

Whenuakite School Newsletter

No 1 Term 3



29th July 2013

Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,

Welcome back to another school term. We hope everyone has had a refreshing break during the last two weeks.

The Winter Term is 9 weeks long and already the calendar of events is filling up. Cross Country is in Week 4 so children will be training each day in preparation for the Whenuakite-Coroglen combined school cross-country on Tuesday 20th August.

The Thames Valley Cross Country will be held at Whitianga on Wednesday 28th August.

Welcome to Kolbie Fraser. Kolbie has turned five so is starting school today. Welcome to school, Kolbie. Room 1 have been looking forward to having you join them.

Welcome to Diane Geange.—Mrs Geange is teaching in Room 5 this term. Mrs Evans has taken leave to support family members following the expected birth of a very premature baby. Room 5 has met Mrs Geange and she is familiar with much of the class programme and Mrs Evans has left very detailed and organised records of what has been happening in Room 5. Mrs Geange expects to continue with Room 5, where they left off at the end of Term 2.

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents and students that tidied up our school gardens. A wonderful job done on a sunny afternoon. Pruning, weeding and mulching. Thank you Liz and Michelle for removing the extra garden scraps. Mrs. Stoyel and Mrs. Evans.



Home Email Addresses— we would really like to update our address data base so that it includes every family email address.

We have about on third of the email addresses and would like to have 100% for those who have an email address.

If you are unsure whether we have your family email address or your address has recently changed, please email school at admin@whenuakite.school.nz Put 'email update' in the subject space. We will then update the data base. Thank you.

Important Dates this Term.

Monday 29 July	Term 3 begins
Thurs 15/8	Netball tournament at Waimata
Tues 20/8	School Cross Country (Week 4)
Mon 26/8	BOT Training MBAS
28 August	Thames Valley Cross Country
Wed 11/9	HPV vaccination
11/9, 12/9	First Aid—Red Cross Rms 5 & 6
16/9-20/9	Room 6 Ski Trip
Mon 16/9	'The Big Sad Wolf '- Rooms 1-5
Monday 23/9	Pet Day
Wed/Thurs 25/9, 26/9	Afternoon Concert-Choir and Music Groups.
Friday 27/9	School Disco Last Day of Term 3

ANZ Olympic Schools Programme—
Whenuakite School has registered to be part of this programme.



ANZ has developed the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme with the New Zealand Olympic Committee to inspire and motivate New Zealand's youth, through the celebration of the Olympic Games. Schools will be provided with resources and merchandise to provide opportunities, activities and incentives for students to live the Olympic Values.

In addition to the great resources our school will receive, ANZ has tailored the programme so their staff can personally help schools earn ANZ

Awards Centre credits and also secure the chance to have an Olympic Ambassador visit our school. For every **home loan** drawn down with ANZ we can earn credits for our school to spend on items from the ANZ Awards Centre such as sports equipment or computers. As an example, an eligible home loan drawn down by someone linked to our school to the value of \$50k or more will entitle our school to 800 credits. 800 credits equates to approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards centre.

You can find out more at anzolympicschools.co.nz or by talking to someone at ANZ, if your school has registered. if you are looking for a new home loan or you know of someone who is, speak to ANZ and our school can receive these benefits.

Asha and Lorraine from Thames OPSM visited in the last week of Term 2 to talk about eye health and eye care.

They had put together an excellent presentation that we appreciated very much.



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Phone 866 3860 Fax 866 3823 Email admin@whenuakite.school.nz

Head lice—for some reason, we frequently have outbreaks of head lice soon after the start of terms. Please keep a vigilant look out for nits and let the office know if they are around so that we can inform everyone.



A natural product that some families have found very effective in treating head lice is Neutra Lice.

NETBALL

A Huge thank-you to all the parents who helped with the lions club netball fundraiser and especially Amy from 'The Flight Club Ballroom' who organised and coordinated the evening.



It was very successful and we raised approximately \$1000 for the club.

Please could anyone who won a netball trophy last year return it to the office.

