



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 Pompallier 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 Whangārei 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)

Kelly

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

Karearea Camp Photos

Russell – Bay of Islands







Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI
BREAM BAY & KAIPARA

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

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.

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.

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



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

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.

