

Whenuakite School Newsletter

No 1 Term 2



1st May 2017

Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone enjoyed the Autumn break.

We are looking forward to a great start to the term and 'business as usual' for the next 10 weeks.

We have two new teachers starting this week, a student teacher and 5 new children.

Welcome to Cheree van de Pol in Room 1 and **Jan Collins** in Room 2.

Laura Maxwell is in her 3rd year of teacher training and she will be working with Mrs McEwen in Room 6, for the next 8 weeks.

Welcome also to these new children:

Liam Hazelton—Room 1

Bella (Annabella) Wood—Room 1

Bodie van de Pol—Room 3

Kahlea Godfrey is joining Room 3. Kahlea has moved from Hamilton.

Malia Herbert is joining Room 4 and she has moved from Tauranga to Flaxmill Bay.

We wish you all a wonderful start to Whenuakite School.

Rooms 5 & 6 have some new shelving to be installed this week then all of our building projects are over for the year.



Notice any changes? The low Autumn sun is not blasting into Room 5 & 6 because they have a new veranda.



Important Dates for Term 2

Mon 1st May	Term 2 begins
Wed/Thur 10/11 May	Room 6 Auckland Visit
Monday 15 May	School Photos with Photolife
Tuesday 16 May	Elgregoe the Magician
Mon 5 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend holiday
Thursday 29 June	Parent Teacher Interviews (school closed) (Thurs 22/6 for Rm 2)
Tuesday 4 July	Winter Sports—Years 4-8
Friday 7 July	Term 2 finishes

Music Groups will be starting again on Tuesdays in Term 2, beginning Tuesday 9th May.



Miss Dove will be running a **Guitar Group** at lunchtime (12.45 – 1.15) in the activity room for Years 5-8.

Choir and will run from 1.30 for Year 4 – 8.

Ukulele Groups for Years 3-8 will run from 2.30. If your child is wanting to learn the Ukulele, please purchase a Makala Ukulele and tuner from the Cave. If purchasing a guitar, a $\frac{3}{4}$ size can be good to learn on.

Rachel Smith and Tina Bartlett will be assisting Miss Dove. This practice will lead to a concert at the end of Term Three.

Maria Dove.

Assemblies return to their Friday 2.15pm slot. Visitors are welcome to attend.



From Constable Catherine Sell – School Community Officer...

Welcome back from the school holidays! The sun shone and the fish were biting – life is good huh!

1st May is the start of Road Safety Week, although every week is, especially when our children are involved.



I will be visiting as many schools as possible this week to deliver road safety related items and messages to your children. Please go over some of the rules you have in your family to keep them safe – around cycling, walking, crossing roads and getting on and off school buses.

Recently I have been asked to talk to children about 'stranger danger'. This is a term we avoid using now, mainly because sadly, most abusers are known to the child, and sometimes they need to ask a person they don't know for help.

The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme which your child would have been taught within the past 2 years, gives children skills to identify how they feel if a situation or person makes them uncomfortable and what to do about it.

Regardless of how big or small the matter is, it is important that they tell an adult that they trust what has happened. If a child discloses anything to you it is important that you listen to them, tell them you believe them and if necessary seek help from other sources.

SOCCER

Soccer practise tomorrow 3-4pm.

Games start this Saturday



2017 School Photos—The school photos will be taken in Week 3— on **Monday 15th May**.

The pre-paid envelopes will come home very soon

Each child will have a named order envelope. Please read these carefully and return them to school **before Monday 15th May** .



If you are buying a class photo or photo pack, we will have a few spare envelopes at the office.

An additional special envelope is required for **family photos** and these can be picked up from the office. (pre schoolers can be included in the family photos.)



If other team or group photos are being taken, coaches or people in charge will let you know about these.

Photographers will probably arrive around 11am, after visiting Coroglen school. Family and individual photos will be taken in the library.

Elgrego is visiting on Tuesday, 16th May and he will present his show in the morning to the whole school. Elgrego is a Magician with an anti-bullying message.

Please bring a coin donation and give to Classroom Teachers, if you can.



OPOUTERE SCHOOL ADVENTURE RACE

Opoutere School Adventure Race – Sunday 28th May.

3hr Adventure Race involving running, mountain biking and navigation. A fun and achievable introduction to adventure racing designed for families and school students. All year 5 – 8 students from Opoutere School will be participating and we would love for other schools to come and join us.

Info and online entries at

www.opoutereschool.net/adventure-race. Any questions contact
Ryan Thompson – ryanthompson@opoutereschool.net

THE NUGGET MULTISPORT FESTIVAL

May 13, NUGGET 5km Trail Run/Walk

Waihi and Waihi Beach in the southern Coromandel are the impressive setting for the spectacular and very popular Nugget Multisport Festival. You'll take an unforgettable adventure from Waihi's charming town centre out to the spectacular harbour and coast at Waihi Beach, before returning via breath-taking trails to the rim of the mighty Martha Mine and the iconic finish line under the shadow of the Cornish Pumphouse in central Waihi. There is something for everyone and entries for 2017 are booming already! Come and discover gold at The Nugget Multisport Festival, Waihi and Waihi Beach

For full event information or to register, go to:

www.thenugget.co.nz and join us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/TheNuggetWaihi/



We have quite a few furniture items that are no longer required at school.

Please make a reasonable offer for any of these items and you will certainly get a good bargain.

- About 20 desks suitable for Year4-8
- 2 chairs with castors
- 2 office desks
- One large table
- 1 yellow chair
- A large bench with shelving underneath.
- 3 blue chairs
- 1 two door filing cabinet
- 2 large white boards

