



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 5 - March 1, 2024

KIA ORA WHANAU,

E pehea ana koe? How are you? As part of building our cultural responsiveness all staff are building their Te Reo knowledge, with the support of Tracey Morgan. Each week we are given a new phrase to use in class and around the school. I hope you start to hear more Te Reo at home as well.

As part of the National Governments 100 day plan, the "Phones Away" in school policy needs to be ready for the beginning of Term 2. This hasn't been an issue at our kura to date, with very minimal children bringing phones to school. These are usually for our most senior students and are used for whanau to connect after school as they move between different sports and activities. We will be sending home more detailed information around this next week.

We are confident in our pre-existing literacy and numeracy programmes that we are meeting the National Governments second Education commitment to an hour a day in the core learning areas of reading, writing and maths. Our Board and staff are committed to maintaining a rich, balanced curriculum that connects all learning in an authentic and purposeful way for our tamariki. Digital Technology, Financial Literacy (Market Day), Physical Education, Education Outside the Classroom, Health programmes and The Arts are also essential learning areas that help engage all learners. We also value our Environmental Education focus and this year we are embarking on having our first year long inquiry under the umbrella concept of Kaitiakitanga - caring for and being a guardian of our environment.

We have had 2 people confirm an interest in joining our Board by emailing myself or Rebecca Brown, following the resignations of Hanna Woods and Josh Gwilliam. If this is something you are considering, please get in touch.

Kelly

Coming Events:

Week 6 - Mar 4-8

Mar 5 - Tech Catch up Day Y7&8
Mar 6 - Zone Swimming with PBS
Mar 7-8 - Ruru Camp at School

Week 7 - Mar 11-15

Mar 13 - WPSSA Swimming Sports
Mar 13-15 - Korora Class Camp
Mar 16 - WildKiwi Multisport Event

Week 8 - Mar 18-22

Mar 20 - Swimsafe Session 3
& Epro8 Year 7-8 5.30PM
Mar 22 - Epro 8 Year 5-6

Week 9 - Mar 25-29

Mar 25-28 - Karearea Class Camp
Mar 28 - 12PM finish for Union Mtg
Mar 29 - Good Friday!



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



Year 4-8 Swimming Sports!

Next Wednesday, we have Zone swimming here with Parua Bay School joining us for an interschool competition. Our top swimmers from yesterday's swimming sports will be up against the best from Parua Bay!

Congratulations to these swimmers who will be competing:

Shani, Lucy, Liv, Ziggy, Primrose, Otto, Conor, Zeke, Poppy, Nina C, Ella, Gemma, Macy, Jayde, Florrie, Tai, Louie, Tui D, Macenzny, Cosimo, Molly K and Tim!

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



2024 School Structure

Kelly Mercer - Principal

Tracey Morgan- Deputy Principal / Junior Team Leader & Tui Class Teacher

Dane Higgison - Ruru Class Teacher

Sara Robinson - Tui Class Teacher

Alex Hunter - Piwakawaka Class Teacher

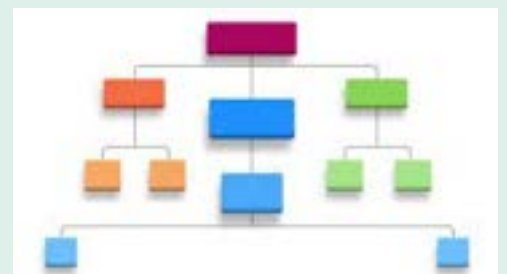
Tineke Maunder - Senior Team Leader & Karearea Class Teacher

Fiona Ellis - Karearea Class Teacher

Jamie Love - Kotare Class Teacher

Sharon Allen - Korora Class Teacher

Emily Drake - Korora Class Teacher



Whangarei Heads School



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:

Tracey Morgan (DP) - if the child or staff member is in Piwakawaka, Tui or Ruru

Tineke Maunder - if the child or staff member is in 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 to the Board.

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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Manaia Netball Club Rally

Friday 15th March 3:15pm-4:15pm

Parua Bay School Netball Courts

Come try out the game, speak to other club members and register if you are wanting to play. All our teams can be mixed gender.

Grades available

Year 1 and Year 2

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 7 and Year 8



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



Funky Fish - April 7th

Funky Fish - Fishing and Diving Competition is fast approaching! Make sure it's on your calendars now. This is our schools biggest annual fundraiser, with support pouring in from local businesses. Raffle book packs will be coming home with students soon - which include a ticket for all WHS kids. Tickets for the rest of the family will be available in our supporting stores as well as online. Even if you aren't interested in fishing, there are a bunch of family-friendly activities at the Funky Fish event on the day, so we hope to see you all there!



Ruru Camp



The Ruru Class is looking forward to their camp on March 7-8!

On Thursday they will do the walk from Urquhart's Bay to Smugglers Cove, and will also visit Bream Head Nursery.

They will spend the night at school (if they choose to) and on Friday they will spend the day at Jagger's camp, Taurikura.

Thank you to all parents who have offered to help, making this camp possible!

Whangarei Heads School Board

Casual vacancy for a parent representative

Two casual vacancies have occurred on the School Board for an elected parent representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being first published on Feb 16, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding Member (Chair)

Whangarei Heads School Board

via

Courtney (Board Secretary)

courtney.t@whangareiheads.school.nz

by: 15th March 2024

2024 Inaugural Wild Kiwi Interschool Competition

The annual Wild Kiwi run/walk event is creeping up fast on Saturday the 16th of March.

Remember this year there will be a friendly competition running between Parua Bay School & us. It is open to all students, past students, teachers & parents of Whangarei Heads & Parua Bay Schools who enter the 8km, 15km or 21km run/walk events.

