



Newsletter: Term 1, Week 1, 13th February 2020

Kia Ora Everyone

Welcome back for a new school year, and in fact a new decade! We are looking forward to another positive year here at Whangarei Heads School. It is great to have the building renovations behind us and I do believe the school is looking very sharp now!

A very warm welcome back and a special welcome to all new children and families who have joined our Whangarei Heads whanau this year. Our new students are: Shani Dewhurst, Cosimo De Donatis-Mooyman, Cruz Graham, Tui Diamond, Niko Foote and Lucy McDonald, who have all started in Kidspace. We also welcome our student teacher, Anaru Emery who will be helping in Room One this term and again later in the year.

It has been wonderful to see our newly renovated pool area being put to good use during this hot summer weather. We were lucky enough to be able to offer swimming lessons to a number of children last week, thanks to Sarah McDonald and Gayle Smart. The profits from these lessons were very kindly donated to the school.

On Wednesday we had our first session with NZ, who worked with the survival techniques. These



are valuable sessions to keep our children safe in our environment. During class swimming, children will be practising in preparation for our school swimming sports on Thursday, 27th February. A detailed programme will be available closer to the time. We hope you can join us for this fun event.

Funky Fish – a special mention, we are only a few weeks out now. The funky fish team have been working tirelessly to source sponsorship and finalise event activities. Please, if you are able to help out on the day, add your name to the roster outside the office.

I am looking forward to supporting Room One on camp at “The Farm” Whangaruru next week, as they experience new challenges and build friendships with their new classmates.

Nga Manaakitanga

Jodi Edwards, Principal



SCHOOL PICNIC

Friday 14th February – 5pm to 7pm

This is a chance to mix and mingle on the field, playground or pool. Come along for a relaxed family evening – bring a picnic and togs.



FRIDAY SHARING ASSEMBLY

Every Friday we have a whole school assembly at 9:05 am. We encourage you to join us when possible. This week each class will share experiences from their first week.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Please keep your speed down in the carpark – keep our children safe! Due to safety reasons, we ask that NO CARS drive down the school driveway.



ATTENDANCE

A reminder to please phone or email the office before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent. Please indicate the reason for the absence as this is necessary for our records. ***Children who are late to school are required to report to the office before going to class.***

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

The parent contributions will remain the same this year and are as follows:

\$25 per child per term or \$50 per family per term

These can be paid by automatic payment throughout the year, please contact the office if you wish to do this.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have your correct contact details. Please let us know if you have moved house, have changed phone or email details, or any circumstances have changed that we may need to know about.

HATS ON!

Once again it will be compulsory for children to wear a sunhat when they go outside during term 1, so please get your child in the habit of packing a hat in their school bag. LET'S ALL BE SUNSAFE!



SCHOOL HATS

A lot of children purchased our school hats last year. It is a good idea if these are kept at school to avoid them being left at home. If you would like to purchase a school hat for \$10, please contact the office.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We will once again be selling school lunches every Friday. These will be \$4 per child and can be purchased with cash on the day or pre-paid online. We also have homemade fruit juice ice blocks for sale at lunchtime and after school for \$1.

TOMORROW'S SCHOOL LUNCH: SAUSAGE SIZZLE & AN ICE BLOCK = \$4

HELMETS

Children who use scooters, skate boards or roller blades at school must wear a helmet at all times. Please support your child with this. Make sure the helmet is named.

SPARE CLOTHES/SWIMWEAR

We are in need of spare shorts and swimwear, particularly smaller sizes.

WEEKLY WASHING

Could we please have a volunteer to take our school washing home on a Friday (approx ½ a load) this could be one person or a shared job. Thanks!

Kidspace have "My Vita Bags" for sale – 4 pack for \$13

and "My Lil Pouch!" reusable food pouches – 5 pack for \$15

These are two great ideas for helping care for our environment.

Come and check them out at the school office.



SURF LESSONS

7yrs and upwards - wetsuits provided if needed

19/20 February 5-7 pm

Contact Lou Hart, park in Ocean Beach overflow carpark

REOTAHI SNORKEL DAYS

Saturday 15th February and Sunday 15th March

10 am to 3 pm

All welcome, gear provided



Only 2 weeks until the **Funky Fish & Diving Competition** on **Sunday 1st March 2020.....**

...planning & organising is well underway thanks to our group of amazing people working away behind the scenes. However, we still **NEED** more event parent help, prior, on the day and afterwards with the pack-up & returns. This is our school's major fundraiser for the year. **PLEASE SUPPORT**

Rachael Clever is coordinating the job / event roster, please contact her to register your offer of help, email; mscreebu@gmail.com or [fill in the job event job roster located outside the office at school.](#)

If you have a business or know of a business that would like to help sponsor event spot prizes, we would love to hear from you!

Our parent support meeting is on Thursday 13th February at 6.30pm at the Mt Manaia Club. Come along and find out more, all welcome

The Funky Fishing Colouring-In Competition sheets will be available at the office shortly and include all age groups from 0 – 13 years. So let's get creative!