

# Whenuakite School Newsletter

## No 8 Term 1



20th March 2017

Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,

### School Facebook Page

This page has been created as another way to let parents know about school closures due to weather. Please friend us at **Whenuakite Whitianga**. We would like to keep this page purely for important notices like closures, cancellations for trips and other urgent notifications.



Thank you to Steph and Donna for setting this up.

### Pinnacles

The heavy rain last week has damaged access roads and tracks in the Kauaeranga Valley so the Pinnacles tracks are closed for at least a month.

The Room 5 and 6 Pinnacles tramp is postponed until Term 4, 2017 or Term 1, 2018.

**Waterwise Sailing** continues this week. Thanks for helping the children to get organised for giving Roger a hand at Flaxmill Bay.

**Cross the River Swim** for Room 6 is on Monday and **Room 5's Camp** at Whatawhata heads off next Tuesday.

**Swimming**—the pool is still open but classes may start to stop daily lessons soon. Teachers

will let their classes know when swimming is over.

**Room 4 Camp to Waimarino** leaves on Wednesday. Have a great 3 days away and we will look forward to seeing you return on Friday.



Room 4 preparing for camp

### BOT News

#### Property.

Hopefully Room 5 and 6 can move back into their rooms this week. There is still more work to complete but the builders and contractors may be able to work around the occupied rooms.

#### Staffing

**Mr Marsden** is nearing retirement age and he informed the BOT on Wednesday that he intends to retire at the end of this year.

He has been at Whenuakite for 22 years. He will be leaving the school at a time where current staff, new staff and families, joining the school will have exciting opportunities to further develop the school and plan its future direction.

Room 6 heading off to Cathedral Cove



Congratulations to Jamie and Ingrid. We value their input into the school over a long period of time and we wish them well for their future plans.

We have until February 2018 to appoint a new principal. We are advertising now and look forward to receiving lots of high quality applicants.

Our plan is to appoint a new principal, late next term, to begin work in 2018.

### **Property**

Room 5 and 6 are close to moving back into their rooms. We hope to have at least one assembly this Term.

### **Message fro MBAS Newsletter.**

#### **Grandparents raising grandchildren -**

We are a small group of grandparents/kin carers who are raising our grandchildren full time. We meet once a month for morning tea. If you or someone you know are also raising grandchildren we would love to have you join us. If interested please contact Gillian on 8662413 or 027 4540314.

#### **Room 6 Quail.**

After 17 days of waiting for our incubated quail eggs, we had the best surprise to watch, and find, about 20 of these little guys hatch.

Huge thanks to Leanne Sipsma for providing this experience for us. It was really lovely to share with the whole school, and there were many clucky teachers and kids!  
Steph McEwen



## Room 6 Cathedral Cove Hike

On Thursday we had a fantastic day in the sun hiking over to Cathedral Cove, and to the new viewing platform.

We were able to squeeze in maybe one of the last swims of the season.

Our senior kids showed great perseverance and determination walking up those hills!

S. McEwen.



## Dental Therapists

The inside of the Dental Caravan is very high-tech, and Christine and Lee are superb with the children.

The children actually seem to enjoy their dental visits. Many of them only go for a screening and require not dental work to be done.

Good genes, good nutrition, good dental hygiene, good dental education and a bit of good luck!



**Netball registrations** are open for:

Future ferns - years 1 to 4

juniors - year 5 to 8

Please register online at

[www.mercurybaynetball.co.nz](http://www.mercurybaynetball.co.nz).

## 2017 Whenuakite School Soccer

Thank you for showing an interest and signing up to play soccer. It is sport that provides many skills such as team work, following instruction, co-ordination, and along with being fun, soccer is an excellent foundation for many other sports. We welcome all skill levels.

**Player registration and payment must be made at [whenuakiteschoolsoccer.sportingpulse.net](http://whenuakiteschoolsoccer.sportingpulse.net) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the very latest as the school will be invoiced for this. (If you played last year you will have been emailed a link to this).**

**Training for all levels will be Tuesdays from 3 to 4pm during term time.**

**Our first team training sessions will be after school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

We anticipate being able to provide the coming year match details to all at the first training.

Match days will commence 6<sup>th</sup> May going through to September at the latest, depending on the grade. This will include tournaments which are always great fun for the kids and families.

We aim to have at least one team for each grade this year as outlined below;

### Mini kickers

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

\$25 per player

\$30 per player

Coach: Dave Kurth

Coach: Shane Rasmusen

Manager: TBC

Manager: Andrea Quest-Rasmusen

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Grade

\$40 per player

\$40 per player

Coach: TBC

Coach: TBC

Manager: TBC

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**\*We need some people to coach and manage our 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Resources and training will be provided.**

Team shirts and socks will be provided to each player at the start of the season. Before our first game day each player will need to have their own black shorts, shin pads and soccer boots (not rugby boots). All of these are available for purchase at The Warehouse Whitianga or any other sports shop.

We do still have some uniforms shirts and socks outstanding from last year. Please have a look around at home and return these as soon as possible.

Anyone wanting to donate or on-sell soccer boots please bring to our first training or pass to Jeni or Andrea.

Any questions please feel free to contact Jeni on 022 690 8363 or Andrea on 869 5394 / 0210711223.

## **Rugby**

I work with Simon Evans in junior rugby we will field 4 rugby teams this year under 7s under 9s under 11s and under 13s. We have just enough numbers to field all those grades but would welcome any additional players you may have that want to join an fantastic sports club this Season. I have been involved with coaching for the last 10 years and have just completed level two coaching with the Thames Valley Rugby Union so any children that join us will have well organised and fun rugby. Further contact can be made direct to myself or Simon.

Blain Cox 021 703 213

Simon Evans 0272 689 953

We have the first training for under 13s this Friday at 3.30 at our club rooms then will start normal trainings at 3.30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays with games starting 8th April.

