



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 11 - July 3, 2026

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

The end of term certainly came with a bang!

Last week Karearea class had their Ball with Parua Bay. This is part of our transition from school programme where we deliberately create opportunities for our Year 7 and 8 students to connect with their Parua Bay peers to help support the transition to High School. The children spend time learning a range of dances (From the PE curriculum and the Dance Curriculum) to perform as part of the event. It is always lovely to see the children dressed up formally.

We had the planting day in Taurikura on Tuesday, which is part of our Trees for Survival programme. These plants have been grown from seedlings until they were ready to be transplanted by the water ways on Murray Jaggars farm.

Wednesday Karearea class headed to a day of Resilience/Manawaroa as they learned how to ski or snowboard at Snow Planet. This was part of their week long EOTC in term one which focused on each of our Nga Matapono. I hope they have an amazing time!

Thursday was our kura's Matariki celebration. We were welcomed by our Kapa Haka Group, enjoyed some shared Kai and then had an afternoon of activities where children opted into helping with planting or showing creativity through a range of craft activities.

The Mid Year Reports were sent home on Thursday afternoon. These summarise your child's learning for the first two terms this year. The teachers have spent a lot of time collating assessment information to make overall teacher judgements as to how well your child is progressing towards achieving the Phase of Learning for their Year Level. Make sure to book in a 3-Way Conference early next term so that we can discuss these further with you then.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday break! A chance for us all to get rid of those pesky winter bugs hopefully

Coming Events:

School Holidays

July 6-19

Jul 18 - Working Bee 1PM

Week 1 - Jul 20-24

Jul 20 - First day of Term 3

Jul 21 - Trees For Survival
Planting Day

Jul 21&23 - Mid Year Conferences

Week 2 - Jul 27-31

Jul 28 - Classes Finishing 2pm for
final Mid Year Conferences

July 29 - WGHS Open Evening

Week 3 - Aug3-7

Aug 3 - Teacher Only Day

Aug 4 - Board Meeting 6pm

Week 4 - Aug 10-14

Aug 12 - WGHS Interviews at PBS



Kelly

Our Place to Grow and Learn together

Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngāhahi

Attendance

Ranking Key:

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

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

Group	Year %	Term 1 %	Term 2 %
Karearea	89.6%	90.4%	88.9%
Kotare	91.4%	94.1%	89.1%
Korora	92.4%	91.9%	92.8%
Piwakawaka	93.7%	94%	93.6%
Tui	91.5%	92.2%	90.9%
Ruru	90.1%	92%	88.5%

Well done to Piwakawaka who had the best attendance rater in Term 2!
Closely followed by Korora class.

It is a fine line, between encouraging all children to come to school every day, but not if you are genuinely ill.
Please do stay home if sick, this helps in the long run to improve attendance for children and staff.

Karearea Takes On Snow Planet!



Karearea students had a great time hitting the slopes at Snowplanet in Auckland this week! For some students, this was their first skiing or snowboarding experience. It was wonderful to watch them demonstrate Resilience in action, and their confidence grow through the process. How great to have EOTC experiences like this day in the snow for our Northland students!



Jumping June Fundraising!

We have wrapped up Jumping June this term with a few new jump rope skills! Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the fundraiser - purchasing hot chocolates and skipping ropes, and joining us for the pancake breakfast last week! A MASSIVE thank you to Matua Dane for organising all the events and activities!!

In total we have raised \$550 through Jumping June for the Heart Foundation!

Thank you Whangarei Heads School whanau for supporting the cause!



School Interviews

Have you booked? Conferences in Term 3

Bookings are open now for 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! 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>

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!**

Backyard Kiwi Update

An update from Todd Hamilton from Backyard Kiwi on our monitored kiwi:

Kua tae - after his release back in April, he has settled in well to the Martins' pine block at the start of Owhiwa road. His radio data stream shows that he is very active with up to 14 hours of nightly activity.

Humphries - We did his annual transmitter change back in May (See picture with Jess). He was a healthy 2050g and was feeding up to start another breeding season. His data stream has been showing a steady drop in activity over the last week or so and today showed that he had started nesting. He is only 5 days in so only early days.

Hine - We did her annual transmitter change in May. She was a healthy 2350g and looking good (pic attached). She has stayed in much the same area of pampas and pines behind the Money Factory for a couple of years now so it is likely that she has set up with a mate there.

It is great that these kiwi are moving safely though the landscape, thanks to good dog control by most dog owners! Remember to keep your dog tied up, on a lead or in a well-fenced area. Kiwi don't just live in the bush. They are in paddocks, gorse, pampas grass and, inevitably, in the road verges, and all dogs, big and small, find the smell of kiwi irresistible!



