

Whenuapai School

14 Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 17 December 2024



Kia ora e te whānau,

Merry Christmas – wow, that came around quickly!

Mistletoe Mania was amazing – I believe it was the best one yet! A huge THANK YOU to Bailee Greer, Molly Fletcher, the staff, and all the helpers who made it such a success. It was a fantastic evening, and it was wonderful to have our community come together to celebrate the year and kick off the festive season. The tamariki performances were a step up this year, and it was beautiful to have the Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups open the performance.

Earlier in the term, we announced that the school grounds would be locked during the holiday period due to ongoing works. We can now officially share more details about what's happening.

The Ministry of Education has approved the budget for our new two-story, six-classroom block. This new building will be constructed in the current location of Rooms 19 to 22, with construction scheduled to start in April 2025.

To make way for the new block, the classrooms will be demolished, and the playground and sandpit will be relocated. During the holiday period, the playground will be moved to the 'Green' area between the Admin Building and the Hall. The sandpit will be demolished, but a new one won't be built until the end of 2025. Preparation works will take place to enable the demolition of Rooms 19 to 22, which will begin early in the new school year.

We have plans in place to ensure that the disruptions from the building work are minimised and do not impact learning.

We have also secured new modular classrooms (similar to those at our Senior Campus). These will be placed on the field along the boundary with ITM. We are working closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure their locations has minimal impact on the playing space. These buildings will be moving on to site in the week beginning 20 January 2025. Once all the works are completed (by early 2026), we will have a total of 29 classrooms on the home campus, which will support future growth.

We are also thrilled to announce that the Ministry of Education has agreed to extend our Memorandum of Agreement for the Senior Campus until the end of 2028. This means we will continue with our two-campus model at least until 2028, and hopefully even longer.

This week, we have a number of final assemblies, including the Year 8 Graduation assembly. These are a chance for us to celebrate the year and acknowledge our tamariki. I would also like to thank 'The Trusts' for providing funding to support our Year 8 Graduation celebration.

Thank you for a wonderful year. As a school, we are very lucky to have such a supportive community – you are the reason we are so successful.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a fantastic festive season, and I will see you back at school on February 4th for the 2025 school year.

Ngā mihi,

Adam Cels





Dates for your diary

Wednesday – 18 December
Kāhu (Year 7&8) Prizegiving
6.00pm - Year 8 Grad Dinner

Friday – 20 December
Last day of Term 4
* 12.40pm finish

2025 Dates:

Monday – 3 February
Meet the Teacher Day

Tuesday – 4 February
First Day of School for 2025

Thursday – 6 February
Waitangi Day – No School



School Leavers – Notice re ezlunch and Kindo School Shop

If your family is leaving our school and has been using ezlunch or Kindo, please make sure to stop any regular automatic payments that have been set up before the school year finishes. You may also need to transfer or close your account which can be done as follows:

- **Not sure if your new school is using Kindo?** If you're not sure if your new school is using Kindo, you can either ask them directly or go to "My Details" in your Kindo account and click on the list of schools to see if your new school is listed.
- **New school IS using Kindo.** If your new school is using Kindo, simply click on the new school from the list in "My Details" of your Kindo account and you'll be attached to the new school's menu. Any balance on your Kindo account will remain available to spend with the new school.
- **New school is NOT using Kindo,** or you no longer need Kindo. If you need to close your Kindo account, use the "Close Kind Account" button within the "My Details" section of your Kindo account. You can either withdraw your account balance or choose to donate your balance to the school. Please note that all withdrawals will be made via electronic payment to your New Zealand bank account. Kindo is unable to process cash withdrawals.

If you are wanting to withdraw your Kindo account balance or make a donation that exceeds Kindo's threshold (currently more than \$10,000 total within one year), Kindo may need to undertake some identity checks on you to comply with its obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Act 2009. Please action the withdrawal or donation in your Kindo account as outlined above and if these AML checks are necessary Kindo will advise of the next steps required in this regard. Kindo has endeavoured to make this process as pain-free as possible and appreciates your patience.



