



# Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

**Term 4 - Week 3 - November 1, 2024**

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

As you are aware we have been learning about being a Kaitiaki - or 'Guardian for our Environment' this year. This is part of our Strategic Aim to create a whole school culture shift to kids being guardians/kaitiakitanga.

These have been our term wide Inquiry focus:

Term 1 - What does Kaitiakitanga mean? In our school, community.

Term 2 - Kaitiaki of the Moana - How can we care for our harbour and sea?

Term 3 - Kaitiaki of the school environment - creating spaces and art pieces that enhance "Our Place".

This term we are moving into learning about Kaitiaki in and for our community. Piwakwaka, Tui and Ruru are inquiring into the people in our community who care and look after us. Korora and Kotare are inquiring into local charities, and what do they do to support our community. Karearea are learning about how different societies care for their elderly, and as part of this they are planning to visit and do some mahi for Tranquility Rest home.

This amazing inquiry builds on our school and community values of manaakitanga/kindness and whanaungatanga/ belonging. It also links to our Strategic Plan goal of having Community Partnerships that are strong, authentic and active.

As I write this newsletter we are preparing for another Kaitiakitanga Project Day. We have invited community groups and have school wide projects underway as part of our Enviro Education Programme. Weed Action, and the Bream Head Rangers are here to support us. The children have been able to opt into a range of different workshops; from harakeke, to making posters about Biodiversity, to decorating pots for our bee garden and weeding in the new garden in the car park area. Maybe you can come join us on the next Kaitiakitanga Project Day.

Kelly

## Coming Events:

**Week 4 - Nov 4-8**

Nov 5 - Board Meeting 6PM  
(Date change)

**Week 5 - Nov 11-15**

Nov 12 - Teacher Only Day  
(No supervision available)  
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

# WHS – Enviro Reporters in action!



Today for Enviro Project we had a group of children reporters working with Ms Mercer in the staffroom. The reporters worked in pairs, showing Tuakana/Teina (supporting the younger students). They went out to observe the Enviro Projects in action, take photos and interviewed the students then came back to write their articles.

Here are their stories:

## Putiputi Harakeke

We looked at the Putiputi Harakeke and everyone was feeling good and having lots of fun. Students say it is fun and a cool experience. "Yes we would like it again." "It's good to be together." Another says "It's cool, I like the chopsticks game and good idea."

Yes parents should definitely participate and a parents view was that it is "Nice to work alongside kids, getting dirty for the environment and caring for the plants and knowing they will benefit from it".

Tommy said 'The kids were making flax, it was so cool'

By Juno and Tommy.



## Nova's Nest

Nova's nest is dedicated to the memory of Nova Jayne Evans D.O.B 28.9.2004 age 10. The plaque reads, your laughter is timeless, your dreams are forever. Ride like the wind. Soar sweet Nova, and know we are always by your side.

Today we were refurbishing Nova's nest. We were watching people replanting pretty yellow flowers and cleaning the boardwalk. Nova is Liv's and Noah's big sister who passed away in 2004.

It is important to look after this site so we will remember Nova forever.

Harley and Cruz



# Fighting the good fight – tackling those weeds & learning about natives

At school today were we were tackling weeds over in Fern Valley with Kate & James. Cutting down cotoneasters around Fern Valley with hand saws.

Frank said “The kids were playing and cutting weeds”.

Thanks to weed action for telling us which plants are weeds and are natives.

By Josh & Frank

## Weeding in the Carpark and Fern Valley

Up by the car park under the boiling sun a group of people are working hard pulling out all different varieties of grass as well as other weeds. They are learning at the same time. James was teaching them all about the different types of grass.

Kate from Weed Action says it is cool seeing the whole school working together on different projects. The kids who are weeding say they would love it if we could continue this next year.

