



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 11 - April 12, 2024

FUNKY FISHING & MORE:

Wow! What an amazing day we had at the Funky Fish last Sunday. It was wonderful to see those of you who attended the event.

Special thanks to Matt Dennis and the committee who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for over 6 months in the lead up to the day. Thanks to the staff, who also support the event, leading different areas, especially Dane Higgison, who fronts it as our MC. Also thanks to those volunteers who also jump in on the day helping to man stalls, cook food, supervise the kid space, weigh in fish, and support the cash tent and so much more!

Like our Cookbook title: Many Hands, it takes Many Hands to make this event a success. It will be a few weeks before we find out how financially successful the day was, but it certainly did make for a lovely, family and community day out. We know over \$6000 was made from the auction and will be given to the Community Library to purchase books for our kids. The profit from this year's event is going towards a new PE shed, and hopefully new PE gear.

Thanks to our Major Sponsor Bayleys, who contributed towards both the event and the Main Prize. Thanks to Donovan's as Platinum sponsor and all the Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors. We couldn't run the event without your support. These local companies are all listed later in the newsletter, please do make sure you support them!

We will be conducting a full review of the Funky Fish over the next term. The children will be learning about how to be Kaitiaki of our Moana (Harbour) and then reflecting on how we can make the Funky Fish more sustainable. We will also be surveying our school community, so watch out for the link coming out this week, make sure you have your say.

Coming Events:

Term 2

Week 1 - Apr 29-May 3 Apr 29 - First Day of Term Apr 30 - 6PM Landcare Forum (The Endangered Bittern)

Week 2 - May 6-10

Week 3 - May 13-17 May 14 - Science Roadshow (Karearea and Kotare) 6PM - Board Meeting May 15 - WPSSA Winter Sports (Years 7&8)

Week 4 - May 20-24

Week 5 - May 27-31 May 29 - WPSSA Winter Sports (Year 5&6)



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



Funky Fish

Fishing and Diving Competition

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Funky Fish Review

This year, we are reviewing the Funky Fish. We collected feedback on the day from some of the attendees, however, we want to hear from everyone! Please check our school Dojo and Facebook page for the Google Form Link to the review questions. Paper versions will be made available at the school office at the start of Term 2. We will be continuing to collate feedback in Term 2 so please make sure you have your say.

FUNKY FISH REVIEW

Why Funky Fish?

The Funky Fishing event occurs annually and has done for 3 decades. There is a lot of pride and the event is widely known in Northland.

This event raises over \$20k for the school and is used for items we would otherwise not be able to afford through our Operations Grant. This year's funds are going towards a new PE Shed. Past monies have been put aside for a playground upgrade, which, once we have confirmed our Master Property Plan, will be spent on new soft fall.

In the past, the school has tried other fundraising efforts, such as a spring gala and car boot sales, but they don't bring in the amount of money needed. Additionally The Funky Fish brings in funds from outside the school community, reducing the financial pressure on our families. Other fundraisers rely largely on school whānau.

We have heard that for many families this is the one and only day they go fishing each year, whilst for others, they regularly fish and use the harbour as a food source. This is a long standing tradition for many whānau, especially mana whenua.

There is a strong connection that this event fosters. For lots of families, they enjoy the entire day's experience - fishing as a family, then enjoying the fun community event with tamariki-friendly activities.

How do we run Funky Fish?

A huge amount of effort is put into the organisation of the Funky Fish by a committee of dedicated volunteers.

We are issued a Ministry of Fisheries License which ensures we meet all current regulations. These are advertised as part of the rules on the Funky Fishing Website.

Over the years we have made improvements to the Funky Fish event, so we are continuing to uphold our values of respecting the environment.

Some examples of this:

Last year, just over 600 fish were caught and weighed in:

FISH	TOTAL CAUGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT
John Dory	7	15.95 kg
Kingfish	2	15.25 kg
Red Crayfish	7	13.12 kg
Trevally	55	98.7 kg
Kahawai	135	229.5 kg
Snapper	455	628.71 kg
TOTAL	661	1001.23 kg

The money raised for the Community Library was - \$6,030.00.

Between 250 and 300 tickets were sold and this indicates an average of 2 or 3 fish per person.

