Whangarei Heads School

Newsletter: Term 2, Week 7, 18th June 2021

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

It was great to see so many families at our 'Movie Night' last Friday, we made around \$800 on the night from snacks and tickets. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the night and a special shout out to those Karearea children who helped serve the snacks, make popcorn and lolly bags, as well as helping with the tidy up. I am really proud of the way they stepped up. We hope to run another 'Movie Night' in Term 3.

This week sees the start of our 'Passion Time' sessions, lunch will go from 12.10 - 12.50. The children all know what group they are in and in most cases were able to get their first choice.

Thank you to all the parents who are helping out.

Passion Time Groups - First Session Friday 18th June 1-3pm



Adam and Alex Hunter - Bush Craft

Emily Drake - Coding/3D printing

Piwakawaka - help in the class

Dane Higgison - Wheels & Sports



Tineke Maunder - STEAM cooking and NZ history

Bridget Crouchley - Art / Plants

Ben, Aaron, Matt, Brian/Katharine, Camille, Isaac, Darryl - Surfing

Laura Shabtay - Juggling (she needs recycled plastic bags - large or small, to make some juggling equipment

Today our two senior classes, Kārearea and Kōtare went to the Science Roadshow. We are grateful for the transport support from parents for these children. It is only through your support that we can provide these unique opportunities for our children.

Later this term Kororā and Kōtare will be visiting the Planetarium as part of their 'Space' unit. We will also be celebrating Matariki with a house activity morning and visiting performers, and on the last day of term a Matariki breakfast.

This term certainly seems to have gone fast, with three weeks left, but we have still many learning opportunities organised for our children. Teachers are busy writing Mid-Year Reports and these will go out at the end of term. Our 3-Way Conferences will be held during weeks one and two in term 3.

Ngā Manaakitanga **Denise Humphries**





NZEI paid Union Meeting Tuesday 22nd June.

All our teachers will be attending these meeting so we will have limited cover for children from 12noon. If possible, could you please pick up your children at this time or let us know if your child will be staying at school.



A big Whangargi Hgads School Happy Birthday to:
Hunter Olsen-Durrant, Arlo Benge, Mikey Bourke, Liv Evans, Caleb
Drake and Grace Woods!!!

Dirty Laundry Help

We are looking for someone to help out with cleaning some dirty linen, mainly tea towels. The lovely parent who used to do this has left our school. If you are wanting to help with this, please contact Paula. Thank you.



Head lice

Unfortunately, these little critters have made their home in some of our children's hair. Can you please check your child's hair and get them treatment as soon as possible? If you need any advice or information, there are leaflets available from the school office. Alternatively, your local pharmacy will be able to help.

https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/head-lice



REMINDERS:

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



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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday June 22 Paid NZEI Union Meeting – 12noon Monday June 28 BoT Meeting – 5.30pm Staffroom

Thursday July 1 Korora and Kotare Planetarium trip – 6.30pm

Friday July 9 Matariki Breakfast – 6am, All welcome

Friday July 9 End of Term 2 Monday July 26 Start of Term 3

Wednesday July 28 3-Way Conferences – SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12NOON

Tuesday August 3 3-Way Conferences – 3.15pm to 6.30pm

Monday August 23 Teacher Only Day Pause, Breathe, Smile PBS – NO SCHOOL

Friday October 1 End of Term 3

Monday October 18 Start of Term 4

Friday December 17 Last Day of 2021

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Annual Mid-Winter Swim

1pm Sunday June 20th. Meet in the Smuggler's Bay carpark at 12.45pm. Sausage sizzle and mulled wine available. For more information, please contact Justine on 0292006537





RMHC® New Zealand provides free accommodation and support to families with a child in a hospital away from home. My name is Grace and I look after your region here at Ronald McDonald House. Our annual appeal is happening now and I wanted to see if your Whangarei Heads School would like to take part and join the fight this June.

When a child is fighting for their life, their family fights with them.

On average each month, 357 families from all over New Zealand stay at a Ronald McDonald House® for 2,900 nights while their child is undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital.

For the month of June, we need your help to keep doing this so that more families from your community can be together in their time of need. Here's how you can help:

- 1. Tell people about our Annual Appeal campaign and ask them to join the fight using this link,
- 2. Ask your community to collectively join the fight and set up a team at http://bit.ly/JoinTheFightToFundANight
- 3. Share our Annual Appeal Facebook posts
- 4. Create your own post using @rmhcnewzealand #keepingfamiliesclose #jointhefight. This year we have a fun gif for people to use on Instagram too! Simply search "RMHC New Zealand" under gifs on Instagram to find it



