



# Whangarei Heads School Newsletter

**Term 3 - Week 4 - Friday 19th of August**

## Kia ora Whanau

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

The photos that have been included in our newsletter this year are an incredible testament to the wide range of learning experiences our children have here at Whangarei Heads School. They have so many opportunities to explore and develop their special talents. I am so proud of the teaching team, and how they go above and beyond for the children.

Classes continue to practice for the WHS Showcase at the end of this term. This will be a chance for our students to Showcase their performing arts talents; dance, drama and musical. Mark the date in your diaries; 21st and 22 September.

The Enviro Group is well underway with a number of projects;

1. Predator Free Whangarei - Aiming to eradicate possums from Whangarei Heads by 2025. Karearea is working alongside the Predator Free group on this project.
2. Plans to improve the garden space outside the staffroom. A group of students presented their plan to improve this garden to the Board at our last meeting. We look forward to see the outcome of this project
3. Fern Valley - A group of students presented a plan to help Fern Valley to rejuvenate, by providing areas for which we can hut build in our school. They have come up with a compromise that meets our kaitiakitanga or guardianship aims, with the desire to allow our children to play and explore in nature.

Nga mihi nui,  
Kelly Mercer

## Coming Events:

### Week 5 - 22-26 August

22 Aug - Monday

Mihi Whakatau - Predator Free - 9AM

Cross Country 12-3PM

25 Aug - Karearea Field Trip #1

### Week 6 - 29 Aug-2 Sept

29 Aug - Northland Science Fair

30 Aug - Korora Gymnastics

31 Aug - WPSSA Cross Country

1 Sept - Mathex

1 Sept - Kotare Gymnastics

2 Sept - Movie Night!

### Week 7 - 5-9 Sept

AIMS Games 2022 - Tauranga

Conservation Week

6 Sept - Korora Gymnastics

7 Sept - Karearea Field Trip #2.

8 Sept - Kotare Gymnastics

### Week 8 - 12-16 Sept

12 Sept - Karearea Predator Free

13 Sep - Board Meeting

14 Sept - Hockey Sessions by Class

# Our Place to Grow and Learn together

## Vision and Values Feedback

Thanks to all those who added their thoughts to the feedback on our Vision Statement and Values. This information will be combined with that completed by the board and staff to help form our Strategic Plan for 2023 and beyond.

**Vision:** Most people agree with the current vision, and would just like to see us make more use of the local environment. There was also some suggestions around the inclusion of Te Reo Maori in our communications, but also in the wider curriculum.

**Values:** Most people agree with the current values and specifically those of belonging and respect. A number of people commented they would like to see a focus on kindness as well.



## Board Elections

The 2022 Triennial Board Election is complete and there is no requirement to vote! We received five nominations for our five current Board members. And one vote for the one staff representative position.

### Our Board Parent Representatives are:

Emily Benge  
Rebecca Brown  
Josh Gwilliam  
David McDonald  
Hanna Woods

### Our Board Staff Representatives is:

Dane Higgison



## Cross Country on Monday!

As you may have heard, cross country training has been in full swing, and we are all set for our School Cross Country event on Monday! Come along and cheer the kids on from 12-3PM.

Event 1 will start at 12.05PM with the eldest students, and we will end with the youngest students of our school.

*Please note: all students must remain at school until all cross country events are complete.*

Coffee, tea and milo will be available to purchase in Te Mangaroa until 2PM

Please bring **cash!**

*BYO travel mug if you have one to help reduce waste!*

Espresso coffee **\$4** each

- flat white, long black, or short black

- soy milk option

Cups of tea **\$2** each

Milo for the kids **\$1** each

## Predator Free Whangārei

*Tiaki te whenua, tiaki te tangata*

Predator Free Whangārei will be visiting Whangārei Heads School on the morning of Monday, August 22, to share their plans for a project they will be working on with our Karearea students.

**This presentation will be filmed** by local film maker and Whangārei Heads mum Wendy. **If you would like us to ensure your child is not seen by the camera, please let me know** - via email or a message via Class Dojo. We will seat your child so they can still enjoy the presentation without being in sight of the camera.



