



# Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

## Term 2 - Week 4 - May 23, 2025

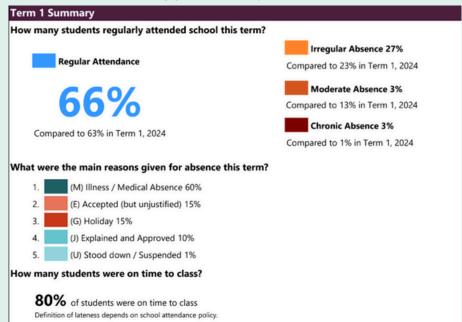
## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Winter does seem to be sneaking up on us. Colder weather brings with it cold and flu season. It is always a fine line between staying home to stop the spread of germs and ensuring that you are attending school regularly.

We are all aware of the Governments push for 80% of students having regular attendance. We had a much stronger attendance in Term 1 with 66% of the school attending regularly. Regular attendance is when you miss fewer than 5 days in one term.

We are still getting requests for children to be absent from school for holidays during term time. This is really disruptive for their learning and for terms like this, when we are working towards a Production, this kind of absence may mean they won't be able to have a part on stage. For those children getting additional support with their learning, this can also have an impact on their progress.

You can also see on our Term 1 Summary that only 80% of children are on time to class. It helps your child to settle in to the day if they can arrive no later than 8.50am. This gives them a few minutes to unpack and connect with friends and their teachers before learning gets underway.



# **Coming Events:**

Week 5 - May 26- 30 May 28 May - Year 5/6 Winter Sports 30 May - Enviro Projects Day

Week 6 - June 2-6 2 Jun - Kings Birthday (Public Holiday) 3 Jun - Teacher Only Day

Week 7 - June 9-13 Jun 11 - School Production 11AM - Matinee Show 6PM - Evening Show Jun 12 - School Production 6PM - Final Show

Week 8 - June 16-20 Jun 17 - Board Meeting 6PM Jun 19 - Matariki Celebrations & Community Library AGM in Staffroom - 3.15PM Jun 20 - Matariki (Public Holiday)

Week 9 - June 23-27 Final Week of Term 2 June 26 - Hockey Sessions Year 7&8 Ball at PB School

> **School Holidays** June 30 - July 13

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



# Funky Fish Fundraising Results!

The result are in! We have been busy behind the scenes, crunching numbers, checking all incoming payments and outgoing expenses and are so pleased to announce that this years Funky Fish raised over \$28,000 (incl GST) in total for our school and the Whangarei Heads Community Library!

\$4000 was raised during the Fish Auction and has been donated to the library to ensure we can keep buying all the latest and requested books, to encourage our young readers.

The remaining \$24,000 will be used to purchase much needed extra school resources and equipment. The staff and Board are finalising the wishlist and we will let you know exactly what the funds went towards later in the term. We are so grateful to all our amazing sponsors, and everyone who came along on the day - whether you entered the fishing competition or came for the infamous fish tacos and everything else the Funky Flsh HQ has to offer. We appreciate your support!

The committee will be regrouping at the end of Term 3 to start planning the 2026 event and are always looking for new whanau to join the crew! Keep an eye out for the meeting dates and come along for a peek behind the scenes.







ibrary magic BRODUCIZO a journey through time Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 11am or 6pm Thursday 12 June 6pm \$3 per ticket SEEVOUTHERE





# WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

### Thursday 31st July, 5.30pm - 7.30 approx

Starts in the Manawahine Gym followed by guided tours with specialist staff on hand to answer any questions. A great opportunity to see our extensive range of curricular and extra curricular activities. Come along and get a feel for our special learning environment.

Lupton House will be open from 4pm for prospective boarders.

## www.wghs.school.nz

Te Mahau

Term 2 2025

## Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable WHANGĀREI BREAM BAY & KAIPARA

#### Do you have concerns about your child?

Te Manawa Tahi is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

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

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

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DATE	HUB LOCATIONS Term 2 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā (10am – 12.30pm)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hikurangi School, 20 George St, Hikurangi
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	St John Ötamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall St East, Maungaturoto
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
Thurs 26th June	Ngunguru School, Te Maika Rd, Ngunguru (9 – 10.30am)

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz. HAPPY Birthday TO YOU

> Tilly, Declan, Jimmy, Mia, & Oliver

## Community planting day 2025



June 15 Home Bay From 8:45-12

#### Hosted by Bream Head/Te Whara Conservation Trust

Bring your whanau and friends, and join others in our community. Help plant 2,500 plants to increase habitat for our local biodiversity.

#### When:

Sunday 15th of June, 9am to 12 noon.

If it's raining check our Facebook page or website where we will communicate postponement or cancellation, you can also enquire by sending an email to <u>info@breamheadtrust.nz</u>.

#### Where:

8:45am Meet at Urquhart Bay car park for a briefing. After 9am follow the track past the gun emplacement to Home Bay where you will find us.

#### What to bring:

Warm clothing, gum boots or solid footwear, raincoat, water etc. Your own spade if you have one. Hot drinks and kai will be provided.

> WHS Kiwi Update Humphries & Hine

#### From Todd at Backyard Kiwi:

- Kerry and I did Humphrie's annual radio transmitter change recently. He was in the pampas deep in the valley he usually stays in, on the Martins' pine block Owhiwa Road. He was a healthy 1975g in weight and has been putting weight on since the autumn rain has made feeding easier for him. This will prepare him for the upcoming nesting season, as he wont get much feeding done for the 90 days that he is incubating the eggs. We hope that he can successfully hatch some more kiwi chicks like "Fern" from last season. Humphries is 4 years old now, which is young for a nesting dad but he seems to be coping with fatherhood very well.
- Hine is still in the pampas and pines behind the old Money Factory near Onerahi where she walked over 10km to after her release in Parua Bay. She must have found a male kiwi there because she has stayed in the same place for over a year now. When we did her radio transmitter change she was a healthy 2300g. The girls are bigger than the boys and she may be getting ready to lay eggs. She is also 4 years old and her bill has stopped growing at 138mm.

Also the kiwi are calling hard at the moment with the start of the new breeding season so it is a good time to have a listen out for kiwi calling.

## Humphries >>>



# **Yummy Stickers!**

Whenever you buy Yummy brand fruit, collect and send the stickers and bags in to the school office - or kids can add the stickers to our collection charts here at school, for this years free sports gear donation!

