

## Thank You

### Gardens

We would like to thank Pete, Suza and the team from Tree Works who have tidied all of the gardens and trimmed the trees. The school looks great.

### Gala

Thanks to everyone who helped out before, during and after the Gala. The day was great, despite the weather. Thank you to the Gala Team for leading the event.

### Concerns:

From time to time, a concern may arise. If it does, please follow the following protocol in order to have it addressed quickly and appropriately.

- (1) Please make an appointment to see the class teacher to share the concern.
- (2) If this does not resolve the concern, please make an appointment to see the Senior Leader of the teacher. (Junior School—Mrs van de Pol, Senior School—Mrs McEwen).
- (3) If this does not resolve the concern, please make an appointment with the Principal (Mr Kelly).
- (4) If the concern cannot be resolved at this point, a letter to the Chairperson of Board of Trustees.

Please address the concern quickly, to ensure that it is resolved at the time. This will help in decreasing anxiety which can be caused.

## Room 1

We would love donations of things suitable for our play based learning. Untreated wood cut offs, nails, dressups, small packets ie cereal/toothpaste etc..., clean lids of all sorts, nut shells (pistachio/walnut etc..), cardboard, buttons, material, wool, pipe cleaners, feathers, kitchen "bits & pieces toy cars/vehicles, dolls clothes... If unsure please ask Mrs Collins what might be useful. Thank you

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## Whenuakite Korero

TERM 1 Week 2

05.02.2018

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### From Mr Kelly

Kia Ora to our wonderful Community,

Welcome back from your break, we trust you had a wonderful time with the ones you love.

We have another year of exciting happenings, amazing learning around the school, and look forward to your continued support. This term we have a number of events and activities which include Country Schools Swimming, Pinnacles Camp, Life Education, EMR Snorkelling and more.

These are all fantastic opportunities for our children to participate and learn from, in and out of the class.

#### Welcome:

We would like to welcome Whaea Cat (Catherine Byers) to the Whenuakite team this year. We are pleased to have another new addition, with such great charisma and curriculum knowledge join us.

Welcome to all our new students, and their families who have started at Whenuakite School this year. Each new child will receive a 'Welcome to Whenuakite School' certificate at this Friday's Assembly at 2:15pm. Classes will be rostered on to share throughout the term. Keep an eye out, so that you can pop along to see your child sharing his/her work.

#### Welcome to:

Room 1: Ruby Bougen, Troy Hull, Mya Orbell  
Room 3: Ava King, Noah Greenfield  
Room 5: Zachary Greenfield

#### 2018 Teaching and Learning

In 2018, the team at Whenuakite are undertaking a range of Professional Development to ensure we continually upskill.

- (i) 'Ministry of Education Funded Development': Reviewing and developing effective Teaching and Learning that provides student ownership and clarity in what they are learning.
- (ii) Incredible Years for Teachers: Building strong relationships with learners and strategies to effectively develop calm child centred learning environment where effective Teaching and Learning can occur.
- (iii) On Tuesday, the team undertook Professional Development as a part of the Coromandel Community of Learning (Kahui Ako). This gave an insight into behaviours of children, and means to develop positive relationships and having a deep understanding of the whole child.
- (iv) Teachers Only Day: On Wednesday, the team met at school for a Teachers Only Day. We reviewed our systems and structures, expectations, a robust appraisal system and the direction of the school.

Ngā mihi mai oha - Eamonn Kelly

#### FIREWOOD:

If anyone would like firewood, please feel free to collect some from the bottom of the field. This is from two trees recently felled.

Assembly

Assemblies will start at 2:15pm on Friday 09 February.

Classes will be rostered to share their current learning at assembly. We will post the roster next week.

#### TERM DATES

2018

Term 1: 01 Feb - 13 Apr

Term 2: 30 Apr - 06 Jul

Term 3: 23 Jul - 28 Sept

Term 4: 15 Oct - 17 Dec

#### TERM ONE Dates:

Thurs 01 Feb:

School Starts

Tues 06 Feb:

Waitangi Day (No School)

Fri 09 Feb:

First School Assembly

Fri 16 Feb

Meet the Teacher and BBQ 3.15pm-7:00pm

Thurs 22 Feb:

Immunization Talks

Tues 27 Feb:

Country School Swimming TBC

Tues 13 Mar

R6 Snorkelling

Thurs 15 March

Paid Union Meeting. School Closes at 12PM

Fri 30 Mar:

Good Friday (No School)

Mon 02 Apr:

Easter Monday (No School)

Tues 03 Apr:

Easter Tuesday (No School)

Fri 13 Apr:

Last day of Term 1

#### Device Agreement

Every child will have a Device Usage Agreement. Please read and have this sent back to school by Friday.

### Swimming Lessons with Sylvia

Dudley ( Phone 8663240 )

Swimming lessons are on after school on Tuesday and Thursday. If you are interested, please contact Sylvia directly.



### MUSIC LESSONS' IN SCHOOL. Michelle Clotworthy

Piano and Guitar lessons.

Please find further information in the school office.

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### PHONE TREE

Please ensure we have your current phone number for the Phone Tree. This is used in case of an emergency such as School Closure due to flooding.

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### Home Learning

The team at Whenuakite School have discussed Home Learning expectations for 2018. Please see below what will be set by each class:

#### R1, 2 and 3:

Monday to Thursday nights– Reading and Spelling.

Math apps will be shared.

#### R4 and 5:

Monday to Thursday nights – Reading and Spelling.

#### R6:

Monday to Thursday nights– Reading Spelling if required

Inquiry Topics: set as per needed.

We believe that it is important to reinforce learning through regular reading and spelling, as well as undertake interactive maths activities. Research as shown regular reading, and interactive inquiry done alongside parents have the greatest impact on learning.

Inquiry learning gets the child to think, problem solve and communicate new learning. We will provide insights into mini-inquiry that can be done at home with your children

### **SURVEY**

Thank you to those who have completed the online survey. We still need more responses. We are keeping it open until Friday 09 Feb 2018.

### **GALA COMMITTEE DEBRIEF**

**Monday 12 February, 7pm at Hotwater Brewing Company.**

### MEET THE TEACHER and BBQ

Friday 16 February

Instead of Term 1 Parent Interviews, we will be having a session to meet the teacher of your child. They will share expectations, Topics of Learning etc. This will then be followed by a community BBQ. More information will come home soon..

### Waterwise 2018

*We are currently planning Waterwise for this Term. Due to damage, we are awaiting a new inflatable boat. As soon as one is secured, we will send information home.*

*Stay posted.*

#### 2018 Whenuakite Team:

Principal:

Eamonn Kelly

Deputy Principal:

Steph McEwen

Associate Principal

Cheree van de Pol

Teachers

Jan Collins, Jane McMullen,

Catherine Byers,

Margaret Gibson

Support Staff

Donna McKay, Rachel Smith,

Cara Till, Leanne Litherland, Jo

Lloyd, Julia Rhodes, Janice

Whyte, Maria Dove

Across the River Swim MBAS is again holding the 'Across the River Swim'. This will be held on 13 February. Room 6 will be attending and will swim when the tide is slack. More information will come home next week.