



Newsletter: Term 2, Week 9, 2nd July 2021

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

It seems hard to believe that we are nearing the end of term 2 and that this will be the last newsletter of the term.

I would like to thank all our amazing staff for the work they have done this term, they go above and beyond for our children. Also, to you the parents for your support of programs such as 'Passion Time' and transporting our children to various events. Our children are very lucky to have such a nurturing and caring school community.

I enjoyed going to the Planetarium with Kororā and Kōtare last night. We had a clear night for our star gazing. We also had our House Matariki activity day this Thursday, this was run by our Kārearea children who have been developing the activities over the past week. It is great to see how much they are stepping up this year. A big thank you to Whaea Tineke for organising the morning with her class for us. In the afternoon we had a visit from the Te Pou theatre company.

We are also looking forward to our Matariki breakfast on the last day of term next Friday, with hot milo and pancakes to warm us up. I hope that as many families as possible will be able to attend, further details below.

Passion time has been very successful with our last Passion time today. A big thank you to the surfing parents for providing our children with such a unique opportunity. Laura Shabtay for introducing our children to juggling. Mel Straka, for planting a beautiful garden at the side of Tui classroom, with the children and Mel Leahy for helping with Art and Craft in Tui.

Next Thursday, Kārearea will be attending the Parua Bay Ball for the first time in a number of years. Kārearea have been perfecting their ball dances both here and at Parua Bay, and I am looking forward to seeing their moves. It is great to see us working with Parua Bay and providing opportunities for our children to widen their social group. A big thank you to Tineke Maunder for all her hard work setting this up.

Next Friday we will be sending home the mid-year reports for your children, so look out for those. Our teachers put a huge amount of effort into writing these, mostly in their own time. We will use these and other examples of our children's learning when we have our 3- Way Conferences in weeks 1 and 2 next term. Further information about booking these conferences and what they entail is given further down.

Have a safe and happy holidays and see you all refreshed and ready for term 3.

Ngā Manaakitanga
Denise Humphries



**You are warmly invited to our
Matariki Breakfast on Friday 9th July
6.30 am Start - Karakia and welcome
6.45 am - Telescopes and Star gazing
7-8 am - Breakfast - Pancakes, milo, cereals**



A big Whangarei Heads School Happy Birthday to: Sol Tukapua, Lachlan Davies, Josh Moka, Jackson Beazley, Brianna Valent-Hay, Zeke Broadhurst, Izzy Evans, Poppy Dennis, Thomas Philpott, Saxon Willcocks and Eli Foote!!!

YEAR 7 & 8 SCHOOL BALL

The ball is rapidly approaching - Thursday the 8th of July. The students have been putting in a lot of effort mastering the range of dances, and they are looking amazing!!

Ball Tickets are now available!!! The cost is \$10, and that goes towards the decorating of the Parua Bay School hall. Tickets can be purchased from me, with \$10 cash please (so I can then pass it onto the person who is paying for the decorations). If bringing cash is a problem, please contact me and I will give you the Parua Bay School bank account details (as it is run through their school, not ours).

The ball will begin at 7pm and go until 9pm. Students generally start arriving just prior to 7pm. You will be able to have a photo taken with your student (if you wish too) when you drop them off.

Students will need to bring a plate of finger food too please, as halfway through the night we will stop for some refreshments.

It is a very exciting night!! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Whaea Tineke, Karearea.



Please help save our derailed train! As you can see our much loved train has been “put out to pasture”, but we would appreciate help to get it back on the rails. If you can help, please contact the school office.



3-Way Conferences

**Next Term – Wednesday July 28 (School closes at 12noon)
and Tuesday August 3 (normal school finish)**

**For our new parents who have not experienced a 3-way Conference before this is
how they run –**

- The child, parents/whānau, and the teacher sit together and discuss the child's learning, with the student taking an equal role
- The conferences run for approximately 15 minutes. There should be around 5 minutes for the child to share their learning, 5 minutes for the parents/whānua to gain an understanding of the child's learning, and 5 minutes for teacher feedback.

This is a conversation between child, parents/whānau, and the teacher. It is a conversation about what the students are learning at school and a chance to share some work they are proud of that reflects their learning.

- The role of the parents is to listen to their child, ask questions and encourage the child to expand and explain about their learning.
- The role of the teacher is to facilitate and lead the conversation about the child's learning and prompt the child when needed.
- The role of the child is to share their learning with their parents and reflect on the progress they have made so far this year and set learning goals. Each child will have prepared a sheet to help guide them when discussing their learning and their goals, as well as their mid-year report.
- Naturally with younger children the conversation might be more limited and they may just want to share work they are proud of. But as they go through the school, they should be able to build on past conferencing experiences so that at a senior level, they should be leading the conference and be able to articulate confidently about their learning and reflect on it, setting clear learning goals and understanding the pathway to those goals.

