Whangarei Heads School

Newsletter: Term 3, Week 10, 1st October 2021

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

We are all very excited about the appointment of our new Principal, Kelly Mercer who will be starting at our school next year. She is a very experienced teacher and Deputy Principal and will be a great asset to our school. Kelly is hoping to come up for a visit for two days next term to meet the children, staff and community, when Covid 19 restrictions lift.

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3, which has been once again disrupted by Covid. Our amazing staff have been working hard to ensure that learning has continued both in and out of lockdown, as well as supporting the wellbeing of our children. We are so fortunate to have such a great team at our school.

Looking forward to Term 4, we have many exciting plans for the final term. Kārearea with be going to Rotorua in week 6. Athletics will be our main sporting focus both for our school and zones. The swimming season will begin in December as the weather improves and in the lead up to that we will have Swim Safe classes across the school. There will continue to be a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) integrated within our classrooms, with more in school modelling through our facilitator.

We are also working on our art exhibits for the Art Exhibition, which we have been unable to hold at Reyburn House this year, due to their backlog of bookings from Covid. We will instead hold the exhibition towards the end of term in Te Mangoroa.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday, and look forward to seeing you all happy and refreshed next term.

Ngā Manaakitanga Denise Humphries

M big Whangarci Heads School Happy Birthday to: Sailor Thorne, Aubrey Tait, Kori Rewa, Lucas Perry, Moana Wyrsch-Copplestone and Shai Shabtay!!







Pancake Breakfast and Book Day Dress-up



Gike Northland

Bike Awareness

I learnt about the ABCDEFQ - A is for air, B is for brakes, C is for chains, D is for the drop test, E is for the end plugs, F is for fun and Q is for quick release. You use them before you go biking, to make sure your bike is ready to go and to keep yourself safe. Andrew

I enjoyed learning how to bike on the road. I learnt to stay one metre away from the sidewalk, and how to move around a parked car, as you need to be careful as they open their door. *Cris*



I learnt that you have to look back a lot when you are biking on the road to see if cars are coming. I also learnt

how to do a jump. *Ruben*



It was fun. We got to ride on the bikes at lunchtime. It was fun learning about road safety, and how to watch out for cars opening their doors. *Tristan*



I learnt that if someone is putting your helmet on, they should put their fingers under the buckle. This stops your skin from being pinched. Kobi





2022 Calendars

This year we are fundraising for the school with Calendar Art. The calendars, cards, diaries, and mouse pads are by Kids Art works and will feature your childs' art. They are of high quality and make excellent Christmas gifts. Order

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forms will be sent home at the beginning of next term, and will be due in by the end of week 3. If you want to view your students' art first, they will be in a clear file at the school office, or message your childs' teacher and they will send you a photo of the art work. Each student has put a lot of time and effort into the art, and they look amazing!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: Thank you all for your generous donations. We raised an impressive \$757.60!!



HATS ON!

Once again it will be compulsory for children to wear a sunhat when they go outside during term 4, so please get your child in the habit of packing a hat in their school bag. LET'S ALL BE SUNSAFE! A lot of children purchased our school hats last year. It is a good idea if these are kept at school to avoid them being left at home. If you would like to purchase a school hat for \$15, please contact the office.

Kia ora parents,

When you fill your children's lunchboxes with food you probably throw in a few things that are wrapped in plastic like chips, popcorn, muesli bars etc. You probably know that plastic is polluting the ocean but do you know What is polluting the schools? **PLASTIC FOOD WRAPPERS!!!** The best way to stop this is to use baking paper or slightly see through paper instead of plastic when you wrap sandwiches. Also if you buy e.g. a bag of chips, put them in maybe a paper bag and recycle the plastic. Try to use less plastic in lunchboxes as well, and whenever you visit your child's school and see some plastic food wrappers please go pick them up. Because if everyone picks up <u>ONE</u> piece of rubbish a day it will make a **BIG** difference.

(sad fact: 40% of produced plastic is food wrappers) By Oliver Vertongen Kotare.





REMINDERS:

LEVEL 2 RULES:

- Drop off and pick ups at the gate only.
- Masks are compulsory if you enter the school grounds.
- You must sign in or use the Covid app when entering the school grounds.
- If collecting children early, please call the school office and Paula will walk child to the gate.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES: (if Covid doesn't ruin it)

Monday October 18 Start of Term 4

Monday October 25 Labour Day – NO SCHOOL

Friday October 29 Halloween Disco

Tuesday November 9 Years 4-6 Zone Athletics at Parua Bay School Years 7 & 8 Zone Athletics at Parua Bay School

Mon to Fri November 22-26 Karearea Rotorua Trip 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:

JUNIOR ATHLETICS JUNIOR SECTION (Girls and Boys 7-14 years old)

First Club Night: Monday 18 October 5.00pm

Registration Day: Saturday 16th October 9am – 12pm

Have a Go Day: Sunday 17th October 10am - 12pm

Monday ongoing: Club nights 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday ongoing: Coaching nights 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Trigg Stadium, Kensington Park (entrance off Park Road, Kensington)

Check out our FB Page: juniorathleticswhangarei or phone/txt Robyn for any gueries: 021 468 323.

Come along on Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th or Mondays 18th ongoing.



Whangarei Girls High School- 2022 ENROLMENTS If you want your student to attend WGHS in 2022 and haven't yet enrolled, please go

to <u>www.wghs.school.nz</u> and follow the enrolments tab. This will ensure your student is registered for our Orientation Day on 26 November.







Raising Resilient Children

What we can do – as parents and community – to help!

We use the word *resilience* all the time, we want it for ourselves and for our children. But what does it actually look like? And how do we develop it?

Understanding the neuroscience of how resilience develops, will help us recognise what we can do in our everyday lives and interactions, to increase resilience in our communities. This session will help you understand, in a simple yet sufficient way, how we can build resilience.

The beauty of this session is that you can take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common feedbacks from those who attend this session. Come along and hear how it can help you too.

Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. Kathryn has been learning and working in this area for over twenty years, training national and international audiences, including Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZRugby and many more.

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

This event is sponsored by Ngā Kura mo te ako o Whangārei Kahui Ako Hub LEARN WHAT RESILIENCE "LOOKS LIKE"

REAL 'TAKE HOME'
STRATEGIES

EASY TO UNDERSTAND EXAMPLES

Thursday 28th
October
7.00pm to 9.00pm

Whangārei Boys High School Hall Kent Road Whāngarei

Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand.
Have heard some of the info many times before however the way you explained things CLICKED for me! –
Parent (Whangarei)

PARUA BAY SKATEPARK

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Proposed Location at community centre

Show your support by signing the petition at either Parua Bay GAS or Parua Bay School
Office

Skate evening & sausage sizzle will be held at Parua Bay School on the bottom court 21st
October from 4.30pm.

Win this amazing Globe Skateboard by purchasing a raffle ticket for \$2 – You have to be there on the evening to claim your prize!



















GYMNASTICS FANTASTIC



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Onerahi Central Cricket Club

(Based at Kensington Park)

Rally Day - Sunday 3rd October







Level 2 - Protocols Apply COVID-19







Come down register, join in some in games, BBQ will be going and meet some of the OC Coaches And most important Sausage sizzle Fielding/Throwing competitions Games Catching Competion 9.30am-11am (All ages catered for) OCC Clubrooms Kensington Park and spot prizes



Junior Coach: Sam Walker - 123samtwalker@gmail.com Junior Club Co-ordinator: Tony (Tank) Edwards - tankedwards49@gmail.com Onerahi Central Cricket - Kensington Park, Whangārei