By Florence

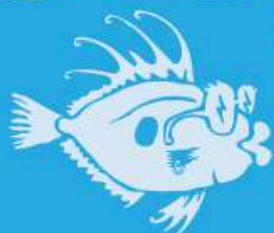


## More Enviro Project work in Action





## 2025 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Sponsor the Funky Fish!**

WHANGAREI HEADS SCHOOL

# Funky Fish '25

FISHING AND DIVING COMPETITION

**Sunday March 30, 11-6pm**  
Taurikura Bay, Whangarei Heads  
Fish auction, live music, fresh food,  
licensed bar, kids entertainment...  
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WEBSITE	Listed with Bronze sponsors	Listed with Silver sponsors	Listed with Gold sponsors	Large listing with Platinum sponsors
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	Social media promo pack - posts & images to use on your social media to promote your sponsorship of the event			
<b>PRINT</b>				
ROADSIDE SIGNAGE			Roadside signage x 4	Prominent position on roadside signage x 4
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER	Name listed during event leadup	Brand listing alongside other Silver sponsors	Brand listing alongside other Gold sponsors	Dedicated full page brand mention
COMMUNITY FLYER	Listed with Bronze sponsors	Listed with Silver sponsors	Listed with Gold sponsors	Large listing with Platinum sponsors
<b>EVENT DAY</b>				
SHOUTOUT	During listed sponsor shoutout on the day	During announcements on the day	Gold sponsorship recognition during the event	Platinum sponsorship recognition throughout the event
EVENT BRAND PLACEMENT*	A5 brand display	A4 brand display	A3 brand display	Large stage signage
EVENT SIGNAGE			Opportunity to display a brand banner on roadside fence at event**	Opportunity to display a brand banner on roadside fence at event AND a large banner inside the event**

\*Printed by Funky Fish. \*\*Sponsor to provide, install & dismantle. Cable ties required for fence signage to avoid damage.

## Staff only day reminder

Reminder that on Tuesday 12 November the school is closed for students as the kaimahi (staff) all work with Ali Booth from the MOE on the new English curriculum which has just been published. This day has been given to us from the Ministry of Education, in order to be ready to use this curriculum next year.

Because the staff are all involved in this Professional Development we are unable to provide any supervision of children.



## Touch Rugby Evenings

Family touch-rugby evenings are starting at our school!

These will be held on Fridays, on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November. 4-6pm.

Whangarei Heads School field.

Fun, casual, all families, all ages, all abilities for an afternoon run around with informal touch rugby games.

For more info contact Jessie 021 08336233





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](mailto: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.





# Heads BJJ attend Gi National Champs!

Congratulations to Banos, Beni, Gemma D, Jacob G, Mila, Shani and Van who took part in the NZ Grappler GI Nationals jiu-jitsu competition last weekend.

The GI Nationals is one of the biggest jiu-jitsu competitions in NZ and the last major comp on our calendar for this year.

They made us proud (as always!) and showcased some really cool jiu-jitsu to bring home some more medals for their walls. Special mention to Banos who always has a huge bracket of tough competitors and earned an excellent 4th place.

Beni: Gold

Gemma: Silver

Jacob G: Silver

Mila: Gold

Shani: Silver

Van: Silver



Mila was also named the overall 2023/24 season NO GI champion for her belt level (across all ages and weights), and was treated to a professional photoshoot with the other season champions. As her dad and her coach I couldn't be more proud of her, she really loves jiu-jitsu but she trains hard too.



## Well Done Mila!!

Overall 2023/24 season NO GI champion for her belt level (across all ages and weights)





WHANGĀREI

# Fireworks Spectacular

Great Family Night Out

**Saturday 2 November, 6pm**  
**Semenoff Stadium**

Delicious food & beverage for sale  
Alcohol free event

Live music from JTB

Fun, free activities for all ages!

Performances from WADPA & Taonga o Te Moana

MC'd by Char from The Hits Northland

Tickets available from eventfinda and from the gate on the night.

Adults \$14, Child \$7, Family \$32 (2 Adults, 2 Children or 1 Adult, 4 Children). Includes booking fees. Under 5 FREE.



## Surfing Lessons

On behalf of the Ocean Beach Boardriders, I'm contacting you about times and dates of this year's junior lessons.

The dates are 20 -21st November and the 27th-28th November.

The lessons will start at 5pm and finish at 7pm.

Please meet at the overflow car park next to the trailer.

The cost is \$30 to join the club and \$5 per child per lesson.

4 lessons in total.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you don't have a wetsuit we can supply them.



3 NOVEMBER  
10AM - 1PM

KENSINGTON PARK  
WHANGĀREI

## EMERGENCY SERVICES FAMILY FUN DAY

We want to prevent death and serious harm in our community by improving the wellbeing of us all ... And let Northlanders know what support networks are there for them - 24/7. Let's help each other ... bring the family down! We'll crank up the BBQ for the kids. And loads more fun, displays and giveaways.

### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

NZ Police | Northland Regional Council | New Zealand Red Cross | Blue Light | Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora  
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## Family Fun Day Kensington Park

Whangārei's Emergency Services Family Fun Day is a FREE event held this Sunday, 3rd November.

The Family Fun Day showcases our amazing Emergency Services and many other fantastic organisations that support the safety and wellbeing of all Northlanders. Interactive displays, demonstrations, giveaways, BBQ and lots of fun for all ages!



# 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](mailto: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	



Ziggy, Zander,  
Beauden, Isla G,  
George, Louie,  
Caden & Mikki

**Whangarei  
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## Baseball is Back!

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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