

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa



Last Thursday, Alex Hunter and myself attended the Northland Environmental Awards evening in Kerikeri, as our school was a finalist in the 'Environment in Education Award' section. Out of 47 schools we were runners up and received a highly commended certificate for our work with pest control. This was a great result and a huge thank you to Alex Hunter and Adam Willetts who have helped run our Enviro Group, and have taught our children about pest control within the school environment and how to protect our bush and the wider environment.

One of our past pupils, Jayden Edwards, also received a 'Highly Commended' for his work as a 'Junior Fisheries Officer' the award being for 'Environmental Action in the Community'

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 Barr and Aaron Innes - Surfing (note only 2 children per adult in the water, it would be great to have a couple more surfing parents and we need a parent to be on the beach observing - at the moment we could only take 4 children)

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

It would be really helpful if we could have some parents come along to help with the groups. Please let us know if you can help with any of the activities.

We will be organising the groups over the next week giving children a first and second choice of the group they want to join. They will stay with that same activity for the three sessions.



Next Friday we will be having our Movie Night, as advertised in the awesome posters designed by Becs Moore. We hope that it will be a real family occasion with parents and children watching the movie together. Snacks will be available on the night.

The Life Education truck is here this week the topics being covered are-

Friendship - **Piwakawaka** Empathy - **Tui** Healthy Bodies - **Kororā**

Team players and Leadership - **Kōtare** Feeling Different - **Kārearea**

We are very lucky to be able to have this resource available to us, and the children love the idea of a classroom in a truck and meeting Harold the Giraffe.

It was great to see the enthusiasm for our Staff versus Students Netball match during lunch time on Tuesday. The staff were run away winners, however the spirit in which it was played was great and the students were very gracious in defeat. We hope to run more of these teachers versus student's sports events throughout the year, so that we can cover all the sports that our children play at weekends.

The Years 4-6 have been training for the last few weeks for the Winter Sports at Kensington Stadium held on Wednesday. We thank all of our parents who helped on the day, we truly appreciate your time.

Our staff attended the Nathan Wallis talk on the 'Teen Brain'. It was both informative and entertaining giving us a greater understanding around adolescents and strategies to help support them.

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.

Reminders – School Photos next Tuesday 8th June
BOT Meeting next Tuesday 5.30pm 8th June

If you have an interest or expertise in Art, our teachers need support for the Art Exhibition that will be held later this year, please let myself or Paula know if you think you can help.



A big Whangarei Heads School Happy Birthday to: Oceana Jones, Ezra Waetford, Ben Wyrsh-Copplestone, Isaac Davies, Molly Kersel and Juniper Johnson!!!



— Family —

*** MOVIE NIGHT ***

6PM FRIDAY 11 JUNE

Join us for our Family Movie Night fundraiser next Friday on the 11th of June at 6pm! We'll be running simultaneous screenings of Jumanji (the original version) for our junior students and Raya and the Last Dragon for our seniors.



JUMANJI

RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON



More information...

We welcome the whole family to come along; parental guidance is required for our junior screening. Tickets can be bought from the office or Kārearea. Snacks will be available for purchase on the night.



Te Manawa o Whangārei

Pānui #1

Term 2 2021

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to our first community pānui for our Kāhui Ako - Te Manawa o Whangārei. It has been a busy start to the year with lots of fantastic initiatives happening in our schools.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning are groups of education and training providers that come together, along with their communities, to raise achievement for all tamariki and young people – by supporting each other and sharing expertise in teaching and learning (ako).

Te Manawa o Whangārei Schools

- Whangārei Girls High School
- Pompallier Catholic College
- Maungatapere School
- Matarau School
- Ngunguru School
- Whangārei Heads School
- Parua Bay School
- St Francis Xavier Catholic School
- St Joseph's School Dargaville

Early Childhood Centres

- Best Start Regent Kindy
- Comrie Park Kindergarten
- Kensington Educare
- Manaia Kindergarten
- Parua Bay Childcare
- Parua Bay Playcentre
- Pipi's Childcare and Preschool
- St John's Progressive Childcare

Te Manawa o Whangārei is led by Anne Cooper (WGHS) and Craig McKernan (St Francis Xavier).