- We have a catch and release prize, which this year we have increased for each fish
 category and are hoping through the power of Social Media to promote this aspect to
 the competition.
- There are limits to the number of fish that can be weighed in. These are part of our MOF licence
- There is limited wastage thanks to Fish to Fish who helps fillet the fish on the day for a small additional charge. The unused fish parts are then given to a local charity to make stock or soup
- We minimise the use of plastics and wrappings
 Recycling bins available
- Many locals who cannot fish purchase fish at the auction and freeze it
- Encourage people to bring their own drink bottles to refill
- · Brings the community together

OUR NGĀ MĀTĀPONO / VALUES

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Waiata practise

Every Rāpare/Thursday we have Whaea Val taking the kura for waiata.

We are focusing on Kua Tae, He Honore, Ngā Iwi E. All waiata can be found online, we would love for you to be able to waiata with us during events.

Purim - Dress as your hero day

On Wednesday, we had Laura Shabtay come into kura and share a holiday that her family recently celebrated. It was a costume holiday with great links to our Ngā Mātāpono of

Belonging/Whanaungatanga, Creativity/Auahatanga and Kindness/Manaakitanga. The tamariki listened and answered questions around being brave, being kind, and standing up for what you believe in. We had some amazing costumes and each class was able to select a student to receive a prize from Laura. The stories behind the costumes were special. For example, we had Flo dressed as her hero Coco Chanel as she invented comfortable clothes for women, Indie dressed as her Mum because she is her hero, Koby dressed as his Grandfather, who was a War Hero, Lachlan dressed as a detective because he likes drama and was able to play a detective, Herbie as the powerful Zeus, Billy as his favourite All Black Jordie Barrett and Mya as a princess.

After the sharing of the holiday and our wonderful costumes, Kōtare and Kororā (Shai and Tamar's classes) stayed with Laura to bake cookies for the rest of the school. This is part of the holiday, sharing and gifting with neighbours. They were delicious!

Thank you Laura for putting in a lot of effort to make this special and sharing some of your culture with us. If there is anyone else who wishes to come and share their culture please talk to either your class kaiako or come and see Tracey, we would love to learn more about the beautiful cultures/people at Whangārei Heads School.



Girls Soccer Tournament

A soccer team of year 4 - 6 girls attended a girls only soccer tournament for the day. It was organised and run by the Northland Football Club. It was a really fun day out where the girls got to be active in a sport for the day while enjoying the event. The team were very supportive of each other and improved their own skills with each game. For a group who don't play soccer as their winter sport, they did well winning a few games and showing resilience in more challenging games. I was super proud of their attitude and effort. Thank you to Laura and Lydia for helping the team on the day.









RIPPLES

Macy, Joey, Josh, Mira, Noam, Finn C, Zara, Macenzy & Beaujolais 11am Tuesday 23rd April \$5 entry - no presales

Sausage sizzle Bake sale[★] Garden – themed dress up welcome

Plus more fun stuff!

NORTH

ngārei Quarry Gardens, 37a Russell Road, Kensington

whangāreigardens.org.nz (09)4377210

BOYS ONLY FITNESS CLASS for 9-13 year olds

An opportunity for boys to exercise in a fun, safe, non-judgméntal 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 Heath and Fitness on Facebook or on 021 207 2641 *Classes will begin Thursday 15th February



"Many Hands" Cookbook \$45 Each Available in the Office

"In Search of Boomers - Bring Back Bittern"

Tuesday April 30th 7.00 pm ^{Te Mangaroa} Whangārei Heads School

While the population of Matuku - Bittern - is declining nationally, there are Bittern in many spots in the Whangarei Heads/Parua Bay area. WHLF are having an information evening with national Bittern experts presenting so that we can learn more about these elusive, cryptic birds and how to look after them – all welcome.



For more information, call 027 446 8796 or email basc@paruabay.school.nz

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school holiday program

futsal...but so much more

Monday 15th - Friday 19nd April 8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration

www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz 021 246 7328

Thank you!!

To Julianne Newbold and Saltwater Connection who have donated wet suits to the school for our senior classes.

We will use these for Camps, and when we go snorkeling with EMR





Congratulations!

To our DP Tracey Morgan who gets married in the holidays to her partner Caitlin Riedstra.

We wish you all the happiness in the world!



Term Dates

Term 2: Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 Jul Term 3: Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep Term 4: Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec