



#### Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 6 - August 30, 2024

#### KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU.

Classes are all very busy preparing for the upcoming Art Exhibition on the 19th September.

This is the culmination of an Inquiry that meets the aims of the Visual Arts Curriculum. The following is an example from Level 2 of the curriculum, which is our Year 4-6 area of the school.

Students will:

Understand the visual arts in context

• Share ideas about how and why their own and others' works are made and their purpose, value, and context.

Develop practical knowledge

 Explore a variety of materials and tools and discover elements and selected principles.

Develop ideas

 Investigate and develop visual ideas in response to a variety of motivations, observation, and imagination.

Communicate and interpret

 Share the ideas, feelings, and stories communicated by their own and others' objects and images.

After feedback following the last exhibition, we are doing things a bit differently this year. To tie in with our theme of Kaitiakitanga, classes are working on Visual Art pieces that help enhance our school grounds or show Kaitiakitanga by reusing materials.

The exhibition itself well be held in our school grounds on the evening of the 19th of September. We will open with a welcome and an explanation of the different art works available to view. You will then be given a map to help you locate all the different art to view.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly

#### Coming Events:

Week 7 - Sept 2-6 Sept 4 - WPSSA Whangarei Cross Country

Week 8 - Sept 9-13
AIMS GAMES WEEK!

16 Karearea students are in Tauranga competing in their chosen sports.

Good luck to them all!

Sept 10 - Board Meeting 6PM

Week 9 - Sept 16-20 Sept 19 - Art Expo Evening!

Week 10 - Sept 23-27 Sept 26 - Colour Fun Run Sept 27 - Last Day of Term 3

Sharing Assemblies
Hui ā kura
Fridays - 2.10PM
All Welcome!

#### Term 4

First Day - Oct 14 Labour Day - Oct 28 Teacher Only Day - Nov 12 Last Day - Dec 18

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



# Kaitiakitanga Art Exhibition SAVE THE PATE

## **Thursday 19 September**

5pm Welcome and Exhibition explained 5:30 - 6:30pm tour of art pieces

Following on from our Kaitiaki theme, this year's Art Exhibition will feature Art Pieces in our school grounds.

More details to come, but add this date to your calendar You won't want to miss it!

Postponement date: Monday 23rd September

### WHS Cross Country 2024

We had another fabulous day on the Vinson Farm for our annual school Cross Country. The weather cleared up just in time for our arrival, so we could enjoy the hillside setting while cheering our students on.











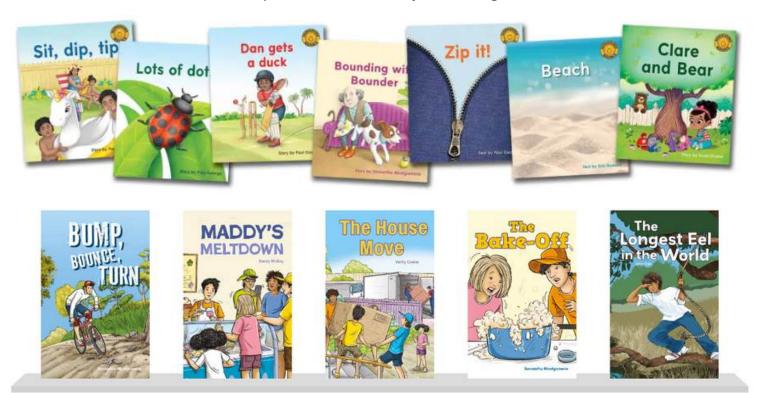






#### Final call for Sponsorship of our Reading Programme

We recently put a call out for sponsors for our reading programme, so that we can purchase more Sunshine Books - Decodable Series to strengthen and support our readers in all year levels. If any other whanau are interested in making a contribution towards these book sets, which will benefit our kura for years to come, please contact the office, or let our amazing DP, Tracey, know directly so that she can determine which sets we are able to purchase next - <a href="mailto:tracey.m@whangareiheads.school.nz">tracey.m@whangareiheads.school.nz</a>



#### Great Results at the Squash Comp!

Florrie, Eli and George had a great time putting their squash skills into action, with Florrie coming second at the Northland Secondary Schools Squash Competition! Great practice for AIMS Games.