To book go to the following link and use the code 65uut

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=65uut>

PASSION TIME





Board bites:

Kia Ora Whangarei Heads School Whanau,

We would like to congratulate the parent support group on their fantastic fundraising from the movie night, \$800 was raised. An amazing community evening that was really fun. Another movie night is in the planning for term 3.

The teachers are looking fantastic in their new school jackets to keep them warm while they take care of our tamariki and continue to represent our school with mana.

There will be a Matariki breakfast on Friday 9 July 2021. Telescope's will be available to view the stars from 6.30am. Korero about Matariki will be from 6.45am with breakfast being served from 7-8am. We thank the parent support group for their support with this event.

With the end of the term near the board would like to wish all our school whanau a happy and safe holidays.

Nga Mihi Nui Whangarei Heads School Board of Trustees

Wellbeing Modelling Survey



This term the school councillors have been involved in creating a wellbeing model for our school. One of the COL's (community of learning) achievement goal to improve the wellbeing/hauora of students across the community. Creating a wellbeing model is one of the ways to achieve this goal and was suggested by Denise Quinlin from the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience. She ran a workshop on building a wellbeing model for our kura during a COL wellbeing hui. The model will be a tool for the children to use if they wish to, to encourage them to look after their physical and mental wellbeing.

These are popular wellbeing models you might be familiar with.



We are gathering ideas from the children and would also like to know your thoughts too. Please complete the short google form survey. Your input will be helpful in creating a wellbeing model for our school.

<https://forms.gle/69CjzbET8Wt2rZfm9>



PEACE AND QUIET

Sensory Earmuff Fundraiser



Every now and then it's nice to have some peace and quiet. To help our little ears find some quiet in our busy world we are raising funds for five sets of sensory ear muffs for our Piwakawaka classroom.

Parents, to support this project please consider coming along to our **Laughing Yoga Class at Whangarei Heads School on Thursday 5 August at 7pm**. All proceeds will be donated to this project. Tickets cost \$10. To book please email office@whangareiheads.school.nz

Join trained Laughing Yoga Teacher, Helen Copplestone, for an hour of joy and laughter. This class incorporates a combination of breathing and laughter exercises and is suitable for adults of all ages and physical abilities.

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:

Thursday July 8

Friday July 9

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Monday July 26

Wednesday July 28

Tuesday August 3

Monday August 23

Friday October 1

Monday October 18

Friday December 17

Years 7 & 8 School Ball – Parua Bay School

Matariki Breakfast – 6am onward, All welcome

End of Term 2

Start of Term 3

3-Way Conferences – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12NOON

3-Way Conferences – 3.15pm to 6.30pm

Teacher Only Day Pause, Breathe, Smile PBS – NO SCHOOL

End of Term 3

Start of Term 4

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



EPIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Mon 12th - Fri 16th July

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1 day: \$45 per day

8:30am - 4:00pm

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WINTER HOLIDAYS AT KIWI NORTH 10-25 JULY

Stay warm and dry at Kiwi North these school holidays

KIWI FEEDING IN THE KIWI HOUSE
11am, 1pm and 3pm daily. Followed by a keeper talk.

KIDS FREE SUNDAY - 18th July
3 kids per adult ticket. Check our website for terms.

DRAWING OUR HERITAGE
Art exhibition ends 26th July

KIWI NORTH SCAVENGER HUNT
Scavengers of Kiwi North is a fun way to experience our three zones; Museum, Kiwi House and Heritage Park.

PARK RIDES 10am - 2pm
Big trains - \$2.50 - Wed, Thurs & Fri.
Mini trains - \$2.00 - Wed.
Tractors - \$2.50 - Wed.
Steam Train - \$2.50 - 18th July

ROCK AND GEMSTONE CLUB
Rock Craft activities - \$2.50
Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

OPEN 10AM-4PM 7 DAYS
500 SH14, MAUNU
WWW.KIWINORTH.CO.NZ



Matariki Volunteer Planting Days

Sat 3 July • Sun 4 July • Sat 10 July
10.00am – 2.00pm

Meet at AH Reed Memorial Kauri Park Scenic Reserve,
151 Whareora Road, Whangarei.

**Bring warm clothing, jacket, suitable footwear,
gloves, drink bottle and enthusiasm!**



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