



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - Welcome back and a big welcome to all our new families

It has been great to see the positive start our children and staff have made this week. I loved seeing all the happy smiling faces at our Monday assembly. We are very pleased to welcome Bridget Crouchley and Tineke Maunder onto the staff this year, I am sure they will be a great asset to our school.

A very warm welcome to our new students, Aimee, Matiu, Mac H, Hannah and Jesse, Nina, Harper, Finn, Sofia, Noah, Beau, Lenny, Mikki, Freddie, Max, Phoenix, Vulcan, Jayde, Mya, Arthur, Taylor, Hunter, Banos, Baxter, and Mac G.

We are extremely busy this term with each class going on camp, to set up the relationships that will ensure a great year for all our children. We are also having our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for each class to inform you of the programs in place this year and information for camps. If you cannot make these meetings, each class has an information sheet for parents. Further information will also come out around camps in the coming weeks.

Our major fundraiser - The 'Funky Fishing' Competition is approaching fast and we will be putting out a jobs list next week outside the office, we hope that as many parents as possible will be able to support us on the day. We have an awesome committee who have put in a huge effort to organise the event, so please support them. The fundraising goes towards library books and extras for the classrooms and school environment. Raffle books will also be sent home to families next week, so please look out for those.

We are hoping for fine weather next Thursday for our 'Paddleboard Day' (now that our gardens have been watered and water tanks filled), and hope that as many parents as possible will be able to join us on the day. A big thank you to Dane Higgison for organising this amazing experience!

On Monday morning all our whanau are invited to attend a special school Whakatau to welcome new staff and children to our Kura. This will be followed by a morning tea. Apologies for the change of day, as some staff are away today. All new parents, children and staff will congregate up at the gate at 9.05am on Monday and will be called down to the undercover area by Sharon Allen.

Ngā Manaakitanga
Denise Humphries





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WELCOME

Whakatau Monday February 16 at 9.05am to welcome new staff and children to our Kura. This will be followed by a morning tea. All are welcome.

Room 1 has a super exciting, action packed overnight camp on Thursday 25th to Friday 26th of February. We are going to Kawiti caves, a cultural tour through Waitangi, discovery of Russell including the Pompallier Mission printery, and finally Ruapekapeka. It will be a really busy, exciting camp filled with learning and new experiences.

Paddle boarding - thanks to all the parents who have had the permission slip returned and have offered their help for the day. Let's hope the weather will play its part! Keep an eye out on DOJO next week for all the final event information.

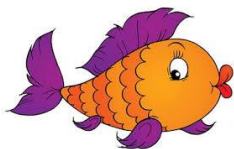


Swimming Sports

R1, R2 and R3 school swimming sports will be held at school next Wednesday afternoon from 12:30pm. The Zones event (with Parua Bay) is earlier this year to fit around camps across the two schools which has meant that our school event has also had to be moved forward.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

Room 2 Meet the Teacher / Camp Meeting - next Monday February 15, 5:30pm followed by **Room 1** Meet the Teacher meeting at 6:15pm. **Kidspace 1** meeting Tuesday February 23, 5.30pm and **Room 3** Wednesday 24, 5.30pm.



FUNKY FISH



- ❖ Volunteers - needed If you are able to help to set up stalls, running stalls and any other jobs required, please email funkyfishing.whs@gmail.com or call the school office.
- ❖ Raffle tickets - Next Monday the eldest child in each family will be bringing home raffle tickets to sell for our Funky Fish event.

Board Bites, February 2021

Kia Ora! Welcome to the first edition of Board Bites - updates from our regular board meetings.

Firstly, the board of trustees would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families. Nau mai, haere mai. We are delighted to have you join the Whangarei Heads School community.

2020 was a challenging year but we are looking forward to enjoying the continued freedom that we are so privileged to have here in Aotearoa.

We have a lot happening over the next few months at Whangarei Heads School – in fact, plenty has been happening over the holidays too.

- It was great to oversee the refurbishment of the old room 1 classroom and to have all but one piece of equipment finished, installed and ready for the start of school this week. We would like to acknowledge the contractors who worked so hard over the holidays to make this happen. A big thanks to Isaac Kake and his team from Whangarei Heads Construction, Julian Andrews from Profile Painting LTD, Dave Capey Electrical, Northland Interiors, and Carpet Court Whangarei.
- The 7th of April has been set for a bi-election for the appointment of three new board members. A by-election is required as three board members (including the previous chair) stepped down last year. We would like to acknowledge exiting board members Rachael Dennis, Katharina Friedli and Greg Hartwell and thank them for the tireless efforts they have put in behind the scenes to serve our school community over the past several years. Our electoral officer will share more details of the pending bi-election as they come to hand. Please feel free to make contact if you would like any information concerning these positions. It is a requirement for the school to have an elected board member as chairperson and we are pleased to advise that Josh Gwilliam and Hanna Wood will co-chair the board for 2021.
- We are currently receiving applications for our Principal appointment and we will be going through these in due course.
- Decisions are currently being worked through regarding projects using the special funding that was made available last year by the MOE. The outstanding projects to sign off on are the construction of a roof over the outdoor classroom and refurbishment of the playground.
- SchoolDocs will be up and running soon on the school website. This will be an online portal where anyone can view our school policies and procedures.
- We would like to remind the school community that you are welcome at any of our board meetings.

Well, that is it for now but we look forward sharing further updates after our next board meeting.

