



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 10 - July 5, 2024

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Thank you to all those whanau who participated in our Matariki / Kaitiakitanga Day last week. Whether you came to watch the waiata, or provided shared kai, or helped with Matariki activities or some of the mahi around the school we really appreciate your support. It was a really lovely day, with a great family atmosphere. I loved seeing the children working alongside adult volunteers to care for our school environment.

Thanks to the amazing staff at Whangarei Heads School who have been working behind the scenes to capture mid year assessments, and complete the report writing process. Children's reports will have come out on Wednesday. We will hold 3 Way Conferences in Week 1 and 2 of next term. See the information later in this newsletter and book your slot. This is an important chance to meet with your child and your child's teacher to talk about learning, what has been achieved this half year, and set some clear goals for the next two terms.

We are making great gains in introducing Structured Literacy across the school and had Pam here from Learning Matters, on Tuesday. Pam is supporting our staff in the implementation of this programme in Ruru, Korora, Kotare and Karearea. I need to congratulate the staff for the hard mahi they have been putting in to understanding the Science of Reading, that sits behind this Professional Learning, as well as learning the strategies for taking a structured approach to Spelling. The next step is to apply this theory to how we teach Reading.

I hope the team has a much earned rest and I look forward to seeing you all back next term,
Kelly

Coming Events:

TERM 3

Week 1 - Jul 22-26

Jul 24 - WGHS visit Y8 Girls
Jul 25 - WBHS visit Y8 Boys
& 3-Way Conferences - 1st round

Week 2 - Jul 29-Aug2

Jul 30 - 100 days of School!
Jul 31 - 3-Way Conferences - 2nd round
& Early finish for classes 12.30PM
& WGHS Open Evening

Week 3 - Aug 5-9

Aug 6 - Mathex 2024
& Board Meeting 6PM
Aug 7 - Karearea Mud Run
Aug 8 - WBHS Open Evening

Week 4 - Aug 12-16

Aug 14 - WGHS Interviews @ PBS



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

Kaitiakitanga Day

As you will have seen from the planting at the school entrance, our Kaitiakitanga Day was a huge success! Thank you to all whanau who could attend or contributed food to fuel our working bee. It was wonderful to see students and their family members get stuck in and give our school grounds some well deserved love. A special thanks to Mr Higginson for pulling this all together!



Kaitiakitanga: guardianship of the sky,
the sea, and the land.



This week you will have received your child's midyear report. If you haven't seen it yet please check your child's school bag! 3-Way conferences are an opportunity for you to have a chat with your child and their teacher about their progress at school, and discuss anything these reports bring to your attention.

This year, the conferences will be held on two dates.

Week 1, Thursday, July 25 - from 3.30PM

Week 2, Wednesday, July 31 - from 1.30PM

For these conferences to start early on Wednesday, classes will finish early at 12.30 to allow children to be collected or catch the bus home while the teachers prepare for interviews to begin.

To book your timeslot visit: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/veqxn>

Or scan the QR code to be directed to the booking page >>>



For any children who cannot be collected at 12.30, there will be limited supervision until 3pm provided by our wonderful teacher aids, Jenny and Dulcie. Email the Office to have your children added to their list.



Car Parking Etiquette



We are noticing a few cars starting to park **in front of the bollards** on the driveway. This isn't a car parking space, and when you do park here it means you are reversing out through the car park when you leave, where children are also walking.

If possible please can you **reverse into all parks**. This means when you do leave, you are able to see clearly any children in the car park.

Please **keep the disabled carpark free**, unless you have a legitimate reason to use it. We have several children with moonboots and crutches at the moment who benefit from being dropped off in this park by their parents for an easier walk into school.

We do still have some cars that **stop across the car park entrance** to drop their children off. There are more cars moving in and out of the main gates now. Can you please make sure to drop your children near the footpath by Playcentre and away from the bus stop.

Most families collect their children from near the Old Bus Shed, thank you. It is helpful if you are needing to cross the car park to get to your vehicle, if you can **supervise your children**. Staff do help when they can, but we want everyone to be safe.

Finally, **if your child is biking!** Amazing to have so many children doing this, but if you can encourage them to **walk their bike down the footpath from the Play Centre, behind The Big Rock**, that would mean those walking on the path are safe and sound. I hear there have been some near misses!



Emergency Contacts

Are yours up to date?

