



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 9 - June 15, 2026

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Our place to grow and learn together

Ko tātou kura, Kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi



1. Learning in Action <i>Together we are empowered as learners through a rich, local and meaningful curriculum.</i>	2. Culture at Our Place <i>Together we feel valued, recognised and everyone's uniqueness is celebrated</i>	3. Growing our Environment <i>Together we live lightly on the land: growing as environmental leaders and innovators</i>	
1a. Bringing the refreshed New Zealand curriculum to life 1b. Strengthening evidence based, sequential learning; based upon the needs of the learners 1c. Ensuring learners are confident, curious and creative	2a. Celebrating who we are and where we come from (every culture, gender, neurodiverse, disability) 2b. Bringing te reo Māori and tikanga Māori to life 2c. Including, valuing and supporting everyone to "ROCK" (We ROCK up - attendance)	3a. Applying a nature lens to all planning and learning experiences 3b. Delving deeper into sustainability by growing our current practices 3c. Be inspired and inspire others around environmental and sustainability leadership	
Our learners are confident in their learning journey, understand their next steps and how to get there	Our culture is clear and evident to everyone who comes into Our Place; we live and breathe the Ngō Mātāpono and Vision	Our Environment is at the centre of everything we do, inspiring ourselves and others to be and do better	
Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu <i>Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly</i>	He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, He tangata, He tangata. <i>What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people!</i>	Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua <i>If we take care of the earth and take care of people, we will take care of the future</i>	
Ngō Mātāpono; Manawaroa/Resilience Manaakitanga/Kindness Whanaungatanga/Belonging Auhatanga/Creativity			

Arohamai, my apologies, I have realised I have not shared the Strategic Plan with you all. It was loaded up to our School Website but missed coming out in a newsletter to you all.

This is the result of all the consultation we did last year with you all, and forms the areas that we will be focusing on to further grow our kura over the next 3 years.

You can see three main areas of focus

1. Learning in Action; where we continue our mahi on aligning the NZ Curriculum with our localised curriculum.
2. Culture at our Place; building an inclusive community
3. Growing our Environment; building on from the work in Kaitiakitanga / Enviro Schools

There is a more detailed strategic plan that outlines the actions we intend and this is on our website under Our School; Reports and Plans

Coming Events:

Week 9 - Jun 15-19

Jun 18 - Community Library AGM (3.15pm WHS Staffroom)

Jun 19 - Yellow Day!

Dress in **yellow** and bring a **gold coin** for **lemonade** to support Life Education!

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 1 - Mid Year Reports home

Jul 2 - School Matariki Event

Jul 3 - Last day of Term 2

School Holidays

July 6-19

Jul 18 - Working Bee 1PM

Week 1 - Jul 20-24

Jul 21&23 - Mid Year Conferences

Week 2 - Jul 27-31

Jul 28 - Classes Finising 2pm for Mid Year Conferences

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Attendance by Class

Ranking Key:

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Room Attendance Summary (1st, 2nd & 3rd Ranked per Column)

Group	Year %	Term 1 %	Term 2 %
Karearea	90.8%	90.4%	91.2%
Kotare	92.5%	94.1%	90.8%
Korora	92.1%	91.9%	92.3%
Piwakawaka	93.5%	94%	93.2%
Tui	91.2%	92.2%	90.1%
Ruru	90.2%	92%	88.1%

Congratulations to Piwakawaka who has the best attendance % this year to date!

They are continuing to lead this term, but watch out! Korora and Karearea are not far behind you!

Shall we see the winning whanau group? Go Matariki! But Kauri is in the lead this term!

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1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Custom Group Attendance Summary (1st, 2nd & 3rd Ranked per Column)

Group	Year %	Term 1 %	Term 2 %
Kauri	91.2%	90.5%	91.9%
Manaia	90.5%	92.3%	88.6%
Matariki	92.4%	93.1%	91.7%
Reotahi	92%	93.4%	90.6%

We are working on developing an APP so we can celebrate attendance with you more easily and often.

Cybersafety - even at home

Did you know that we can keep an eye on your child online?

As part of our Linewise contract we are alerted should a child search or type anything inappropriate. Tracey and Dane get an alert, and they follow this up with the student directly.

This happens even at home! Provided you haven't set up a personal email for your child, and they are still logged in as their child@whangareiheads.school.nz gmail account. If the alert occurs outside of school hours we will contact you and let you know what your child is doing online.



Have you booked? Conferences in Term 3

Mid Year Reports will be coming home in the last week of Term 2. Bookings are open now for 3Way-conferences, which will be held on July 21 & 23 from 3.30pm, and with a early 2pm end to the school day on Tuesday, July 28 only, for the final round of interviews.

Book now to secure your place! If you are booking for more than one student, please do not book back-to-back timeslots. Give yourself 15 mins to get between classes, and swap children. These interviews run by the 15 minute bell!

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/qayb3>

Jumping June Fundraising!

Hot Chocolates went down a treat on Friday morning! We raised over \$180 for the Heart Foundation on the day.

Skipping ropes are still for sale for a gold coin donation. So far we have raised almost \$90 through skipping rope sales and we still have half a box left! If your child would like their very own skipping rope to keep practicing at home, send them along to the school office with a gold coin this week!



Thanks for your support!

**LIFE
EDUCATION** 
Learning with Harold

Lemonade Fundraiser!

To support Harold the Giraffe and Life Education, we are all **dressing in yellow this Friday**, and bringing along a **gold coin** to purchase a refreshing home-made lemonade at morning tea! All money raised will be donated to Life Education on behalf of Whangarei Heads School!



