

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 24 September 2024

SCHOOL GROUNDS
WILL BE CLOSED
FIRST WEEK OF THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FOR MAINTENANCE

Kia ora whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 10 of Term 3. Time has flown by, yet it also feels like we've packed so much into these past weeks. The Olympic Games might seem like a distant memory, but we're gearing up for our own exciting version of the Olympics this Friday, as part of the 'Take Off' stage of our inquiry process.

Earlier this year, the Government announced the implementation of the Structure Literacy approach for teaching reading in schools. Whenuapai School has been utilising this method across our junior classes for the past three years, specifically with Liz Kane's *Little Learners Love Literacy* programme. We've been thrilled to see improvements in our tamariki's reading achievement and progress over the past few years. Thanks to early identification of this need, we are leading the way in this educational shift. By the end of this year, all our Year 0-3 teachers will have completed the required training, and we are looking forward to enhancing our literacy programmes even further.

Earlier this term, the Government released the new mathematics curriculum. We are confident in our position, as we already use PR1ME which is a Structure Mathematics programme. We are currently awaiting updates on which math programmes will receive Ministry of Education approval and will keep you posted. Teacher professional development for Mathematics will occur during 2025.

It's exciting to witness the growth and diversification of Whenuapai and the surrounding areas. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the completion of the roadworks on Brigham Creek Road. In tandem with our community growth, we are growing and as a result. We're delighted to announce that Ellyce Martin will be joining our staff at the beginning of Term 4 to open our next New Entrant class in Room 4. We have welcomed 95 new tamariki in 2024, marking our biggest roll growth yet.

Congratulations to our senior Kapa Haka group and our Netball teams! The Kapa Haka group performed brilliantly at the Whiria te Tangata (Kahui Ako) Cultural Festival, showcasing their mana on stage. At Saturday's Netball prizegiving, several of our teams finished in the top 3 of their grades, including bringing home two first-place trophies.



Our AIMS team had a fantastic week away, embodying our school values amid stiff competition. They enjoyed exploring Mt Maunganui and supporting their peers in various sports when not competing. I would like to specially acknowledge and commend our tamariki for the way they maintained their Mana and Kotahitanga in all situations they faced in and out of the competitions. They represented the school well and were commended by other schools on their sportsmanship. Special recognition goes to Darice Fletcher for securing second place in the Rock Climbing Competition! You can view our Hip Hop Dance crew's performance [here](#)—our team is featured about two hours into the video. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who went away with the teams. Without your support and dedication these kinds of events would not be possible.

Enjoy a wonderful school holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on October 14th for Term 4, where we will dive into the exciting world of science and chemistry. Please note that both campuses will be closed during the first week of the holidays for maintenance and spraying. However, you are welcome to use the school grounds starting the second week.

Wishing you all a restful and fun break

Nga mihi,
Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 25 September NW Year 7&8 Girls Volleyball RNZAF Walk the Runway – Year 4s	Tuesday – 5 November School Photos NW Year 7&8 Touch
Friday – 27 September Last Day of Term 3 Olympic Games	Wednesday – 6 November Kakapo (Year 5&6) Athletics 6.00pm Board Meeting
28 September – 13 October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Tuesday – 12 November NW Year 5&6 Cricket
Monday – 14 October First Day of Term 4 Nano Girl – Chemistry in School	Friday – 15 November Kea (Year 1&2) Athletics
Friday – 18 October 9.15am EnviroSchool Reflection	Tuesday – 19 November NW Year 7&8 Athletics
Wednesday - 23 October Piwakawaka (Year 3&4) Athletics	Thursday – 21 November HPSS Orientation Day
Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day– School Closed	Tuesday – 3 December 2024 NW Year 5&6 Tag/Touch
Monday – 28 October Labour Day – School Closed	Mon 9 to Wed 11 – December Science Fair
Thursday – 31 October NW Year 7/8 Badminton	Wednesday – 11 December 6.00pm - Board Meeting
Friday – 1 November Kahu (Year 7&8) Athletics	Friday – 13 December Mistletoe Mania
Monday – 4 November School Photos	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.

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PB4L Corner

This week's PB4L focus on interpersonal effectiveness, or our “people skills”, is all about learning effective strategies for asking for, or saying no to, things. We also use these skills to make sure our relationships go smoothly, and to maintain our self-respect and dignity.

