Whangarei Heads School

Newsletter: Term 4: Week 4, 7th November 2019

Kia Ora everyone

This term is certainly flying by here at school as we are busy with assessments and comments. It is always very exciting at this time of the year to see the efforts of all the hard work come together. Well done to students, teachers and parents, as progress involves partnership in learning.

Both athletics day's at Parua Bay last week were great events, where all of our student's participated with pride and enthusiasm. We congratulate those who placed in an event. Thank you to all parents and staff who supported on the day, special mention to Mr Higgison for his efforts in making this sporting event a success.

Congratulations to everybody who participated in this historical celebration; Tuia 250, held at the Onerahi foreshore last Friday. It was a most successful turn out by our Te Whanga cluster of schools with a culmination of major efforts from staff, students and parents.

Our biannual Art Exhibition was also held last Friday, and it was a pleasure to be part of this great event! A special thank you to all friends and family members who attended, and to Reyburn House for their ongoing support of this event. The art presentation, music, kai and atmosphere made for a great evening.

Progress has been slow with the





pool, we have been working frantically with Guyco to get the final stages sorted so we can open the pool by the end of November or first week of December. Rest assured this is a priority, especially with current weather patterns.





We operate an open-door policy at Whangarei Heads School and encourage you to come in and talk to us, however, please do this outside of class teaching time. If the matter you need to address is more formal, then please follow protocol and approach the appropriate

staff member in the first instance. If your concern is still unresolved and is in regard to academic achievement, or your concern is in relation to student relationships or behaviour, then please approach Mrs Denise Humphries, Deputy Principal or myself.

Finally, please note that we are now actively planning for 2020 and it is imperative that we have accurate and up-to-date information. If your child / children will not be attending in the New Year, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a preschooler who is not enrolled or not identified as a future enrolment, please contact us immediately. We want to ensure a wonderful start to the New Year and the advanced information you supply us will help enormously.





Room 2 will be sharing their learning with us at tomorrow's assembly.

Nga Manaakitanga Jodi Edwards Principal

Please return school trophies to the office ASAP*

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 14 th November	Kapa Haka Festival, hosted here at WHS		
Tuesday, 19 th November	Taurikura Snorkelling Day – Kidspace & Room 3		
Wednesday, 20 th November	Yr6 & 7 Parent meeting regarding Room 1 next year		
Thursday, 21 st November	Reotahi Snorkelling Day – Room 1 & 2		
Wednesday, 27 th November	Year 7&8 Whangarei Zone Athletics		
Friday, 29 th November	School Disco, 6-7:30pm Juniors, 7-8:30pm Seniors		
Wednesday 4 th December	Kapa Haka Performance at Boat Club (evening)		
Wednesday, 4 th December	Year 4-6 Whangarei Zone Athletics		
Friday, 13 th December	Room 1 Fun Day		
Wednesday, 18 th December	Christmas Tree Evening, 5:30 pm		
Thursday, 19 th December	Last Day of School Year (midday finish)		
	End of Year Reports Sent Home		

Please keep payments rolling in: We encourage you to use internet banking for any school payments.

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



Our Kapa Haka have been practicing really hard for next week's festival. We had Charlene Morunga and Sam Benge helping this week. The group are sounding amazing, and couldn't have got to this level without the efforts of Mrs Alex Hunter.

We are super excited to see them perform as we host the Te Whanga Kapa Haka festival. If you are able to help us by baking and/or helping on the day, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

Friday's School Lunch: Hotdog and an Iceblock - \$4

Golden Librarians

Congratulations to our 2019 Golden Librarians; <u>Siena</u>, <u>Faith, Jamie and Caleb</u> who were selected to attend a special presentation at the Whangarei library. They were acknowledged for their service to our school library with a certificate from mayor, Sheryl Mai, enjoyed an inspirational talk from a local artist, a behind the scenes tour of the library and morning tea.





REMINDER: PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR FOR HEADLICE

Ocean Beach Surf Riders

Are offering lessons for children 7yrs+ 26 & 27 Nov / 3 & 4 Dec 5-7pm

Parents must join our club for \$20 per year, child membership free Lessons are just \$5 per lesson Contact Lew Hart (Level 2 coaching cert.) On 434 0292 or lewhart14@gmail.com