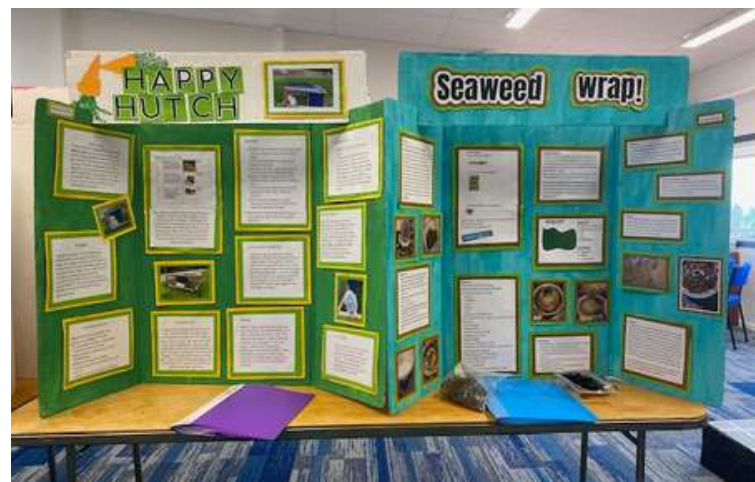
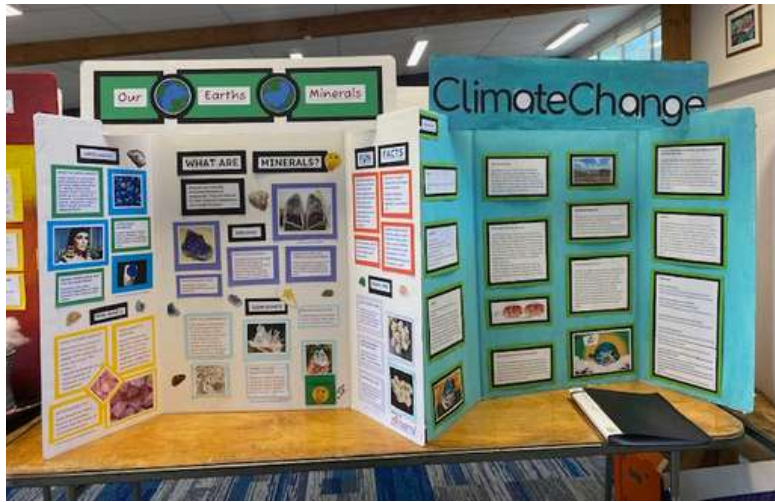


Last weeks Power Outage meant we got to have a good practice on our emergency systems. We are working on how to ensure our comms work, but in the meantime, please know in a power outage we have no phone lines, so our major source of communication will be via messenger, Facebook and ClassDojo. If there is a situation, please check there for updates, if you can.

Do we have the correct emergency contact for you? This is the person we will contact to collect your child, if we can't get a hold of you. Send this through to Courtney to update.

Science Fair

We are super proud of the mahi created by Karearea (Year 7 and 8) class. They were able to use learner agency to select if they wished to complete a Science Fair Project or create a mask or dress for the Bernina Fashion Awards. We were lucky to have Mandy Tate and Adrien Smith come and judge the Science Fair Entries, and the winners will head to the Northland Science Fair in August. The Bernina Fashion Award pieces will be on display in September.

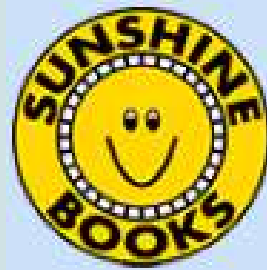


Bernina



Funding call for our Reading Programme

We recently purchased a set of Sunshine readers from the Decodables Series to support our Structured Literacy programme. These books are enjoyable for the kids, are based on high-frequency words with systematic progression for learning the sounds (phonemes) and the letter/s that represent them (graphemes). We do not have further budget set aside this year to buy the next level of books for our students who could really benefit from these. The next set costs \$1,200.00 for a total of 200 books (5x 40 titles for reading groups) across four levels. Ideally, we are needing to purchase the decodable texts for all areas of the kura. This is where we need your help, if you have experience with applying for grants, or you wish to donate/sponsor as a whānau or business owner, please can you contact the office or Tracey Morgan - tracey.m@whangareiheads.school.nz with how you would/can help. We appreciate all the support you can give our tamariki.



Treasurer Needed for the Community Library

Our amazing treasurer who has been looking after our finances for many years is retiring from the position and we need someone to take on this role. The position is not onerous, as we generally use only one supplier for our books and have an annual turnover of around \$2500 in the form of a grant from the council. We meet once a month on a Thursday, and our meetings are short (generally only 45 minutes). We require a monthly report from the treasurer at those meetings. Our retiring treasurer will work alongside the new person initially.

Please contact Denise Humphries if you can help us or need more information denise55.dh@gmail.com



Passport to Holiday Fun

GRAB YOUR PASSPORT TO FUN FROM FOXY SWEETIE. COLLECT A STAMP FROM EACH LOCATION & RETURN TO FOXY SWEETIE TO BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN!

COMPETITION RUNS 6TH - 18TH JULY 2024 AND ONE WINNER IS DRAWN 19TH JULY 2024. ALL CORRECTLY STAMPED PASSPORTS GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A PRIZE PACK VALUED OVER \$700 FROM PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS.