The 3 main categories of interpersonal goals:

- getting our objective met
- improving/maintaining a relationship
- maintaining mana, our self-respect

Using the **F.A.S.T** skill helps maintain your mana whilst resolving conflict peacefully.

- (be) Fair
- (no) Apologies
- Stick to values
- (be) Truthful

Use FAST skill when Self Respect is the main goal of communication:

(sticking up for self, feeling good about self)

1. (be) Fair: Be fair to yourself and to the other person.
2. (no) Apologies: Don't over apologise for your behaviour, for making a request, or for being you. (If you wronged someone, don't under apologise.) Discuss how over-apologising can sometimes backfire eg: taking responsible for things that aren't your mistake; or “guilt” others into saying “its ok”.
3. Stick to values: Stick to your own values and opinions. Don't sell out to get what you want, to fit in or to avoid saying no.
4. (be) Truthful: Don't lie. Don't act helpless when you are not. Don't make up excuses or exaggerate.



TE KAPA HAKA O WHENUAPAI

Our incredible Kapa Haka o Whenuapai performed at the Cultural Festival hosted by Hobsonville Point Secondary School. The energy was electric! Performing four different pieces, consisting of a waiata tira (choral song), moteatea (chant), a haka and whakawātea (final piece) our rōpū (group) took to the stage with mana and huatau (grace). I am incredibly proud of their hard work and progress. I have no doubt their continued effort will lead to even greater success.



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL



NZAIMS 2024



FOOTBALL



2024 ZESPRI™ AIMS GAMES



At the NZAIMS games football tournament, the dynamic young team faced tough competition but quickly found their rhythm. With each passing match, their mana grew, fueled by unwavering support from their parents and fans. Through teamwork, determination, and resilience, they secured a few impressive wins, transforming their tournament journey into a celebration of unity and spirit. Complete with penalty shoot out win, they not only showcased their skills on the field but also fostered a sense of community that will resonate long after the final whistle.



NETBALL

We are extremely proud of the awesome teamwork and resilience our netball team demonstrated during their exciting AIMS tournament. They played hard and learned so much during the week about each other and how to improve their netball fitness and skills. After a few losses and a couple of fabulous wins, our girls finished 4th in their pool of 8 teams from around the motu. Kei te pai te tīma netipōro!!



A huge **thank you** to all our supporters; especially **Rachel Anderson** for coaching, **Tamryn Leonard** for managing and **Whaea Sarah** for umpiring :)



2024 ZESPRI™ AIMS GAMES

NZAIMS



2024

ORIENTEERING

I was competing in orienteering and since it was my first time at AIMS, I was very nervous. I have been doing orienteering for 5 years now and my course for orienteering was 1,800k and had 27 markers. I did my course at historic village and took around 20 minutes to finish.



ROCKCLIMBING

During the intense five-day competition, 187 Year 8 climbers vied for the prestigious NZAIMS medals. The climbers showcased their skills in three challenging events: Top Rope, Bouldering, and Speed Climbing. Darcie's strength, both physical and mental, was evident as she excelled in all three disciplines. Her rigorous training paid off, and despite feeling tired and sore, she demonstrated remarkable resilience, particularly on Wednesday when she secured a strong 2nd place in the semifinals. As the final day unfolded, the top five climbers gave it their all, with three Year 8 girls fiercely contending for the gold. The suspense was palpable as everyone awaited the results. Darcie not only set numerous personal bests throughout the week but also earned an impressive Silver medal, a testament to her exceptional performance and perseverance.

TABLE TENNIS



It's fun and exciting because I played 5 games. I showed kotahitanga and mana by respecting my opponents and myself. Trying to win was challenging because the other players were really good. Overall it was a good experience.



CROSS COUNTRY

In a showcase of grit and determination, our two cross country runners left everything on the course during a grueling race against the nation's best. Opting to miss their opening netball games, they proved their commitment to running, tackling the challenging terrain with unwavering spirit. Each step was a testament to their hard work and passion, as they pushed through exhaustion to achieve personal bests. Their inspiring performances not only highlighted their athleticism but also showcased their unwavering dedication to the sport they love.



