



Newsletter: Term 1, Week 10, 11th April 2019

Quote: "What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning"

Chuck Grassley

Kia Ora everyone,

Starting at Whangarei Heads School has been the best decision for me and my family. Organisation was already in place which has allowed me time to observe, talk and listen to everyone, and gauge the needs of the school. I opted to teach in the senior class half a day this term, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Room 1.

Term 2, I intend working half a day in Rooms 1 and 2. This decision to teach allows me to establish a strong relationship with students, staff and whanau and capture student agency. ***"Students have a sense of agency when they feel in control of things that happen around them; when they feel that they can influence events. This is an important sense for learners to develop. They need to be active participants in their learning."***

Being a teaching principal has assisted with staff relationships and made them realise that I am prepared to move outside my comfort zone and take risks to bring about change. I have made a point this term of being accessible to parents, teachers, and pupils before and after school, and visiting classes daily. Simple actions can make all the difference for creating a positive environment around a school.

The current focus from the Ministry of Education is to encourage schools to move away from the notion of a one-way flow of information to two-way, ongoing, genuine information sharing between teachers, parents and whanau.

At the end of term 2 we intend to consult with you on how we share information in relation to your children's learning. Information sharing and building partnerships is about developing three-way genuine relationships that focus on learning and progress. They're the sorts of relationships in which you know that you are working together on something that is really important – a child's learning and wellbeing.

We have been using "Class Dojo" as a communication tool with you and intend to utilise this more fully during 2019. The Class Dojo App allows us to share authentic learning occasions with you in a timely manner and gives current examples of your child's learning. It also creates the opportunity to understand what is happening at school on a more regular basis, and gives you a chance to celebrate your child's learning with them and us.

We want our students to be active participants in their learning. The role Class Dojo plays in the daily classroom environment allows for this in a variety of ways across the curriculum. If you have not connected to Class Dojo yet, your child's teacher will be able to give you access so you can begin to build this more specific information sharing relationship with us.



We end the term on a high note and with that, I want to acknowledge you for your ongoing support of our wonderful school and wish you a relaxing holiday break with your children and whanau. We will be rearing to go again on Monday 29th of April when Term 2 begins.

There will be **NO** Friday Sharing Assembly tomorrow. We will have a brief end of term assembly at 2:40pm.

Take care and enjoy the school holidays.

Nga Manaakitanga
Jodi Edwards

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to these Gold Award recipients:

Room 1 - Bryn, Jamie

Room 2 - Bailey, Quinn

Room 3 - Caleb, Kafka Kidspace - Naia, Oceana, Cobie, Tilly

Funky Fishing Festival Debrief - POSTPONED until Tuesday 30th April, 6:30pm, Te Mangoroa *To celebrate a successful event, brain storm what worked and what could be improved.*

THE WILD KIWI RUN / WALK / MULTI-SPORT EVENT Saturday, 13th April 2019

"The Wild Kiwi is an extraordinary run / walk / multi-sport event through the little slice of paradise that is Whangarei Heads"

HELP NEEDED **PLEASE!!!**

- Thank you to those who have added their name to our roster. We still have a lot of spaces to fill! **THIS EVENT IS ON SATURDAY!!!**
- **Food stall shifts 7-10am, 10-1pm or 1-4pm – WE MUST FILL THESE!**
If you can't commit to a whole shift a part shift is still a help!
- Good luck to all of our students, staff and parents who are participating in this event. We looking forward to hearing about your experience next term.
- If you have any questions please contact Gabrielle on 027 270 7555 or gabrielle.montgomery@gmail.com



We have ANZAC Day Poppy's at the office

Tomorrow's School Lunch

Room 2 will be making us delicious toasted sandwiches
cheese & tomato/cheese & ham/cheese & marmite

And apple crumble - *YUMMY!*

Please support their learning and buy a lunch for just \$4



Community Notices

ROLLER DISCO

An evening of fun with Skatescool.

Skates of all kinds and sizes to choose from, which means you will have fun whatever your age and level of skating.

Skatescool offers 25min optional training before turning off the lights. **Saturday 13th April 6pm @ Parua Bay**

WHANGAREI HEADS CIVIL DEFENCE LOCAL RESPONSE GROUP

WHEN: Saturday, 27th April, from 1-4pm

WHERE: McLeod Bay Fire Station

It's not going to happen to me....no way!!! Nelson/Tasman fires, fires in Tasmania, flooding in Northern Queensland, Christchurch earthquakes, Port Hill fires, Kaikoura earthquakes; we have all heard of the disasters. We know they are happening and aren't we all quietly happy they aren't happening here.

We can read on the internet and hear via the radio how emergency services, the civil defence headquarters and many civil defence volunteers on the ground work hard to help those affected. We only heard a few stories of how people prepared themselves for safety.

It is unlikely that disaster will hit, but if a major fire or tsunami would strike, it would affect a lot of people in a given area at the same time. The first emergency response will be by the local Fire Service, but they are limited by the number of volunteer fire (men and women) fighters and by the amount of equipment which they operate. The local civil defence team will work together with the local fire service, however, the bottom line is that if such an event would strike, most of us, would have to rely on our own resources.

Some preparation, any form of preparation, to improve your chances to get through the first few days is a bonus. So come along and learn more from Civil Defence and Fire Service experts – all welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please keep school payments rolling in:

We encourage you to use internet banking for any school payments.

School Bank Account Number: 12-3092-0033

Have a safe and happy school holiday break everyone!



Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

To Whom It May Concern,

Barfoote Construction Ltd, a licensed Asbestos Removalist (WorkSafe Class A Licence: **RA160600042**) will be undertaking removal work of some Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) from **Whangarei Heads School – Block 1 Classrooms (rooms 2&3) & the Pool Changing Rooms and Fencing**.

This removal work will be conducted between the hours of **7:00am** to **5:00pm** on **15/04/2019**, and is expected to finish on **26/04/2019**. This work may need to be re-scheduled in the event of bad weather.

WorkSafe NZ was notified on **04/04/2019** that this licensed asbestos removal work is to be undertaken.

Whangarei Heads School management and board of trustees have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, together with the safety measures to be used.

The following safety measures will be put in place and maintained for the duration of this project:

- Signs, barriers and/or temporary fencing will be installed.
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust (as required).
- Asbestos containing materials will not be broken, where possible.
- Plastic will be used to cover horizontal surfaces and surrounds.
- Asbestos containing material will be wrapped on site and disposed of at an approved tip site
- Air monitoring at the work site boundary will be place for the duration of the work. If asbestos fibres above the allowable safe limit are detected, work will cease immediately and corrective measures applied
- An independent party will carry out an inspection of the site on completion of the work, and issue a clearance certificate.

The Ministry of Education website has further information about the management of asbestos and procedures to ensure the safety of all involved in or affected by the work, at the school and community. This can be found on: www.education.govt.nz/school/property/state-schools/fixing-issues/asbestos/

Additional information about asbestos removal and/or Asbestos Removal Licences can be found on WorkSafe NZ's website <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe> or by phoning **0800 030 040 (24 hours)**.

If you have any questions or concerns about this removal work, please feel to contact either **John Alexander at Barfoote Construction Ltd** on **0272558900**, or the Project Manager **Neil Newman at Designgroup Architects h+k Ltd** – neil@ahk.co.nz or **021 0382 567**.

Signed **Jodi Edwards – Principal - Whangarei Heads School**