



Whenuakite School

Our School Targets 2026

Attendance and Engagement

Development of systems to improve attendance and develop programmes that support engagement in learning.
Me mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa. We work together for the well-being of everyone.

Literacy and Numeracy

Structured programmes set up to accelerate learning to improve Reading, Writing and Maths according to the Ministry's Curriculum phases and progressions. We have support for professional development and teacher observations to improve our practice.

Term 1, 2026 Overview

Week	Date	Our Values	Key Comps	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1	Feb 2 Feb 6	KINDNESS	RELATING TO OTHERS / MANAGING SELF	TOD Meet and Greet	Start Of Year information	Syndicate and class Newsletters out	Fire Drill practice 10.30am	Waitangi Day		
2	Feb 9 Feb 13								Year 7 & 8 students to Technology	
3	Feb 16 Feb 20					Education Review Office - ERO	Education Review Office - ERO	Education Review Office - ERO		
4	Feb 23 Feb 27					Earthquake drill 2.30pm		Board Of Trustees BOT Meeting 3.15 pm	Life Education truck	Life Education truck
5	March 2 March 6					Life Education truck	One Day Skate School (3x 15 students)	Board Of Trustees NZSTA training 4 - 6pm	Senior Swimming Sports at MBAS	
6	March 9 March 13						Senior Swimming Sports P.P. Day	Thames Hockey Festival		
7	March 16 March 20					Junior Swimming Demonstration		Junior Swimming Demonstration P.P. Day	Nations Day	Thames Valley Swimming
8	March 23 March 27					Thames Valley Swimming (p.p)		BOT Meeting 3.15pm	Learning Journey Catch Up.	Attendance and House Rewards
9	March 30 April 3					Year 5/6 Camp to Kauaeranga Valley Camp	One Day Skate School (3x 15 students)		Last day of the term	Easter Friday

Please Note: These dates may change over time and other activities are to be confirmed. More information will be sent out closer to the event. We will need volunteers to help take transport and help with activities. If you would like to be involved please ensure your police vet forms and details are up to date.

* If you know of any magnificent events happening, please let us know, so they can be considered for each term. Number of half days – 88

"Te akonga o te Kura whenuakite"

"We will endeavour for all round personal hauora and success."

Our overarching theme for the year – " Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama

Seek and discover, discover and know, know and (understand) become enlightened.

Term 1 theme - Whakataukī/proverb - My Culture, My Taonga - He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

Kaitiakitanga: Environment and Sustainability -Personal and Social Responsibility to care for our planet.

Whenuakite Kids love KFC! Keys For Competencies - There are 5 Key Competencies and we will focus on some of these each term.
(1) Relating to Others, (2) Managing Self, (3) Using Language Symbols and Texts, (4) Thinking, and (5) Participating and Contributing.

K.I.T.E Way - School Shared Values - Please talk to your child about what these values mean and demonstrate the importance of these.

We are proud of each KITE Kid and the uniqueness they bring to our kura / school. We aim to support each child to strive to achieve
 Our Motto: 'Takakawe i ngā wā katoa - At all times we will endeavour' – "Mauri Mahi, Mauri Ora"

Kind – manaakitanga: The Whenuakite Learner will show kindness and support. they show respect, generosity, aroha and care for others.

Innovative – auaha: The Whenuakite Learner will be innovative, creative, inventive, self-driven and be a problem solver.

Trustworthy – takohanga: The Whenuakite Learner will be responsible, respectful, show mana and lead by example.

Enthusiastic – ngakaunui: The Whenuakite Learner will be enthusiastic in all endeavours. They will show dedication and commitment.

1 **TOD** – Monday morning with a meet and greet the teacher from 12.30 - 3pm

Start of Year Information – Welcome back information and Term Overview of events,

Earthquake Drill - Practicing drills for emergencies

Start of term updates - Class and syndicate newsletters

Waitangi Day – A day we celebrate as all New Zealanders.

2 **Child/Parent/Teacher Learning Journey Catch Up** – A chance to discuss aspirations for your child’s learning this year. We encourage you to bring your child along with you for this meeting and children will be marked present for the day but are not expected to be at school for the remainder of the day. The school will still be open with activities running until 2.55 pm for families that are unable to find childcare for their children. This is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to work together to set goals and share important information for the start of the year. Interview times can be chosen on SkoolLoop

Year 7/8 Technolgy – This is on Fridays and the students take the bus to Mercury Bay Area School for technology

3 **Education Review Office** – We welcome – Mihi Whakatau Dion Marchioni, Review Officer / Evaluation Partner.

4 **Fire Drill** - Practicing drills for emergencies
Board of Trustees Meeting – This is in Room 7, starting at 3.15pm. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings and an Agenda is in the newsletter, up in the office or the notice board
Art Escape - As part of the wider Art Escape in Whitianga the school will be opening its doors in weekends to visitors. We will be getting all students to create their own masterpieces that will be displayed in the Activity Room. We will have some fun competitions and prizes for students and families to be involved. More information will be out soon on how you can be involved.

5 **Board of Trustees Meeting** – This is at school, starting at 3.15pm, in Room 7.
Senior Swimming Sports – An opportunity for our year 4-8 swimmers to compete against others

6 **Thames Hockey** – Information will come out to students. We will be taking students to give hockey a go for the Big Day out in Hockey at Ngatea -Thames.
Junior Swimming Demonstration – Rooms 1-3 will demonstrate what they do during daily swimming classes. 1.55 - 2.55pm.

7 **Thames Rippa Rugby** – Information will come out to the selected students for this event

8 **Board of Trustees Meeting** – This is in Room 6, starting at 3.15pm. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings and an Agenda is in the newsletter or up in the office or the notice board
House Challenges - As part of our House groups we will be completing some challenges for House Points.
Attendance/House Rewards - For students with at least **94%** attendance and for the winning House for the term.

9 **Year 5/6 Camp - Last Day – On Thursday**
 Easter Friday, Holidays!

Newsletters – Each week. Please have any community information to Donna in the office by the Thursday morning

Friday Assembly - 9.05 - 9.30am

For more information please check our website - www.whenuakite.school.nz or contact 07 866 3860

From the Wonderful Whenuakite Whanau