



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 6 - June 6, 2024

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

There are lots of exciting plans underway!

Dane Higgison has been investigating the options for the new PE Shed, using the monies raised from the Funky Fishing Competition. He has sourced a container to arrive later this term. This will house some new sports equipment, in the centre of the school, making it more easily accessible for everyone. Thanks to everyone who is helping Dane with this project.

As part of the Staff Only Day, we had Kate from Weed Action visit and educate the team on the weeds we have in our school. The team then got busy removing some wild ginger, moth plants and elaeagnus from within the school grounds. Kate and the team hope to be back for our Kaitiakitanga Day, on Wednesday, June 26. It was wonderful to see the team practising Kaitiakitanga and connecting with an important local community group.

The staff also deepened their understanding of the Maths Curriculum, currently being refreshed. They looked at how to deliver explicit teaching, using the new frameworks. They also had a workshop unpacking the Science of Reading, how structured literacy supports children to learn to read. The staff have been implementing Structured Literacy through spelling for the first half of the year, and will move to reading next term.

There is a further MOE planned Staff Only Day in November. We will share these dates with you closer to the time.

Thanks for your support, these days spent on professional learning are essential for our staff to keep up with the changes happening in Education.

Kelly

Coming Events:

Week 7 - Jun 10-14

Jun 14 - Karearea Sharing Assembly

Week 8 - Jun 17-21

Jun 18 - Board Meeting 6PM

Jun 20 - The Year 7&8 Ball

Jun 21 - No Friday Assembly

Week 9 - Jun 24-28

Jun 24-25 - Science Fair Judging

Jun 26 - Kaitiakitanga Day

Join us from 11.30AM!

Jun 28 - Matariki - Public Holiday

Week 10 - Jul 1-5

Jul 3 - Karearea Tech (Catch Up Day)

Jul 5 - Last Day of Term 2



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

SAVE THE DATE!



WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 11:30AM ONWARDS

KAITIAKITANGA DAY

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF
SINGING & KAPA HAKA
SHARED LUNCH

AND THEN AN AFTERNOON OF
MATARIKI THEMED ACTIVITIES & A 'WORKING BEE'



Humphries and Te Motu Manu Hine

An update from Todd at Backyard Kiwi:

Just letting you know how your kiwi that visited the School last year before being release are doing.

Humphries, the male kiwi, has settled on the Martins' pine block at the start of Owhiwa Road. When we caught up with him in November he had grown to 1850g and looked good. He is still in a similar area and now that he is 3 years old he may be settling down with a mate - time will tell.

Te Motu Manu Hine, the female kiwi, has travelled far - from the start of Owhiwa Road to the NRC pine block behind the Old Money factory at the back of Onerahi. We caught up with her today for a transmitter change.

She has grown from 1950g and 121.0mm bill length to 2450g and 135.5mm today and is looking good. Some pics attached

She is 3 years old now so still a bit of filling out to do. If she finds a mate in this area it will be a spectacular success for Kiwi Link and the recovery of a kiwi corridor north of the Whangarei Heads.

Cheers, Todd



Top photo: Todd with Humphries

Bottom photo: Dai with Te Motu Manu Hine



WPSSA – Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports

Our year 5 and 6 students braved the cold wind and rain and threw themselves into their chosen sport at the WPSSA Winter Sports day in Kensington last week. Despite the weather they had an awesome day of rugby, soccer, netball and gymnastics, giving it their all! Well done!



Community planting day 2024

Bream Head/Te Whara
CONSERVATION TRUST



June 16
Home Bay
From 8:45-12

Happy
Birthday
to You

Ezra, River-Rae, Ben,
Daisy, Molly, Juno, Kiana,
Kaihautu and Max M



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



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



Community Library AGM

20th June

3.15pm

Whangarei Heads School Staffroom



Come and join the team of dedicated volunteers who oversee the Community Library. We meet each month for a short meeting and would love to see some new faces.

Justice of the Peace

The Northland Justice of the Peace Association wishes to announce that a new service desk is opening at the Onerahi Library on Thursdays from 2-4PM from June 6.

Photocopying available - standard library charges apply.

Justice of the Peace Checklist:

- Do not sign anything beforehand
- Check the instructions on your document before going to the Justice of the Peace
- Take photo identification
- Remember to take the original as well as the copy to be certified
- Check that a NZ Justice of the Peace can complete your documentation

For more info email:

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