Stamps and logos include: Xflip!, Bocky Delato, ESCAPE ON Bank Street, Cuppa Cakes, WHANGAREI AQUATIC CENTRE, CRANIUMS, HUNDETWASSER ART & CENTRE, and foxy sweetie.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

BROUGHT TO YOU BY foxy sweetie

Get your free ticket in store or in cafe

COLOURING COMPETITION!

FREE FACE PAINTING

WED. 10TH JUL: 11AM - 2PM
TUE. 16TH JUL: 11AM - 2PM

COLOURING COMPETITION

6TH - 18TH JUL

PASSPORT TO FUN COMPETITION

6TH - 18TH JUL

A prize for each age group!

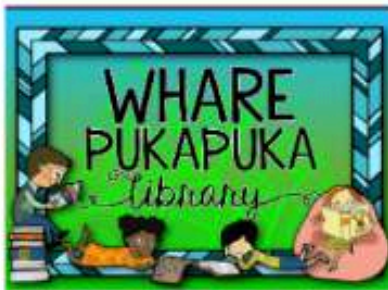
Complete your passport & go in the draw to win a prize pack valued over \$700.00!

TE REO MĀORI

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

Wiki 9 & 10

Haere ki te.... (location) Go to the



Fruit Donations!

The cold weather makes our active kids extra hungry! If you have surplus fruit on your trees we can put it to good use, and give our tamariki the extra vitamins and full tummies they need on these cold winter days. We always have toast ready for lunch top ups, but fruit, and even some local honey for recovering sore throats, would be greatly appreciated by our students. Contact the office if you can contribute!



Welcome to
our Village

Playcentre



Our village becomes *your* village at Playcentre: fun and friendship for you and your children in endless experiences that last a lifetime.

Do you have children aged 0 – 6? Come over and check us out! Located beside Parua Bay School, opposite Parua Bay Village Shops. Find us on Facebook – Parua Bay or Whangarei Heads Playcentre.

Monday 9.00am - 12.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm
Thursday 9.00am - 12.00pm
Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Good for your child
and good for you

We offer 3 free visits
before you join



Whangarei Heads and Parua Bay Playcentres are both running at:
1394 Whangārei Heads Road
Parua Bay
Whangarei 0174
paruabay@playcentre.org.nz
09 436 4074

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"



Holiday Club Term 2 (8th-19th July 2024)

Parua Bay Before & After School Care
1396 Whangarei Heads Road, Parua Bay

Wheats Day Mon 08 Jul Bites and snacks. Bring along roller skates, remote control cars, monster trucks, hot wheels cars. Read books, tractors and maps.	Cooking up a Storm Tue 09 Jul Bites and snacks. Bring along something yummy for morning and afternoon tea.	Amateur Park Wed 10 Jul Ball games! Rounders, netball, tag or soccer. We will take our morning tea to the park for running, kicking, throwing and passing.	Movie Day Thu 11 Jul 7-7.30pm or 7.30pm-8pm. Come watch movies on the big screen, pack your snacks, beer bags, blankets and soft toys.	Messy Play Fri 12 Jul Roll our sleeves up and get messy! Shave foam, glue, finger painting, slime and dough.
Games Day Mon 15 Jul Board and party games plus more! Run on the big screen. Bring your favourite game to share.	Recycled Art Tue 16 Jul Tins, bottles, boxes, cups, tape, buttons and sticks. Bring along any recycled goods to share and see what creations we can make.	Nacho Lunch Wed 17 Jul An all free Tamariki A Fun day exploring, just with a Nacho Lunch needed because we are making Nachos for lunch.	Puzzle Day Thu 18 Jul Crosswords, word finds, jigsaw puzzles and brain teasers. Test our skills or make our own.	Mid Winter Christmas Fri 19 Jul Come celebrate mid winter Christmas with songs, craft and food that reminds us of that special time of the year.

Morning tea and afternoon tea provided - Please pack a lunch for your child including a water bottle and spare clothes. \$50.00 daily rate per child.
For more information, call +64 0274468799 Or email bado@paruabay.school.nz

Book now at ParuaBayBASC.aimyplus.com

Happy
Birthday
to You

Liam, Lachlan D, Keiran,
Zeke, Poppy & Kaia



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

 **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



school holiday program

futsal...but so much more

Monday 8th - Friday 12th July
8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration

www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
futsal@northlandfootball.net

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FUTSAL
ACADEMY**



REGISTER HERE
www.rc4kids.co.nz



**KIDS
RUGBY
CAMP**



**JULY 8- 9TH
NORTHLAND RUGBY**

136 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, PARAHAKI, WHANGĀREI

\$40 PER DAY

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FUN

Join us for an unforgettable sports holiday programme!

Boys & girls ages 7 - 13

All abilities welcome

Overall sport skill development

Team building

Rippa games

TIME:

DROP OFF FROM 8:30AM

START TIME 9AM

FINISH 2:30PM

PICK UP BY 3PM



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