

Whenuapai School

Airport Road, Auckland
New Zealand

Newsletter – 3 December 2024

Mistletoe
MANIA

Save the Date
Friday, 13 December
4.00-7.00pm

Kia ora e te whānau,

2025 Organisation: As promised, here are the teaching teams for 2025:

Organising classes for the new school year is a complex process and there are a number of factors that are taken into consideration. As a result, we are still placing the finishing touches on the student placements for 2025. Our tamariki will meet their 2025 teacher and visit their new classroom on **Thursday, 12 December**.

- **Yr 4 students** will visit the senior campus for the day.
- **All other year levels** will spend the morning in their new classrooms.

This visit is an opportunity for students to meet their teacher, connect with their classmates, and become familiar with the environment. That same morning, families will receive an email with their child's class placement and details about the teacher. Please note we will not be sharing placement information before this date as we continue to finalise the class lists.



Teacher Graduation:

This week we would like to say a HUGE congratulations to three of our amazing staff members on their teacher's registration graduation. Well done to Nicole Maluafou, Sheri Cowell, and Sophia Stevens.

Staff Farewells: Sadly, at the end of term we will be saying farewell to the following staff members, Charlotte Goldfinch, Kenna Anderson, Ada Rooney, Joanna Chun, Legha Basiri from the teaching team as well as Caeli Hewlett and Isla Brain from our support staff team. These wonderful individuals have made a significant impact, and they will be greatly missed by their Whenuapai whānau. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Final weeks: We have an action-packed final few weeks of Term 4, with highlights including sports trips, Kahu all day options and our Science Fair. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming prizegiving's and Mistletoe Mania on Friday, 13 December.

Have a fantastic week.

Ngā mihi, Adam

2025 School Organisation

Adam Cels	Principal
Rebecca Archer	Deputy Principal (Home Campus)
Jill Mackenzie	Assistant Principal (Home Campus)
Molly Fletcher	Deputy Principal (Senior Campus)
Olivia Mead	Assistant Principal (Senior Campus)

Home Campus

Kea Team (Year 0/1)	Room	Year
Zivana Makalio-Nicol	Rm03	1
Ellyce Martin	Rm04	1
Victoria Kingi	Rm05	1
Molly Purdon	Rm06	1
Steff Wise (Team Leader)	Rm07	1
Madison Tanuvasa	Rm08	1
Natasha Howard (2IC)	Rm09	1
Tūi Team (Year 2)	Room	Year
Joe Soares	Rm11	2
Olivia Tustin	Rm12	2
Leanne Morrison-Jones (2IC)	Rm13	2
Bree Ward (Team Leader)	Rm14	2
Pīwakawaka Team (Year 3/4)	Room	Year
Rebecca Archer (Team Leader)	DP	
Jenny Cornish (2IC)	Rm23	3
Sarah Bone / Amanda Donnell	Rm24	3
Julie Parr	Rm10	3
Ellie Sardelich	Rm15	3
Niamh Curd	Rm16	4
Alethea Nichols	Rm17	4
Elysia Paton	Rm18	4

Senior Campus

Kākāpō Team (Year 5/6)	Room	Year
Isabella Dawson	Whā	5
Sheri Cowell	Rima	5
Rebecca Robinson (Team Leader)	Ono	5
Georgia Jones (2IC)	Tahi	6
Candice Dealey	Rua	6
Megan Powell	Toru	6
Kāhu Team (Year 7/8)	Room	Year
Yasmin Mohamed (2IC)	Whitu	7/8
Jackie Ziegler	Waru	7/8
Katie Gemmell (Team Leader)	Iwa	7/8
Sophia Stevens	Tekau	7/8
Madeleine Torckler	Tekau mā Tahi	7/8



Dates for your diary

Wednesday -4 December Rainbows Day C.A.R.E Day	Tuesday – 17 December 9.15am - Kea (Yr 0/1) Prizegiving 10.00am – Kea (Yr 2) Prizegiving 2.00pm - PWW (Yr 3/4) Prizegiving Team Science Fair Exhibitions
Friday – 6 December Kahu – All Day Options	
Wednesday – 11 December 6.00pm - Board Meeting	Wednesday – 18 December Kāhu (Year 7&8) Prizegiving Year 8 Grad Dinner
Thursday – 12 December Meet the Teacher Day Year 8 trip to Takapuna Beach	Friday – 20 December Last day of Term 4 12.40pm finish
Friday – 13 December Mistletoe Mania 	2025
Monday – 16 December 9.30am-Kākāpō (Y5&6) Prizegiving 1.45pm – Yr0-4 Sports Prizegiving 3.10pm – Yr5-8 Sports Prizegiving	Monday – 3 February Meet the Teacher Day Tuesday – 4 February First Day of School for 2025



MISTLETOE MANIA

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 4PM-7PM

We're excited to announce Mistletoe Mania is back!
Join us on Friday, 13th December (Junior Campus).

