

UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

2024, Term 3, Week 9 Newsletter

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REMINDER - EARLY FINISH THURSDAY AND NO SCHOOL FRIDAY!!

We are postponing our whānau day on the 26th of September to combine it with our swings opening on the first Friday back at school on the 18th of October. We are looking forward to this event and thought we'd make a real day of it.

As **Thursday 26th of September** is also the last day of school, we will be closing early at **1pm** as staff are travelling to their professional development destination out of Whanganui. Buses will run at 1pm.

There will not be any school on Friday 27th September.

I apologise that the early finish has not been advertised in previous newsletters. Although the decision was made some time ago, I let this one slip.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office or Mrs Browne.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the spring and summer months kick in, this is a gentle reminder that all students need to be in full school uniform. As per our policy, our uniform consists of:

- An Upokongaro School t-shirt
- An Upokongaro School Jersey
- Navy Blue shorts or skort
- An Upokongaro School Hat


These items are all available at the school office. We have some second-hand uniforms, available on the Kindo app.

This is also a good time to check that your child's uniform is well named, as many jerseys or pants are left in the playground on hot days.

Thank you to the children who continue to wear their uniform with pride. It is noticeable, especially when we go on outings around Whanganui. If your child is not in uniform, they will be given a reminder and a message may be sent home.

As per our School Docs Uniform Policy:

- Jewellery is confined to one wristwatch and one small stud per ear. Students may wear a pounamu. No other body piercings are permitted.
- Students do not wear makeup, fingernail polish or excessive hair products.
- Long hair should be tied back or plaited for health and safety reasons.

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SPORTS AWARDS

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At school on Friday, Mrs Calman and Whaea Cath presented the Winter Sports Awards to deserving recipients. Congratulations to all who represented Upokongaro School over the Winter in Hockey and Netball. A special congratulations to the following students:

Hockey:

Most Improved Junior: Raniera, Phalcon

Most Outstanding Junior Player: Fenix

Most Improved Senior Player: Te Awa

Most Outstanding Senior Player: Kaelyn-Lamar



Netball:

Most Improved Year 2-4: Indigo

Most Outstanding Year 2-4: Laekyn-Brook

Most Improved Year 5-6: Huiarere

Most Outstanding Year 5-6: Maisey

Most Improved Senior: Anya, Paiton

Outstanding Senior Sportsmanship: Te Awa, Amber

Most Outstanding Senior: Tiare-Amaani, Zareah



SUMMER SPORTS

Permission forms were handed out last week for our Summer Sports: Touch and Volleyball. If your child did not bring home a form, please ask Mrs Calman (Volleyball) and Whaea Cath (Touch). We are offering Touch from Year 0-8 and Volleyball from Year 3-6. If you are interested in coaching, please put this on the bottom of the form. If we do not have coaches, we cannot support our tamariki to play.

If you are interested in applying for funding for your child's sports fees, please check out the link below. For more information, please check out [Sport Whanganui Information](#) or contact Mrs Calman at penny@upokongaro.net.

[GIVE A KID A GO FUND APPLICATION](#)

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2025 ENROLMENT

If you have a child who you are expecting to attend Upokongaro School next year, please make sure you have placed them in the ballot if you are out of zone. To place your child in the ballot click on the link below and enter the enrolment details.


If you are in zone and have a child you are expecting to start at any point next year, you must also complete the enrolment form in the link below.

For answers to any questions please contact the office on 06 3456424 or via email at: office@upokongaro.net.

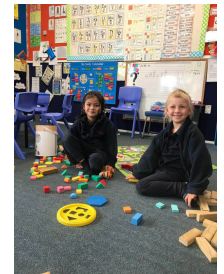
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ROTARY WHANGANUI NORTH FOODBANK DRIVE

This year, Upokongaro School are proud to support Rotary Whanganui East and Whanganui City Mission Foodbank.

On Friday 18th October (our Whānau and Swing Opening Day), we ask that your whānau bring donated items of food to our kura, which we will deliver to the Foodbank.

Items which are in high demand:

Sugar, rice, dishwashing liquid, toothpaste, soap, tuna, coffee, tea bags, noodles, oil, spreads, spaghetti, beans, size 5 nappies, sanitary items, strong paper bags for delivery.



TE WHARE PUKAPUKA OUTDOORS

We're so lucky to have our amazing parent volunteer, Samantha with us this week! She brought flower seeds and guided the TWP tamariki through the planting process.

But that's not all— the little ones also enjoyed some outdoor creative art with chalk. Each of them had so much to share about their colourful creations, and it was wonderful to see their imaginations come to life. Great job, little artists!



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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 26th - Final day of school for Term 3. 1pm finish.

**Friday 27th - TEACHER'S ONLY DAY - No School
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

OCTOBER

Monday 14th - First day of Term 4

Thursday/Friday 17th/18th - Dance starts for Year 7-8 (day TBC)

Friday 18th - Whānau Day and Swings grand opening

Wednesday 23rd - Mathex for select Year 5-8 students. 5-9pm

Thursday 24th - Hearing and Vision

Thursday 24th - 9.30am "Shake Out" Earthquake drill

Monday 28th - Labour Day - No School

NOVEMBER

Friday 8th - Mitre 10 Tough Kid

Tuesday 12th - Bus Warden training with Constable Ben

Friday 15th - Cluster Athletics Day

Monday 18th - Life Education Van at Upokongaro School

DECEMBER

Friday 6th - Year 7-8 Dinner and Dance

Monday 16th - Prizegiving at Upokongaro School. Reports handed out.

Wednesday 18th - final day for 2024

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netball whanganui

TERM 3 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SCAN TO REGISTER

Get the kids out of the house with a day of netball skills and drills + other fun activities! **\$50 PER CHILD**

YEARS 1 TO 4	YEARS 5 TO 8
Tuesday 1st Oct 10am - 2pm at Springvale Stadium <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bring a packed lunch & water bottleWear clothing and footwear suitable for physical activity	Thursday 3rd Oct 10am - 2pm at Springvale Stadium <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bring a packed lunch & water bottleWear clothing and footwear suitable for physical activity

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ndo@netballwhanganui.co.nz



NETBALL WHANGANUI

TERM 4 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME YEARS 5-8

ABOUT THIS PROGRAMME:

98 Peat Street Laird Park
Netball Courts
Starts: Tuesday 22 October
3:45PM to 5:00PM

- FREE
- Years 5 to 8
- Suitable for all levels

PROGRAMME FOCUS:

- 7-a-side Fundamentals
- Conditioning
- Integrated Neuromuscular Training (INT)

Please bring netball shoes, a drink bottle and an appropriate outfit to train in.

For any enquiries please contact our Development Officer Natalie Hales
ndo@netballwhanganui.co.nz

SCAN ME

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Aunty Jaqui: 02102655518

Mr C (Roger): 027 4435771

Mr Wright (Ian): 027 5003660

Miss Gascoigne: 02108587622



JUICIES

Available through the Kindo app
for \$2.

Friday second lunch delivery to
classes.