



# Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

**Term 4 - Week 5 - November 15, 2024**

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

*Thanks for your support as we held our Kaimahi (staff) only day on Tuesday. It was a rather intense day of learning for all our staff as we looked at the new English Curriculum that was released just the week before. This will be a large part of our ongoing Professional Learning next year as we familiarise ourselves with the Refreshed Curriculum, and aligning it with how we teach and learn at Whangārei Heads School.*

*We are busy finalising the arrangements for next year and we are now able to let you know the class teachers and Year Levels:*

*Piwakawaka - Year 0/1 - Alex Hunter*

*Tui - Year 1/2 - Sara Robinson / Fiona Ellis*

*Ruru - Year 3/4 - Dane Higgison*

*Korora - Year 4/5 - Sharon Allen / Emily Drake*

*Kotare - Year 5/6 - Jamie Love*

*Karearea - Year 7 /8 - Penn Evans / Tracey Morgan*

*Fiona will be our Classroom Release Teacher from Monday to Wednesday  
Sian Morris will be back as our Intervention Support Teacher*

*There are a number of factors we use when considering class placement of children including but not limited to; age, friendships, learning needs, as well attempting to get a balance of gender across the classrooms. If you would like to discuss your child's potential class placement for next year please contact me. If you know you are leaving at the end of this year, please let us know.*

*Thank you,  
Kelly*

## Coming Events:

**Week 6 - Nov 18-22**

Nov 21 - Bake Sale

Nov 22 - Enviro Project Day

**Week 7 - Nov 25-29**

Nov 27 - WPSSA Yr 7&8 Athletics

**Week 8 - Dec 2-6**

Dec 3 - Te Whanga

Dec 4 - WPSSA Yr 5&6 Athletics

**Week 9 - Dec 9-13**

Dec 10 - Junior Athletics  
& Board Meeting 6PM

Dec 11 - Dryland Swim Sessions  
(in class)

Dec 12 - Yr 8 Leavers Dinner

**Week 10 - Dec 16-18**

Dec 16 - Music Concert

Dec 17 - Christmas Tree Evening

Dec 18 - Last Day of Term



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



WHANGĀREI HEADS SCHOOL IS PROUD TO HOST

# Te Whanga 2024



TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER  
RATŪ 3 O HAKIHEA

**10AM - 2PM**

**KAPA HAKA, KAI &  
WHANAUNGATANGA**

Please BYO chair or mat to sit on  
Cash event only

**AT WHANGĀREI HEADS SCHOOL**

28 Whangarei Heads School  
Road, Whangārei 0174

**KURA PERFORMING:**

- Onerahi School
- Raurimu Avenue School
- Parua Bay School
- Whangārei Heads School



# WHS Athletics Day – Years 5–8

While our Interschool Athletics Day with Parua Bay did not go ahead with the drizzly weather, our students took to the fields for an afternoon of fun, putting their athletics skills to the test!





# More WHS Athletics Day Fun!





# WHS Athletics Day Results!

Long Jump	Whangarei Heads
Y5 Boys	Ziggy Smith 3.31m
Y5 Girls	Lucy McDonald 3.13m
Y6 Boys	Josh Hartwell 3.68m
Y6 Girls	Chey Moran 3.31m
Y7 Boys	Ben Copplestone 3.82m
Y7 Girls	Ella McDonald 3.76m
Y8 Boys	Riley Croasdale 3.78m
Y8 Girls	Jayde Maunder 3.82m

Shot Put	Whangarei Heads
Y5 Boys	Cosimo de Donatis 6.55m Yari Freeman 5.95
Y5 Girls	Liv Evans 6.73m Gria Valent -Hay 6.29m
Y6 Boys	Zeke Broadhurst 7.32m Otto Schleiser 6.62m
Y6 Girls	Halia Vaotogo 5.82m Juniper Johnson 5.44m
Y7 Boys	Ben Copplestone 7.56m Arlo Bengé 5.42m
Y7 Girls	Poppy Dennis 6.01m Nina Caulton 5.38m
Y8 Boys	Kaihautu Rihari 8.05m Riley Croasdale 7.57m
Y8 Girls	Jayde Maunder 6.87m Emily Moka 6.36m

High Jump	Whangarei Heads
Y5 Boys	Niko Foote 1.14m Cosimo de Donatis 1.11m
Y5 Girls	Kaia Bellamy 1.11m Shani Dewhurst 1.08m
Y6 Boys	Shai Shabtay 1.17m Otto Schleiser 1.08m
Y6 Girls	Halia Vaotogo 1.08m Primrose Heywood 1.00m
Y7 Boys	Ben Copplestone 1.29m Jihzaan Goh 1.15m
Y7 Girls	Nina Caulton 1.14m Tilly Heywood 1.12m
Y8 Boys	Kaihautu Rihari 1.46m Riley Croasdale 1.23m
Y8 Girls	Grace Woods 1.24m Jayde Maunder 1.20m

Sprints (70m)	Whangarei Heads
Y5 Boys	Niko Foote Yari Freeman
Y5 Girls	Kaia Bellamy Gria Valent-Hay
Y6 Boys	Tim Barr Zeke Broadhurst
Y6 Girls	Chey Moran Primrose Heywood
Y7 Boys	Ben Copplestone Eli Foote
Y7 Girls	Poppy Dennis Tilly Heywood
Y8 Boys	Kaihautu Rihari Riley Croasdale
Y8 Girls	Jayde Maunder Penny Barr

## Recognition of our Lovely Librarians



Badges were handed out to our dedicated, hardworking librarians. As newer librarians remember to attend their duty regularly, they will also be rewarded.



# Attendance – Term 3

Our Term 3 Attendance results were once again lower than is desired.

The Government has as one of its Education Priorities; improving attendance.

*"In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of **80** percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030."*

We are a long way from reaching that target;

In term 3 only **36%** of our students attended 90% of the time.

52% of those absent were away for medical reasons

34% of those absent were away for a holiday within term time

8% of those absent were away for a justified reasons, within school policy

6% of those absent were explained but not for a justified reason within school policy.

There seems to have been an incredible amount of students who have had a holiday within term time this year. This does make it challenging for teachers planning learning experiences, and having children missing for part of it. The Art Exhibition was an example of this. We have also noticed some children who had time of school for holidays, then needed additional support to catch up their learning. Please consider the learning cost, if you are planning an overseas trip next year.





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.





# 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 6 to 10
Wednesday 20 Nov	Bream Bay Community Trust (10.00 am to 12.30 pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 21 Nov	Te Kura o Otangarei School, William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thursday 28 Nov	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 4 Dec	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 5 Dec	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wednesday 11 Dec	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	

## Surf Lessons at Ocean Beach

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.**

**Ph/text Lew on 0211897201**

**or email [lewhart14@gmail.com](mailto:lewhart14@gmail.com)**



**Riley D, Gria,  
Bodhi, Hunter M,  
Florrie, Kasper,  
Ella & Thomas**

## Touch Rugby Evenings

Family touch-rugby evenings are on at our school on Friday Evenings!

These will be held on the 15th, 22nd and 29th November, from 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