Across School Teacher Team

Kate Fortune (Pompallier)
Christine Dean (WGHS)
Adam Crump (Matarau)
Sharon Wendt (St Francis Xavier)

Within each of our schools are dedicated Within School Teachers who work around the Achievement Challenges in their own kura.

WELLBEING

To improve the wellbeing / hauora of students across the community.

Responding holistically to all aspects of student needs, including their physical, social, emotional, academic and spiritual (ERO wellbeing for Success) so that children have a sense of wellness and resilience, understanding their own mana atuaanga – uniqueness and spiritual connectedness (Te Whariki).

OUR ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGES

LITERACY

To improve oral and written language skills.

Written Language
85% of students confidently and competently working at the required curriculum level in writing for Year 1, Year 7, and Year 9.

STEAM

To improve student engagement through the STEAM approach.

STEAM is an acronym of science, technology, engineering, and maths but also introduces arts. To inspire students by giving them real life experiences of science and encourage creative thinking and 21st Century skills for the modern world.

WHANGĀREI WELLBEING HUB

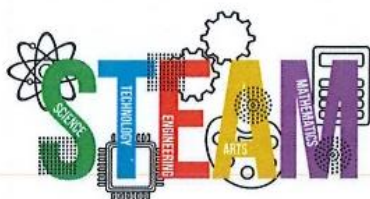
All 5 Kāhui Ako across Whangārei have joined together around the Wellbeing Achievement Challenge. This group reaches across 41 schools and over 13,471 students.

Initially the focus was on teacher wellbeing, the hub has now turned the focus to student wellbeing.

The Hub gather together once a term to strengthen knowledge, practice, and develop initiatives around wellbeing. Some of the action groups as a result of this work are:

- Cultural Narratives
- Trauma Responsiveness
- Physical Wellbeing
- Transitions

There will be a Hub Website launched soon where you can follow the mahi of the wellbeing initiatives in our community.



What is STEAM?

STEAM based programmes take an integrated approach to learning and teaching, which requires an intentional connection between curriculum learning objectives, standards, assessments, and lesson design/implementation.

STEAM learning applies meaningful maths, science, and technology content to solve real-world problems through hands-on learning activities and creative design.

Benefits of STEAM learning

Students who participate in STEAM learning:

- think outside the box
- feel safe to express innovative and creative ideas
- feel comfortable doing hands-on learning
- take ownership over their learning
- work collaboratively with others
- understand the ways that science, maths, the arts, and technology work together
- become increasingly curious about the world around them and feel empowered to change it

Professional Learning Partner for STEAM

Tracey Kinloch Jones—Digital Circus

www.digitalcircus.org.nz



Tracey enjoys working alongside teachers to develop fresh localised programmes, especially using Science and STEAM. These programmes empower teachers and students with both confidence and competence to accelerate their learning journey. Tracey received the Royal Society Alumni award for her work with Science education in 2014.



Write That Essay (WTE) was developed by Dr Ian Hunter. The system is based on the explicit teaching of specific writing skills—taught year-by-year—from Year 1 to Year 12. WTE teaches students HOW to write—using a proven approach of sentence styles, paragraph models, and writing rules.

The system is measurable, teachable, and supports writing in any subject area. Dense grammar jargon is removed, instead teachers and students learn the rules of great writing. Sentences are taught as 12 distinct sentence styles. Equally, paragraphs are taught successively, so that the student learns a range of eight paragraph styles which mirror the cognitive and writing demands of their respective year level.

TAHU TE AHI

Ignite the Fire

Dr Melinda Webber

PURPOSE:

- To discuss the data collected from the survey conducted in 2019 and 2020, including a number of schools involved in the Hub
- Survey and research undertaken in relation to her Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education project
- Melinda has some recommendations for all students and especially our Māori tamariki

2020/21 STUDY— A strengths-based research project about how students, particularly Māori students, learn, succeed and thrive at school.

