

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 22 October 2024



Kia ora whānau,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting Term 4. As we gear up for the end of the school year, we have lots of fun events coming up, including Athletics Days, Mistletoe Mania, Year 8 graduation, and some fantastic science learnings. Don't forget to check HERO for all the details.

Last week, we kicked off our Science Inquiry with an incredible show by Nanogirl, who brought science to life with captivating experiments that had everyone buzzing with excitement. Later in the week, I visited the Year 5/6 classes and saw our tamariki diving into their own science experiments. It's shaping up to be a thrilling term ahead!

On Friday, we held our [Enviroschool Silver Reflection](#), where students and staff proudly showcased our achievements as a school and community in relation to the five guiding Enviro principles:

- Empowered Learners
- Learning for Sustainability
- Te Ao Māori
- Respect for Diversity
- Sustainable Communities

At the end of the presentation, community members, representatives from the Enviroschool Project, and our staff evaluated our efforts to determine if we met the criteria for achieving Silver Enviroschool status. I'm thrilled to announce that we successfully did, and we have officially received our Silver Enviro Award. A huge thank you to Sarah Bone and Jenny Cornish for leading this fantastic initiative.

Thank you all for your continued support, and now, we set our sights on achieving Green Gold!

Reflecting on the year so far, we're proud of our journey operating across two campuses. It's been a rollercoaster filled with successes and valuable lessons. Looking forward to 2025, we're excited to continue improving and expanding learning opportunities for our students.

With our growing school community, we're pleased to share that in 2025 we'll have five Year 7/8 classes and will start the year with seven Year 0/1 classes. Our student roll may reach or even exceed 700 by the end of 2025. To support this growth, we've restructured our Senior Leadership Team. Next year, each campus will have its own Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal. Here's our 2025 team:

- **Molly Fletcher** - Deputy Principal, Senior Campus
- **Rebecca Archer** - Deputy Principal, Home Campus
- **Jill Mackenzie** - Assistant Principal (Learning Support Coordinator), Home Campus

We're currently finalising the Assistant Principal for the Senior Campus and will keep you updated.

In the coming weeks, we'll introduce eight fantastic new teachers joining our team in 2025. We're excited about the fresh ideas and energy they'll bring to our school!

As we finalise our classroom and school structure for 2025, we'd appreciate your help. Please let the office know if:

- Your child or family will be leaving Whenuapai School at the end of 2024 (except for Year 8 students).
- You have a younger child starting school in 2025 and haven't yet filled out the online pre-enrolment form.

After years of fundraising by Friends of Whenuapai (FOW) and waiting for the Ministry of Education to finalise our school property master plan, I'm excited to announce that we are finally beginning the design process for our new Senior Playground on the Home Campus. I anticipate that construction will be completed at the end of 2025 or during 2026. This playground will be specifically designed for our Year 3-8 students as we prepare to reunite on a single campus once our Memorandum of Understanding for the Senior Campus concludes.

A couple of friendly reminders:

- **Teacher Only Day** - Friday 25th October – No School.
- **Labour Day** – Monday, 28th October – No School.
- **Uniform:** As summer approaches, please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform, including a sunhat.
- **Attendance:** Regular attendance is vital, especially as we approach the end of the year. If your child is unwell, please inform the school office.
- **Last day of Term** - Friday, 20th December (12.40pm finish).

Thank you for being such a wonderful community. Term 4 is always busy and exciting, and we're looking forward to another great term ahead!

