



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 7 - March 15, 2024

KIA ORA E TE WHANAU,

What a busy fortnight it has been and we have an even busier week ahead.

Please note that we are **finishing early on Wednesday 20th March** for the teachers to attend a Paid Union Meeting to discuss the current issues in Education; which include keeping front and centre in everyone's minds; having more investment to support students with learning needs, pay equity across the sector and addressing staffing shortages. They will also address concerns regarding Charter Schools and the worrying messages around the new Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum and delays to the NZ Curriculum Refresh. There will be some limited supervision, for those who are unable to collect their children at 12.45pm. Can you let us know via the office if you need this support.

We have implemented the "Phones Away for the Day" policy - if your child requires a phone for after school can you please let their teacher know as they will need to lock it away for the day. If you would like to see the full policy you can head to School Docs. This is where you will find all our policies and procedures. Details to access this will be later in this newsletter.

The Board would like to invite you all to a Community evening on Thursday 21st March from 5.30pm. There will be a chance to visit each class and find out how they enact our school vision "Our Place to Grow and Learn together." Rebecca Brown, our new Presiding Member, with Emily Benge will be available to discuss the strategic plan, and David McDonald will also be there to discuss any property questions you might have. We hope to see you there!

Kelly

Coming Events:

This Saturday!

Mar 16 - WildKiwi Multisport Event

Week 8 - Mar 18-22

**Mar 20 - School Closes Early 12.45PM
for Union Meeting**

Mar 20 - Epro8 Year 7-8s 5.30PM

Mar 21 - Community Evening 5.30PM

Mar 22 - Epro 8 Year 5-6

Week 9 - Mar 25-29

Mar 25-28 - Karearea Class Camp

Mar 29 - Good Friday! School Closed

Week 10 - Apr 1-5

Apr 1-2 - Easter - School Closed

FUNKY FISH!

Apr 6 - Fishing comp opens 3pm

Apr 7 - Funky Fish Event - Taurikura
Activities from 11AM-6PM



Our Place to Grow and Learn together
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Bringing our Vision and Values Alive

A big project that we are focusing on this year is bringing our Vision and Values alive and explaining/showing why they are important to us - the students, staff, whānau and community. This could be through signage, creating symbols for each value, waiata, games, or art pieces, the opportunities and ideas are limitless. Over the next year, we will be offering out different surveys or opportunities to share your ideas or skillset to help us with our journey. Please keep a lookout for these in our newsletters, Dojo or Facebook page.

This week, at whānau hui we talked about how we can bring our vision alive 'Our place to grow and learn together - Kō tatou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi'. In our whānau roopū we spent time thinking of different ideas of how we could achieve this. This was an amazing opportunity for the tamariki to share their thoughts and ideas, which they had plenty of! We had different board game ideas so new students could learn the vision through playing the game, creating art pieces to represent each part of the vision and explain its meaning, and even a song was starting to be written by a group of students. It was fantastic to see the creativity in all of these. We will continue to work on these throughout the term so we can start our first project of bringing the vision alive, watch this space as we start to share some of the ideas with you.



Te Reo Māori

Rerenga kupu/ kupu o te wā (phrase/word of the moment)

We are focusing on the kupu 'mai' and 'atu'.

These are some of our rerenga kōrero o te wiki (sentences of the week)

Haere mai (come here)

Haere atu (move away from the speaker)

Titiro mai (Look at me)

Titiro atu (look away)

Whakarongo mai (listen to me)

Kōrero mai (speak to me)

Rārangi mai (line up here)

Rārangi atu (line up over there)



SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

For information on our school policies and procedures, visit schooldocs.co.nz, use the "search for your school" button to find Whangarei Heads School. Enter our password: caring

From here you can search for the policy you require information on.



Update contact details

Do we have your up to date contact phone number, address if you have moved house, and email address for school communication? Please email office@whangareiheads.school.nz or call the office on 434 0844 to update your details accordingly.

Zone Swimming Sports with Parua Bay School

Last week, we had Zone Swimming Sports here with Parua Bay School joining us for an interschool competition.

A big thank you to all the parents who came along and cheered on our swimmers!



Junior Swimming Sports

Our year 0-3's had their swimming sports on Tuesday. There was a great array of talent, with many choosing to jump in the pool for multiple events. There were plenty of smiles, lots of cheering, and a whole bucket of fun. Great to see a large presence of whanau members who could make it in to watch.



WPSSA Swimming Sports

14 of our top senior swimmers represented Whangarei Heads school at the annual Whangarei Primary School Swimming Sports. Well done to all who participated!



Whangarei Heads results for WPSSA event 2024

	FREESTYLE		BACKSTROKE		BREASTSTROKE	
Y5 G	Shani Dewhurst 13th			Lucy McDonald 15th	Lucy McDonald 5th	
Y5 B						Cosimo Donatis 1st
Y6 G					Molly Kersel 9th	
Y6 B	Zeke Broadhurst 15th		Conor Leahy 12th	Louie Bourke 21st	Conor Leahy 6th	
Y7 G	Nina Caulton 4th		Nina Caulton 5th		Nina Caulton 4th	Gemma Drake 8th
Y7 B						
Y8 G	Jayde Maunder 7th	Macy Kake 2nd	Macy Kake 5th	Jayde Maunder 7th	Jayde Maunder 5th	Macy Kake 10th
Y8 B	Tai Tukapua 5th				Tai Tukapua 4th	



Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship of the sky, sea & land

The staff have this term been unpacking the term kaitiakitanga. This area is a significant part of our schools strategic plan and will be a big focus across our learning programmes moving forward. We have been working on some plans of how this plays out in our kura.

