Enrol Today'

Shortly after you complete the [online enrolment](#), they'll contact you with the booking link to make a time for an enrolment hui interview - there are still some times available this week. The whole family is welcome!

**NAU MAI HAERE MAI
JOIN US IN 2025!**

INNOVATE ENGAGE INSPIRE

NOW ENROLLING!

ENROLMENT WEEK INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK:
MONDAY 26 AUGUST TO SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

Q&A SESSION WITH THE PRINCIPAL
WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST 6PM - 7PM
STARTING IN THE HPSS AUDITORIUM,
FOLLOWED BY A SCHOOL TOUR

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

21st

September
8.30am - 1.00pm
Greenhithe Community Hall

Delicious Food · Raffles · Silent Auctions · Games
Bouncy Castle & much more!

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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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PIWAKAWAKA TEAM

THIS TERM, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL ABOUT THE OLYMPICS! OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON THE OLYMPIC VALUES AND LINKING THIS TO PB4L AND HOW THESE RELATE TO OUR OWN SCHOOL VALUES, AS WELL AS LEARNING ALL ABOUT TIME, THE ANCIENT GREEK OLYMPICS, AND LOOKING AT ALL THE DIFFERENT SPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES OVER THE YEARS!



WE MADE TINFOIL ATHLETE STATUES OF OUR FAVOURITE SPORTS!



WE ALSO MADE OUR OWN FLAGS AND OLYMPIC TORCHES AND HAD A PIWAKAWAKA OLYMPIC FLAG CEREMONY!



Yr 5&6 North West Netball Tournament



Tino pai mahi/great job to all our Yr 5 & 6 Netball teams who played AWESOMELY together at the challenging Northwest Netball Tournament at Te Pai courts (Aug 13th). Way to reach for the goals and overcome obstacles!

Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke

Fight like a shark, don't give in like an octopus!

Our teams all enjoyed a very busy day playing 6 games each, battling in pool play, quarter & then semi finals (there were 16 teams in each division) and we are SO PROUD of all our placings!!



Boys = 6th place



Yr 5 Girls = 10th



Yr 6 Girls = 7th



A MASSIVE NGĀ MIHI NUI THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS TOO: TASH, LESLIE, TAYLA, MISS POWELL & WHAEA SARAH!

NORTH WEST CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On August 22nd, 52 cross country runners who qualified (came in the top 8 for their age group) for the interschool race at Muriwai Beach competed spectacularly in the hot sun on a very challenging course. The tamariki had to run across sandy dunes, through swampy marshland and along a gravel road for a variety of distances depending on their age group (Yr 5= 2km, Yr 6= 2.5km, Yr 7= 3km, Yr 8= 3.5km).



Year 5 Girls = 2nd place in Team Challenge



Yr 6 Girls



Yr 5 Boys



Yr 6 Boys



Special mention to Grace Oldershaw who came 3rd place in the Yr 6 Girls cross country race



Special mention to Niko Govorko who also came 3rd place in the Yr 6 Boys cross country race



NORTH WEST CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Most of our runners completed their race and we did have a few injuries unfortunately, but we are extremely proud of all our students for giving this challenge their BEST effort!!!



Yr 7 Girls



TINO PAI MAHI TO ALL OUR RUNNERS!!



Yr 7 Boys



Yr 8 Girls



Yr 8 Boys

Special mention to Bradley Uren who finished in 6th place and has qualified for the Auckland Regional Cross Country Champs in September!



School Notices:



School Docs
Policies and Procedures

For our Policies and Procedures please visit SchoolDocs at: 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](#)



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NORTH
HARBOUR
HOCKEY
19 X 92

There is an exciting opportunity for students to join the North Harbour Hockey Association (NHHA) U10 (Year 3 and 4) and U12 (Year 5 and 6) Cubs and Hawklets programmes. This program is designed to introduce young athletes to the sport of hockey in a fun, supportive, and development-focused environment.

Why Enrol?

- **Skill Development:** Our program focuses on building fundamental hockey skills while fostering teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.
- **Experienced Coaches:** The Cubs and Hawklets will be guided by experienced coaches dedicated to helping each player reach their full potential.
- **Inclusive Environment:** We welcome players of all skill levels, ensuring that every child has the chance to learn and grow.
- **Community and Fun:** Beyond skill development, our program emphasizes creating a sense of community and enjoyment in the sport.

We believe that participation in sports plays a crucial role in the overall development of children, teaching them valuable life skills that go beyond the field. By enrolling in our program, your students will have the chance to make new friends, stay active, and build a lifelong love for hockey.

Information for the u12 (Year 5 and 6) is available here:

- [2024 Harbour u12 Cubs and Hawklets \(Year 5 and 6\) \(google.com\)](#)

Information for the u10 (Year 3 and 4) is available here:

- [2024 Harbour u10 Cubs and Hawklets \(Year 3 and 4\) \(google.com\)](#)



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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!

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BMX OPEN DAY

BALANCE BIKES, PEDAL BIKES & MOUNTAIN BIKES ALL WELCOME!

FREE ENTRY

8
SEPTEMBER

SUN
1-3PM

PLEASE BRING:

- Bike
- Helmet
- Long sleeve top
- Long pants
- Covered shoes
- Gloves (recommended)

LIMITED HIRE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY:

- Bikes of all sizes
- Full face helmets
- Gloves

NORTH HARBOUR BMX CLUB

CNR OTEHA VALLEY ROAD & APPIAN WAY, ALBANY, AUCKLAND



Gently Loved Markets Flea Market

10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

Sunderland Lounge - Te Rere
Cinema Road, Hobsonville Point

Free Entry

Gently Loved Markets with a twist, an indoor garage sale filled with preloved treasures including clothing, accessories, books, games, homewares and more!

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