



# Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 8 - March 28, 2025

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

It is Funky Fishing weekend!

There has been a busy committee behind the Funky Fishing and Diving Competition that has been working for almost 6 months in preparation for the event on Sunday. Thanks to all you, it is a wonderful crew and it looks like another successful event ahead. Fingers crossed.

We hope you all have your fishing rods ready, your tickets and are about to enjoy a fun filled weekend on our harbour. If you don't fish you can still come along there are heaps of children's entertainment to enjoy as well as our kitchen. The auction is a great way to pick up some fresh fish.

Don't forget to get your Funkiest Fish entries in before 2pm on Saturday. This your chance to get creative and design whatever your own Funkiest Fish. Send it in to the Funky Fishing Facebook page via messenger.

Thanks to all our sponsors, without you we wouldn't be able to run the event. We are immensely grateful to you and your support. Thanks to the Jaggar family, especially Barbara, who graciously give us access to their farm to create our Headquarters.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly



## Coming Events:

March 29-30 FUNKY FISH FISHING & DIVING COMP

Mar 29 - Fishing starts 2pm

Mar 30 - Day of Event

Weigh in from 11am-2:30pm



Week 9 - Mar 31- Apr 4

Apr 4 - Northland Swim Champs

Week 10 - April 7-11

Apr 9-10 - Ruru Class Camp



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





## The Funky Fish Event is almost here!

Pick up your entry tickets from Parua Bay GAS, Burnsco, the Eventbrite website or from the cash tent on the day of the event - just remember you do need your ticket ready for photographing with your catch-and-release entries!

Keep an eye out for the competition code for catch-and-release, which will be announced at 1pm on Saturday on the website and the Funky Fish website - [funkyfishing.co.nz](http://funkyfishing.co.nz)

## Funky Fish Rules

This year we are making this fishing competition more sustainable, by increasing the number of catch-and-release categories.

These are some other noteworthy changes to keep in mind:

- This year we are only accepting Snapper between 30-55cm in length for "length based measurement" at the event. All Snapper longer than 55cm must be entered in to the Catch and Release category.
- Maximum of 1 kahawai per person presented for length based measurement. This must be bled prior.
- Maximum of 3 fish per category – John Dory, Kingfish, Trevally, Snapper, except Kahawai (see rule 4 above) are to be presented for length based measurement at the event.
- There is no limit to the number of catch and release entries per person/ticket holder.

Head to [funkyfishing.co.nz/rules](http://funkyfishing.co.nz/rules) for the full list of rules before you start fishing!

## See you there!

## Kids Zone Activities!

This year in the kids zone, the bouncy castles are back, along with air brush tattoos and crafting activities! Purchase your kids zone wristbands for \$10 each from the cash tent (eftpos available), or directly from the kids zone tent (cash only) so your child has access to all of these activities, as well as an ice block and a sausage sizzle!

## Timetable

**Saturday, 29 March 2025**

**2.00 pm Fishing Opens**

Our new earlier opening time allows for flexibility and more fishing!

**Sunday, 30 March 2025**

**11.00 am Weigh-In Opens**

Family Fun Day also begins!  
Food, Refreshments, Stalls, Kids Zone activities

**2.30 pm Fishing/Weigh-In Closes**

No fish accepted after 2.30 pm

**3.00 pm (approx.) Funky Fish Public Fresh Fish Auction**

Our unique fresh fish auction where you have a second chance to take home a great catch!

*All funds raised in the fish auction support the Whangarei Heads Community Library!*

**From 3.30 pm (approx.)**

**Prizegiving Begins!**

Main stage at the event site.

Order: Nippers, junior, adult, diving, general & spot prizes.

*Please note: Winners of prizes must be present to collect their prize!*

**5.00 pm (approx.) Draw for Major Prizes for Entry Ticket holders**

At the close of the Fresh Fish Auction comes the draw for our Major Prize. *You do not have to fish to be in with a chance to win, **you just need to be present** at the draw and have purchased a fishing competition entry ticket.*

All Proceeds Fundraised During the Funky Fishing & Diving Event Go Towards Supporting Whangarei Heads School & Community Library





# Competition Code

As stated in the competition rules, all entry tickets must have the competition code (announced Saturday at 1PM) written on the ticket and displayed with your catch-and-release fish photos!



Fletcher, Luca  
Harley & Maya

## Whangārei Heads Arts Trail

showcasing 45+ artists

Join Us - Easter 2025

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April 10am - 5pm

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The Whangarei Heads Arts Trail is celebrating its 13th year this Easter Saturday and Sunday. Showcasing 45 plus artists in home studios and three community venues from Onerahi, Whangarei, to Ocean Beach, Whangarei Heads. We would like to invite you all to come along. The event is free and there are maps available for \$5 which includes a raffle ticket to go into the draw to win three prizes valued at \$1,000.



# Te Manawa Tahī

Do you have concerns about your child? If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

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



## Travel Help Wanted Wednesday and Thursday

I am looking for help on Wednesdays and Thursdays getting a 5 year old from school to Parua Bay After School Care, including walking him in and signing him in. Please call/text/email Fiona Ellis 021684101 or [Fiona.e@whangareiheads.school.nz](mailto:Fiona.e@whangareiheads.school.nz)



## Manaia Tiger Football Registrations are open!

Calling all keen young footballers! Our local football club is now registering players for the 2025 season.

[https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/344509?fbclid=IwY2xjawl\\_ii9leHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHSvjofnMy\\_AjJuHIAy7SCKveYukh4D65NmLHM5LpWWMTICZhqZyAmg7Cjrw\\_aem\\_Wh3pOdha38cKfuw-O9wB3g](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/344509?fbclid=IwY2xjawl_ii9leHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHSvjofnMy_AjJuHIAy7SCKveYukh4D65NmLHM5LpWWMTICZhqZyAmg7Cjrw_aem_Wh3pOdha38cKfuw-O9wB3g)

We welcome all new and returning players aged 4-13 to our awesome football club that's based right here in our local community! Tell your friends!!!

Join our Facebook page to stay up to date, or email us at [manaiaigersfc@gmail.com](mailto:manaiaigersfc@gmail.com).

- 4-6 year old first kicks; (Saturdays at Onerahi)
- 7-8 year old fun football (Saturdays at Onerahi)
- 9th-12th grade teams (Home games at Parua Bay)
- 13th grade team - we're hoping to have enough year 8 players for a team this year. Home games are at our Parua Bay home ground, Anderson Park.



Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2025, Weeks 6 to 10
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bream Bay Community Trust, 10.00am - 12.30pm, 9 Takutai Place	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Te Kura o Otangarei School, William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Dargaville Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Ngunguru School, 9.00am – 10.30am, Te Maika Road	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	



# KIDS WORKSHOPS

## APRIL TERM BREAK






**AGES 5 - 12**

**APRIL 14TH - 18TH & 22ND**

**CLASSES AND FULL DAY SESSIONS**

[WORKSHOPS@QUARRYARTS.ORG](mailto:WORKSHOPS@QUARRYARTS.ORG)

**CREATIVE NORTHLAND**

April School Holidays 14th – 26th April 2025  
The Quarry Arts Centre is hosting a range of children's creative workshops over the term break. Designed to spark imagination and inspire young artists, book now for this chance to learn, create, and have fun! Classes are available as full day bookings as well as shorter sessions to suit a range of ages and choice of mediums.

10am - 12pm \$27  
1pm - 3pm \$27  
Full Day programme 8.30am - 3pm \$60