HOCKEY



This season, the NZAIMS hockey team may not have racked up many wins, but they certainly scored high on team spirit! With strong defense and quick turn around we saw the camaraderie growing stronger with every match, the team created unforgettable memories together. Their dedication and positive vibes made for an incredible week. A fun filled week on and off the turf .



NZAIMS 2024

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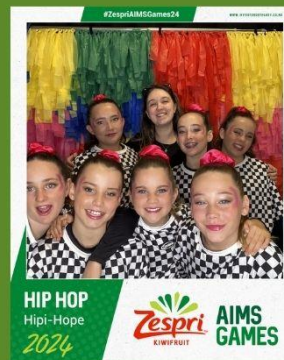
HIPHOP



Our school's very own team of seven talented girls took the stage by storm at the 2024 NZAIMS Games, dazzling the crowd with their electrifying hip-hop performance. In a competition marked by fierce rivals and top-tier talent, our dancers stood out with their blend of fierce choreography, unstoppable energy, stunning costumes and their fantastic attitudes!

Their performance was a testament to their dedication and teamwork, earning loud applause and admiration from spectators.

Congratulations to our dynamic crew for representing our school with such flair and determination in the midst of such intense competition!



OUR 2024 TEAM



Netball Year 8's

Eloise Hood
Khloe Cammock
Lucy Zanders
Madi Hore
Myra Shankar
Nicola Anderson
Vida Bromhead-Anderson
Viva Patel
Year 7's
Kennedy Bone
Leila Morton
Mateia Galvez
Sophie Leonard
Coach: Rachel Anderson

Hockey

Asher Ehrlich
Bradley Uren
Callum Bitossi
Coben Hosking
Cooper Bilkey
Eli Savage Anstiss
Jake Kilkenny
Jordy Smith
Lucas Sutton
Sam Kilkenny
Nate Vermeulen
Coach: Kerryn Kilkenny

Hip Hop

Kennedy Bone
Khloe Cammock
Madison Hore
Maile Hahn
Marlee Greer
Tegan Fletcher
Vida Bromhead-Anderson
Choreographer: Ashleigh Phillips

Rock Climbing Darcie Fletcher

Table Tennis Wayde Roberts

Orienteering Shea Hanon

Cross Country Lucy Zanders Eloise Hood

Football

Alex Sampson
Buhanuddin Fidahusen
Corban Hendricks
Daniel Singam
Etoni Vuki
Honour Morrison
Iden Thorns
Jake Schroder
Jett Black
Kenzo Mugisha-Mukama
Taytum Davies
Maile Hahn
Cooper Van Jaarsveld
Coaches: Scott Sampson and Damien Jones

Celebrating Success

Cricket Stars!

Wyatt and Rishan play on the U9 Development Squad for Greenhithe Football Club. This Sunday they put in a phenomenal performance at the prestigious Clarrie Morgan 9th Grade Tournament. They played their hearts out over seven games in the knockout tournament against the best teams in Auckland, making it all the way to the final where they finally met their match in Auckland United.

These guys will be a force to be reckoned with when they hit 10th grade next year!



Badminton Champion!

S Joshua won the Singles and doubles titles at the Waikato Badminton Championships.

S Joshua delivered an outstanding performance at the Waikato Badminton Championships, taking home both the Singles and Doubles titles in a remarkable display of skill and determination. Whether battling it out on his own or working seamlessly with his doubles partner, Joshua showcased why he's a rising star in the sport. We can't wait to see what he achieves next!

Flippaball - Epic Victory for the Whenuapai Orions!

What an incredible night it was for our Whenuapai Orions Flippaball team on Sunday! After coming so close last term, we finally claimed the gold medal in a hard-fought final.

Competing in the Year 5/6 mixed grade, our team includes a number of young players, making our journey even more impressive. We were undefeated all term until the final round-robin game, where we narrowly lost 4-3 to the Sunnynook Makos, an all-boys team that had also remained unbeaten. This loss shook our kids, as they hadn't experienced defeat all season. But after a motivating team talk, we remained cautiously optimistic about our chances in the finals.

On the night of the final, the Orions showed up determined and ready to fight for the win. Things didn't look promising early on as Sunnynook jumped to a 2-0 lead, but by halftime, we'd pulled it back to 2-1. The energy shifted, and with pure grit and determination, our team rallied to turn the game around, ultimately winning 3-2! The smiles on the kids' faces after the game said it all—it was pure joy!