WHANGAREI HEADS SCHOOL

MATARIKI

Together we shine

A time to remember, celebrate
and look to the future.
Nau mai, haere mai!

THURSDAY JULY 2ND

12:20PM – 2:40PM



KAPA HAKA / WAIATA

12:20PM – 12:50PM

Join us for powerful performances
and beautiful waiata.



SHARED KAI

12:50PM – 1:20PM

Enjoy a warm bowl of soup
cooked by our students.



ACTIVITIES

1:20PM – 2:40PM

- ★ PLANTING
- ★ MATARIKI ARTS & CRAFTS

★ *He waka eke noa – We're all in this together.*



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

at Whangarei Heads School

Mon 6th, Tues 7th & Wed 8th July
&
Mon 13th, Tues 14th & Wed 15th July

8.30-3pm = \$50

Morning and afternoon tea included
(extended hours available
for an extra cost)

Contact Karen Parr:
karen_parr@hotmail.com
or 021507111

WHANGAREI HEADS SCHOOL WORKING BEE!



SATURDAY 18TH JULY

1PM

TASKS INCLUDE:



**CLEANING THE
UNDERCOVER AREA**



WATERBLASTING



WASHING WALLS



GENERAL TIDYING



**WEEDING
& PRUNING**

Let's get the
school looking
great for the
start of
Term 3!

*Let us know
if you can make it!*



**EVERYONE WELCOME –
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

CELEBRATE

Matariki

FRIDAY 10TH JULY, 2026

JOIN PLANETARIUM NORTH IN EXPLORING
THE SKIES OF TE TAI TOKERAU

MATARIKI IS A POWERFUL CELEBRATION GROUNDED IN THE
ASTRONOMICAL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR TŪPUNA, WHO READ THE
DAWN SKY TO MARK THE TURNING OF THE SEASONS AND PREPARE
FOR WINTER. STEP INSIDE THE PLANETARIUM AND EXPERIENCE
THIS STORY BROUGHT TO LIFE BENEATH A PERFECT NIGHT SKY—
NO CLOUDS, NO COLD MORNINGS, JUST BREATHTAKING STARS.
JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE HOW ASTRONOMY AND MĀTAURANGA
MĀORI COME TOGETHER IN MATARIKI, REVEALING A DEEP
CONNECTION BETWEEN THE HEAVENS, THE LAND, AND PEOPLE.

PUBLIC SESSIONS ON
SATURDAYS

JUNE 6,13,20,27
JULY 4,11,18,25
AUGUST 1

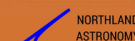
PRIVATE AND SCHOOL BOOKINGS
BY REQUEST IN JUNE AND JULY

DAY - 1 HOUR \$120
NIGHT - 1.5 HOURS \$180
32 SEAT CAPACITY

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BOOKINGS
WWW.SPACETIME.ORG.NZ

SCHOOL BOOKINGS
EDUCATION@KIWINORTH.CO.NZ

EVENT WILL RUN REGARDLESS OF WEATHER AS IT IS HELD IN THE INDOOR PLANETARIUM
TELESCOPES ARE AVAILABLE IF THE SKY IS CLEAR



www.spacetime.org.nz

500 MAUNU ROAD, WHANGAREI 0179 INFO@PLANETARIUMNORTH.CO.NZ

Enviro Group – Reducing Waste!

Catherine from Eco Solutions has been working tirelessly with our Enviro Group to help setup waste initiatives at kura to make sure we are recycling all we can, to minimise our waste footprint! Last week the group worked hard to reestablish our compost system in the mara, so that we can further reduce the amount of rubbish we are sending to landfill. The kids also got to make their own mini composts, made out of up-cycled plastic bottles, so they can easily observe what happens as things start to break down within the compost system. We are running a poster competition too, the winner will have their 'kid friendly' poster made into a large sticker for the side of our waste skips, so everyone knows the proper place for everything that is being recycled or thrown out. Awesome work Enviro Team!





Jumping June Friday



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

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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



RC4KIDS
RUGBY CAMP FOR KIDS

KIDS RUGBY CAMP

8th and 9th July
Whangārei Boys High School
245 Western Hills Drive,
Avenues, Whangārei

\$60 PER DAY

COACHED BY REGISTERED TEACHERS!

KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE!

- Boys & girls ages 5 - 13
- 8:30-3pm
- All abilities welcome
- Rippa
- Overall sport skill development
- Our coaches are all registered teachers. Meaning you're kids are in great hands!



Register at sportscamps4kids.co.nz

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>

SUPPORTED BY PAK'N SAVE WHANGAREI **PAK'nSAVE**

Yummy Sticker Collection

Keep collecting and sending your Yummy stickers and bag labels into the school office so we can add them to our tally sheets!

This year, there are bonus points for the following apple stickers: Sweet Tango, Lemonade and Ambrosia!

At the end of each annual promotion we send in our yummy sticker collection and receive free sports gear for the school in return!

A big thank you to all our families who support the school in this way.



Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

\$200,000 SPORTS GEAR

Download extra sticker sheets at yummyfruit.co.nz



EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC



Wednesday 15th July
9am - 3pm
Whangarei Girls High School
Year 6, 7, 8
\$40 per player
BYO food and water

Coach Hayley Taylor, along with a support crew, will be running this clinic. It will include development of Fundamental skills, Attack and Defence skills and specific positional sessions - Shooting, Mid-Court and Defence. Finishing with consolidation games.

All proceeds go towards WGHS Year 10 Kauri netball team fundraising to attend the Combined Points Tournament in Auckland



For more info or to register, please contact our manager:
mel2gardner@gmail.com or phone 022 690 3603



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.

