

Newsletter: Term 1, Week 4, 26th February 2021

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

It was great to see so many new children, parents and our new staff being welcomed to our school with a Whakatau on Monday. We are fortunate in having Kim Tito as our Kuamatua, he is amazing at personalising the Whakatau for our school and making it such a positive experience.

Our Senior Swimming Sports was a big success and very well organised. A big thank you to Dane Higgison for organising this event for us. It is so good to see the children stepping up and taking part. We had some great performances and a number of our children represented our school at the Zone swimming sports held on Wednesday.



Our school is part of a CoL group (Community of Learning) or Kāhui Ako. Our group includes Whangarei Girls High School, Pompalliar College, 4 other Primary Schools, including Parua Bay and Early Childhood Centres. Belonging to this group allows us greater access to new curriculum resources, staff professional development and professional conversations across the schools. This year 'Wellbeing' continues to be a major focus and Sharon Allen is the lead for this across our school. We also have regular hui with the 5 other Kāhui Ako groups in Whangarei. The next big Wellbeing Hui, which our team of Sara Robinson, Sharon Allen and myself will be attending, is being held on 10th March. At this hui we will be working with the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience. Our other focuses this year will be STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) and Tineke Maunder will lead this initiative across our school, with Digital Circus facilitating this program. Also, Maths with Dianne Ogle. Principals and lead teachers meet regularly to talk about where to next with curriculum and building successful transitions from Early Childhood to Primary School and then High School. As a school we are also part of Te Reo professional development, carrying on from last year. I will update you further as we go through the year.

Ngā Manaakitanga Denise Humphries





Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi Our place to grow and learn together



A reminder that the Funky Fishing Day is a school day. We encourage all our children to come to our major fundraiser. Our older children will be expected to help at some stage during the day.

From our Board of Trustees

Kia Ora School Whanau

Below is an exert of the communication that we have sent out to the applicants for our Principal role. We hope that the community understand the intention behind the extension. We look forward to the Board being in a position to re advertise the role in due course. We continue to support Denise in her role as Acting Principal and reassure the community that this decision has been made in collaboration with all stake holders.

'There have been very recent changes to the Board, and the school will also conduct a by election in April, which will mean further additions.

In light of these changes, the current Board members have decided to extend the appointment process until term two so that new members can be involved in the decision making process. I'm sure that you will appreciate that the Board places a very high degree of importance on this decision and want to ensure that the process is robust. The extension of time also provides the Board with an opportunity to seek broader interest in the role, so that it will re-advertise the position'.

Nga Mihi

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Whangarei Heads School

School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election of *three* parent representatives to the board of trustees. We currently have five nominees, so an election will take place.

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.

Election day - Wednesday, 7th April.

Paula Kanara, Returning Officer



FUNKYFISH

WOW - one week to go!!!

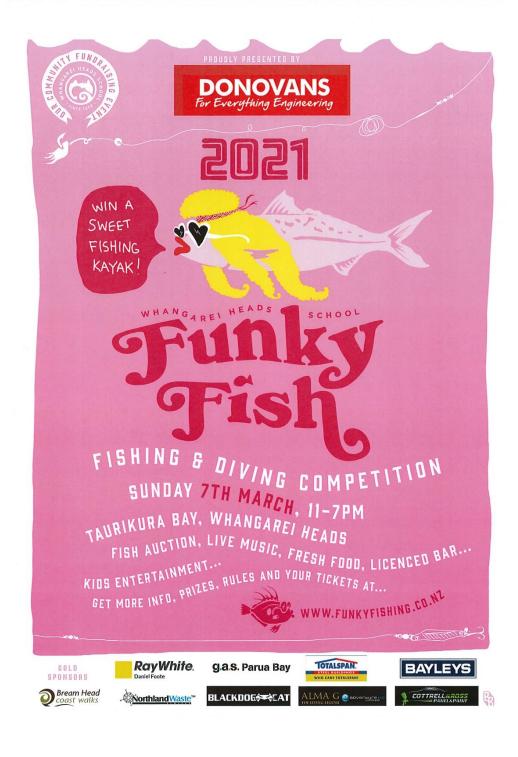


So much is happening behind the scenes to bring this awesome event alive for 2021. Keep selling those raffle tickets, making sure that the money and any unsold tickets come in next week please. A BIG thank you to Mel Leahy for her hard work making up the raffle books to keep up with the demand, you are awesome Mel!

Loads of you have offered help via the online survey. Please fill this out if you haven't already, as it helps the organisers fill gaps and coordinate the day. <u>Funky Fish Volunteer Survey</u>

Entry tickets for this event can be bought from our school office.

Please deposit all FUNKY FISH raffle money to: WHS account 12-3092-0033347-03



McLeod Bay Bus

The McLeod Bay bus in the afternoon is very full and scooters and skateboards are often hard to fit on the bus. If children agree we could lock these in classrooms from Monday to Friday, to save congestion. We are also finding it hard to accommodate extra children on playdates. Perhaps parents could organise a pick up for these children.

Unfortunately, we do not qualify for a bigger bus, as a number of children on the bus do not fit the criteria for going on the bus. Thank you for your understanding.

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.