Nga mihi nui, The BOT

REMINDERS:

SICK CHILDREN – A friendly reminder to please keep your child home if they are unwell. If your child or family member has had a Covid test, please inform the school and we kindly request they are kept home until a negative test is given. Thank you.

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

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. *When leaving a message please indicate how many days they will be absent, this will save you calling every day.* Thankyou.

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

PLEASE NOTE: IF WE DO NOT HAVE CONTACT FROM PARENT/CAREGIVER, WE MUST MARK YOUR CHILD AS TRUANT.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY

A friendly reminder to report to the school office when you are collecting your child early from school. It is important for the safety of your child in case there is an emergency at school.

MESSAGES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

If you have a message for your child, please call the school office by 2.30pm to allow plenty of time to deliver it. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have your correct contact details. Please let us know if you have moved house, have changed phone or email details, or any circumstances have changed that we may need to know about.

HATS ON!

Once again it will be compulsory for children to wear a sunhat when they go outside during term 1, so please get your child in the habit of packing a hat in their school bag. LET'S ALL BE SUNSAFE! A lot of children purchased our school hats last year. It is a good idea if these are kept at school to avoid them being left at home. If you would like to purchase a school hat for \$15, please contact the office.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

We will once again be selling school lunches every Friday. These will be \$4 per child and can be purchased with cash on the day or **pre-paid** online. We also have homemade fruit juice ice blocks for sale at lunchtime and after school for \$1. This starts next Friday.

HELMETS

Children who use scooters, skate boards or roller blades at school must wear a helmet at all times. Please support your child with this. Make sure the helmet is named.

SPARE CLOTHES/SWIMWEAR

We are in need of spare shorts and swimwear, particularly smaller sizes.

All School accounts will be emailed out shortly: We encourage you to use internet banking for any school payments.

School Bank Account Number: 12-3092-0033347-00

Whangarei Heads School

School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election of **three** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday, 5th March 2021**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on **Wednesday, 7th April**.

Paula Kanara, Returning Officer

A big Whangarei Heads School Happy Birthday to: Jiajia Xiao-Colley, Gemma Drake, Thomas McDonald, Shira Wishoof, Otto Schlesier, Griffin Nairn, Lilly Mills, Riley Croasdale, Tui Diamond, Lucy McDonald, Max Drake, Freddie Taylor, Noah Evans, Tyson Rewa, Sophie Shatwell, Iyah Vaotogo, Amelie Straka, Beau Hrding, Niko Foote, Finn Shatwell, Taylor McCarty, Cobie Lord, Primrose Heywood, Shani Dewhurst and Tai Tukapua.



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We would like to know how you want our fortnightly newsletter delivered to you. As an Enviro school it would be great to send it out electronically, however if you wish to receive a hard copy, please fill out the below form and return it to the school office. You can get your child to drop it to Paula or email her at office office@whangareiheads.school.nz

Please note: If the office does not receive the below form, we will assume you are happy to receive an electronic copy.

YES, I would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Child's name _____ Rm: _____

End of the School Day Bell - Please note that a bell will ring at 2.50pm for children who catch the first bus ONLY. Those children assemble in Te Mangaroa, then are escorted to the bus by a staff member. ONCE the bus children are on the move, the rest of the school will be released.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday February 15

Tuesday February 16

Wednesday February 17

Thursday February 18

Tuesday February 23

Wednesday February 24

Thurs & Fri February 25 & 26

Thurs & Friday March 4 & 5

Sunday March 7

Thursday & Friday March 18 & 19

Tues to Thurs March 30 – April 1

Friday April 2

Monday April 4

Tuesday April 5

Mon to Thursday April 12 to 15

Friday April 16

Monday May 3

Whakatau to Welcome New Family & Staff – 9.05am

Room 2 Camp/Meet the Teacher Meeting – 5.30pm

Room 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 6.15pm

BoT Meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom

Swimming Sports – Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Paddleboard Day – Whole School at Taurikura

Kidspace 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 5.30pm

Zone Swimming Sports – Whangarei Heads School

Room 3 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 5.30pm

Room 1 Trip to Waitangi

Kidspace 2 Camp – Baptist Camp

Funky Fish

Kidspace 1 Overnight Camp at School

Room 3 Camp – Ruakaka Scout Den

Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL

Room 2 Camp – Lonsdale Park

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 Starts.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Afterschool Theatre & Drama Classes at Northland Youth Theatre!** Join our after-school drama classes to learn about theatre-making and acting, all abilities welcome! These classes focus on having fun, developing drama skills, teamwork and building confidence. We explore elements of storytelling, movement and chthrough games, scenarios and short script work. Spaces available in all Classes! Junior (ages 9 - 11) Intermediate (ages 11 - 14)Senior (ages 14+) Email office@nyt.org.nz or message us on Facebook or Instagram - @Northland_youth_theatre
- **Shackleton Sea Scouts** is part of Scouting NZ and we use our amazing Northland maritime environment to do water activities, such as sailing, rowing and kayaking - and land-based activities, such as camping, tramping and survival. It is open for both boys and girls. Scouts (10.5 to 15 years) and Venturers (15 to 18 years). These sections meet on Mondays from 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Shackleton Den (52a Riverside Drive, Whangarei) Contact shackleton@group.scouts.nz or check out www.shackletonseascouts.nz



Manaia Tigers Football Club

Registration Day

Saturday 20th February 2021
Outside Parua Bay School Hall
9.30-11.30 am

New and Returning Players
Ages 5-12

Boot swap- bring any unwanted
old boots. Plastic sprigs only.

For further info please contact Guthrie Lepper

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