



### Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

We have certainly had a busy and eventful last couple of weeks. Fortunately, we were able to navigate the Tsunami warning with very little effect on the children by keeping things as normal as possible. A big thanks to all our staff for keeping things normal and supporting community members who came up to our school for safety.



This week sees Kidspace 1 and 2 camps going ahead, thank you to all the parents for supporting these camps and for your understanding around the changes to the Kidspace 2 camp due to Covid restrictions.

We had our fingers crossed that we can go ahead with the Junior Swimming Sports yesterday, however we have had to postpone it to next Tuesday.

It was great to see 2 teams from Room 1 take part in the Epro8 technology challenge on Wednesday night. The challenge certainly tests the children's communication skills and ability to follow instructions as well as thinking outside the square. STEAM is a focus this year so this was a great starting point for us. We are hoping to purchase a kit from the Epro8 team that will support the children looking forward to next year's competition.

We have had very pleasing results from last year regarding our children's achievement in Maths, Writing and Reading. We have been in a professional development program for the past 3 years for Maths and that has really supported our teacher's in their understanding around Maths teaching.

**In Maths** 93% Achieving 'At', 3% 'Above' = **96% student's achieving at or above NZC expected levels**

4 Students 3% working below NZC expectation, 1 Student 1% working well below NZC expectation = **4% below or well below NZC expectation**

**In Writing** 93% Achieving At, 1% Above = **94% students achievement at or above the expected level**

4 Students 4% working below NZC expectation, 2 Students 2% working well below NZC expectation = **6% below or well below NZC expected level**

**In Reading** 84% Achieving At, 8% Above = **92% students achievement at or above the expected level**

4 Students 4% working below NZC expectation, 4 Students 4% working well below NZC expectation = **8% below or well below NZC**

We are fortunate in having such amazing teachers and teacher aides at our school.



## Child Safety

A car park incident has been brought to my attention by a parent. At around 8.15 a car that was dropping off children last Friday, squeezed between 2 cars and narrowly missed a child. Please take care at all times when dropping off and collecting children. With our growing numbers there are more children to consider. A reminder that if you are parking to collect your children, please do so outside the play centre leaving room at the big rock for the bus. If you are picking up from the gate, please wait in line and move up to the gate when it is your turn, please avoid parking on the Mount Manaia side. Thank you for your consideration.

Ngā Manaakitanga  
Denise Humphries

A big Whangarei Heads School Happy Birthday to: Rony Kratz, Nina Caulton, Jonathan Kratz and Aria Walker!!!



## FUNKY FISH

**POSTPONEMENT DAY – SUNDAY APRIL 18TH**

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

A reminder that the Funky Fishing raffle tickets are due back in with all payments please. The raffle will be drawn on the new competition day, Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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



## Kidspace 2 Camp

New date is the same as Kidspace 1 and will also be at school. March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Crouchley

## From our Board of Trustees

### Board Bites

We hope you and your whānau are doing well as you navigate the challenges of life amidst shifting Covid alert levels and then a tsunami evacuation to add to the excitement. We would like to acknowledge Denise and all the staff for the amazing job they have done recently in keeping us informed, for all the extra work required to manage changes to school events, and then – on Friday – for the calm and reassuring care they showed our children and community in response to the tsunami warning. Our children really are in very good hands.

The following is a summary from our last board meeting, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

- The trial run for community access to the school pool will now be in place in Term 4. More information will be coming out about the application process, guidelines, and cost so that families can use the school pool.
- Positive achievement results for our students have been noted in the 2020 Analysis of Variance, even in light of the disruption that Covid brought to our school last year. Well done Denise and the team!
- We continue to review our policies to reflect the kaupapa of our school. We eagerly await the commissioning of School Docs, happening in the next couple of weeks, as this will enhance the accessibility of information and also streamline our policies to the uniqueness of our kura.
- Sign-off on the last of the work on Room One has been completed and Whaea Tineke and her class are enjoying their new learning new space.
- Great to see that we have had plenty of interest in the upcoming BOT by-election, with a total of six nominations. A huge thanks to Paula for all the extra work she is doing as the returning officer. We encourage all of the school parent community to exercise their democratic rights and vote in the by-election.
- We would like to remind the school community that you are welcome at any of our board meetings.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

The Whangārei Heads School BOT

### **Whangarei Heads School School Board of Trustees By-Election**

Voting papers have been mailed out this week. Please make time to vote because your vote counts. You can post your voting paper to 28 Whangarei Heads School Road, RD 4, Whangarei. 0174 or hand deliver to the school office.