These are some exciting changes:

- kaitiakitanga time as part of whanau hui
- designated areas to tidy up as part of the end of day routine
- brainstorming in how to link kaitiakitanga into all areas of the curriculum
- a themed focus through our Arts showpiece in Term 3
- an opt in enviro project time across the school in Term 3 and 4
- a school community kaitiaki / Matariki event



Photo contributed by Elaine Russell - Thank you!



Manaia Tigers Football Club

Registrations are now open! Go to:

<https://comet.oceaniafootball.com/mycomet/>

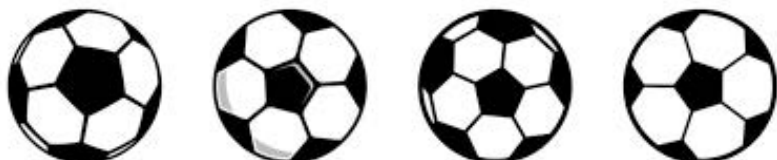
All new and returning football players (ages 4 to 13) welcome! Season starts first week, Term 2

- First Kicks (ages 4-6)
- Fun Football (ages 6-8)
- Juniors (ages 9-13)

Contact us if you need help registering:

manaiafc@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BayTigersFC/>



Karearea Selling Dad's Pies

Orders close today! Get your pie orders in quick! You can pay online directly to the school account - reference with your name and "Dads Pies". \$55 for a 12 pack of hearty pies - great for easy meals on these cooler nights!



Manaia Netball Club Rally

TODAY! This Friday 15th March 3:15pm-4:15pm
Parua Bay School Netball Courts

Come to try outs and register!

Grades Year 1 to 8



Club teams need to be confirmed by 22 March
Email netball.at.manaia@gmail.com with child's name and DOB to help team planning ASAP.

Camp Ruru – In Our Own Backyard!

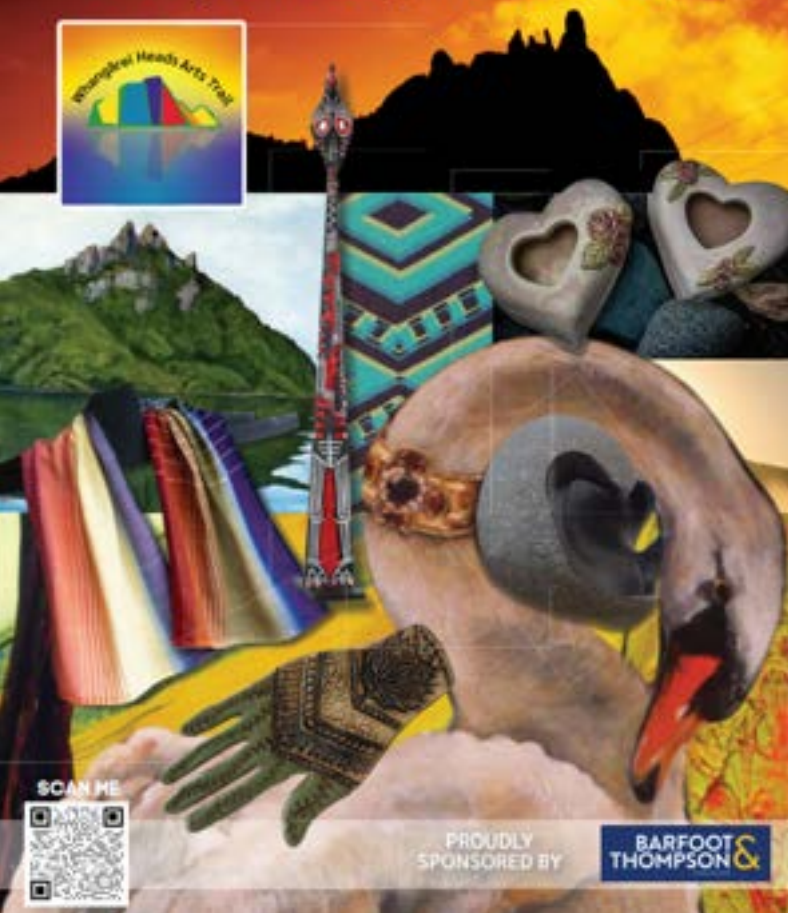
A massive thanks to the many parents who supported Ruru's camp last week. We had an awesome field trip to Smugglers and the Bream Head Nursery on Thursday where we completed a beach clean up and then learnt about the trapping and planting program on the reserve. A massive thanks to the Bream Head team. On the Friday we based ourselves at Jaggers Camp where we played beach sports and ate the most amazing pizza. We slept over at school, were challenged with team tabloids and our very own school bush Burma Trail.



**E.O.T.C. – Education Outside
the Classroom**

Whangārei Heads Arts Trail Easter 2024

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March - 10am-5pm



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 **RAISE THE BAR**
Health and Fitness

BOYS ONLY FITNESS CLASS for 9-13 year olds

An opportunity for boys to exercise in a fun,
safe, non-judgmental environment

WHEN: Thursdays 3.45pm - 4.30pm

WHERE: Raise The Bar Health & Fitness

COST: \$6/child per session

To express interest please contact Caitlin at Raise The Bar
Health and Fitness on Facebook or on 021 207 2641

*Classes will begin Thursday 15th February



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ROTORUA CAMP
FOR WHANGAREI
HEADS SCHOOL

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BEEF, BACON
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STEAK

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CHEESE

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