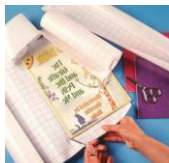
Library News

The wonderful team covering books for Whenuapai School's Libraries

For the last two years Arina has been helping Whenuapai School Library as part of her voluntary work for the Duke of Edinburgh award. She completed the bronze award last year and is now working towards the silver award. Arina really enjoys helping others. Since starting Duke of Edinburgh, she has thought about what help she could provide to her local community. Arina loves books - so for her the activity of covering books which prolongs the time a book may be read by children and teachers, is rewarding. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a programme designed for young people to develop life skills through activities in four areas: skill-building, physical activity, volunteering, and an adventurous journey. Participants set goals in these areas and work towards achieving them, fostering personal growth and resilience. So far Arina has covered 400+ books for Whenuapai School!

One of our parents, Lorella, has been covering books specifically for the Senior Campus. She definitely gets the speed award having covered 300+ books in two terms! Chelsea, Mrs Mohamed and Mrs Robinson have also helped with covering earlier in the year.

A massive thank you to all these wonderful people for their help this year!



If any of you would like to help with covering library books over the holidays, please email library@whenuapai.school.nz or txt me on 0224166465.

Best wishes Whaea Helen.



PB4L Corner

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we approach the summer holidays, we acknowledge this is a busy, and often overwhelming time for many families. We encourage you to focus on the power of giving back, and the importance of gratitude. Research shows that practicing gratitude can have a profound effect on our physical and mental health, contributing to greater happiness and well-being.

My wero (challenge) to you this holiday season is to take a moment to reflect on what you are grateful for. Whether it's family, health, friendships, a well-deserved break from work, or cherished family traditions - take time to appreciate these things.

Here are some simple ways our tamariki (children) can practice gratitude at home:

- **Notice the good things** around you, seek them out, and appreciate them.
- **Help out around the house** - clear the table after dinner without being asked or offer to wash the dishes.
- **Expressions of whakawhetai (gratitude)** - supporting our tamariki to think about the people around them who are special and kōrero around the idea that making a card for someone conveys both whakawhetai and thankfulness, and reminds us of the positive impact they have on our lives.
- **Take care of your pet** - feed them or clean their cage without being asked.
- **Tidy up after yourself** - put your toys away when you're done playing.
- **Draw a picture** - for someone you love, just because!
- **Practice Mindfulness** - pay attention to what is happening in the present moment. It may be what you're feeling, hearing, or anything else you notice.

Finally, remember to take a breath. Puku breathing is a great way to relax and de-stress. When we get stressed or anxious, we tend to take shallow breaths, but when we focus on taking deep breaths from our puku, it sends a signal to our brain to calm down and relax. If things are feeling a bit hōhā or hectic for your tamariki, make this your go-to. Puku breathing is really easy to do.

1. Ask tamariki to find a quiet and comfortable place to sit or lie down.
2. Ask them to put one hand on their puku and one on their chest.
3. Guide them to breathe in slowly and deeply through their nose. Making sure their hand on their puku moves out, but their hand on your chest stays still.
4. Slowly count a breath in for 4 and breath out for 6
5. Repeat this a few times until you can see tamariki feel calm and relaxed.

Remembering to puku breathe Worksheet

Hā deep, Hā slow,
From my puku, let it grow.
Feel the calm inside me spread,
Like a gentle breeze in my head.
So, hā deep, hā slow,
From my puku, let it grow.
With each hā, I'll feel so bright,
Like a whetū shining bright.



Using the 5 senses

≧ mindfully ≦

To do with your family!

The 5 senses



Our senses allow us to perceive the world around us.

Why

Using the 5 senses mindfully helps us come back to the present moment and without judgment, and then helps us feel calm.



How

There is no wrong way!

Here are some ideas:

- One sense at a time
- All 5 senses, one after the other
- Ask your child to notice:
 - 5 things you can see
 - 4 things you can touch
 - 3 things you can hear
 - 2 things you can smell
 - 1 thing you can taste



When and where

Anytime and anywhere!