What an amazing achievement by this resilient and talented group. Well done, Orions!



Congratulations to all our superstars!!



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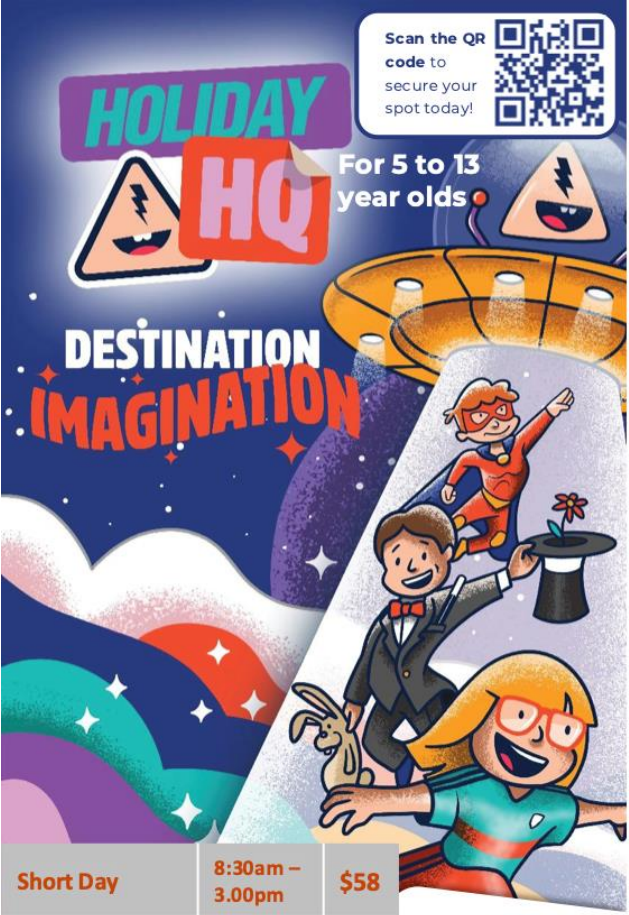
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30th September – 11th October 2024

September	October	October	October	October
<p>Monday 30th</p> <p>You are on an Adventure Quest</p> <p>Explore new places and create your own mystical map along with a DIY compass and have fun playing Minefield & Puzzle Piece Relay.</p> 	<p>Tuesday 1st</p> <p>Cinema Trip – Harold and the Purple Crayon Please arrive by 9am!! <i>You can bring some pocket money for extra snacks.</i> The afternoon will be filled with space themed activities. (Trip Day)</p> 	<p>Wednesday 2nd</p> <p>You are a Sports Star</p> <p>Enhance your sporting skills and play fun sporting games. Get ready for a fun-filled sports day!</p> 	<p>Thursday 3rd</p> <p>You are a Speed Racer (Wheels Day)</p> <p>Bring your wheels, skates, skateboards, bikes, and scooters to show off your best stunts and tricks!</p> 	<p>Friday 4th</p> <p>You are a Superhero</p> <p>Dress up as your favourite superhero! Make your own comic and enjoy superhero-themed activities.</p> 
<p>Monday 7th</p> <p>You are Under the Sea</p> <p>Dive into the underwater world! Prizes for best dressed. Make your own salt dough starfish and make yummy marshmallows oyster cookies.</p> 	<p>Tuesday 8th</p> <p>Local Trip / Premium Day and Make & Take - Outdoor Explorer & Photography Day Nature Photography Workshop led by Keerti Siag Photography. Today we will go on a local photography expedition, exploring the great outdoors. (Trip Day)</p> 	<p>Wednesday 9th</p> <p>You are an Inventor</p> <p>Create something at the sKids inventor's lab and showcase your own invention at our very own inventor's fair.</p> 	<p>Thursday 10th</p> <p>You are a Magician</p> <p>Discover the wonderful world of magic! Learn enchanting tricks and showcase your newfound talents at the sKids dazzling magic show.</p> 	<p>Friday 11th</p> <p>Join our Imagination Party</p> <p>Celebrate the last day of Holiday HQ with glow-in-the-dark bowling and a party full of fun with your friends!</p> 

  Kids: Please bring your water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day  

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