Humphries with Jess, May 2026



Hine with Todd, May 2026



Learn more about Backyard Kiwi at:
<https://www.backyardkiwi.org.nz/>

Matariki from the Museum to the People

We are touring the final installment of our Matariki Trilogy! Catch up with the Whangārei Museum team and view taonga which tell the tales of Matariki.

Hihia Cultural Centre
Sun 5 July 10-3pm

Heritage Park, Gate 2
Sun 19 July 10-2pm

Free events, all welcome with thanks to Whangārei District Council

QR code



Story Competition

Make your imagination shine with a written or visual story about Matariki or our astro-exhibition!

The winner will receive a family membership OR a behind the scenes museum tour!

Entry forms here: QR code

Mini Trains

Wed 8 + 15, Sun 19 July

Big Trains

Wed, Thu, Fri 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17 April + Sun 19 July

Tractors + BBQ

Wed 8 + 15, Sun 19 July

Get your tickets at the stations 10-2pm



Rock + Gem Club

Wed 8 + 15 July

Be a Rock Detective - a treasure hunt for ages 6-12yrs. Cost \$3.00 ea.

Visit the club room between 10:30-11:30am. Bookings essential call 0204666662



Kiwi North

Daily 10-4pm

Kiwi Keeper Talks 11am + 3pm

Meet 14 different native species in our living collection

Special Exhibition: The Stellar Messenger of Te Tai Tokerau

Included with general admission or FREE for members



Winter School Holidays 2026



Heritage Park, 500SH14, Maunu
www.kiwinorth.co.nz



BECOME A MEMBER! WINTER PROMO NOW ON!

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



RC4KIDS
RUGBY CAMP FOR KIDS

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

KIDS RUGBY CAMP

\$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!



HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC



Wednesday 15th July
9am - 3pm
Whangārei 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

Register at sportscamps4kids.co.nz



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.

Chess club



If you have
any
interest in
chess just
come and
try it out.

Come
and
give it
a go!!

Thursday lunchtime
meet outside the
office.



Chess Club

A big thank you to Nico and Jesse for donating two chess sets to the school, and starting their own chess club on Thursdays - Lunchtime! They are looking for keen chess competitors to join them!

**Thank you
Nico & Jesse!**

NORTHLAND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

JUNIOR ASTRONOMY CLUB

FOR KIDS
AGES 4-14

Every 3rd Sunday
of the Month

Explore topics like:
Constellations, Stars, Planets,
Gravity, Light, Shadows, Rockets,
And anything space related!

BOOK ONLINE
www.spacetime.org.nz

\$5 PER SESSION
\$25 FOR A
SEASON PASS

QUARRY ARTS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

TICKETS - ADULTS
\$10 / WHĀNAU \$30
(4 TICKETS)

15 - 18 JULY
5PM - 9.30PM

EXPLORE A COLOURFUL WORLD
OF LIGHT, SHADOW, FIRE, AND ART.

There's something for everyone to discover on this awe-inspiring journey through the Quarry Art Centre grounds.

INTERACTIVE ART, FIRE PERFORMANCES,
UNIQUE ART INSTALLATIONS, ART ACTIVITIES
FOOD TRUCKS, MARKET STALLS



WWW.EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/QUARRY-ARTS-FESTIVAL-OF-LIGHT-2026



Kids kiwi Squash

Junior

SQUASH COACHING

Does your child want to learn how to play
Squash?

We are back again next term coaching
kiwi squash kids (6 years up)

If you haven't yet signed up or re-registered

Please Get In-Touch

Squash is a fantastic sport for children to learn.

It's fun, active, engages kids minds and works on coordination skills.

Most importantly, squash is highly enjoyable!

We have 56 enthusiast kids training with us, all at different levels and learning at their own pace.

We would love your kid to join us!

Contact me Nicky 021540878

\$85 for 10 weeks

The Pines Golf Club

A Matiriki Evening of Jazz & Soul

With
Thelonius Punk

Friday 10th July
Doors open 6:00 pm

Tickets \$35 each

Nibbles to the
Table incl

For Bookings Phone (09) 4362246

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DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Term 3 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 and Kaipara

Date	Hub Locations	Term 3 2026, Weeks 1 to 5
Mon 27 th Jul	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 29 th Jul	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thur 30 th Jul	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thur 6 th Aug	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wed 12 th Aug	Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Mon 17 th Aug	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 19 th Aug	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

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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