Nga mihi, Adam Cels



Dates for your diary

Wednesday - 23 October Piwakawaka (Yr 3&4) Athletics Day	Tuesday – 19 November NW Year 7&8 Athletics
Friday – 25 October Teacher Only Day– School Closed	Thursday – 21 November HPSS Orientation Day
Monday – 28 October Labour Day – School Closed	Tuesday – 3 December 2024 NW Year 5&6 Tag/Touch
Thursday – 31 October NW Year 7/8 Badminton	Wednesday -4 December Rainbows Day C.A.R.E Day
Friday – 1 November Kahu (Year 7&8) Athletics Day	Mon 9 to Wed 11 – December Science Fair
Monday – 4 November School Photos	Wednesday – 11 December 6.00pm - Board Meeting
Tuesday – 5 November School Photos NW Year 7&8 Touch	Thursday – 12 December Meet the Teacher Day Year 8 Erin Pools Visit
Wednesday – 6 November Kakapo (Year 5&6) Athletics 6.00pm Board Meeting	Friday – 13 December Mistletoe Mania
Tuesday – 12 November NW Year 5&6 Cricket	Monday – 16 December Sports Prizegiving
Friday – 15 November Kea (Year 1&2) Athletics	Friday – 20 December Last day of Term 4

Friends of Whenuapai (FOW) Update

We are incredibly grateful to **Chelsea Lyons** for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts with Friends for Whenuapai (FOW). As of Term 4, Chelsea is stepping down as the Chair of FOW after years of dedicated service, where she led, advocated for and organised countless events and many delicious lunches for the school.

Her commitment and passion have made a lasting difference, inspiring our community to come together for the benefit of our tamariki and school. I am especially grateful for her creative ideas and the thoughtful touches she brought to each term, always giving our tamariki something special to look forward to. From planning amazing events to building connections among families, Chelsea's contributions have left a significant mark on all of us. Thank you, Chelsea!

If you have an interest in coordinating the FOW please reach out to Adam or Molly.



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Waste Free Lunchboxes

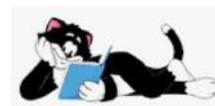


Whenuapai School is an EnviroSchool and we ask that students come to school with waste free lunches (**Nood Food**) to show Kaitiakitanga/Respect to our school environment.



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 7 out now!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE](#)



[CLICK HERE TOP VIEW CATALOGUE](#)



Thanks to one of our amazing parents (Jess), the secondhand uniform room

will be open for sales every week:

- **When:** Wednesday Afternoons
- **Where:** Room 21
- **Time:** 3.00-3:30pm



SILVER ENVIRO SCHOOL AWARD

Congratulations Whenuapai School on achieving Silver level last week!!



A huge **THANK YOU** to all our **Enviro Heroes** for your insightful reflections, **Miss Matiaha & the Senior Kapa Haka** for welcoming our manuhiri/visitors, **Mrs Govorko, Miss Torkler and the Yr 5&6 Garden to Table students** for baking the delicious healthy treats for our morning tea!! A massive shout out to all our community supporters: **Grace, Anna & Susan from Sustainable Schools, Pat Hooper** (our amazing GTT volunteer), **Annette Mitchell** from Living Whenuapai, **Deb Ross** from Trees for Survival and the whānau who came along too. Big ups to **Mr Cels, Mrs Fletcher, Miss Cornish & Whaea Sarah** for making sure all the paper work was in order & for continuing to lead our school towards a more sustainable future :)

He waka eke noa...we're all in this together!!





KEA TEAM

We have had a wonder first week of Term 4 in Kea team!

This term for inquiry we are looking at science, reactions and experiments.



≡ Welcome ≡

We also want to welcome our new tamariki in Room 4 & 20, and Kaiako Ellyce Martin who have started recently! As well as another big welcome back to Kaiako Natasha Howard. We are excited to have you as part of our Kea team.



2024 Term 3 Options

Options is a session held every Friday afternoon from 12:00-2:25 for our Kahu--Yr 7&8-- students. During options, we get to experience and try lots of different learning areas. Such as cooking, working with soft materials, hard materials, and devices. Near the end of the term before, the students are able to pick their top liked options for the next term. All of us students enjoy our options very much!

This term's options were:

Carving
Food around the world
Large scale self-portrait painting
Media
Rock Climbing

By Matt Johnson



The food was yummy. I like how we did different cuisines.



It made us feel like artists we learnt lots of different techniques and skills with the paintbrush and pencils.



Fun for my first time. I learnt how to carve and how to draw up a grid.



