

Whenuakite School Newsletter

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Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,



Parent-Teacher-Child Interviews - begin on Tuesday afternoon then are on again all day Thursday plus Thursday evening. Please bring your child/ren to the interview. If you need to discuss something with the teacher, without your child present, the child can leave the room.

School is closed on Thursday.

If you need to book an appointment—instructions below:

Country Schools Swimming –Year 4-8—this Wednesday at MBAS

You can book an interview time online or you can book via a booking sheet available from your teacher or the office. Please contact the office if you don't get a booking sheet, but need one.

Booking Online

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter **7hxr** as the Event code.
- Fill in your name, email address and child's name then chose the Room/Teacher you need from the drop down box.
- Book a time and follow the instructions.
- If there is not a suitable time, contact the class teacher and she will organise to make a time that suits.

Country Schools Swimming Sports

Country Schools Swimming Sports— this Wednesday at MBAS.

Children should know their transport arrangements by today. If not, please phone the office tomorrow.

The sports start at 10am so children need to be there before then.

Children need togs, sun-block, hats, warm clothing, food and drink.

Looking forward to an exciting morning of swimming on Wednesday 22nd. (we should finish soon after 1pm).

Children who are keen to try out for the **Thames Valley Sports** have been given an 'entry form' and this needs to be back at school by Friday 24th February. They need to put their fastest times next to the events they are interested in.



The Fundraising team had their first meeting of the year, last week.

The Summer Gala made \$36,000 for the school and we are absolutely delighted with this. Well done everyone for once again, an amazingly, outstanding team effort.

Thanks to the Fundraising Team committee members for their leadership and organisation.

Thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the gala. Without you we could not do it. Thanks for your time and energy.

Many people look forward to our Gala. We give them a wonderful experience and our school benefits generously.

We would like to thank the Cooks Beach Community for their support shown each year, by accepting the chaotic impact of hundreds of cars and thousands of people, arriving around the reserve area, during the Gala.

The roadsides and verges along all of the blocks are packed with cars and people. The Gala has a huge environmental impact for most of the day.



Thank you Cooks Beach residents and holiday-makers for letting us intrude on your quiet, beachside paradise for our Gala. Our apologies for any nuisance factors that arise. We really appreciate that we can hold the Gala at Cooks Beach Reserve each year. Your manaakitanga is never taken for granted.

If there are any things you would like us to do differently, please let us know.

Helpers for 2018

The next Gala is on January 4th, 2018.

We need as many people as possible to be available to help on the day.

This year we ended up running the Gala with the barest minimum number of people. Lots of people were unavailable to help or had to pull out at the last minute.

It meant that many people had to work a bit longer and a lot harder. Even though it was great fun, good camaraderie and a great sense of satisfaction, it doesn't have to be a Gala that relies on the same people, year after year. We have enough people in our school community so that we can roster volunteers on and off during the day. That way everyone gets to help for 2 or 3 hours and most people can get time off to enjoy the Gala too.

If we have more helpers in 2018, the Gala will be a smooth day for everyone.

The Fundraising Team has its next meeting in August. **We are looking forward to meeting new people who want to be involved and contribute their skills and new ideas.**

Life Education Trust Caravan will be here from Wednesday 1st March to Monday 6th.

Many thanks to the Fundraising Team for funding this programme 100%. All children take part in the programmes.

Dental Caravan– will be here from March 8th.

Swimming lessons in the delicious rain. Sylvia and Jackie carefully and patiently tutoring on Thursday afternoon.



Mercury Bay Day Camp

19th - 21st April 2017

Registrations open Monday 27th Feb

Registration forms available from school office on Monday 27th Feb or online at daycamp.co.nz



Soccer

Needing an indication of numbers for the season. Please text players name and DOB to Jeni on 022 6908363 or add information to the list at office. Also we are need coaches.

For Sale

Quail eggs (Japanese Coturnix) 2 dozen for \$8.00. Call Sheryl on 021 087 49139.

