

# Whenuakite School Newsletter

## No 2 Term 2



8th May 2017

Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,

There have been some extremely tragic traffic fatalities involving children and teenagers during the last few weeks in New Zealand.

Road safety is very, very important and it is everyone's responsibility. Constable Catherine Sell gave each child a 'glow stick' last week, with a Road Safety message.

**Please continually make sure your children are aware of the risks around any road.**

It would be really helpful and also reduce a lot of risk at school if parents picking children up or dropping off, could keep well away from the bus bay and the other entrance.

If those are definite NO Go areas for children, the bus drivers can relax a little and a potential risk is eliminated.

**The few minutes it takes to walk to the car park area will never be regretted.**

**Welcome to Bella (Annabella) Wood.** Bella turned 5 last week and her first day at school is today. Great to have you here, Bella.

We have had a smooth start to the term. The new children and new staff have settled in well



and the 'old hands' have come back fresh and ready to get things done.

Thank you for having your children so well organised and ready for school at the beginning of another term. We are looking forward to what Term 2 brings.

### **SOCCER**

What a fantastic day to start the season- beautiful weather, kids playing their very best and awesome supporters. Our school supports all levels of players, in each grade and positive side line support is valued and fostered. Let's have another great season! Thanks to all the coaches and managers - without you we wouldn't have teams representing Whenuakite

**ROAD SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**Drivers, passengers, quad bikers, cyclists, truck drivers, motorbiker's, pedestrians, joggers, moped riders, mobility scooters, walkers, rail trail cyclists, scooters, farmers, sisters, brothers, fathers, mothers, aunties, uncles, courier drivers, school bus drivers we are all responsible.**

School. Also- thank you to Andrea for all the work she has put in so far this year - it's hugely appreciated and valued.

**URGENT:** can everyone please complete registrations and payments. This is not only needed for the school but for the Waibop Football Association.

Jeni

**2017 School Photos**—The school photos will be taken next week— on **Monday 15th May**.

The pre-paid envelopes came home last week.

**Each child will have a named order envelope.**

Please read these carefully and return them to school **before Monday 15th May** . (preferably by Friday 12th)



If you are buying a class photo or photo pack, we will have a few spare envelopes at the office.

An additional special envelope is required for **family photos** and these can be picked up from the office. (pre-schoolers can be included in the family photos.)



If other team or group photos are being taken, coaches or people in charge will let you know about these.

Photographers will probably arrive around 11am, after visiting Coroglen school. Family and individual photos will be taken in the library.

### **Lucky Book Club**

The Book Club leaflets will be out this week, for those who would like to order their own books directly from Scholastic . **Children can collect these from the Library if they want one.**

The LOOP (linked online ordering and payment) facility is printed beside the order form, the books still come to school with the orders done in the usual way.

This month if you go to the Scholastic site you will find a box to tick if you want the books as gifts, and they will be held at school for you to collect discretely. The regular orders will be sent in a week later than usual as I will be away for that week.

Thanks, Julia Rhodes

**Elgrego** is visiting on Tuesday, 16th May and he will present his show in the morning to the whole school. Elgrego is a Magician with an anti-bullying message.



**Please bring a coin donation and give to Classroom Teachers, if you can.**



**Music Groups** will be starting again on Tuesdays in Term 2, beginning tomorrow.



**Miss Dove** will be running a **Guitar Group** at lunchtime (12.45 - 1.15) in the activity room for Years 5-8.

**Choir** and will run from 1.30 for Year 4 – 8.

**Ukulele Groups** for Years 3-8 will run from 2.30. If your child is wanting to learn the Ukulele, please purchase a Makala Ukulele and tuner from the Cave. If purchasing a guitar, a ¾ size can be good to learn on.

**Rachel Smith and Tina Bartlett** will be assisting Miss Dove. This practice will lead to a concert at the end of Term Three. - Maria Dove.

### **Junior Rugby**

Mercury Bay Junior Rugby Club are looking for a few more players in the 'Under 8's' grade (under 8 as at 1 January 2017).

If you have a budding rugby player keen to have a go call Amy Sammons on 021 899634 or join us for training Wednesday 4.30pm at Lyons Park.



### **Mother's Day is this Sunday.**

We wish all our families a happy day this Sunday and hope mums, dads and caregivers all get to feel especially appreciated and valued on Mother's Day.