It was really fun and now I can't wait for high school art.



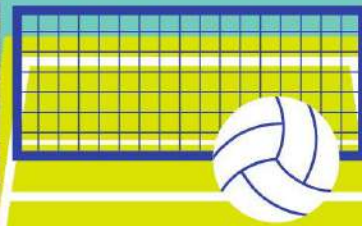
It was fun because I can now do bouldering from one side to another now.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On September 25th, a team of 10 amazing Yr 7&8 wahine toa/strong girls competed in the North West Volleyball competition at the Trusts Stadium in Henderson. During our first game, only 4 of our players could get their serve over the net, but by the end of the day (6 games later), all 10 of our athletes could serve! We are so proud of the **ako** (respect for learning), **mahi tahi** (team work) and **manawanui** (resilience) that our girls demonstrated over the competition while they had fun playing against their friends from other local schools.



He waka eke noa



**KA RAWE MAHI /
AWESOME WORK
VOLLEYBALL GIRLS !!**



FANTASTIC MAHI NETBALL TEAMS!

WELL DONE TO OUR WHENUAPAI NETBALL TEAMS WHO COMPETED IN THE WIDER WEST NETBALL COMPETITION THIS WINTER. ALL TEN OF OUR TEAMS IMPROVED SO MUCH OVER THE SEASON AND HAD HEAPS OF FUN! A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR COACHES, MANAGERS AND SUPPORTERS FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN...WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP! HE MAHI PAI/GREAT JOB!



Yr 2 Hercules = 3rd place (Kiwi grade)



Yr 4 Skyhawks = 2nd place (F grade)



Yr 4 Falcons = 1st place (F grade)



Yr 5 Spitfires = 3rd place (D grade)



Yr 7 Boeings = 1st place (B grade)



Yr 8 Poseidons = 2nd place (A grade)

By Lila Grace Walker

You should ride a bike to school because not only does it keep you fit but it helps decrease your carbon foot print and helps stop climate change.



Our earth is getting too hot and is getting cooked by petrol cars! But you can help by walking or biking instead!

I like scootering because it keeps me fit and healthy!

Wahooo! Biking is so fun because it's a fun way to do leg day.

(podcast) Active transport is a great way to keep your body healthy but at the same time, the earth healthy.

By Reyaansh

NZ Carbon Emissions

Category	Percentage
Transport	41.1%
Industry Combustion	20.1%
Power Industry	19.2%
Buildings	8.9%
Non-combustion	10.7%

Public Transport
Reduce CO2!

Active Transport

How can we reduce Carbon Emissions?

By Ethan, Patrick & Connor



Jan/Feb 2025 will be the next opportunity to order:

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

KIDS ICE TEE - YELLOW



BLUE



KIDS ICE TEE - GREEN



\$25



EACH

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

Adult Small, Medium, Large and XL available for purchase too.

Our awesome House T-shirts will be available for purchase on myKINDO.co.nz late Jan/Feb 2025.

All proceeds go towards our Whenuapai School AIMS sports teams!

A huge shout out to Anthony & Nicole at Brandistry and our Amazing House Captains for designing such cool T-shirts for our students to wear at School House events :)

School Notices:



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](#)



Classic Cuts



63 Brigham Creek Road



MUSIQ HUB

PLAY SMART

Music Lessons at Whenuapai School

Visit: <https://musiqhub.co.nz/>

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COMMUNITY EVENT

GARDEN OPEN DAY



SAT
09
NOV
2024

10am till 2pm

WORKSHOPS

PLANT SALE



TRIANGLE PARK
COMMUNITY TEACHING GARDEN

385 DON BUCK RD

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FOOTBALL LUNCH PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai school

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!

TERM 4

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 16th October)
Time: Lunch time
Cost: \$135 per term (10 weeks)
 Second child discount of 10% applies!

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM



FOOTBALL ADVANCE SKILLS LUNCH PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

Whenuapai Term 4

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 21st October)
Time: Lunchtime
Cost: \$104 per term (8 weeks)

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