



## Newsletter: Term 4, Week 4, 12th November 2021

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - Greetings to you all!

In the last two weeks we have managed to run a successful Halloween Disco and Senior Athletics.

The Senior Halloween Disco was a great success and enjoyed by teachers and children. I was very proud of our School Councillors who did much of the organising for the event. Special mention should be made of Daisy Masutti and Izabel Kake who put a huge amount of effort into the event and both received Principals Awards at our Friday assembly. Thanks also to the Parent Support Group, who helped with the decorations and the food. We also were lucky enough to receive 150 free Sausages from Pacific Gold, so a big thank you goes out to them. The Year 0-3 children had a dress up day and in the afternoon a junior disco. This was also run by Daisy and Izzy, supported by Sol. It is great to see our older children stepping up as leaders and taking on responsibilities.

On Tuesday we were able to run our Senior Athletics, and what a beautiful day we had for it. A big thank you to Dane Higgison for organising the morning. There was some strong competition especially in the High Jump. We will be presenting certificates at our Friday Assembly. Unfortunately, these two events are, as are our Friday Assemblies, parent free due to Ministry of Education guidelines, Paula has however taken a great number of photos of the events some of which are posted on Class Dojo and in this newsletter.

Although there are limits on parents coming onto the school grounds, if you do have any concerns or wish to speak to a teacher or myself, we can certainly make an appointment for you to come in. We also have Class Dojo for messages, but please understand that teachers generally check Class Dojo before and after school, and not usually during teaching time. Parents visiting with children starting next year are welcome in Piwakawaka from 9am until 11.30 every Wednesday.

Ngā Manaakitanga  
Denise Humphries

Ms Allen is on sick leave for the rest of the Term. We wish her well with her treatment, and look forward to seeing her back next year.



## Reminder

Teacher Only Day next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

### School Pool Hire



This Summer we will be opening the school pool for the use of our school community. We will be giving out a code for the lock, on payment of \$60 for the season and signing an agreement around school use. More information around this will be in our next newsletter.

**A big Whangarei Heads School Happy Birthday to: Louie Bourke, Mikkøl Schlesiør, Gria Valent-May, Tagvin Rewa and Florrie Robinson!!!**

### Kotare Market Day, Friday December 3rd

We will have posters made up in the next couple of weeks to promote so keep an eye out for that as the mini businesses work on their products to sell for the day.

## Science Fair

The Science Fair competition across Central Northland is intense and of a very high standard, which makes the achievement of receiving these awards even more significant.

Issy won the Year 7 Judges Award for her Baking Powder vs Soda investigation project.

Lottie and Scarlett won the Year 8 Judges Award for their investigation project The Cookie Monster.

Izzy and Daisy won the Year 8 Judges Award for their Halters technology project.

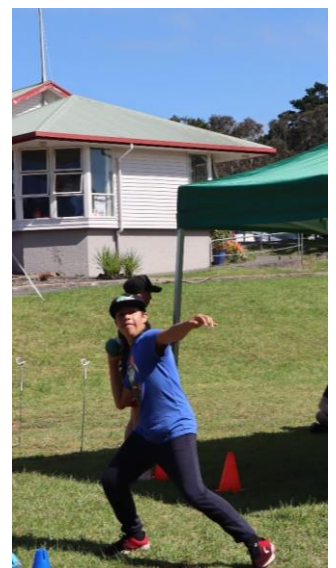
Well done girls!!! So proud of you all! Your hard mahi paid off!





## Athletics

A massive congrats to our Y4-8 children. Amazing weather and amazing sportsmanship and support of one another. Us teachers were impressed with the effort and attitude during the day.















## WE WANT YOUR TOP SECRET *Recipes!*

The Whangarei Heads School PTA are in the early stages of developing a school recipe book, and we need your help! We are on the hunt for nourishing and delicious recipes to fill the pages. So if you make the best bickies, or the tastiest tagine we want to know about it.

We would love to receive a recipe contribution from each family and encourage you to do so by emailing the details for your dish, including the name, itemised ingredients and step-by-step methodology to [office@whangareiheads.school.nz](mailto:office@whangareiheads.school.nz)

Our book will include recipes for snacks, main meals, desserts, and baking and we hope to cater for all food requirements so a large variety of recipes is required and we encourage you to make more than one submission.

Once completed, the recipe book will be able to be purchased and all funds will go towards various Whangarei Heads School projects. Thank you in advance; we look forward to keeping you updated on the progress of this project.

- Whangarei Heads School PTA



## **REMINDERS:**

### **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.

### **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:**

**Monday November 15**

**Friday December 3**

**Friday December 17**

**Tuesday February 8**

**\*Teacher Only Day (NO SCHOOL)**

**Kotare Market Day**

**Last Day of 2021**

**First Day of Term 1 2022**

*\* Rescheduled from Monday August 23 – due to lockdown this TOD couldn't go ahead on that date.*

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

## *A Quick Note From Paula.*

*Dear Whangarei Heads Whanau,*

*From next Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, I will be working from home until further notice. I will still be here to support our wonderful Board of Trustees, our beautiful teaching staff, in particular, Denise. I will miss seeing the children very much as they are the reason I am in my job that I love.*

*Some of our amazing senior students will be manning the phone in break times, like they have been doing for a while now. From 11.30am, Denise will be in her office as usual. If you typically Dojo or email me messages for your children, can you please phone the school and leave a message if it is after 1pm? Of course I will forward any emails to the class teacher.*

*Take care everyone,*

*Paula.*



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

It's that time again when Ocean Beach Boardriders offer surf lessons to the local kids

Dates	17th November 24th November 25th November
Where	Lew and Lee's place 14 Ranui Road Ocean Beach
Contact	<a href="mailto:lewhart14@gmail.com">lewhart14@gmail.com</a>
Time	5pm-7pm
Cost	\$35 total which includes a parent membership