- In your bed before falling asleep
- As a passenger, in the car or the bus
- On a hike
- While eating a fruit



Who

From 3 to 103 years old!



Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We wish you a wonderful summer break and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming our tamariki back in 2025!

Ngā mihi nui, Whenuapai PB4L Team

Norwest Year 5 & 6 Touch

The Norwest Year 5 & 6 Touch competition took place on Tuesday, 3rd December, at Moire Park, Massey. Whenuapai School was proudly represented by three teams: a boys' team, a girls' team, and a mixed team.

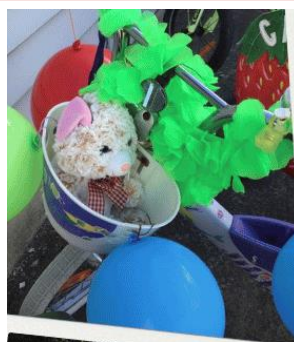
The day saw some fantastic results for Whenuapai. The girls' team made it to the semi-finals and secured 3rd place overall - a very commendable achievement. Their teamwork, mutual support, and commitment to one another throughout the day were exemplary.

The boys' team also performed admirably, finishing 9th. Despite narrowly missing out on the semi-finals due to close pool games, they showed significant growth as a team, particularly in their final matches. Their ability to come together and play as a cohesive unit as the tournament progressed was a highlight.

The mixed team also impressed with their determination and commitment while competing in the boys' division. Facing tough challenges, they rose to the occasion and celebrated strong performances throughout the day.

These achievements reflect the hard work and enthusiasm of all students involved. More importantly, the players upheld Whenuapai's school values both on and off the field, contributing to a fun and rewarding experience for everyone.

A big thank you to teachers Nicole Maluafou, Madeleine Torckler, Claire Hahn, Whakapono Nepata, and Tim Palmer for their unwavering support, both in managing the teams and helping with equipment on the day.



Bikes and Scooters

What an amazing turnout!
Did you know you can bring your bike or scooter to school everyday and ride them at lunchtime?



Mistletoe Mania 2024



Linewize **Parent Portal** by Qoria

Linewize is a FREE online safety tool available to all our families and here's how it can help:

- **See What Your Child Sees:** Linewize allows you to see a filtered report of your child's browsing activity, including websites and search terms. This gives you a springboard for discussions about online content.
- **Spark Conversations:** Use Linewize reports to talk to your child about what they find interesting online. This is a great opportunity to teach critical thinking skills and discuss online dangers.
- **Set Boundaries Together:** Linewize allows you to set website filters and time limits for your child's internet use. Work with your child to create a safe and responsible online routine.

For more information, please visit <https://whenuapai.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

Our school is proud of the work we do to foster and promote positive relationships and social skills through our restorative PB4L approach. We place great emphasis on our core values and provide engaging behaviour lessons to empower students to make positive choices.

With your help and support, we can continue to guide our tamariki on their journey towards responsible online behaviour and overall well-being.

Thank you for being an important part of our community.



Uniform Shop

We are happy to announce, Argyle Schoolwear are opening a Retail Shop from 5th of December 2024, where you can purchase our school uniform.

You will still be able to purchase your uniform online through their Argyle Online website, but you now have the option to purchase in store, offering you a full retail experience.

Argyle's Retail Shop is located at Unit 4 / 91 Central Park Drive in Henderson.

It is advisable that you book an appointment – please go to our school page on Argyle Online and click 'book a fitting'. Limited parking is available in front of the store.



[Click Here to Book](#)

Uniform Retail Store Opening 5th December 2024



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

4/91 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland
Book a fitting online through your school page at www.argyleonline.co.nz
Card payments only; no cash. WINZ quotes available.

School Notices:



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Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in drum, trumpet, sax, clarinet, keyboard, guitar or ukulele lessons at Whenuapai School!

For more information on Trumpet, Sax, Clarinet, Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar lessons, contact **Gloria Arboleda Martinez**
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Open on 20 December 2024 for

When Half-Day

Friday 20th December 2024

12.30 to 6.00pm: \$50.00

(Children head over to sKids as soon as school finishes).



