



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 6 - June 2, 2023

Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Thank you for your support of our teachers as we finished early on Wednesday 31 May, in order for them to attend a Paid Union Meeting to discuss the latest update on their contract negotiations. We are very aware the short notice was a challenge for you. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Thank you to Claire Henderson who has been working with a group of students to make repairs to the mosaic seat in the playground. You have done a fantastic job and we are thrilled with the results. Thank you!

The 1st of June saw the kick off for the Heart Foundation Jumping June fundraiser that the whole school is participating in. This is a one-month skipping event that will help get kids moving and raising funds for an incredible cause! Proceeds raised in Jumping June will support the Heart Foundation in their goal to help everyone in New Zealand keep their hearts fit for life. All children will have come home with a pamphlet describing how to get involved.

I have again been in contact with both the council and the MOE property team about getting back our car park for you to use. Unfortunately the instruction is that we can not have it back, yet. They are aware of the impact that it is having on the school.

School assemblies: We would like to be able to have parents back for school assemblies, however without the car park this is still an issue. Our staff carpark is often over crowded with double and sometimes triple cars parking. We need to leave this space for our outside agencies, and other visitors. If you are able to walk to school or be dropped off then you are welcome to come to assemblies. They are currently at 2-2.30pm on Fridays.

Coming Events:



Week 7 - 5-9 June

- 5 June - Kings Birthday - Holiday
- 7 June - Rippa Rugby Sessions
- 8 June - Mathex Yrs 5-8
- 8 June - Hot Choc Thursday \$2

Week 8 - 12-16 June

- 13 June - Board Meeting
- 15 June - Jumping June Quiz
- 16 June - Predator Free 2050

Week 9 - 19-23 June

- 20 June - Kotare Science Show
- 22 June - Donut Thursday \$2

Week 10 - 26-30 June

- 27 June - AIMS Bake Sale
- 29 June - Jumping June Event Day!
**Pancake Breakfast
& Jumping Activities!**
- 30 June - Last day of Term 2

Nga mihi,
Kelly

Our Place to Grow and Learn together
Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi

Leadership opportunities for akonga / children

Student Council

The Student Council meet at least once a term.

These students play a vital role in providing student voice in the decision making process.

We meet once a term. Our last meeting involved discussing the changes to our Whānau Hui (the old Values assembly). Some other ideas they have are:

- having a Pet Day, or Book Character Day
- a tree house

Congratulations to the School Council Members:

Karearea - Molly D and Jayde

Kotare - Tilly and Hunter D

Korora - Molly K and Otto

Ruru - Niko and Lucy

Tui - Max D and Freddie



Whānau Leaders

We are moving towards having more Te Ao Māori in our day to day school organisation. One of the ways we can do this is to use the Māori names for our houses (also renamed as Whānau groups)

Manaia

Reotahi (previously Aubrey)

Kauri

Matariki (previously Lion)

When we work in our Whanau groups we are promoting the use of the Tuakana / Teina concept from Te Ao Māori. Whereby the older students care for and are responsible for the younger students.



Peer Mediators

Karearea students have been trained as Peer Mediators and are now on duty in the Playground. This programme teaches the skills of mediation. These children deal with any minor issues in the playground; finding friends for younger students, sharing of PE gear, reminding others to use kind words.

Librarians

Mrs Humphries has trained a group of students to help oversee the library at break times. They are responsible for supporting students to return and issue books, to keep the library tidy and use it as a quiet space for those prefer to have a calm, indoor break time.

At the end of the year we plan to have a "Leaders event" to acknowledge the hard work and commitment shown by these students. They are all demonstrating citizenship and caring for others

Enviro Education Space

Dane Higgison, our Enviro Lead Teacher, has been busy behind the scenes developing the Strategic Planning for our Environmental Education Programme. Have a read of the draft Enviro Guiding Statement and you are welcome to offer feedback by emailing dane.h@whangareiheads.school.nz



Our Enviro Guiding Statement

(how we deliver Environmental Education across our school):

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Children are involved in authentic and meaningful learning experiences, and are encouraged to be kaitiaki and to learn about sustainable environmental practices.

Children are kaitiaki, involved in authentic and meaningful learning experiences.

Children will participate in meaningful environmental projects that encourage them to become kaitiaki.

Throughout their time at Whangarei Heads School, all students will work across a range of Environmental areas, experiencing many different facets that are age and stage related.

Junior years - fern valley, looking after plants and animals

Middle years - recycling (plastic free concept), chickens, vege garden, compost (Small changes we can make within our school environment)

Senior years - working within the local community (We are part of a wider community - outside of school environment)

Below is the draft model for how the Enviro Group could work. This will provide further leadership opportunities for our children, as well as developing the schoolwide culture of kaitiakitanga - caring for our environment.



Enviro Group Model Ideas:

Enviro Council (2 reps from each class)
Meet several times a term to report back on class progress, share achievements, sound bites for newsletter, identify future projects.

Enviro project - Eco Warriors opt in depending on area of interest. The project might last one session, a whole term, or longer, and might run concurrently with several projects all led by the Enviro Teacher, following a timetable.

Classes tackle their own Enviro project over the course of the year. The class Enviro Council members report back to the Enviro Council at their regular meetings with progress, updates, support required and achievements.