**Election day - Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. Closes 4pm**

**Accept Postal Votes – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Count Votes – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Board takes Office – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

## *Whanau Hui 2021*

*15th March at 3.30pm in Te Mangoroa*

*Dear Parents and Whanau you are warmly invited to our 2021 Whanau Hui.*

*We welcome this opportunity to meet and share ideas with you about aspects of your child's education at Whangarei Heads School.*

*The conversation will focus on Maori education. We will discuss our current strengths, what you would like to see more of in the future and how you may like to be involved.*

*The pool will be open and supervised for school children, so parents can be part of the hui.*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

### **Room 1 Waitangi Trip**

On Thursday the 25th of February to Friday the 26th February, Room 1 went on an overnight camp to Waitangi. We had an amazing time learning about NZ history at Waitangi, Kawiti Caves, Pompallier Mission and Ruapekapeka, as well as bonding as a class. Here are a few memorable parts from some of the students.

*As we stepped off the ferry, Leroy spotted a shark fin. We rushed to the rail to see the sharks, but there was nothing. We were about to go then a shark fin appeared. Woah look at that! That was the best bit of the trip.*  
**Andrew**

*I saw twinkling soft blue light. It looked like we were in the galaxy. We walked further into the cave. When I was looking up at the beautiful glow worms I could not believe that they were the 3rd deadliest creature to humans! They are so pretty but*

really deadly! On our way back we walked through the last bit of the cave and we spotted an eel. It was really fat but not that long! Scarlett

I remember jumping into the river. It was fun and it was cool. I jumped in lots of times. I liked dinner. It was yum, I liked the chips the most. It was nice and cool at night. So I got a nice sleep, but what I did not like was the bug bites. There were lots of bugs. Going on the boat to Russell was fun. I learnt lots of stuff at Russell. Then I was on top of the boat when we went back. It was the best camp I went to. Tayvin



Ferry to Russell



Bombing into the river



Cultural Experience at the Treaty Grounds



Inspiring Cultural Experience



Kawiti Glow Worm Caves



Pompallier Mission Printery



## Enviro Group

Last week four of our seniors from the school Enviro Group were asked to be part of a LERNZ virtual field trip. The students went to Bream Head Reserve to film planting, weeding and trapping videos. The crew worked so well with the students, even doing the interview in a tree because that's what the kids wanted! The children were asked on camera why they had become involved in conservation work and what they had learnt...



Can't wait to see the finished video. The video will be available for schools around the country to watch in about a month's time. As always I was very proud of how our Whangarei Heads School children acted and responded on the day. Ka pai to mahi, great work guys!



Figure 1 Last weeks winners

## Gold Award Winners

Well Done Kids!!



Figure 2 Todays winners

## 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.

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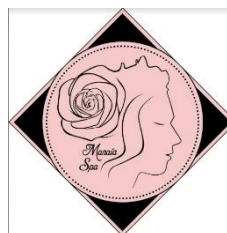


**John Lee Diamond**

**g.a.s. Parua Bay**



*Treasure Island*



**Eric Jagger**



## IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday March 15  
 Tuesday March 16  
 Thursday & Friday March 18 & 19  
 Monday March 29  
 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

Whanau Hui – 3.30pm in Te Mangoroa  
 Junior Swimming Sports – 1pm  
 Kidspace 1&2 Overnight Camp at School  
 BoT Meeting – 5.30pm Staffroom  
 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.



**HAINES HUNTER**



**WHANGAREI HEADS  
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 CALL 021 222 2359

*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

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- **THRIFT** (The Heads Repair It Free Team) Do you have things that are broken, but still have useful life in them? Jammed toaster, broken ornament, skirt with split seam? We will try and fix them. Just drop them off in the labelled box on the patio at The Deck or send an e-mail to [annandjohng@gmail.com](mailto:annandjohng@gmail.com). It has to be portable (no fridges or washing machines) and not reliant on advanced electronics (no TVs, laptops or phones).

