



## Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

### Term 2 - Week 2 - May 9, 2025

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

### What an exciting week!

Karearea class have just returned from their camp to Russell. They had an amazing time experiencing our early NZ history, which is part of their current Inquiry on Belonging. The trip included a tour of Ruapekapeka guided by Ralph Johnson. He even borrowed a real cannonball from the Museum to show the children! They enjoyed a trip to the Hole in the Rock, had a scavenger hunt around Russell, as well as visits to Pompalier Mission house, the Museum and Printery. It was a shame they had to return early due to the Heavy Rain Warning and miss the waka ama experience.

All classes are starting their Inquiry that will lead into our Production later this term - Library Magic - A journey through stories. The theme is to celebrate our library turning 100 years old, and 40 years since it has been at Whangarei Heads School. Each class will present a Performing Arts piece based on a story from the library coming to life. There is a linking cast who will work with Reuben Milner (ex Shortland Street actor) to tie the story together. I am super excited by the hints and whispers I am hearing around the school. Our staff and children are such a creative team!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets nice and early. We do host the Production at school in the undercover area, and have limited seating. It would be shame to miss it. Courtney will be sending out a google form to help you purchase your tickets and seek offers of help.

We are having a further MOE granted Kaimahi Only Day on Tuesday 3 June, after Kings Birthday weekend. Ali Booth from the MOE will be here working with the staff to deepen their understanding of the new Maths Curriculum. This will also help support the staff with assessments and reporting to parents later this term.

Due to the production, mid year reports will come out on the first day back after the non-contact time (holidays) and Three Way Conferences will happen at the start of Term 3.

## **Coming Events:**

Week 3 - May 12-16 13 May - Board Meeting 6PM 14 May - Year 7/8 Winter Sports 16 May - Enviro Projects Day

Week 4 - May 19-23

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 Jun 20 - Matariki (Public Holiday)

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

# Karearea Camp Photos Russell - Bay of Islands











### Te Manawa Tahi **Community Timetable** Te Mahau WHANGAREI BREAM BAY & KAIPARA

Term 2 2025

### 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.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 2 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 28th May	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

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.



Phemie, Halia, Danalyse, Tama, Grey, Viana & Tim

### 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.

## Find your way around Fern Valley

Have you seen our amazing new sign at the entrance to Fern Valley?!

A massive thanks to Wendy Bown for her amazing mahi in completing this Fern Valley map. It was installed over the holidays, thanks to James Bellamy.



# Yummy Stickers!

We are all go for this year's Yummy Sticker Promotion!

The close off date this year is 20 October, so lots of time to collect stickers for more sports gear for our school.

Whenever you buy Yummy brand fruit, make sure you 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.



# International Student Homestay Opportunity

Whangārei Girls' High School is currently looking for local families interested in hosting international students in homestay accommodation.

"We warmly invite your school/ECE community to consider this opportunity to support our students as they experience New Zealand culture and education."

See flyer below for details on the information evening on May 28, or contact Madeline directly with any questions you may have.

How-to? Sign Up Process

Meet the Students!

5:15PM - 6:15PM

Hear from a current host family!

HOMESTAY

INFORMATION EVENING 1 LUPTON AVENUE KENSINGTON Whangarei Girls' High School at The Library

We invite you to join us and learn more about why you could be the perfect host family!

+64 (21) 435 517 +64 (9) 430 4460

FIND OUT MORE

madeline.tetzner@wahs.school.nz

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025

Light Snacks Provided!

PRIZES TO WIN!

Q&A Session

## Whanau Hui fun

Every week we have Whanau Hui, where the children work within their whanau groups (houses) on the kaupapa for our kura. This includes; Kaitiakitanga or Enviro activities, working on our WellBeing Model and doing Whanau activities to build connections within the whanau.

This week we had a fun tabloids event. It was wonderful to see how our older children (Tuakana) take care of the younger children (Teina). This is an essential part of our school culture.















