



Newsletter: Term 4, Week 1, 16th October 2020

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - Greetings to you all!



It has been great to see the positive way in which we have started this term and we are all looking forward to the learning and fun that will be occurring this term.

Room 2 are certainly excited at now being able to go on their long awaited camp. Mr Higgison has put a lot of work into making sure Room 2 have a great time.

I am looking forward to 'Pink Shirt Day' today and seeing a sea of pink at assembly today. A big thank you to Sharon Allen for organising us; she will be talking about the thinking around the meaning of the day at our sharing assembly. Our Friday assemblies will be held in the afternoons this term starting at 2:20pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

We welcome four new children who have started at our school this week and wish them and their families a happy time at our school. We are also welcoming two new teachers into our team, Tineke Martin will be working in Rooms 2 and 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays, supporting the learning in those rooms as well as providing some exciting science and technology activities. Tineke is a very experienced teacher and we are fortunate to have her on board. Stacey Mears has also joined us in the Kidspace team. Stacey was a student with us last year in Kidspace and we were impressed with her enthusiasm and drive. She has settled quickly and is already establishing herself as a hardworking member of the team.

There are still a number of projects being completed around the school including the pool repairs. Hopefully we will be able to start swimming (weather permitting) towards the end of term.

We have also had new court lines drawn on the playground for netball and basketball. Lines for chess and foursquare in the undercover area have also been painted along with hopscotch and number games on the Kidspace concrete. A big thank you to Josh Gwilliam and Dane Higgison for their work on this project.

Old Room 1 is going through a complete makeover this term, ready to be used as a new classroom for our growing school.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā Manaakitanga
Denise Humphries



A Reminder about Student Placements for 2021

Please keep the following in mind when discussing school next year with your child/ren. Although for the past few years the annual journey for children through classrooms (and their associated teachers) has remained consistent, please note the following for 2021 class placements:

- Our school roll is increasing, and this results in changes in both staffing and the use of teaching spaces.
- To help accommodate the increase in the roll, there are likely to be changes to classroom numbers/names. With this in mind, we request that you please refrain from talking to your child/ren about having a particular teacher for 2021 or about them being in a particular classroom next year.
- With there being bulges in particular year levels, there are likely to be different combinations of year levels grouped within different classes for 2021
- We will be strictly adhering to the class placement procedure (as printed last term and available on request).

Kia ora everyone,

This is a notice to clarify the after school pick up system:

Parking

- If you would like to park, please do so in front of the playcentre
- Please leave the 'bus stop' area in front of the big rock clear of parked cars
- Please do not park on the forest side of the road - leave this clear for the drive and collect cars

Drive and Collect

- If you prefer to drive up and turn around at the school gate we will deliver your child/ren to you in your car
- We will keep this line of cars moving as quickly as possible

Note, you are also welcome to park in the appropriate spaces and come into the school to collect your child/ren.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for some helpers for Friday lunches please. If you are happy to help, please contact the school office. Thank you!!

REMINDERS:

SCHOOL HATS

Hats are compulsory in terms 4 and 1. Children may wear hats from home or we have some in the school office for \$10 for this term only.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder to please phone or email the office before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent. Please indicate the reason for the absence, as this is necessary for our records.

Children who are late to school are required to report to the office before going to class.

Please note: We now have a new phone system that you can dial 1 to leave an absentee and bus message.

DOGS – NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Lews Ocean Beach Surf Lessons** – For Whangarei Heads School children from 7years up. November 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th. \$20 for membership. 14 Ranui Road, Ocean Beach. Park in overflow parking. Phone Lew on 434 0292 or 021 1897201 for bookings and more information.
- **Manaia Ridge Pest Control 2020** – Work to reduce possum and stoat numbers to support our forest and kiwi will start from October 16th with the laying of a small amount of cereal bait containing Sodium Fluoracetate (1080). Any uneaten bait will be removed by late November 2020.

Precautions throughout project period:

- **keep to the marked public track when in the reserve, all other areas are closed.**
- **keep pets out of the reserve, bait and carcasses are toxic to dogs and cats**
- **watch children at all times**
- **Lions Club Whangarei** – Presents Fireworks Display. Saturday November 7th at Semenoff Stadium from 6pm. \$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult and 4 children) Under 5's free. \$10 Adult and \$5 for school children.

A Winter Wonderland

You can buy tickets at
the Room 2 market day
September 22, 1-3pm

Food and drinks
available

Prizes for the
best dancers and
best dressed

Brought to you by:

The Disco Dancers

WHANGAREI HEADS SCHOOL

Friday 13th of November - Week 5, Term 4

Times are: Juniors 6:00 till 7:00 and Seniors 7:00 till 8:30

This will be in the school hall/Te Mangoroa

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday Oct 20 to Friday 23 October
Monday October 26
Tuesday November 10
Wednesday November 11
Friday November 13
Friday November 20
Wednesday November 25
Friday November 27
Wednesday December 2
Thursday December 10
Thursday December 17

Room 2 Camp
Labour Day – NO SCHOOL
Zone Athletics Y4-6 at Parua Bay School
Zone Athletics Y7&8 at Parua Bay School
School Disco
Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL
Whangarei Athletics Y7&8
Maori Myths Show – Whole School
Whangarei Athletics Y4-6
Christmas Tree Evening
Last Day of Term 4 – SCHOOL FINISHES 12NOON