



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 10 - September 19, 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Wheels Wheels Wheels!

It was so lovely this morning to start this last day of term, in the sunshine and with so many children bringing along their wheels to school. I am in awe of some of the talent the children are showing on their bikes. There was a good group of roller skaters and scooters as well. I saw a couple of Karaearea students support a Teina (or younger) student around the course. This is what makes our kura so special. They way they all care for each other. Thanks to Matua Dane for arranging a fun last day of term for us all.

Thanks for your support for our Kaimahi Only Day last week. We spent the day looking at the new Maths Curriculum. We had a robust discussion around possible reasons for our girls achieving less than boys in maths, and all teachers have set themselves a goal to try something different next term. Financial Literacy has had a refreshed focus and we looked at how this is not intergrated into the new curriculum. We also took the chance to review the different ways we are now required to teaching "working form" (algorithms) in all year groups. The new curriculum has brought forward some maths concepts that used to be shared in later years. This is all new learning for everyone, teachers and children included. Thank you to Emily Drake who ably led this day on behalf the staff, synthesising the information she has gained by attending local workshops for Maths Leaders.

The environment project day last week was a wonderful example once again at how we work alongside our core community groups. It was wonderful to have; Backyard Kiwi, Bream Head Trust, Weed Action, Enviro Schools and Riley and Predator Free here to help educate our children.

It has been an incredibly busy term, I hope you and your whanau have a fabulous holiday break.

Kelly

Coming Events:

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 14 - Funky Fish Meeting
6pm Staffroom - Come along!
Oct 16 - Calendar Art Due

Week 3 - Oct 20-24
Oct 21 - Board Meeting 6pm

Week 4 - Oct 27-31
Oct 27 - Labour Day (Holiday)
Oct 30 - Handball Tournament



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

FUNKY FISH 2026

Planning is underway for the 2026 Funky Fish - Fishing & Diving Competition. Our next meeting will be on October 14 at 6PM in the staffroom. We are always keen to have new faces and fresh ideas on the committee so please feel free to come along and let us know how you can help.

Following our first meeting we have identified some gaps to fill on the Crew. We would love to hear from anyone who has a flare or interest in the following areas:

- Spreadsheets!
- Seeking Sponsors
- Site construction
- Organising the kids-zone
- Managing the bar

If you are new to our kura, this is our school's biggest annual fundraiser and a great way to meet the locals! There is still plenty of time to go fishing when you are on the Funky Fish Crew, so you won't miss out on the action!



funkyfishing.co.nz

Thank you for your donations!



Book Battle 2025

This year we had three teams attend the interschool Book Battle competition, from our Karearea, Kotare and Korora classes. Here are their results!

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Wig Wednesday!

Thank you everyone who contributed to our Wig Wednesday Fundraiser! Through our coin collection, and online fundraising account we have raised **over \$200** for the Child Cancer Foundation! The online link is still live if you would like to add a donation. Follow the link from our ClassDojo or Facebook post to contribute. All funds raised go towards families of children who have cancer, providing them with support where they need it most.

Wonderful Wheels Day





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](#)

Crayon Creations

Dates: 24 & 29 September

Ages: 9-14

Price: \$15 per child per workshop

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

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



KIDS RUGBY CAMP

RC4KIDS
RUGBY CAMP FOR KIDS

\$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

Tone on Tone

Chrystal Hill

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Piano tuition - practical & theory



Calendar Art and Prices

Week 2 payment due

Calendar Art fundraiser is back this year! Students have been 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 home 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.



Te Mahau
Term 4 2025

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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 4 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 9 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 15 th Oct	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 16 th Oct	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 29 th Oct	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 30 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 5 th Nov	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.

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