



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 4 - Week 1 - October 18, 2024

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Firstly, we have some exciting news! **We have appointed Penn Evans** as the Karearea teacher for 2025, alongside Tracey Morgan. Some of you may know Penn as "Lenny's Dad" and the whanau are all excited about returning to the Heads next year. Penn has been teaching for the last 5 years at Morningside School and has a number of strengths that he will bring with him. He is passionate about the Garden to Table programme, as well as having created his own version of Enviro Warriors that he used to promote Enviro Education. I was excited to hear him describe a typical day in his class programme and his strengths in teaching Writing as well as Inquiry learning. He is looking forward to working with the Year 7 and 8 age group, building on from his work with Year 6s this year. We will formally welcome Penn, and his whanau, to school in the new school year.

We are now working towards placing teachers and children in classes for next year. If you know you are leaving the area or our school can you please let us know, equally if you know of anyone planning to make the move to our kura, and they are in zone, please do encourage them to let us know. We will share the plan for 2025 a bit later in the term, there are some final pieces of the puzzle that need to be confirmed first. I know you are all eager to know who might be your child's teacher, and what class they may be in.

We have a **Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 12th of November**. This is a Ministry of Education planned day, set by them, in order for us to get familiar with all the changes with the refreshed NZ Curriculum. We have booked Ali Booth from the Ministry of Education, to help our staff become more familiar with the new English Curriculum. We will be unable to provide supervision on this day, as all staff will be involved in the professional development. We apologise for any inconvenience, we had to work within Ali's very busy timetable.

I hope you all had a good week, I hope to be "back on deck", with the help of my scooter, next week.

Kelly

Coming Events:

Week 2 - Oct 21-25

Oct 22 - School Photo Day

Oct 23 - Year 7/8 Touch Rugby
vs PBS

Week 3 - Oct 28-Nov 1

Oct 28 - Labour Day - Closed

Nov 1 - Enviro Project Day

Week 4 - Nov 4-8

Nov 5 - Board Meeting 6PM
(Date change)

Week 5 - Nov 11-15

Nov 13 - Cricket Sessions

Nov 14 - Zone Athletics with
PBS - Year 5-8

Week 6 - Nov 18-22

Nov 22 - Enviro Project Day



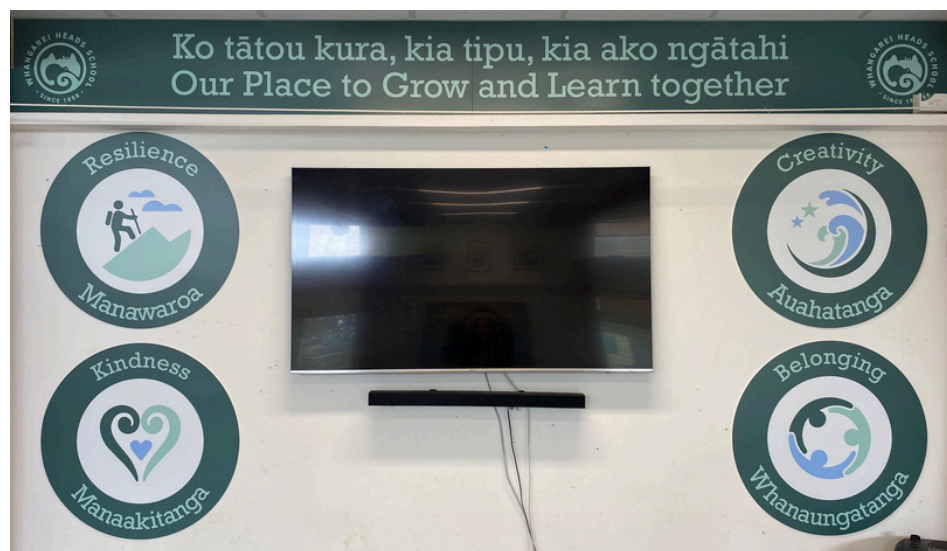
Our Place to Grow and Learn together
Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi

New Vision and Nga Matapono signs in Te Mangaroa

Mrs Morgan has been hard at work behind the scenes, to create new signs for our kura. The first have been set up in Te Mangaroa, and there are plans for more to come!

This is part of her work in PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning, which has focused on bringing our Ngā Mātāpono (Values) to life in our everyday school culture. She has been busy in this space, making changes to our Whānau Hui, the Principal Awards, which are now Ngā Mātāpono Awards, but also just in everyday common language model to and with all staff.

It is wonderful to have these Taonga on display in our meeting space. The icons are those that came with our recent Website upgrade. We are so pleased with the finished look!