Total Sport have come up with a points system to calculate the winner & the trophy will be presented to the winning school at prize-giving on the day. More information is available on the website, thewildkiwi.co.nz

Get the whole family involved, get out there, get active – it's always a great day out based down in Taurikura. If your child is more suited for a shorter course PaknSave sponsors the Kids Dash which is super cute!

Enter using the following code, you will get a 10% discount on the entry fee for the eligible courses & you will be automatically put into our school's team:

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We are looking for more volunteers to marshal this event!

Come and cheer on the competitors of the Wild Kiwi event on the 16th March and fundraise for our school in the process.

Get in touch with Fiona at fiona_bycroft@hotmail.com for more details.

Messages to children

Courtney has an incredibly busy schedule and a wonderful giving nature. She is very kind to all the kids and whanau who need help or first aid.

Can we please consider before asking Courtney to relay messages - is this really her job? We are happy to support the last minute changes that surprise you, but some whanau very regularly arrange playdates during the school day and ask for these messages to be passed on to their children. Please organise these plans outside of school hours, so that your child understands the plan before they go to school - Kelly



“Many Hands” Cookbook

Our much anticipated school cookbook has arrived! Order your copy via the school office. These make a great keepsake for anyone with a connection to The Heads and our school. The books are \$45 each and can be paid directly to the school bank account - referenced with your students name and “Cookbook”, or cash to the office and take home with you straight away.



FREE dental care for under 18s

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TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

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.

Need a dental appointment for your child?

0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm



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(0800 MY TEETH)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Karearea Selling Dad's Pies

Karearea students want to say a massive thank you for all of your support with the market day today. On Monday we will begin our next fundraising venture.

Keep your eye out for students from Karearea who will be selling Dads Pies. Once again all proceeds go towards their camp. Thanks for your support everyone!!! See next page for prices and options!



Emily M, Walter, Nikau, Mila and Lincoln



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CLASS SCHEDULE

Term 1, 2024

3.00 - 3.30 PlayGym



PlayGym is a pre school class for children age 1-4 years exploring new kinds of movement as well as meeting new friends. We climb, swing, balance, hang, jump and play with the aim to start developing our gross and fine motor skills, coordination and senses.

3.15 - 4.00 New Entrants & Ninjas



New Entrants and Ninja tumble are our transition programs with parents not coming on the floor during class and where we continue to develop co-ordination, spatial awareness and introduce more gymnastic based elements. Our classes are kept small for this program to provide a safe and welcoming learning environment.



4.15 - 5.15 GymFun Skills 1



Children aged 5-7 years are participating in a gymnastics class, where they work on developing skills on apparatus, physical preparation, strength, and flexibility. The class aims to create a fun and safe environment for children to learn and interact with peers while working towards badges.

4.15 - 5.15 GymFun Skills 2



Children aged 7-10 learn gymnastics skills on all apparatus, including teamwork and tumbling, while also improving physical fitness through general and specific preparation. The classes are designed to be fun and explorative.

4.15 - 5.45 GymFun Advanced/Ex Competitive & Tumble

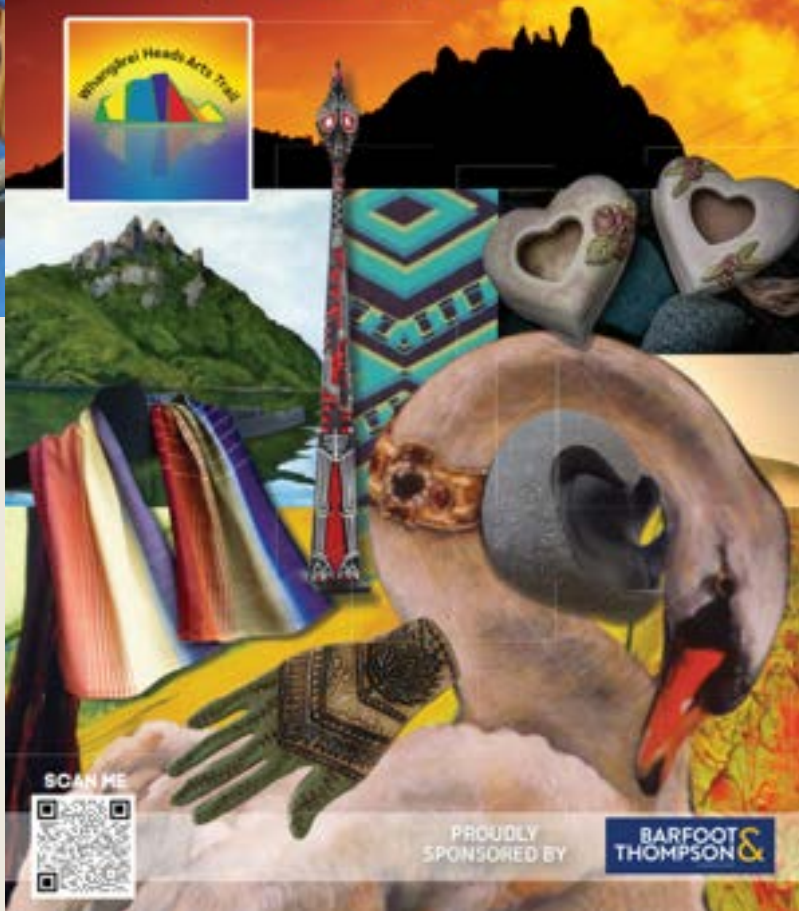


The gymnastics class is intended for individuals who have some experience or are physically confident in a gymnastics setting. It encourages participation in fun competitions but does not require it.



Whangārei Heads Arts Trail Easter 2024

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



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