## Learning Support Awareness Day

29 August 2024

All tamariki in Aotearoa deserve access to the support they need to thrive in education.

This can look like a teacher aide, specialist, or professional advice for teachers.

The need for learning support far outstrips provision – for every seven tamariki who access support, three miss out. Ministry of Education learning support staffing has a 16% vacancy rate.

Teachers, education support staff, principals and learning support specialists agree on what is needed:

- Increase the number of teacher aides
- Increase the number of learning support specialists

This is how the Government could really make a difference in education for tamariki.

Sign up for info on how you can help make the change our tamariki need at: nzeiteriuroa.org.nz/campaigns/nga-aukaha



NZEI TE RIU ROA



Amplify your voice by tagging us on social medial Facebook: @rizelteriuroa and Instagram: @rizelteriuroa

In all the noise that we have at the moment about new curriculums, and children underachieving, one thing is getting lost - we do not have sufficient Learning Support to meet the needs of todays children.

We are lucky here at the Heads with our on-site Learning Support Team Sharon Allen - SENCO Laetitia McKenzie - Learning Support Co-ordinator Sian Morris - Specialist Intervention Teacher Clare Spicer - RTLB Jenny Snell, Dulcie Heyward -Learning Support Assistants.

These incredible people do the very best they can to stretch the limited resources we have to best meet the needs of our children.

What would help us is more;

- funding to provide more teacher aide support
- expert advice from
   Occupational Therapists,
   Education Psychologists to
   support us to support the
   children



Lima, Leo, Yari, Penny & Cosimo



#### **Fantastic Science Fair Results**

Science Fair Success at the Northland Science Fair for Penny and Poppy. Well done to these two superstars from the Karearea Class!!







#### Enviro Projects & Kaitiakitanga

What a beautiful Friday we had, demonstrating our Kaitiakitanga and taking care of our school grounds or growing our knowledge of our surrounding environment. More photos on Class Dojo!









#### Whanau Hui Fun!

Our four school Whanau groups went head to head in a heated hoola hoop race! Check out the race in action!













Manaia Kauri Matariki Reotahi

#### Northland Schools Surf Champs!

Northland Surfing Association along with the Northland Scholastics team will be running a Primary ages Surf event at Sandy Bay. The event is an introduction to competitive surf competitions and is open to all abilities.

"We will be helping surfers interested in surfing to participate in a surf comp.

We are using the event to fundraise for the Scholastics teams trip to Dunedin to compete at the Scholastics Nationals in October."

Venue: Sandy Bay, Tūtūkākā

Date: Saturday 31st August or Sunday 1st Septemberweather conditions will dictate the best option, to be

confirmed 26th August. Time : 9am event briefing

Divisions: Yr 6 and below mixed, Yr7-8 Boys, Yr 7-8 Girls

All abilities welcome

Entry forms available from Northland Surfing Association

Facebook page.

Sunday only entry is available.

\$35 entry, \$50 entry plus tee-shirt

Spot prizes, Prizes for Division winners, Food





#### Te Manawa Tahi

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi 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 Tahi sign or flag.

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing <a href="mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz">TT.Support@education.govt.nz</a>.
All hubs are open from 9am to 12pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Hub Locations Term 3 2024, Weeks 6 to		6 to 10
Wednesday 28 Aug	Bream Bay Community Trust (10.00 am to 12.30 pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā		
Thursday 29 Aug	Te Kura o Otangarei School, Wil	liam Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thursday 5 Sep	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup	, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 11 Sep	St John Ötamatea Ambulance Hall 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto		
Thursday 12 Sep	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside		
Wednesday 18 Sep	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victor	ia Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 19 Sep	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo		
	Ngunguru School (9.00 am - 10 Te Maika Road	30 am)	

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