

# Whenuakite School Newsletter

## No 5 Term 2



29th May 2017

Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,

We had some **icy mornings** last week and some fantastic days to follow.

Most children are well dressed for the colder mornings and some children appear to be not so well wrapped up. They were fortunate that the days warmed up by 10am.



The beach temperatures are often several degrees higher than at Whenuakite so children need to prepare for this by bringing warm clothes to school. They can take them off once the temperature rises but if the sun doesn't come out, it can be 'freezing' here.

**Tree Planting—Rooms 4,5 & 6.** Tree Planting is scheduled for **Tuesday 6th June** at Hot Water Beach.



A consent form came home last week. If you have not done so already, **please return the signed form by tomorrow.**

Years 4-8 are involved in this and they need to wear suitable clothing and footwear for planting trees.

If any spades are coming to school via the bus, they need to be covered with a plastic bag.

If you are providing transport, please meet in the Activity Room at 9am.

We usually meet at the middle car park (surf beach) in the middle of the beach by 9.30am. This is the first car park along Hot Water Beach road, as you climb the hill before descending into HWB community. I will confirm the location before the day.

We should return to school by 12.30pm.

**Everyone who can help is welcome to come along and help plant the trees and shrubs.**

Some children are transported via car and the others travel by bus.

### Fidget Spinners

We have been waiting for this latest global trend to reach Whenuakite and it has.



Whenever new trends appear, schools have the option of managing them or banning them.

- **Managing** involves teachers putting guidelines in place ie children bring these things to school at their own risk and usually the toy will not be allowed inside classrooms during class time.
- Very few **bans** exist at Whenuakite and usually involve health and safety issues.

Banning usually has the unintended consequence of increasing interest, desire and curiosity about what is being banned.

There will always be commercial trends that filter through our communities into school. Children may have them printed on their clothing, emblazoned on their lunch boxes or exhibited across their school bags etc. They may be games, toys, celebrities, fictional characters, brands.....there is a long list and always something new in the pipeline.

There is always something positive to be learned from a new trend and some of the learning comes from sharing, conflict, competition or yearning.

I like the way children share their experiences and new gadgets. Not everyone is fortunate enough to be a 'first adopter' and nobody gets everything they want.

Families have a lot in common but they also have a great variety of beliefs, values, opinions and standards.

Educating children to understand that there can be differences between what one family allows children to have and what another family does, is an important role for parents. It is not always easy because there is often no right or wrong and tolerance can be a tricky concept for children to grasp.

Schools run on goodwill and tolerance. No day is a perfect day and for most of us the issues are age-old and don't over-shadow the many positive things happening.

Please don't be pressured to buy your children a fidget spinner. 'No' is a very important word.

Please reserve judgement on other families if their opinions or way of doing things differs from yours, or the 'norm'.

If you can get your children to confidently understand your family values without feeling disrespectful or superior to others, you are gold! You are teaching your child that everyone needs to be valued, everyone needs to be listened to and not everyone views the world the same way.

### **Rubbish to the Dump**

We have had another major clear out of accumulated things that we no longer need or need to store.

There is at least one large trailer load.

Let me know if you have time to load a trailer and take a load to the dump. Thank you, Jamie



Thanks to the Enviro –group for the projects they are working on around the school.

### **Boot Camp Cooks Beach**

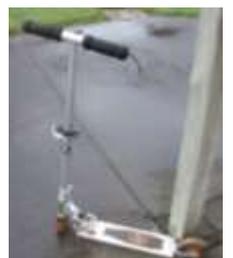
- Mondays @ Reserve on Banks St 9.30am
- Wednesdays @ Purangi Reserve 9.30am

All fitness levels and abilities welcome.  
First session free!  
Bookings essential  
Please contact Carly 021 022 35244



**Recycled Scooters.** -Mrs Collins has a friend who finds thrown away scooters and he repairs and rebuilds them.

He likes to give them away to children who don't have scooters or whose scooters are no longer working.



If you would like to go into a draw to receive one of these scooters you need to write a letter asking for a scooter and get the letter signed by your parents.

Leave the letter at the office.



**From 5 years of age to 13 years of age– they can all skip!**

Thanks for working so hard on your routines and thanks for the great demonstration.



**Rooms 3 and 4** require empty cans for an exercise with Zero Waste. The size required is the normal size baked bean can approx. 450g size. Would really appreciate if each child would have able to bring one can each.



### Room 3's Trip to Hikuai School