For over 25 years I have worked in education as a primary school teacher, teacher educator and researcher. I am doing this study as I was passionate about improving outcomes for young people. I want to find out more about how students in Aotearoa New Zealand, particularly Māori students, develop attitudes, engagement, aspirations towards school. I am also interested in finding out who their role-models for success are. For the overall study I want to find out more about the personal, teacher, whānau and community factors that positively impact on students learning and success at school.



Professional Learning Partners for Wellbeing The Leadership Lab

www.leadershiplab.co.nz



Denise Quinlin



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Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

Our strength is not as individuals, but as a collective

The Leadership Lab team is a vibrant and diverse mix of people bringing experience, knowledge and a real passion to life and leading.

Leadership Lab operates as a collective with a wide range of individuals teaming up to contribute in a range of projects while also supporting and developing each other in the process. allows us all to contribute our gifts and thrive together.



Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari te toa takitini

I come not with my own strengths but bring with me the gifts, talents and strengths of my whanau, iwi and tupuna (family, tribe and ancestors).



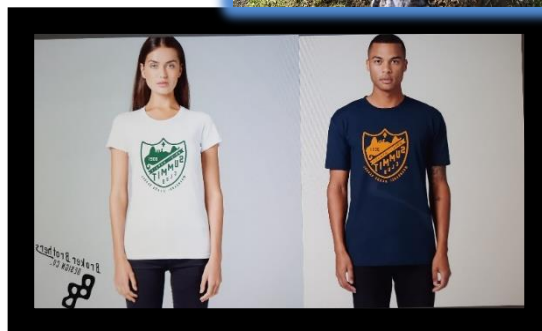
HELP!

We are looking for some help to get this much loved train safe to play on for our children. If you are handy with a hammer and would like to get this train back on the rails, please call the school office. All materials will be supplied. Thank you.



SUMMIT CLUB

Thank you to all our Whangarei Heads School Community for contributing to the success of the Summit Club Bake sale. We raised a whopping \$418! Our club shirts are now on order so look out for us out and about!



Winter Sports

Our Years 4 to 6 children attended the Whangarei Schools Winter Sports Day on Wednesday. They had lots of fun. A BIG thank you to all of our parent help who came on the day, without your support our children would not be able to do these fun activities. Thank you also to Dane Higgison who does an amazing job organising all of our sporting events.



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:

Monday June 7	Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday June 8	BoT Meeting – 5.30pm
Tuesday June 8	School Photos
Thursday June 10	Funky Fish Committee Meeting – 6pm in staffroom,
Friday June 11	WHS Family Movie Night – 6pm
Friday June 18	Science Roadshow – Years 5-8 WIS
Tuesday June 22	Paid NZEI Union Meeting – 12noon
Friday July 9	End of Term 2
Monday July 26	Start of Term 3
Wednesday July 28	3-Way Conferences – SCHOOL CLOSSES 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:



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DRIVER FOR RITCHIES

PART-TIME MORNING & AFTERNOON EMPLOYMENT

WE HAVE DRIVER VACANCIES FOR:

SPECIAL NEEDS, SCHOOL BUS & URBAN (CITY)

REQUIRE CLASS 1 & 2 WITH "P" ENDORSEMENT

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS WORKING WITH CHILDREN


AND HAS A MATURE ATTITUDE

CONTACT: AMY 4387142 EXT: 1



WELCOME IN THE MAORI NEW YEAR WITH
PLANETARIUM NORTH & KIWI NORTH

Matariki Dawn




**6AM-8AM SATURDAY 19 JUNE
AT KIWI NORTH**

Learn about the stars at the Planetarium 6am-7am
then visit the Whangarei Museum including
the latest exhibition "Drawing our Heritage"

You are invited to share a hot drink and BBQ breakfast
with us, while watching the sunrise from the knoll.

Koha appreciated.



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