We're looking for volunteers to help run the nacho, sausage sizzle, burger, sushi, and baked goods stalls.

If you can cook sausages or hand out burgers,
we need you!

Choose from 3 time slots: **3:00–4:30pm, 4:30–6:00pm, or 6:00–8:00pm** (or until sold out), so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the evening with your family.

Join in with a friend and we can put you on the same stall. If you are available to help, please add your name on the below link. Thanks for your support!

[Mistletoe Mania Helpers - Please Click Here](#)

PB4L Corner

This fortnight's focus is about Kotahitanga - Working together as a team in our class and listening and respecting everyone's Voice.

Working together and respecting each other's ideas makes the classroom a supportive place where everyone feels included and learns better.

Here are some ways you can model and discuss kotahitanga at home:

- **Encourage Teamwork:** Have your child work on tasks with siblings or other family members, such as setting the table, cleaning up, or working on a project together.
- **Practice Listening:** Encourage your child to listen when others speak and show respect for their opinions. You could take turns sharing your thoughts and make sure everyone gets a chance to talk.
- **Celebrate Different Ideas:** Help your child understand that it's okay to have different opinions and that everyone's ideas are valuable.
- **Model Respect:** Show respect when communicating with others, especially when discussing different views, to set a positive example for your child.
- **Discuss Problem-Solving:** When challenges arise at home, talk about how working together and respecting everyone's thoughts can help solve problems.
- **Praise Cooperation:** When your child works well with others, praise their efforts to encourage teamwork and listening.



Library News

Scholastics Book Club
Issue 8 out now!



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[CLICK HERE TOP VIEW CATALOGUE](#)

Secondhand Uniform Shop:



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

Last one for 2024: Wednesday, 4 Dec

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KAHU OPTIONS _ TERM 4



KAYAKING



Kayaking has been a fun experience for our option group. In kayaking, we hop into a kayak, which is a small boat, and use a paddle to move through the water. It's been a great way to learn to kayak, enjoy the outdoors. The best part has been kayaking into the mangroves. However, it's not all easy, some of the challenges we have had to face are, learning how to kayak against strong currents, and balancing. One of the students in our group fell out of their kayak four times! But in the end we all had fun. Kayaking has been an adventure for all of us, and we loved it. We would like to thank Western ITM for the use of the trailers and the Waimauku and Greenhithe scouts for loaning us the Kayaks!

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TUAKANA TEINA



This term for Friday options we have been going to New Shoots Whenuapai. We have been learning about how they run the centre, communicate with the small children, and plan educational fun activities for the kids. We noticed that the kids had amazing imaginations, very different attention spans, and interesting personalities. Overall, this Friday option has been a great experience for everyone.



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MEDIA

This term we had media as an option. In media we film movies with an iPad and tripod. Media is a really fun option because we get to make a story and turn it into a movie. We have learnt different types of filming shots and how to edit. Sometimes it's really challenging to work with team members but in the end it's really fun.

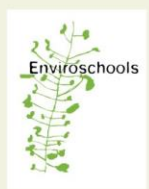
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Waste Free Lunchboxes



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.



It's Calendar Art time!

Our tamariki have been busy creating some wonderful art work that can be applied to calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats & sketch pads.

Each product is made from your own child's art making it the perfect gift for family and friends!

Prices:

Cards (pack of 8) \$15

Calendar \$15

Diary \$18

Mouse Mat \$15

Sketch Pad \$15

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com

2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ1115

3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

The order is open now until **Monday 9th December**.

Orders will be handed to students to take home week during the last week of school.

If you have any questions, please contact the school



The perfect Christmas gift!