# Girls Rippa Rugby!

Karearea girls were lucky enough to participate in the Year 7 and 8 RWC Girls Rippa tournament. A massive thank you to Matt Dennis and Karen Parr who took, coached and supervised this event.



Dressing up nice and snazzily "GO ITALY!" We screamed. I was choking on my mouthguard and slipping in the mud. Japan ripped the ball off me and scored - Aria P



I was so excited! Aria P kicked off and it was on. We all chased the ball and after that it went so fast one try after another we made our way to victory. "Yay GO ITALY" we all screamed in excitement. We sat down with a drink of water and talked about strategies for the next game. - Aria W



Tamar, Savanah, Lenny, Kobi,  
Jack T, Jordy, Cruz, Olivia,  
Beauden and Hunter



A very warm welcome  
to our new student  
**Tyrene**



# Parents Group

Whangarei Heads School PTA

Last week saw our first parents/caregivers support group meeting for 2022, more formally known as the PTA (Parents & Teachers Association) however we are not so formal & will be rolling with a more casual approach with no job positions assigned.

We have set up a Facebook page for all parents/caregivers of students currently enrolled at the school to follow so they can see what is happening in the PTA world (Whangarei Heads School PTA | Facebook). So like/follow the page to keep up to date.

We are here to help fundraise & support the school. We wish to promote a sense of inclusiveness community spirit by organising events such a school discos (28th October), car boot sales (20th November) & movie nights (2nd September).

Anyone is free to join the PTA & you can choose to contribute as much or as little as your individual circumstances allow. The PTA is a great way to meet other parents to contribute to your child's educational journey. Whether you wish to be on the PTA or not we still appreciate volunteers at all of our events!

## Math Competition

Last Thursday, excitement was high for the inter-house Math Competition! The students were full of encouragement for each other as they battled to take the lead. In the end, Lion were the Champions! I can still hear their roaring cheers.





Te Manawa Tahī  
Community Timetable



# WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations	Term 3 2022, Weeks 1 to 5
Wed 27 July	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurdall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 28 July	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei	
Wed 3 August	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thurs 4 August	Raurimu Avenue School, 48 Raurimu Avenue, Onerahi	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 10 August	Archie Bull Hall, 11 Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Road, Kaiwaka	
	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere	
Thurs 11 August	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
	Tauraroa Area School, Omana Road, Maungakārama	
Wed 17 August	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
	Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai	
Thurs 18 August	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga	
Thurs 25 August	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).





BUNNINGS warehouse

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# 'KIDS GO FREE' TO ALL NORTHLAND RUGBY HOME GAMES

GENERAL ADMISSION ONLY | KIDS 0-14 YEARS FREE



KIDS GO FREE THANKS TO  
**SEMCO GROUP**

SEMCO NORTHLAND  
VS HAIKATO  
SAT 13 AUGUST 2022  
SEMENOFF STADIUM



KIDS GO FREE THANKS TO  
**SEMCO GROUP**

SEMCO NORTHLAND  
VS SOUTHLAND  
SUN 28 AUGUST 2022  
SEMENOFF STADIUM



KIDS GO FREE THANKS TO  
**ROB JULIAN**

SEMCO NORTHLAND  
VS AUCKLAND  
SAT 3 SEPTEMBER 2022  
SEMENOFF STADIUM



KIDS GO FREE THANKS TO  
**SWIFT ROOFING**

SEMCO NORTHLAND  
VS NORTH HARBOUR  
SUN 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022  
SEMENOFF STADIUM



KIDS GO FREE THANKS TO  
**SPARK BUSINESS HUB NORTHLAND**

SEMCO NORTHLAND  
VS MANAWATU  
SUN 2 OCTOBER 2022  
SEMENOFF STADIUM

## PLAY FUTSAL

Futsal Skill Development & Competition

for kids aged 7 - 17 years

Spaces still available for term 3



All academy players receive a free subscription to *Football Foundation Skills.com* - our progressive and interactive e-learning football skills course for young players.

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