



Newsletter: Term 3, Week 9, 20th September 2019

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Term 3 will draw to a close at the end of next week, so this will be our final newsletter for the term. It has been a fantastic term for learning. We are excited about what's coming up in Term 4, looking at the calendar of events it certainly looks like next term will be full of action!

On behalf of the staff, I want to say a big thanks to you all for your ongoing support and partnership you provide us. Thank you to those of you who volunteered your time to help with Passion Time. We enjoyed hearing what the children had achieved during their sessions during assembly this morning.

Last week we celebrated Maori Language Week (Te Wiki o Te Reo) There are a lot of ways to begin your journey to learn Te Ro Māori, as an individual, a whanau, a group, as a community. I've added a shortened Mihi for you to practice:

Mihi (Tangata Whenua)

Ka tangi te titi

Ka tangi te kaka

Ka tangi hoki ahau

Tihei Mauri Ora

Haere mai haere mai haere mai

Haere mai e tenei wahi

E nga hoa

No reira tena koutou, tena koutou

Tena ra koutou katoa

This week we celebrated Conservation Week. It was a full on effort by staff and students around the school, a planting frenzy!

Take a look through these things to do for ideas.

- Track backyard introduced predators. What's really out there?
- Build a wētā motel. There is nothing better than a motel for a wētā.
- Find out who lives in your garden. Chew on this!
- Plant a native tree, that's what we did as a Kura!
- Create a lizard friendly garden.



A friendly reminder for next week: Due to Mrs Humphries being away on Room 1's Wellington Trip, there will be no staff on site before 8am, so please do not drop your children off before then!

Well it's been a long time coming but Room 1's Wellington trip is finally here! I know that the students are all excited to be heading away, with many of them hopping on a plane for the first time. They have worked hard to fundraise during the year, and we hope they'll make the most of this opportunity.

A huge thank you must go to our amazing Year 7 & 8 teacher, Anna Grace, who has worked tirelessly to make this trip possible. These students are very lucky to have a teacher with so much local knowledge and experience to lead them on this excursion. We look forward to sharing their ongoing learning relating to this next term.

We can't thank Paul and Kirsty enough for their amazing work and contribution over the last few weeks. The school gardens are looking amazing!

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and hope you manage to have quality time as a family. See you all when we start back on Monday 14th October.

Nga Manaakitanga
Jodi Edwards
Principal

ROOM ONE AND TWO RE-OPENING DAWN CEREMONY Monday, 14th October 5:30-7am

We are excited to be able to start term 4 by re-opening Room 1 and 2, and the under-cover area with a special blessing, followed by light refreshments. We realise this is an early start, and may not suit all families, but we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Backyard Kiwi invites you to celebrate the official launch of **Mr Kiwi has an Important job** - by Heather Hunt
September 22, 3pm - 4pm, McLeod Bay Hall

Children from Whangarei Heads school have been working with Heather to write and draw their own ideas about Mr Kiwi's important job, their writing and illustrations will be on display at the book launch.

We'll have cake and a reading and time to look at local children's writing and drawing around Mr Kiwi.

Signed copies of **Mr Kiwi has an Important job**, along with the new **Kiwi Mates** print will be available on the day (cash or credit card) or you can pre-order here <https://www.heatherhunt.co.nz/new-products> and collect at the book launch.



The poster features a large illustration of a kiwi bird's head and beak. Text on the poster includes:

- Book launch & kiwi (print) release**
- September 22 - 3pm
- McLeod Bay Hall
- Whangarei Heads
- Join us for:** Cake, a reading and see a display of 'Mr Kiwi' inspired drawing and writing by local children.
- All Welcome**

Small images show the book cover for 'Mr Kiwi has an Important Job' and the 'Kiwi Mates' print. The Backyard Kiwi logo and website URL (www.backyardkiwi.org.nz) are also present.

Conservation Week 2019

The Enviro Group marked Conservation Week by spending a beautiful sunny spring afternoon planting in Fern Valley. The group planted a variety of native plants including harakeke, toetoe, manuka, ake ake, and ti kouka in Fern Valley. They also planted some kaka beak, grasses and hebe to mark the entrance way to our new outdoor classroom. The plants were a mixture of donations and rewards from the Paper for Trees recycling programme.

"The best thing about this is when this tree is really big I will come back and know I planted it" says Zoe.



Frazzled Kiwi Adventure Race – Sunday 29th September

The Frazzled Kiwi is an adventure race for families, students and beginners and is brand new to Whangarei. Take your map and clue sheet make your way around the course collecting points and completing mystery activities. Get your teams of up to 5 people and make a day of it. Enter as a Family Team, Student Team or Social Adult Team.

For more information or to enter online go to www.soakedinadventure.co.nz or contact Fiona on 0276267910.

***Please keep payments rolling in:
We encourage you to use internet banking for any school payments.
School Bank Account Number: 12-3092-0033347-00***

Northland Cross Country

Congratulations to these seven awesome runners who competed at the Northland Cross Country held at Barge Park on Wednesday.



From left: Scarlett, Isaac, Josh, Quinn, Tristan, Andrew and Leroy.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

22 nd to 27 th September	Room One Camp – Wellington
Friday, 27 th September	Last Day of Term
Monday, 14 th October	Term 4 Begins Opening of “new” Room 2 & 3
Monday, 28 th October	Labour Day – School Closed
Tuesday, 29 th October	Year 7 & 8 Zone Athletics Day, Parua Bay
Wednesday, 30 th October	Year 4, 5 & 6 Zone Athletics Day, Parua Bay
28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	WHS Art Exhibition
Friday, 1 st November	Art Exhibition Opening
Thursday 14 th November	Kapa Haka Festival, hosted at WHS
Friday, 15 th November	Whangarei Girls High School Orientation Day
Monday, 18 th November	Whangarei Boys High School Orientation Day
Tuesday, 19 th November	Taurikura Snorkelling Day
Thursday, 21 st November	Reotahi Snorkelling Day
Wednesday 4 th December	Kapa Haka Performance at Boat Club
Wednesday, 18 th December	Christmas Tree Evening, 5:30 pm
Thursday, 19 th December	Last Day of School Year



Spring has “sprung” and it’s time to be sun smart! Hats will be compulsory again in term 4, so please supply your child with a hat each day. ***School Hats are for sale for \$10*** from the school office and will be kept in each classroom for your child to wear when they go outside.