



# Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 2 - May 10, 2024

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Nau mai, hoki mai! Welcome back to Term 2.

It has been a nice settled start back to kura this term, though we are definitely noticing the colder starts in the morning.

This week, we implemented an exciting change to our end of day routine. As part of our wider overarching theme for the year of Kaitiakitanga, we looked at a time in our day where we can be kaitiaki of our kura. All tamariki and kaiako meet in Te Māngōroa at 2:45pm and sit in their bus lines/pick up lines. We say the end of day karakia together and then in our lines we have different areas where we go and do a little tidy up before we head off home for the day. We are already noticing those couple of minutes of tidying makes a real difference and gets our kura looking ātaahua! If you have a spare few moments during pick up time feel free to jump in and help too. He rau ringa e oti ai - many hands make light work.

We are very close to being able to confirm how much was made for the Funky Fish. 155 Whakaora Kai and The Maunu Garden Project thank Funky Fish for the fish frames donated after the event, ensuring no kai was wasted. Behind the scenes we are planning for a new P.E shed. This is going to be such an asset for the school and we are so grateful for the support from the Funky Fish.

Looking ahead, we have a Teacher Only Day in Week 6 on Tuesday the 4th of June. The teachers and support staff will be busy taking part in workshops around our focuses of Maths and Structured Literacy.

Good luck to all the tamariki this weekend as winter sports should be all underway. Whānau, don't forget the gumboots and warm clothes to help battle the cold mornings.  
Ngā manaakitanga,

## Coming Events:

### Term 2

#### Week 3 - May 13-17

May 13 - MPI Fisheries Talk

May 14 - Science Roadshow  
(Karearea, Kotare, Korora)

6PM - Board Meeting

May 15 - WPSSA Winter Sports  
(Years 7&8)

#### Week 4 - May 20-24

May 21 - Yr 7&8 Ball Practice

#### Week 5 - May 27-31

May 27 - Taurikura EOTC

May 29 - WPSSA Winter Sports  
(Year 5&6)

#### Week 6 - Jun 3-7

Jun 3 - King's Birthday - Closed

**Jun 4 - Teacher Only Day**



Thank you WH Playcentre  
Piwakawaka love the Waka!

Tracey

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

# The Importance of School Attendance

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter 2024, every day of school matters.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi, sickness or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.



## “Many Hands” Cookbooks

We still need your help selling our beautiful cook books! If you have an office space and colleagues who you think might be interested in buying a cookbook please feel free to drop by the school office and borrow one of these stands where you can showcase your copy of the cookbook. We'll provide details on how they can purchase the books and if you're happy to do so, you can deliver books to them once payments have come through. Thanks for you ongoing support of this project.



## Community planting day 2024

Bream Head/Te Whara  
CONSERVATION TRUST



June 16  
Home Bay  
From 8:45-12



# TE REO MĀORI

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

He aha tēnei? (What is this?)

Note that 'tēnei' means 'this' referring to an object that is in the **speaker's possession**.

We will be learning how to ask "what is that?" when referring to **something in close proximity to the speaker or in the listener's possession** over the next couple of weeks.

The way to answer this question if the object is in the speakers possession is He (noun) tēnei

For example:

He aha tēnei? He pene rākau tēnei. (pencil)



Complete the following sentences:



He \_\_\_\_\_ tēnei.



He \_\_\_\_\_ tēnei.



He \_\_\_\_\_ tēnei.



He \_\_\_\_\_ tēnei.

## WHĀNAU HUI

In whānau hui we are having a Kaitiakitanga focus. We are wanting to connect and get out in our beautiful environment. The different options we have are walking in nature i.e. Fern Valley, reading in the outdoor classroom, weeding in different areas, and lastly having a tidying up focus area. We had our first week of these sessions and it was amazing.