Netball Tournament. Wednesday 14th August Waihi .

Mercury Bay indicated the season will finish at the end of August. We are just waiting for a date.

Any enquires Liz Harsant

Thundering Dynamites (Yr 4 & 5)

Hi team, we hope you've all had a great school break and are fired up for the final part of the netball season. We are still awaiting final details for this Saturday's matches but practice as usual after school on Thursday. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Thanks, Angela.

REMINDER MERCURY BAY JUNIOR RUGBY TEAM PHOTOS

A reminder to everyone that this Wednesday, 31st July 2013, is our team photos, in the Mercury Bay Junior Clubrooms, at 5pm sharp. Vaughan from the Whitianga chemist will be our photographer on the night. A list of names will be left with Vaughan at the chemist, so please place your orders then. Cost per photo is **\$15.00**. Rippas will start, then 9th, 8th, 6th and 5th. You will receive your photos on the night of our Prize giving. No payment, no photos. Thank you.



REMINDER MERCURY BAY JUNIOR RUGBY PRIZE GIVING

A reminder also about our end of year prize giving. This will be on Friday 30th August 2013, at the Mercury Bay Senior Clubrooms, at 6pm sharp. **ALL** trophies to Teremoana by the end of this week, for cleaning and engraving. There will be a sausage sizzle after prize giving for players. Any other enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 078695578 or 0211294626.

Cheers, Tere.

Fundraising AGM

On Monday August 12 is our AGM as we begin to gear up for the Summer Gala event.

I would like to stand down as chairperson and let someone new have a go.

We decided it is a good idea to try and cycle the main positions every couple of years or so, to encourage new members and ideas.

The fundraising committee is a great group to be a part of and is a fantastic asset to the school, so if you would like to nominate yourself, or someone else (check with them first), now is the time. We are accepting nominees for Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, leading up to the AGM. Anybody is welcome to attend the AGM and we invite people to volunteer as committee members also.

The AGM will be held at Go Vino Restaurant at 7:00PM Monday August 12.

Best regards
Kane Jones

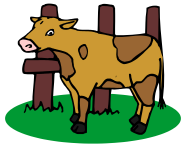
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Many thanks ! Dix

Ride Wanted

If there is anyone going into town with a spare seat on a Monday or Thursday afternoons. I am looking for a ride for Liam McDonnell. We live at 1785 State Highway 25 just by the Kapowai River. He just needs to be dropped of at the end of the drive on the main road. If you can just do 1 day to help out that would be appreciated. Please phone Rice on 866 3005 if you can help.



Pet Day –2013– This will be held on Monday 23rd September (week 9, **this term**). Children may enter **lambs, calves or kids**.

Children keen to be involved will be choosing their pets during the next few weeks and will be beginning to work on their dairies and training routines. Children wishing to take part in Pet Day can obtain a consent form from their teacher or from the office. They need to return the signed form to the office and they will be given an information booklet.

Susan Hinds will have **calves available** if children want a calf and need a place to raise it. Phone Susan 866 3364 for more information.

Golf– the golf tutors have found it difficult to keep up the regular after school golf coaching so they are trying a new system.



Small groups of golfers will have 2 or 3 afternoons off school each term to have an afternoon coaching session.

This is a trial system only as it could be too disruptive on classroom programmes, for some children.

We have lots of things happening at school and every day there are activities that require some children to miss class programmes because of alternative lessons or tutoring they are having. At present we are just able to manage the logistics of this but it depends entirely on the ability of the children to always independently catch up on what they have missed and to keep organized and on track with the rest of their school activities.

The golfers will need to demonstrate that they all can do this. If the new system is too disruptive to other school programmes, we will need to look at different options.



Got Talent?

We are seeking acts to
celebrate International Day
Of the Older Person - 1st Oct 2013

WHITI CITY'S GOT TALENT

Auditions to be held -
28th/ 29th August
Monkey House Theatre
5.30—7.30pm
Intergenerational acts encouraged!
Contact Jan-Louise ph 866 0425