Where

Whenuapai School Hall, 14 Airport Road

What

The Theme for this afternoon is: Christmas – come and celebrate Christmas with us, at our Christmas party and join in with some festive activities.

How

Book this day via:
<https://enrolmy.com/skids-whenuapai/book-now/35-sKids-Whenuapai---Half-Day-on-Friday-20th-December-2024---1230-to-6pm>





Short Day	8:30am – 3.00pm	\$58
Full Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$68
Trip/ Premium Day	7:30am – 6.00pm	\$80



13th January – 3rd February 2025

MSD-Approved. Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available!

sKids Whenuapai
Whenuapai School Hall

Onsite:
021 174 8473
(checked during opening hrs)

14 Airport Road
Whenuapai, Auckland

Email:
Whenuapai@sKids.co.nz

Book now at skids.co.nz/whenuapai

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January 2025

Monday 13th

Camp Kick-Off

Kick off Holiday HQ Summer Camp with a fun welcome event. Enjoy round-robin games and activities to start your summer adventure with a blast! Bring your wheels!



Tuesday 14th

CINEMA TRIP:

Paddington in Peru
Please arrive by 9am!
You can bring some pocket money in a named zip lock bag for extra snacks.



January 2025

Monday 20th

Taste of Summer

Get ready for a tasty adventure! We'll whip up delicious sandwiches, whip up some shakes and enjoy a fun picnic with summer games!



Tuesday 21st

TRIP DAY:

Strawberry Picking
Please arrive by 9am
Today we're heading to Danube Orchards in Whenuapai.



January 2025

Monday 27th

Auckland Anniversary Day

sKids is closed.



Tuesday 28th

Magical Oceans

This aquatic adventure is filled with learning, creativity, and the magic of the undersea world.



February 2025

Monday 3rd

End of Summer Party

Celebrate friendships and the memories made at the sKids Summer Camp! Enjoy party games, music, and party food!



Tuesday 4th

Before & After School Care Starts

Today is the first day of Term 1, 2025. Please book via Enrolmy by searching for Whenuapai.

Wednesday 15th

Campfire Fun & Camp Games

Let's explore the great outdoors! Get crafty with campfire crafts, tent/fort-making! Enjoy a day packed with fun and enjoy some Tee Pee Treats.



Thursday 16th

Splash Zone: Water Play Day*

Dive into water play, water games, splash into fun with an exciting water relay and water fun, and for some downtime show off your creative flair with cotton bud painting.



Friday 17th

Nerf Battles

Will your team win the action-packed Nerf Games? Including the shooting range and different Nerf Battles!



Wednesday 22nd

Outdoor Games & Adventures

Join an exciting scavenger hunt, have fun with outdoor games: cricket, golf, ring toss and races.



Thursday 23rd

Summer Science Fun

Put on your lab coat and become a scientist for the day! Discover the secrets of sunscreen and get messy with cool, hands-on experiments!



Friday 24th

Take Flight

Today we are making Parachute People and DIY Hot Air Balloons, plus Hovercraft experiments. Get ready to Take Flight!



Wednesday 29th

Rainbow Day

It's getting bright and colourful here at sKids with Rainbow Cupcakes, Rainbow Art and PomPom shooters.



Thursday 30th

PREMIUM DAY: ZooVentures

Lizards, tortoises, guinea pigs, and loads more! Join us for an incredible interactive animal experience with the ZooVentures crew.



Please arrive by 10am.

Friday 31st

Sensational Summer Splash*

Savour the sun and celebrate the best of summer with water fun and yummy fruit ice blocks.



Notices:

- * Bring your togs & towel and water guns on water fun days: Thursday 16th January 2025 and Friday 31st January 2025.
- * On the first day we are having a wheels day (bike, scooter, etc.), please also bring a helmet, no helmet no wheels. Children can also bring their wheels any day they like during the holidays.
- * When weather and ratios allow, we may head down to the playground by the Parkhouse Café in Whenuapai for some time on any given day.

Reminders:

- * Please remind your children to bring their water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day.
- * Let the children bring a change of clothes in case they get their clothes wet or dirty.