



Whangarei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 7 - Friday 18th of March

Kia ora Whanau

It has been another fast fortnight. It feels rather like it has been a fortnight of postponements and cancellations. We are incredibly disappointed to have had to postpone or cancel the remaining camps for this term. The teachers had put in hours of planning and preparation for these events and it is so sad that we were not able to go ahead with our plans. We are looking at ways to make these events or something similar happen later in the year.

Children in Year 5-8 had an amazing opportunity to learn engineering and co-operative learning skills with the E-Pro 8 kits last week. There is an interschool competition scheduled for the first week of Term 2. Two teams of 4 children will represent our school. We have entered one team for Year 5/6 and one team for Year 7/8.

You will have seen the rising numbers of Covid Cases in our school community. These numbers have also included staff. So should your child mention they have a different teacher than usual, that is why. I want to thank the incredible team of teachers, teacher aides and Courtney in the office for the way they support one another.

We are getting closer to the *possibility of needing to ask for classes to remain at home for distance learning for a short period of time*. This would be because we would not have enough staff available to safely have everyone at school. It would be a good idea to have your plan ready for when this happens. We will, as always, continue to have the children of emergency workers at school. But we need the support of those, who are able to, to keep their children home. Please make sure you can access DOJO or the Facebook group as this is where you will be notified, if or when, your child is required to remain at home for Distance Learning.

We want to thank our incredible community for being so supportive in these difficult times.

Kelly Mercer - Principal



To our new student, Natalie, who has joined her sister and brother here at school.



Poolside Swim Safe

"Swim Safe was fun. I learned I could go on my back" - Hunter



This week we had Renee from Swim Safe come and teach Water Survival Skills to all classes. The children got a chance to learn how to wear a life jacket correctly and how to float using the life jackets. This is a follow up from the lessons in Term 4, about boat safety.

This brings an end to our swimming season for this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to cool off in our amazing pool complex as well learn these essential life skills.

Thanks to Greg, our caretaker, for the incredible job he has done with the pool this season. Making sure it was clean and ready for everyone to enjoy.

Junior Fun Friday Activities



"We were building letters with the blocks and connecting them" - Jack D



A big Happy Birthday to the following students!

Nina, Aria, Breeyana and Baxter

Update your Contact Details

It is important that we are able to contact you, especially should your child have an accident or get sick during the school day.

Can you please email the office an up to date list of your current:

1. Email address
2. Contact number
3. Physical address
4. Emergency contacts

If you haven't done this yet, please make sure you do :)



Manaia Netball Club

We are looking for new and old players from Year 1 through to Year 8 for our combined Whangarei Heads & Parua Bay School netball teams.

If you think your child is interested, please contact me (Mel 0272455772) with their details.

Registrations are opening shortly & teams/trainings are getting set so if you are yet to make contact please do! The season will kick off in Term 2.



It's nearly football season – for all you keen players wanting to sign up again, registration will be online. Please go to the Northland Football Federation website to register at www.nff.org.nz . There is a page for mycomet to talk you through re-registering this year (<https://www.nff.org.nz/About/COMET-Guidelines>).

For new players wanting to join the club, we will hold a get together later in the term for registering and handing out kit. Many thanks!

Coming Events:

Week 8 - 21 - 25 March

Board Meeting 6pm Tuesday
Korora Camp - Cancelled

Week 9 - 28 Mar - 1 April

Karearea Camp - Postponed

Week 10 - 4-8 April

No events

Week 11 - 11-15 April

Last week of Term

Term Ends - Thursday 14 April

Term 2 Begins - Monday 2 May

E-Pro 8 - Interschool Event

4 May - Year 7/8

5 May - Year 5/6



Pack spare clothes

If there is one thing I have noticed about kids at Whangarei Heads School, it's that they play hard and aren't afraid to get messy! Please ensure they have spare clothes in their school bags ready to go.