Paddle boarding - Paddleboarding / Beach Day next Wednesday (3rd March). Please complete this short form to give your child permission and to offer your help to make the day happen. Thanks. <u>Paddle Board Permission and Parent Help</u>



We would like to thank the amazing Dulcie Hering for her stunning mural on the Kidspace 1 wall. We are truly lucky to have such beautiful art to enjoy, Thanks Dulcie!

SWIMMING SPORTS

The forecasted wind turned out to be more of a breeze and the sun's rays were out as the top swimmers from Parua Bay and Whangarei Heads converged for the annual Zone swimming champs. It was great to see the event go ahead and provide the children with an awesome opportunity to race one another. Cheers of encouragement, sportsmanship, and some very close races made for a fantastic morning. A big congratulations to all swimmers for making it through to this event, and especially to the top two who now qualify for the WPSSA event at Whangarei Intermediate on March 17th. A big thank you also goes to the many parents who helped out with officiating for the morning.

	FREESTYLE		BACKSTROKE		BREASTSTROKE	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Y4 G (2 lengths)	Nina Caulton	Ella McDonald = Poppy Dennis =	Nina Caulton	Ella McDonald	Nina Caulton	Ella McDonald
Y4 B (2 lengths)	Jack Hagland	Eli Walkin	Te Morehu Cooper	Tyler Snow		
Y5 G (4 lengths)	Macy Kake	Jayde Maunder	Jayde Maunder	Macy Kake	Macy Kake	Jayde Maunder
Y5 B (4 lengths)	Tai Tukupua	Theo Summers	Tai Tukupua	Cody Tremain	Tai Tukupua	Cody Tremain
Y6 G (4 lengths)	Zoe Caulton	Molly Dennis	Zoe Caulton	Molly Dennis	Zoe Caulton	Molly Dennis
Y6 B (4 lengths)	Henry Childs	Thomas McDonald	Henry Childs	Thomas McDonald	Henry Childs	Thomas McDonald
Y7 G (4 lengths)	Katie Haywood	Jade Marris	Jade Marris	Katie Haywood	Jade Marris	Katie Haywood
Y7 B (4 lengths)	Zac Laing	Leroy Innes	Ruben Woods	Zac Laing	Kobi Walker	Zac Laing
Y8 G (4 lengths)	Izzy Kake	Anabelle Tuato'o- Ross	Izzy Kake	Lottie Gwilliam	Lola Eilering	Izzy Kake
Y8 B (4 lengths)	Toby Greenwood	Quinn Jessen			Dylan Powell	

Whangarei Heads and Parua Bay Zone Swimming Sports 2021 RESULTS (1st & 2nd)





Kidspace 2 Camp

Next week on Thursday 4th - Friday 5th of March Kidspace 2 are heading away on camp. We are going to stay the night at the Manaia Baptist camp and will spend the first day exploring the beach. There we will get to do some fishing, swimming and netting and getting to know each other more through different activities. We also can't wait to head to Kiwi North on the Friday where we get to see kiwis feeding and explore many other native animals and plants. We will get the opportunity to learn about predators and how we can look after our special native animals. Thank you to all the parents that have offered their help for our camp, we can't wait!

Miss Crouchley



A big Whangarei Heads School Happy Birthday to: Arlo Innes, Scarlett Heywood, Caoimhe Leahy, Nikau Richards, Finn Bycroft and Lincoln Hartwell!!

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES are every Friday. Cost is \$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.



Message from the school office: For your information, in the last week we have had quite a few children unwell with, sore throats, runny noses, fevers and some upset tummies. We kindly ask for you to keep sick children home and if they do have any of the above illness or other illness, please let the school know. Thank you!

Thank you to our Funky Fish Sponsors. Please show your appreciation by supporting these businesses ;)





IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday March 1 Wednesday March 3 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 5 Tuesday April 6 Wednesday April 7 Tuesday April 13 Mon to Thursday April 12 to 15 Friday April 16 Monday May 3 BoT Meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom EPro8 Challenge – 5pm to 8pm at WIS 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 By-Election Day Count of Votes for By-Elections Room 2 Camp – Lonsdale Park Last Day of Term 1 Term 2 Starts.





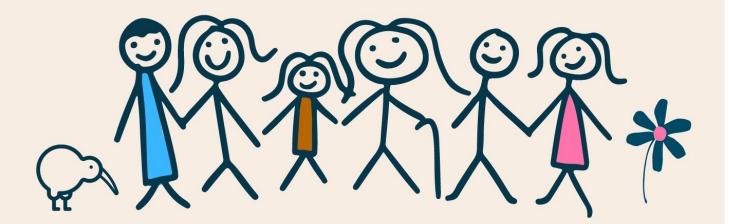


We encourage you to use internet banking for any school payments. SCHOOL FEES: School Bank Account Number: 12-3092-0033347-00 FUNKY FISH: 12-3092-0033347-03

On 7th March 2021 FREE ENTRY to KIWI NORTH for kids to celebrate International Children's Day

UP TO 3 CHILDREN FREE PER ADULT TICKET

See Raukura and Zephyr at home foraging Kiwi Feedings at 11am, 1pm and 3pm Tuatara Encounter with Flash at 11:20am Lots to learn about in the Whangarei Museum Join the Kiwi North Scavenger Hunt Bring a picnic and enjoy Heritage Park



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Parenting Evening

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> Friday 5th March | 7 PM Church Unlimited | 10 Mill Road, Regent

Cooperation

Cuppa & Cake Included No Charge Childcare Available