



Kia Ora Koutou

### PINK SHIRT DAY

We are having our Pink Shirt Day this Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. **Come to school in / wearing PINK** – be creative or have a pink accessory at least. **Pink Shirt Day**, is a global day that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations and individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying.



### FUNKY FISHING FESTIVAL

After a well-deserved breather and time to reflect, the Funky Fish Committee met on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. It was a great turn out by a number of key volunteers / organisers. The final dollar figure raised after expenses was \$12,800-00. We truly do appreciate everyone's contribution. Funds raised will be targeted for key projects e.g. Māra Kai Gardens, Sandpit Refurb, Outdoor Enviro projects, Classroom Furniture and resourcing of our new Technology Shed.

### SOCIAL MEDIA/RESTRICTIONS

Social media can be a great way to stay connected to friends and family, however there can be some risks. We've put together some advice to help you keep your children safe while using social media.

Most social media platforms have an age restriction of 13. Think carefully about signing your child up on a social media platform if they are younger than the minimum age as they may not have developed the skills needed to deal with all that could go wrong on social media. Of course, if they're under the age minimum it's always better that they're honest with you about using an app or site, rather than doing it behind your back. This way, you can help them to stay safe online.

**FRIDAY SHARING ASSEMBLY** – Room One will be sharing their learning with us this week.



## TEACHER STRIKE NZEI

It seems that NZEI (the teacher and Principal union) and the Government have not yet been successful in reaching an agreement regarding pay parity and teaching conditions. Whangarei Heads School teachers attended a union meeting last week to discuss possible next steps. Another strike has been voted on and teachers will **Strike- Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Whangarei Heads School will be closed for this day.

## WINTER SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May our Year 7 & 8's will be competing at the WPPSA Winter Sports Day at Kensington Park. They have chosen to represent our school in netball, football, table tennis and gymnastics. This is an opportunity for them to be challenged and have some fun in a sport that is perhaps not familiar to them, and we encourage you to get along and support them.

Nga Manaakitangi  
Jodi Edwards, Principal

Kia Ora,

The Whangarei Heads School Board of Trustees had our final meeting on Monday night of our three-year term and what a 3 years it has been!

I would like to acknowledge our community's continued support to the school through the changes we have encountered, fundraising events, in classrooms and around the school. It has been wonderful to see Jodi be so welcomed and supported in his role as Principal and the board has really enjoyed working alongside him and the school to set this year up for success for our children.

I would like to thank the current members of Annette Fowler, Paul Ulenberg, Rosie Kronfeld and Katharina Friedli for all the time, effort and support that they have provided the school over their term.

I would like to specifically acknowledge Rosie and Paul for the last 6 years as sitting board members. They have decided not to put their names forward for re-election, but have been an asset to what the Board and school have achieved over the last 6 years, and their efforts are truly appreciated.

As you will know, nominations are open for a new board. If you would like information about the Board of Trustee elections or are interested in becoming a trustee have a look at <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz>.

Ngā mihi maioha  
Rachael Dennis BoT Chairperson

***Friday's School Lunch***  
***Delicious Homemade***  
***Spaghetti & Meatballs***  
***And an Iceblock \$4***



**ESOL TEACHING POSITION (FIXED TERM) 4 1/2 hours per week**

Please send via email CV and covering letter with contact details of two referees to: Principal, Jodi Edwards, Whangarei Heads School. Ph. 09 434 0844

Email: [principal@whangareiheads.school.nz](mailto:principal@whangareiheads.school.nz)

Applications close 24th May 2019

**GOLD AWARDS**

*Congratulations to these Gold Award recipients:*

Room 1 - Trinity, Luka

Room 2 - Andrew, Scarlett

Room 3 - Penny, Tai

Kidspace - Ben, Katie, Ella, Tilly

**Enviro Group News**

Last week the Enviro Group were pleased to find their trap system (that surrounds the school and adjoining bush block) working and most traps had caught a ship rat! That's a lot less rats roaming our bush causing trouble! We are learning how to empty and rebait the traps and plan to check these on a more regular basis once we are experts. If you see a trap box please leave it alone, we can't catch rats if the traps aren't open.

**KIDSPACE ARE LOOKING FOR:**

Icecream containers

Nuts & bolts

Pallets

Guttering offcuts (clean)

Tyres

Buttons

Large cable spools

Shells

**TERM 2 CALENDAR**

Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 7 & 8's Winter Sport Day
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Teacher's Strike – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May	St Johns First Aid, Room 1 & 2
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4-6's Winter Sports Day
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Room 1, Science Fair
17-21 June	Room 1 Technology Week
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Story Lines Tour Presentation, 1:45-3pm
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Room 1 Banquet
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Home – End of Term 2

***Please keep school payments rolling in:***

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

***School Bank Account Number: 12-3092-0033347 00***

\*\*\* Apologies for the quality of this attached letter. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the office.



7 May 2019

Northland Principals

Dear Colleagues,

#### Immunisation in Northland

Northland is experiencing its lowest immunisation rates for many years and has some of the lowest rates in New Zealand. The anti-immunisation lobby and the impact of social media, anti-science and the Vaxxed movie (that was shown throughout Northland 15 months ago) have had a significant impact.

Immunisation is the most significant public health intervention in the last 200 years, providing a safe and effective way to prevent the spread of many diseases that cause hospitalisation, serious ongoing health conditions and sometimes death. Northland has in the past few weeks confirmed our first two cases of measles here and with our immunisation rates in the low to mid 80 percent we do not have protective community (herd) immunity. Other communities (Canterbury, Auckland, and Waikato) have seen rapid spread of measles following the first cases and we would like to be as proactive as possible.

Immunisation is critical for the health of children and the wider community. For immunisation to provide the greatest benefit, a sufficient number of people need to be vaccinated to halt the spread of bacteria and viruses that cause disease. The proportion of the population that has to be immune to interrupt disease transmission differs for each vaccine preventable disease, but is around 90 percent for most diseases. For a highly infectious disease like measles, this is up to 95 percent of the population.

This emphasises the need to stay vigilant and ensure high immunisation coverage rates are achieved. Those children that are un-immunised are extremely vulnerable to this highly infectious disease. If they come to school having contracted measles there is a 95 percent chance of transmission to other children within one metre of the infected child.

In other words, they WILL spread it to other un-immunised children and also to those children that have their immune system compromised (those being treated for cancer or leukaemia) as well as the elderly. Once measles has spread, it has a mortality rate of 1 in 1000. That is why school children that come into contact with a child with measles must stay home for 14 days after contact. This could have a huge impact on school attendance.

As requested previously by the Medical Officer of Health, we would ask that you check the Immunisation status of your children and staff and discuss with your boards what actions can be taken to keep people safe. We recommend all children and staff that are not immune or un-immunised receive an MMR vaccine.

Please consider excluding unimmunised children during this period of high risk i.e. at least the next two weeks. If we have more cases, it could be longer and we will keep you informed. I understand if exclusion seems too harsh or has too many unintended consequences or you simply just don't want to go there. So, if this is not possible, unimmunised children that are unwell with fever, a cough or cold, must be kept away from school as it could be the early (pre-rash) stages of measles.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Chamberlain'.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
Chief Executive  
Northland DHB