### Whanau Hui Kaitiakitanga Focus Roster

	Manaia	Kaiti	Reotahi	Matariki
Week 1	Creating a 'Kaitiakitanga of the Moana!' display for Te Mangoroa			
Week 2	Walking	Reading	Weeding - vege garden	Tidying - around sandpit area
Week 4	Tidying - Fern Valley (top)	Walking	Reading	Weeding - friendship seat garden
Week 7	Weeding - bee garden	Tidying - Fern Valley (bottom)	Walking	Reading
Week 9	Reading	Weeding - bee garden	Tidying - playground area / garden	Walking





**Phemie, Halia,  
Danalyse, Tama,  
Grey, Luna, Viana,  
Tim & Lachie**



## **OPEN EVENING 2024 WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL**

Wednesday 31st July, 5.30 - 7.30pm approx

Starts in the Manawahine Gym followed by guided tours with specialist staff on hand to answer any questions. A great opportunity to see our extensive range of curricular and extra curricular activities. Come along and get a feel for our special learning environment.

Lupton House will be open from 4pm for prospective boarders.

[www.wghs.school.nz](http://www.wghs.school.nz)

## **Chicken Pox**

There are still a couple of cases of chicken pox among our school whanau. Children with chicken pox must stay away from school for 1 week after the rash starts and the blisters/spots must be dried up and crusty with no new spots forming. Symptoms of chickenpox usually start 10 to 21 days after being exposed.

The most common symptom is small, itchy blisters like a rash on the skin. Other symptoms of chickenpox are:

- tiredness
- fever
- general aches and pains.



Chickenpox spreads through the air by sneezes or coughs, by touching the chickenpox blisters of an infected person, or by having contact with shingles blisters. People with chickenpox are contagious 1 to 2 days before the blisters appear.

If you or your child have symptoms that you are worried about, you can call Healthline on 0800 611 116

## **House for Rent**

Four Bedroom Farmhouse available for rent from early June. Located in Taurikura, within walking distance of the school.

The house is on a farm, so offers privacy and plenty of space. Ideally suits a young family. Rent \$420 per week.

Please either email Maureen Vinson on [ken.maureenvinson@gmail.com](mailto:ken.maureenvinson@gmail.com) or call/text 021 145 2718





# WHS Student Achievements in BJJ Term 1

After enjoying the summer break, Heads Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) was stoked to get back into action on the mats for term 1. The new year also sees the start of the BJJ competition season and some WHS students got straight into it, participating in a national and an international event last term and getting some really impressive results.

At the end of February, Banos, Gemma D and Mila took part in the Auckland Summer Slam event. More than 700 competitors from all over NZ participated and the kid's extra preparation and hard work paid off on the day with them all placing in the top three for each division they entered. Huge congratulations:

Banos: silver for Gi and bronze for no Gi

Gemma: gold for no Gi

Mila: silver for Gi and gold for no Gi



Over the school holidays Mila was back down in Auckland to compete in the Oceania Open, currently NZ's only internationally sanctioned Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu event. Over 1200 competitors signed up for this comp and Mila won a gold medal in both of her divisions, very well done Mila.

It takes real courage to step onto the competition mats and whilst we are proud of our students whatever the result on the day, the impressive results these kids are achieving at national level events is testament to their skill and the hard work and practice they put in each week. Well done guys.

Coach Marcos.

If you'd like more information about BJJ, check out our Facebook page (Heads BJJ) or call me on 021 024 58413.







## 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



## ART, CRAFT & FOOD SHOW



**Monday 3rd June  
9am - 3pm**

Parua Bay Community Centre

Local Surfing  
Club Competition

Ocean Beach  
Board Riders



Become involved in our  
local surf community!

Join us for our monthly competitions from February through to November. There are categories for all ages, from the Groms (under 13) to the Senior Shredders (over 60).

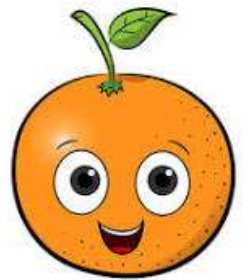
Competitions are held every third Sunday of each month. Join our WhatsApp group by contacting Lew Hart on the mobile number below.

It's a super fun day focusing on being involved in the sport of surfing and includes a BBQ throughout.

Bring the family, bring your friends, but most importantly, bring a smile!

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