



Kia Ora, failte, ni hao and welcome everyone!

We are now two and a half weeks to go for end of term. Student reports are in final stages of completion and checking before they go home end of term. Do keep an eye on school DOJO messages and Facebook as reminders for various activities we end the year with.

Our Kapahaka group have been practising hard and we look forward to a stimulating, entertaining day at Onerahi School tomorrow. You are more than welcome to join us at the school. Huge thanks to Mrs Silipa for her leadership of the group and her talented son Isaiah for the supporting guitar role. Much appreciated. Thanks also to the parents who are transporting the group and supporting them.

ATHLETICS

Our Year 4-6 qualifying athletes are participating in the Whangarei Schools' competition at Kensington Park today. Several of our students achieved highly across several disciplines in the Zone day at Parua Bay School and we know our team will perform to their best ability and effort and do us proud. Mr Higgison is attending with the students and transporting parents. Thank you.

THANK YOU to Sheelagh Prosser who has given time to coach our athletes and fine tune their skills. We appreciate you sharing your expertise.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

At our parent meeting recently, Gretchen mentioned that we would be setting up a 'self-review team' to be part of the forward planning process. If you are interested in being part of this, let Andrena know. We will have our first meeting in Term 1 next year and will do another invitation reminder early next year. Just a 'heads up' for you to consider this.

NO FRIDAY morning ASSEMBLY as we are off to the Kapahaka Festival at 9.15am.

*Nga mihi nui
Andrena Norrish
Principal*



Our thoughts are with Joy and Andrena who both have family members seriously ill at the moment. So they are not be at school at the moment. The office is being manned by Chrissy at present from 8.30 - 9.30 am and from 2.30 pm every day.



Funky Fishing & Diving 2018

Date set - Saturday 17th

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Please let the office know if you can be involved



SUN HATS - Please make sure that your child has a hat for school.

Coming Up this month

Thursday 30 th	WPSSA Year 4 -6 Athletics
December	
Friday 1 st	Te Whanga Kapahaka Festival at Onerahi
Monday 4 th	Athletics with Ashley -final session
Tuesday 5 th	Library Stocktake
Wednesday 6 th	Dryland Swim Sessions
Wednesday 6 th	Kapa Haka performance at A'fare in Whangarei - 5.30pm
Friday 8 th	Kidspace Athletics and Parent Help Morning Tea
Monday 11 th	Room 1 student farewell dinner (Chinese feast)
Monday 11 th	BOT meeting
Tuesday 12 th	R3 and Kidspace trip to Adventure Forest
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Tree Evening
Wednesday 20 th	End of Term ☺

Lunches: No lunches this week, food can be purchased at the Kapahaka Festival, but children should also bring food along in their lunch boxes.

All children who are on the bus to Onerahi for the Kapahaka Festival need to be here before 9am as we have to leave promptly at 9.15.

Kapahaka Children need to be at school by 8.30 for children to get dressed, including the parents who are taking transport.

School Camps next year

All class camp have been booked and are as follows –

Kidspace – Week 6 Thursday 8th – Friday 9th March – Manaia

Baptist Camp

Room 3 - Week 7 Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th March -

Ruakaka

Room 2 – Week 8 Tuesday 20th – 22nd Thursday March –

Tangihua Lodge

Room 1 – Week 9 26th – 29th March – The Farm Whangaruru

Super Nova Fundraising for Child Cancer - update -

Once again, many many thanks to all you wonderful Whangarei Heads School people!

We have held off banking the funds raised until the photo money came in - those pesky holidays came along at the wrong time and we are still awaiting some payments... however in the meantime we have had some more donations come in after the Car Boot Sale, so it was worth waiting!! The very exciting news is that we have cracked the \$1000 mark! Thanks to all of you we have raised the grand total of -

\$1000.80

What an exceptional effort for our school, one everyone can be proud of! Thanks so much everyone!!

Lil Ruffell

Congratulations to Fantastic Gymnastics who have won the Community Impact Award for the Whangarei region and are now finalists for Northland. They held their prize giving last Sunday; we will put the results in next week's newsletter.



Kirsty McCorkindale,
proud to be a 5th
generation member of
the McGregor clan living
in McGregors Bay.

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The School Library are doing their annual stocktake next Tuesday 5th

December. To help make this process easier, PLEASE RETURN



ALL YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS BEFORE THIS DATE.

Room 1 visited the Vinson's Farm on Wednesday as part of their 'Whitebait Connection' unit. We measured water quality and purity and managed to find a healthy fish living in the stream as well as a number of invertebrates.



All Welcome!

Come to our Family Focused Community Carol Service!

Opportunities for your children to be a part of the service, while having fun

Date: Sunday 17th December

Time: 7pm

Where: McLeod Bay hall

Sponsored by - The local Pioneer Church

Refreshments after the service



Support our local artists this weekend at McLeod Bay.

