



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 2 - May 5, 2023

Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Welcome back to Term 2

Thanks for your continued patience as we work through even more restricted car parking, and road access to open the term. I have discussed our issues with our local Ministry of Education Property Advisor, but also with Hira Gage, the Director of Education for Tai Tokerau. They, like the teaching team, are aware of the challenges this places on you, the parents. We very much look forward to the day that we are able to welcome you all back into the school grounds.

I have been told that it is unlikely we will have a solution this term.

Teacher Only Day - 24th April. Thanks for your support as the staff met to look at the new Social Sciences Curriculum, and as a part of this the new Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum. It was wonderful to be able to invest the time diving deeper into both these documents. The teaching team are planning an Inquiry into Matariki for the end of Term 2, and start of Term 3.

The Funky Fishing and Diving Tournament was a huge success towards the end of Term 1. We have raised over \$27k for both the Community Library, and the school. The monies raised will be put aside to contribute to a future playground upgrade. There is a debrief session for the committee next Wednesday at 6pm.

As a staff we are reviewing our Behaviour Management plan and processes, following the Term 1 Inquiry into Anti-Bullying. I will share this with you once it is complete. One outcome has been the suggestion of having a Friendship Seat, for children who need help to find a friend at break times.

Nga mihi,
Kelly

Coming Events:

Week 3 - 8-12 May

8 May - Lit Quiz

Week 4 - 15-19 May

17 May - WPSSA Yr 7&8 Winter Sports

19 May - Predator Free 2050

Week 5 - 22-26 May

Tues 23rd May - KOS Parent Meeting

Week 6 - 29 May-2 June

31 May - WPSSA Yr 5&6 Winter Sports

1 June - Jumping June Begins



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

Funky Fish Auction – Funds raised for our School Library

On behalf of the school library and our children, I would like to thank all those people who purchased fish at the auction. Without this money we would not be able to purchase books for the school library, as we do not have a budget for this in our school budget each year.

Please be assured that the money raised is used only to purchase books for our children, and to fund the upkeep of our online library system, which costs us over \$1000 a year to sustain. We are able to purchase the latest books, as suggested by the children and children's librarians, that ensures an emphasis on encouraging reading within our school. We spend upwards of \$5000 per year on books and magazines, which the auction makes possible. There is a bank account dedicated to this fund so that we can have transparency about the way the money is spent.

The community library has its own funding from the council and this money is used to purchase adult books.

Nga mihi

Denise Humphries

Primary Principal's Collective Bargaining Update

You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI TE Riu Roa members have voted to **stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit our work hours.**

We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations.

We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time.

Our day-to-day work to do this will continue, but we will no longer be working with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us.

We will continue to meet with our boards.

We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays, so I will be unable to attend Parent Evenings, and the Funky Fishing Review meeting. This also includes sending or receiving digital communications. Unless it concerns the safety of the school you will not receive DOJO notices messages or emails from me outside of this timeframe.

We also will not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays.

We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.

Thank you for all the positive messages I have received that acknowledge the huge role, and workload associated with being a Principal. I do love and enjoy the challenge of the job.

Kelly



Bus Drivers Wanted!



Ritchies are on the hunt for new bus drivers. They seek to employ reliable, Tamariki orientated drivers to transport your pupils to and from school. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please contact Ritchies Recruitment Manager, Petra Jackson.
Email: petra.jackson@ritchies.co.nz
Phone: 027-5111-021



Thanks Fish to Fish

Sailor and Macenzy were lucky enough to get a behind the scenes tour of Fish to Fish when they stopped by to thank them for their awesome filleting work at Funky Fish!



Best Birthday Wishes
to these students
Beaujolais, Phemie
Halia and Tama

Checkmate!

Here are some snaps from the recent Chess Competition attended by a few of our Karearea and Kotare students.



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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

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

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2023, Weeks 1 to 4
Thurs 27 April	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 3 May	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere	
	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Wed 10 May	Whangaruru School, 2916 Russell Road, Hikurangi	*9am – 10:30am
Thurs 11 May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
	Tauraroa Area School, Omana Road, Maungakārama	
Wed 17 May	Archie Bull Hall, 11 Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Road, Kaiwaka	
	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 18 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Mangakahia Community Room, 1480 Mangakahia Road	

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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

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

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Life Education Trust Whangareī presents:

Parents Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming, social media and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

KAMO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
10 HAI LES ROAD, KAMO, WHANGAREI

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: [HTTPS://MYTICKETS.CO.NZ/KEEPING-OUR-KIDS-SAFE-ONLINE](https://mytickets.co.nz/keeping-our-kids-safe-online)

To find out more about Rob's work visit www.ourkidsonline.info

Whangareī Record Fair

Free Entry

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New and Used records
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Indigo Records

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Saturday 13th May, 2023
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Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.



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