



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 5 - May 22, 2026

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

We are all excited to see the frames go up for the new administration block and classroom in the "old Room 1" space. Some of the staff got to have a quick walk around the admin space last Friday and see the plans come to life. There is an amazing new staffroom space with so much visibility, staff toilet and shower, a learning support/DP office, Principal's office, Teacher release space, meeting room, First Aid room with its own bathroom, and the main office admin space. There have been a few delays created by the efforts made to keep the original classroom as much as we can. It looks like the classroom side will be ready in October, with the admin by end of year, ready for use next year.

We have the final figures from the Funky Fish with \$27k including GST as this years profits. We will combine this with past funds and start planning towards a playground upgrade. The Board will be seeking some additional grants as we estimate the value of the new playground to be between \$120 to \$150k. We are halfway there!

Teacher's are currently preparing for mid year reports. The MOE has recently shared some descriptors to help with understanding where your child is at within the new English and Maths Curriculum. We will be continuing to use the Progress indicators; emerging, developing, consolidating, proficient and exceeding as we did at the end of 2025. Three way conferences are set for the first two weeks of next term, so you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your class teacher then.

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Coming Events:

Week 6 - May 25-29

Week 7 - Jun 1-5

Jun 1 - King's Birthday
School closed Monday

Jun 5 - Jumping June Activities begin! Wear your whanau colours to school today!

Week 8 - Jun 8-12

Jun 9 - Bream Head Trip for Piwakawaka, Tui, Ruru
Jun 12 - Hot Choc Friday!

\$2 cash to the office

Week 9 - Jun 15-19

Jun 19 - Yellow Day!
Dress in yellow and bring coins for lemonade at morning tea!

Week 10 - Jun 22-26

Jun 25 - The Ball! Yr7&8s
Jun 26 - Pancake Breakfast 8-9am & Jumping June Activities 1.30pm!

Week 11 - Jun 29-Jul 3

Jun 30 - Taurikura Planting Day
Jul 2 - WGHS Yr 8 Presentation
Jul 1 - Mid Year Reports home
Jul 3 - Last day of Term 2

Our Place to Grow and Learn together

Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi

Kiwi North Visit

On Thursday, we had four classes - Kotare, Ruru, Tui and Piwakawaka - enjoy a visit to Kiwi North!! They learnt all about different rocks and volcanic formations found in Northland - including Whangarei Heads! Students got to see Thumper the kiwi in action in the nocturnal house, and some well disguised gecko. Students had the chance to make their own kiwi or pukeko magnet to adorn your refrigerators!

A very big thank you to all the whanau who supported this trip by coming along to support our students, or adding a few extra dollars to your payments. Much appreciated!



Love our community? Enjoy driving? Thinking of what to do in 2026?



We Need You!

Ritchies Whangārei is looking for School Bus Drivers to help get our Tamariki and mokopuna to school safely every day.

This is the perfect role if you:

- Enjoy being out and about in the community.
- Want work that fits around school hours.
- Like the idea of FREE school holidays (except the odd training day)!
- Take pride in keeping our kids safe on their journey to and from Kura.

What you'll need:

- Class 2 license (minimum).
- P Endorsement.
- A calm, friendly attitude.
- Reliability — our kids are counting on you!

What you'll get:

- Supportive team.
- Uniform.
- Fortnightly pay.
- Chance to drive extra charter trips if you want them.

Join us — the community will thank you, and so will the next generation!
Apply online today - www.careers.ritchies.co.nz





Jumping June Friday



Each Friday in June we will have a special school wide event to help promote Jumping June.

Friday 5th June (Week 7) Jumping June Launch

Children will rotate around jumping based activities in a Whanau team. We ask that all children wear their Whanau colours.

This wonderful morning of fun will run from 9:40-10:40am.



Friday 12th June (Week 8) Hot Chocolate Friday

Love hot chocolate and marshmallows? I do!

Get jumping as a class from 10:25 and then at morning tea, grab your hot chocolate to enjoy after jumping away and working up a sweat.

Children will need to pre-order their hot chocolate on the google form and pay \$2 to the office.

Friday 19th June (Week 9) Dress in Yellow & Lemonade

To support the role that Harold and the Life Education programme has in our school, dress up in yellow and bring in a gold coin. We will also have lemonade for sale at morning tea, to quench your thirst from skipping.

At morning tea we will also take a whole school photo.

I wonder if a special guest might turn up??



Friday 26th June (Week 10)

Pancake Breakfast & Jumping Activities

Start the day in the right way, with a pancake!! Available from 8am until the bell at 9am, come get your hot pancake smothered in your choice of toppings. Pay \$2 on the day.

From 1:30-2:10pm, children will rotate around jumping based activities in a Whanau team.

We ask that all children wear their Whanau colours. This is the final event.

Jumping June is a school-based skipping event that gets kids moving, have fun and learn about heart health, while raising funds for a life-saving cause! Proceeds raised from the hot chocolate and pancake events will support the Heart Foundation's goal to help everyone in New Zealand keep their hearts fit for life.

Pink Shirt Day – Celebrating Kindness!

((Awaiting blurb from students or staff here on the day)))



Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora

Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Northland Motocross Champs – Jack and Frank

A big round of applause for brother's Jack and Frank who completed the Northland Motocross Championship, made up of 4 rounds across 4 weekends. They both competed on their YZ65s on the mini tracks and finished the championship on the podium, with Jack taking 1st and Frank finishing 3rd. It was also Frank's very first Championship event, which made the results even more special! They're both so proud of themselves and so are we!



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DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Term 2 2026

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Te Manawa Tahī COMMUNITY TIMETABLE

Whangarei, Bream Bay & Kaipara

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2026, Weeks 6 to 10
Wed 27 th May	Ruakaka Memorial Hall, Sandford Road, Ruakākā (10am – 12pm)	
Thurs 4 th Jun	Hikurangi Primary School, 4 Swan Ave, Hikurangi	
Wed 10 th June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall 172 Hurdall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 11 th Jun	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 17 th Jun	Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Thurs 18 th Jun	Ngunguru School (9am - 10.30am) Te Maika Road	
Mon 22 nd Jun	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz

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WHANAGREI TRI CLUB

KIDS DUATHLON SERIES 2026

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO ENTER

24th MAY Pohe Island

28th JUNE Kauri Coast MTB Park

26th JULY Pohe Island

<https://events.mygameday.app/event/kidsduathlonseries2026>

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WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING 2026

Wednesday 29th July, 5.30 - 7.30 approx

Starts in the Manawahine Gym followed by guided tours with specialist staff on hand to answer any questions. A great opportunity to see our extensive range of curricular and extra curricular activities. Come along and get a feel for our special learning environment.

Lupton House will be open from 4pm for prospective boarders.





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OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS

OPEN FOR TERM 3&4, 2026

4 places available Year 6
2 places available Year 2

Ballot closes Monday, June 15, 2026
Ballot drawn Thursday, June 16, 2026

For more information regarding the ballot, please
contact our school office via email
office@whangareiheads.school.nz
<http://www.whangareiheads.school.nz>

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