



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 4 - Week 4 - October 31, 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

What a busy week this very short week has been!

Thursday was a fabulous end to our Kids Can Handball fundraising challenge. It was wonderful to see the staff, whanau and kids all coming along to play Handball yesterday. Special thanks to Mark Ashcroft (Principal) and Kate Fortune (Assistant Principal) from Parua Bay School, David McDonald (Board member and local Fire Brigade Representative and Tom Grinsted (Bream Head Trust Ranger) who came along as Special Guests in the morning. We have raised over \$900 for Kids Can Charity. Thanks as well to the sponsors for this event; Culham Engineering, Ashley % Co, and Wellness Haven.

Then we had the amazing Halloween Disco! I hear it was a fun-tastic event run by Rebecca Brown, from our Board and a group of parents. Thank you so much for the time and thought you took to plan this event for our kids. They had a ball! Te Mangoroa looked amazing as well.

Then today we had Kate Davies here from Trees for Survival. Children have all been involved in planting the seedlings for us to nurture. Once ready they will be transferred to the stream on Murray Jaggar's farm in Taurikura. What a wonderful way to give back to our community.

As a Board we are now pulling together the feedback for our next Strategic Plan. There is a clear mandate from our community to continue to build on our Environmental Education programme as well to connect with the local community groups to enhance learning for our tamariki.

Coming Events:

Week 5 - Nov 3-7

Nov 5 - School and Zone Athletics day (Y5-8)

Please return all school trophies this week!

Week 6 - Nov 10-14

Nov 12 - Junior Athletics day

Week 7 - Nov 17-21

Nov 19 WPSSA Athletics Y7/8
Nov 20 Manaia Tech here for Y6 students

Week 8 - Nov 24-28

Nov 26 - WPSSA Y5&6 Athletics



Kelly

Our Place to Grow and Learn together

Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngāhahi

KidsCan Handball

A big thank you to our school whanau for their involvement and support for our KidsCan Handball fundraising this term. Yesterdays event day was full of fun! From the Principals match at the start of the day between Whangarei Heads and Parua Bay Schools, to our full school handball games at the end. We are so pleased to announce that we have raised almost **\$1,200** this term for KidsCan! **Thank you Matua Dane** for making awesome this fundraiser happen!



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FUNKY FISH 2026

We have set the date: 20/21st March 2026.

If you are new to our kura, this is our school's biggest annual fundraiser and a great way to meet the locals!

Want to get involved behind the scenes? 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!

Want to learn from the crew?

Jodi has been running the food tent for a number of years and has built up a great crew and delicious menu (counting down to those fish tacos!) but she is ready to pass on her knowledge and experience during the 2026 Funky Fish. If you would like to learn from the Food Tent master I will put you in touch with her.

Samarah is also ready to hand over the running of the kids activity tent if anyone else is keen to take this on? Please let me know and I will pass your contact details on to her.

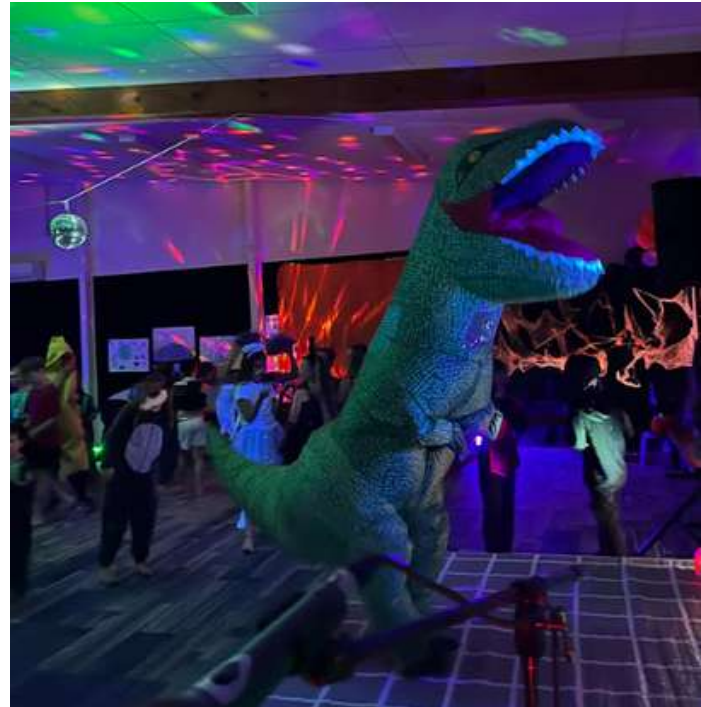


**Lewis, Isla B,
Banos, Koby, Ziggy,
Julian & Zander**

Halloween Disco!

Big Thank You to our team of parents who brought this awesome disco together!

Sarah, Thea, Maia, Rachael, Robyn, Laura, Lydia, Amy, Sam, Ralph and Rebecca, and the student whanau captains.



Trees for Survival Programme

Whangārei Heads School joins the Trees for Survival Programme!

Our school is now part of the Trees for Survival (TfS) programme — an environmental and educational initiative run by the TfS Charitable Trust, which promotes the growing and planting of native trees and shrubs to help restore our natural environment.

The programme, started in 1991 by the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, gives students the opportunity to learn about native trees by growing and planting up to 1,000 seedlings each year in our own Plant Growing Unit. Once mature, these trees are planted in areas needing restoration.

Through this hands-on learning, our students are helping to:

- Control soil erosion
- Safeguard water quality and improve stream flow
- Provide new habitats for native wildlife
- Beautify and secure the landscape
- Reduce carbon emissions and renew natural resources

We're proud to be part of a programme that helps our tamariki make a real difference for the environment and future generations!



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Te Mahau
Term 4 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 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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2025

Important Dates

For your calendar

Te Whanga - 10th December
Leavers Dinner TBC - 10th December
School Christmas Market - 11th December
Christmas Tree Evening (Prize Giving) - 15th December
Term 4 Ends - December 17 at 12pm

2026 Term 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

KIDS LEARN TO SKI DAY!



Learn to ski \$20

Sunday 16 November 2025
9am to 3pm
Whangarei Harbour

Bookings essential.
Contact whangareiwaterskiclub@gmail.com or Sarah 021 1770 704

WHANGAREI WATER SKI CLUB INC



LIGHT PARTY

A fun, safe alternative to trick or treating
for under 5's and Primary aged children!

Lollies

Sausage Sizzle

Crafts

Games

Face Painting

Friday 31st October
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Church Unlimited
10 Mill Road, Regent, Whangarei

Come dressed in a friendly costume!

Gold coin donation.