Today Dane's class Kōtare focused their mahi on shifting the last of the mulch from the trees felled post cyclone and tidying up around our school sign at the school gate. Thank you team Kōtare!



AIMS Games Fundraising

Selected students from Karearea are heading down to the AIMS Games in Tauranga in September. They are doing a variety of fundraisers for this event, over the next few weeks.

- Lunches are happening on Thursdays or Fridays (and a massive shout out to The McLeods Bay Fish'n'chip for cooking the chips for us).
- There is a raffle - first prize is a signed Rene Ranger Northland player top, 2nd is a \$150 Mega Surf voucher, 3rd prize is 2x \$60 family passes to Flip Out. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and are available for purchase from Karearea.
- On the 10th of June, starting at 1pm, there will be a \$10 per car, Car Wash at the Fire Station.
- In Term 3 we will be running an Online Garage Sale

Thank you everyone for getting behind our students and supporting them!!



Thanks McLeod Bay Fish & Chips!

Last week McLeod Bay Fish & Chips did an amazing job cooking up our frozen chips for the AIMS Games Hot Chip Friday Fundraiser!

We appreciate the support from this awesome local business.

If you have a hankering for Fish and Chips this weekend give them a call!

Phone: [09 946 2888](tel:099462888)



Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

For children over 5 years,
use a **soft** toothbrush
with a **pea sized**
drop of adult toothpaste



Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Whangarei South Rotary Club's Rural Schools Photo Competition



Mac H from Ruru has been selected as one of the 5 finalists in his category (Yrs 1-6)



**Best Birthday Wishes
to these students
Lucas, Ollie T,
Oceana, Ezra,
River-Rae, Ben,
Isaac, Daisy
& Molly K**



Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable



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

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2023, Weeks 5 to 8
Wed 24 May	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga	
Wed 31 May	Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai	
Thurs 1 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	
Wed 7 June	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	*10am – 12.30pm
	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Thurs 8 June	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere	
Wed 14 June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	*10am – 12pm
Thurs 15 June	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei	
Wed 21 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Ngunguru School, Te Maika Road, Ngunguru	*9am – 10:30am

Reminder: Every Day is Wheels Day!

Our multi-purpose pump track is open every day through winter, when our field is often closed as it becomes too damp for the kids to play on. Bikes, scooters, skates and skate boards can come to school any day of the week. Helmets are a must! Other protective gear for skaters is recommended and encouraged.

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.



Each Thursday in June we will have a special school wide event to help promote Jumping June.

Thursday 1st June (Week One) Jumping June Launch

Children will rotate around jumping based activities in a Whanau team. We ask that all children wear their Whanau colours. This wonderful morning of fun will run from 9:40-10:40am.



Thursday 8th June (Week Two) Hot Chocolate Thursday

Love hot chocolate and marshmallows? I do! At morning tea, grab your hot chocolate to enjoy after jumping away and working up a sweat. \$2. Children will need to pre-order their hot chocolate on the google form. They will need to hand their money into the office.

Thursday 15th June (Week Three) Jumping June Quiz

We are holding a quiz day. In whanau groups, answer jumping related questions to win whanau points.

Thursday 22nd June (Week Four) Donut



Children will need to pre-order their donut on the google form. They will need to hand their money into the office. Donuts will be \$2.

Thursday 29th June (Week Five)

Pancake Breakfast & Jumping Activities -



Start the day in the right way, with a pancake!! Available from 8am until the bell at 9am, come get your hot pancake smothered in your choice of toppings. \$2.

From 1:30-2:30pm, children will rotate around jumping based activities in a Whanau team. We ask that all children wear their Whanau colours. This is the final event.

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Have you read this week's newsletter? Lets see who has..

The first 10 kids to come to the office on Tuesday and whisper the code word to Courtney will receive a mini choc bar.
Code word: Toothpaste
Shhhh don't tell your friends...



Complaints Procedure

Make a time to meet with the class teacher to discuss your concern.



If you don't feel you were "heard" or the matter wasn't resolved then contact:

Alex Hunter - if the child or staff member is in Piwakawaka or Tui
Denise Humphries - if the child or staff member is in Ruru, Korora, Kotare, or Karearea



If you don't feel you were "heard" or the matter wasn't resolved then contact Kelly Mercer - Principal



If your concern hasn't been resolved by the previous steps then a formal complaint can be made.

You can find the steps for making a Formal Complaint on School Docs or contact Courtney at the office to send you a copy of the process.

School Docs: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz>
Password: Caring

Our Place to Learn and Grow together
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Sore Throats Matter
Preventing Rheumatic Fever



With winter on its way so are many bugs –we are hearing that a lot of tamariki are getting sore throats – For our Maori and Pacific tamariki sore throats can hurt hearts.

If your tamariki has a sore throat please get a throat swab from your Practice nurse at your GP practice.

Or

At a participating pharmacy if your tamariki are:

- Maori or Pacific
- 4-19 years old

Public Health Nurses in your school are available to offer a throat swab to high-risk tamariki with a sore throat during their school visit.

All children are at risk of developing strep throat however, research has shown that the risk for this leading to Acute Rheumatic fever is predominantly higher in Māori and Pacific tamariki, this is the reason for the eligibility criteria in the throat swabbing programme.