Term 4 – Mihi Whakatau

This morning, we held a mihi whakatau to welcome our new whānau and tamariki. It was wonderful to see everyone there, sharing in the warmth and connection that these ceremonies foster. The mihi whakatau plays a crucial role in bringing our Ngā Mātāpono Belonging/Whanaungatanga alive by creating a welcoming space where we can connect, share our stories, and strengthen our relationships, reinforcing our sense of belonging within our Whangārei Heads School whānau. Let's continue to strengthen our ties and celebrate our shared journey together!





Category winners for Bernina Northland Fusion Fashion 2024 are:
Masquerade Winner - Gemma Drake
Garment "Whangarei Heads kaitiaki kanohi ke"
Was proudly displayed at Bernina Northland



Category winners for Bernina Northland Fusion Fashion 2024 are:
Indigenous Fashion Winner - Zara Harris
Garment "Kiwiana Utopia"
Was proudly displayed at Harcourts Whangarei

Bernina Northland Fashion Awards

The results of the 2024 awards are in and we are so proud to announce that two of our talented students picked up two category wins!

Gemma and Zara, we are so pleased to share your winning creations with the school community. Well done!



Junior Surf Life Saving

There are a few spaces left for Junior Surf Life Saving and the season is kicking off soon! Surf Life Saving is a wonderful way for kids to enjoy the beach while learning important water safety skills.

The season begins on 10 November, with our last day in 2024 being 22 December. We'll resume on 9 February and conclude the season on 23 March 2025. The sessions are held on Sundays from 11-1pm at Ocean Beach.

If your children plan to sign up this year, please email juniors@whvslsp.nz with the following details, and we'll send you an invoice. The fees are \$30 per child or \$50 per family, and payment is required before the season starts.

Registration must be in by 25 October.

Child's Full Name:
Child's Date of Birth:
Parent's Full Name:
Parent's Phone Number:
Parent's Email Address:



Bream Head/Te Whara
CONSERVATION TRUST

Tech talk on traps



When: Wednesday 23rd October
Where: McLeod Bay Hall
Time: 6.45pm - 9pm

Guest speaker: Shaun Ryan of 2040 Ltd

Please RSVP before 18/10/24 to info@breamheadtrust.nz

TERM FOUR

ENVIRO PROJECT DAYS



Week 3

Friday
November 1st
11:30-1pm

and

Week 6

Friday
November 22nd
11:30-1pm

Can you be free on the dates and times mentioned?
Are you interested in the kaupapa around
kaitiakitanga, the environment and education?
Are you willing to share some of your passion and
interest in these areas with our amazing tamariki?

CAN YOU?

Organise and run an environmental education
activity for a small group of tamariki.

or

Identify an area of the school that could do with
some mahi and work with a small group of tamariki to
make a difference.

IF SO, THEN WELCOME ABOARD!

Contact Dane Higgison for more information and to
discuss dane.h@whangareiheads.school.nz



Hats Everyday in Term 4

Term 4 brings the sun a little closer so it's time to
make sure your kids have sun hats ready to wear for
all outdoor activities.

If you would like to purchase one of our school hats,
these are available from the school office for \$16.
You are welcome to pay online to the school account:
Whangarei Heads School Board
12-3092-0033347-00

For an extra \$10 we can have their name
embroidered on the hat as well. Contact the office to
place your order.



Te Manawa Tahī

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag.

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz. Hubs are open from 9am to 12pm unless otherwise stated.

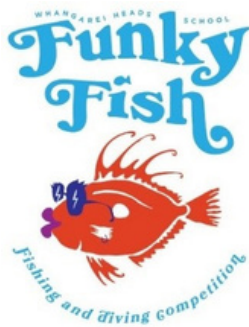
All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Hub Locations	Term 4 2024, Weeks 1 to 5
Thursday 17 Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 23 Oct	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 24 Oct	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thursday 31 Oct	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wednesday 6 Nov	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 7 Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wednesday 13 Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Funky Fish Sponsors

Planning for Funky Fish for 2025 is underway! If your business, or one you know, would like to become sponsors of this wonderful school fundraiser please let us know by emailing the office. Once the sponsorship categories have been confirmed flyers will be sent out to our usual sponsors, as well as any new businesses who have come forward requesting the information.

We have a great team on the committee this year, and will be putting out a call to join our army of volunteers leading up to the event if you would like to support us this way instead.



Happy Birthday

Frankie G, Shai,
Lewis, Isla B,
Banos & Koby



Baseball Returns!

Baseball season here! This will be the 3rd season of after-school baseball in the Whangarei Heads area.

The game has been growing here with numbers increasing each school term. Baseball will be held on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoons.

Starting on 15th October.

Sessions to be held at Parua Bay School.

Cost is \$100 for Term 4.

Ages 9 - 12 years old.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Nate McDonald:

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