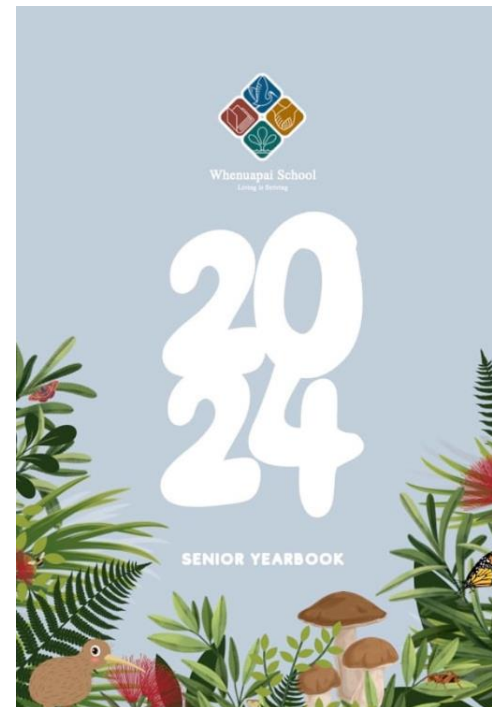
2024 Yearbook

Our Senior Yearbook is now available for pre-order on Kindo!

For just \$10, you can secure a copy filled with highlights and memories from the amazing events and activities our Year 5-8 students have experienced throughout all four terms this year.

[Click Here to Order](#)

Yearbooks will be delivered directly to your child's classroom. Don't miss this wonderful keepsake of a fantastic year!



**SCHOOL
YEARBOOK**
Pre-Order

For students in Years 5-8 Only



MISTLETOE MANIA

EVENT CHECKLIST

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- 4:00pm** Mistletoe Mania kicks off!
- 4:30pm-5:30pm** Photos with Santa
- 5:15pm** Christmas carols & performance by the Kapa Haka & Pasifika groups
- 5:30pm approx** Santa and his lolly scramble
- 5:45pm** Get your togs on and get sprayed by the infamous fire truck!
- 6:00pm** Live band performance by Mintah

Stay and enjoy the food and entertainment we have on offer!

BEFORE THE EVENT



- Pre-order your cheese platter on Kindo
- We will be auctioning off some fabulous prizes in the lead up to Mistletoe Mania on the 'Whenuapai Primary School Parents & Caregivers' Facebook page. Join the Facebook group, if you haven't already, and bid on one of several auction prizes up for grabs. All proceeds will go straight to supporting our wonderful school!

ON THE NIGHT



- **Bring your togs, towel & spare clothing** if you fancy getting blasted by the infamous fire truck!
- **CASH in small change!** There will be loads of dinner options and games on offer. Eftpos will be available on the beer & wine stall along with an eftpos stall to withdraw cash.
- **A picnic blanket or chairs.** There will be lots of space in front of the stage for you to sit back and watch all the entertainment we have on offer.

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MISTLETOE MANIA

WHATS ON GUIDE

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 4PM-7PM

FOOD OPTIONS



- Bowl of nachos (mince & vegetarian) - **\$8**
- Chicken & vegetarian sushi - **\$8 for a pack of 6**
- Beef burgers with coleslaw (GF available)- **\$8**
- Sausage sizzle (GF available) - **\$2**
- Hot Dogs - **\$5**
- Lolly bags **\$2**
- Dessert stall - cakes, cupcakes, slices - **POA**
- Sparkling flavoured water and bottled water - **\$2**
- Mini ice-cream tubs **\$4**

THE FUN STUFF



- Christmas carols sung by the Whenuapai School students
- Performance by the Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups
- Santa and his lolly scramble
- Christmas & craft markets
- Live band performance by Mintah
- The infamous fire truck - remember to bring your togs!
- Bouncy Castle
- Chocolate Trailer
- Dunk the Teacher
- Treasure Hunt

FOR THE ADULTS



Cheese platters will be available to pre-purchase on Kindo from now until 5pm on Wednesday 11th December. Platters will be available to purchase on the night, but will be limited.

- Cheese platter (for 2) - **\$15** this includes cheese, crackers, dip, pickles, strawberries & chocolate

Alcohol will be available to purchase at the Mistletoe Mania Bar

- Beer - Corona, Heineken or Macs Mid Vicious **\$8**
- Wine - Pinot Gris, Rose, Sauvignon Blanc **\$8**

Due to a change in liquor license rules, alcohol must now be sold and consumed within our Mistletoe Mania Bar zoned area for adults only. From here you can view all the event festivities. Please note **this is not a BYO event** and you will be asked to remove any alcohol brought on campus.

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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



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.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

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



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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Holiday Surf Programme Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the January School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 4-days | Early Morning, Mid-Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Orewa Beach | 3-6 Jan | 7-10 Jan | 11-14 Jan 2025

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