



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 8 - September 5, 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 tamariki who represented the school at the recent Aims Games this week. Special mention to Ben who made it through to the final of Rock climbing, coming second and earning a silver medal. Well done to; Gemma achieving a Personal Best in Swimming, to Poppy who came 31st in Cross Country running 3km in an impressive 12.40 minutes. George who won his first squash game, before withdrawing from the competition due to illness. We also had Josh compete in the Cross Country, Ella in Golf, Tim in Surfing, Shai, Zeke and Otto, in Mountain Biking and Arlo in BMX.

Congratulations again to Juniper who placed first in the Northland Science Fair for the Year 7 Technology project. Her lip balm technology project was truly impressive. For a small kura we certainly do represent well across many different extra curricula areas. Thanks to the parents who support our children, by attending endless practices, and providing the "mum" or "dad" taxi.

At this weeks Board Hui we welcomed Steph Versteeg as our newest Board member.

Rebecca Brown was re-elected as Presiding Member

David McDonald retains the Property and Health and Safety Portfolio

Luke Ogle - Finance

Amy MacDonald - Grants/Fund raising

Steph Versteeg/Rebecca Brown - Strategic Planning

Dane Higgison - Staff Representative

I look forward to working with the new Board to Govern our Kura.

Are you interested in helping out by reforming our Parent Support Group. There are some opportunities to support our kura in smaller fundraising events like a school disco, or school lunches, making coffees at community events. If this is something you might be keen on please let Courtney know and we will see if we can re-establish the group.

Just a reminder we are having our second MOE provided Professional Learning (Kaimahi Only Day) next Friday. The staff will be using this day to further unpack the Maths Curriculum, and how to deliver Structured Maths programmes. All staff are involved in the PLD so we are unable to offer any supervision.

Kelly

Coming Events:

Week 9 - Sept 8-12

Sept 10 - WPSSA Inclusive Sports Day Event

Sept 11 - School Photos & Enviro Projects 1pm

Kaimahi Only Day

Friday 12th September

No supervision on this day

Week 10 - Sept 15-19

Last week of Term 3!

Enjoy your School Holidays!
Sept 22 to Oct 3

Term 4

Week 1 - Oct 6-10

KidsCanHandball Begins

Week 2 - Oct 13-17

Yummy Stickers Due!

Oct 16 - Calendar Art Due



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

AIMS Games 2025!



Ella looking like a professional golfer!



In true Whangarei Heads fashion, Poppy & Josh run the cross country barefoot!



Ben picks up a proud second place in the rock climbing competition - Well done Ben!



Calendar Art and Prices

Week 2 payment due

Calendar Art fundraiser is back this year! Students will be working hard on their designs, ready to adorn not only Calendars, but also Greeting Cards, 2026 Diaries, Mouse Pads, and Sketch Books.

Orders and full payment for these items are due in Week 2 of Term 4. Keep an eye out for the paper order form coming how with your tamariki soon! Prices are below:

2026 Calendars - \$16

Greeting Cards - \$15

2026 Diaries - \$20

Mouse Pads - \$18

Sketch Books - \$18



Online Art Fundraising for Schools.

Strategic Plan Survey

It is time for us to gather your input for the Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. This plan decides what we value and see as important for us as a kura to invest our time and resources into.

For the past 3 years our focus has been on;

1. Our Learners / Akonga: updating our curriculum delivery model to align with Future Orientated Practices and the new NZ Curriculum
2. Our Environment / Kaitiakitanga: enhancing our Environmental Education programme
3. Our Community / Whakakotahitanga: connecting with Community groups to form strong partnerships to benefit our learners.

Be on the watch for the link to the survey coming out next week.



Term 3 2025

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.

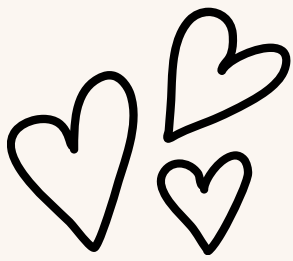
All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 3 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 20 th Aug	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thur 21 st Aug	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thur 21 st Aug	Te Kura o Otangarei School, William Jones Drive, Otangarei, Whg	
Thurs 28 th Aug	Hikurangi School, 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi	
Wed 3 rd Sept	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 4 th Sep	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 10 th Sep	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thur 11 th Sept	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thur 11 th Sept	Ngunguru School, Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173	

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.



Cosimo,
Archon,
Tui H, Billy
& Harper



Thursday
September 11
(Week 9)
12:50-2:50



Enviro Project Afternoon

Can you share some of your passion and enthusiasm?

Jump on board to support our journey around Enviro Education.
Work with a teacher to run an Enviro based activity, or go all out and run one yourself. Or, identify a part of the school that could do with some love and work with a small group of tamariki to make a difference.

Contact Dane Higgison for more information or to discuss.

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We thank you for supporting us!



FUNKY FISH 2026

It's that time again!

CALLING ALL KEEN PARENTS to form this years committee, overseeing the Funky Fishing and Diving Competition.

We will be having our first meeting of the year in the next two weeks, we are just finalising the date. We had a wonderful committee last year, but are always keen for more helpers.

It is a great way to meet people if you are new to our kura. It is also our biggest fundraiser often raising over \$20,000 for the school. We need your help to make it a success.

Watch out on DOJO and Facebook for the committee meeting, come along and join the fun!



funkyfishing.co.nz

Holiday Programme



Build Your Own Bug Hotel

Dates: 22 September & 1 October

Ages: 6-12

Price: \$15 per child per workshop

Booking link: [Build Your Own Bug Hotel Workshop - Hundertwasser Art Centre](#)

Get creative with recycled materials and materials from nature and build your own Bug Hotel.

A Bug Hotel is a manmade structure created to provide shelter for insects.

Crayon Creations

Dates: 24 & 29 September

Ages: 9-14

Price: \$15 per child per workshop

Booking link: [Crayon Creations Workshop - Hundertwasser Art Centre](#)

Crayon Creations is a kid's workshop where you get to test and experiment with different crayon techniques including rubbings (frottage), crayon batik (textile art form), melted crayons and sgraffito (crayon etching).

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



KIDS RUGBY CAMP

\$60 PER DAY

24TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
245 WESTERN HILLS DRIVE, AVENUES, WHANGĀREI

KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE!

Boys & girls ages 5 - 13

8:30-3pm

All abilities welcome

Overall sport skill development
Rippa and Touch

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Register at sportscamps4kids.co.nz

2025 Dates

Term 3 Ends - September 19

School Holidays - September 22 to October 3

Term 4 Begins - October 6

Term 4 Ends - December 17

2026 Dates

Term 1 - February 4 to April 2

Term 2 - April 20 to July 3

Term 3 - July 20 to September 25

Term 4 - October 12 to December 16

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Piano tuition - practical & theory

