Whangarei Heads School

Newsletter: Term 4, Week 5, 13th November 2020

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa – Greetings to you all!

We are certainly getting to the business end of the term with assessments and report writing happening in all classes, amongst the learning programs that are still ongoing in classes

Our class numbers are certainly building and we are still working on the set up for next year, following the school policies and procedures closely.

I was very proud of our Kapa Haka seniors last week who gave a strong performance at the opening of the Bream Head Education Centre. Some of you will have seen their performance at last week's assembly. A big thank you to Alex Hunter and Miringa Silipa who have been working with the group. Their next performance will be at the Te Whanga festival which will be held at Parua Bay this year on Friday 4th December.

I really enjoyed being with the Year 7 and 8's at the Zone Athletics at Parua Bay on Wednesday. The children demonstrated great skills in all events thanks to the training from Mr Higgison and Ms Grace. The results are



yet to come through, but I know that we will have a good representation from our school in the Championships, a great effort from such a small group of children, well done to all of the children who took part so positively.

This weekend we will be interviewing for the vacant Room 1 position and hope to be able to announce the new teacher for the Year 7 and 8's early next week. We have been fortunate in having some strong applicants which is certainly positive for Room 1.

We are still looking for parents who can help at next year's Funky Fishing event please let us know if you can help in any way, it is our biggest fundraiser and it needs to have more parents to take the load off the parents who are always there working on the event.

Denise Humphries

Reminder:

Teacher Only Day Next Week Friday 20th November





Enviro Group

The Enviro Group have been going bush and checking the traps around the school. This not only keeps rat numbers down around the school grounds, it helps protect bird and insect life in the surrounding area. Thanks to Adam Willetts for giving up his time to support our kids with this ongoing project.

If you would like to get involved with this project or other upcoming environmental projects around the school and have one afternoon, or more spare, please get in touch with Alex.



2021 ENROLMENTS

We are busy planning for 2021 class placements and we need to know if you are thinking of enrolling your child elsewhere or if you have a child starting next year. Can you please inform the school office as soon as possible? Please note, if your child is starting and you are unsure if they are on our list or if you have not filled out an enrolment form yet, send Paula an email at office@whangareiheads.school.nz, especially if they are starting in Term One. Thank you.

LUNCHES - There seems to be a 'trend' of children coming to the office/staffroom because they have either no lunch or have eaten it all at morning tea. Of course we don't mind feeding our children if they have forgotten their lunch and parents are working in town, but we kindly ask to ensure your child has sufficient food. We do ask the children to mention to their parents they need more food if they seem to be our regular visitors to the office/staffroom. Thank you.

REMINDERS:

<u>SICK CHILDREN</u> – A friendly reminder to please keep your child home if they are unwell. If your child or family member has had a Covid test, please inform the school and we kindly request they are kept home until a negative test is given. Thank you.

Parking

- If you would like to park, please do so in front of the playcentre.
- Please leave the 'bus stop' area in front of the big rock clear of parked cars
- Please do not park on the forest side of the road leave this clear for the drive and collect cars

Drive and Collect

- If you prefer to drive up and turn around at the school gate we will deliver your child/ren to you in your car
- We will keep this line of cars moving as quickly as possible

Note, you are also welcome to park in the appropriate spaces and come into the school to collect your child/ren.

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.

Please pay all outstanding fees and accounts ASAP: We encourage you to use internet banking for any school payments.

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

COMMUITY NOTICES:

Bream Head Conservation Trust - are holding an Education evening to discuss their work and successes, and how they can help educate and inspire young for Primary and Intermediate teachers at Parua Bay Tavern (free pizza!), November 19th between 4pm to 6pm. Register now



It's been a challenging year for everyone and many charitable organisations have struggled, so, it was encouraging when New Zealand artist Terry Fitzgibbon offered the Bream Head Conservation Trust this fantastic opportunity. As a fundraiser for BHCT, Terry has prepared a series of his beautiful artworks featuring New Zealand native birds and wildlife as a promotional calendar. The calendar is a beautiful reminder of New Zealand's stunning nature that's right on our doorstep.

The calendar is printed on art quality paper so that favourite images can be framed at a later date. Copies are available from Whangarei Heads School office for \$25

Friday November 13 Friday November 20

Monday November 23

Tuesday November 24 Monday November 30 Wednesday November 25 Friday November 27 Wednesday December 2 Friday December 4 **Wednesday December 16 Thursday December 17**

IMPORTANT DATES:

School Disco

Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL

BOT Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom. DATE CHANGE due to

Administrative reasons

Room 2 Poor Knights Trip

Funky Fish Committee Meeting

Whangarei Athletics Y7&8

Maori Myths Show - Whole School

Whangarei Athletics Y4-6

Te Whanga Festival – Parua Bay (Our Kapa haka group performing)

Christmas Tree Evening

Last Day of Term 4 – SCHOOL FINISHES 12NOON

First Day of Term 1 2021



OGEAN BEACH ROAD ART & THINGS

5th & 6th December 10am - 4pm Daily

Open Home Studios all along
Ocean Beach Road
Look out for the flags and signs

Lots of brilliant local work including Painting, Recycled wood & steel furniture, Platters, Mosaics, Pottery, Sculptures, Craft, Garden Art, Jewellery, Plants (native, veggies, & ornamental) plus much more. SEVEN VENUES between Urquarts Bay & Ocean Beach.

> Perfect for Christmas Gifts

Enquiries: birdsongpauline@gmail.com or phone 0275279617



WIN A SMART BEDROOM!

From 6am this Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'...

If you're under 13 and can sing, simply call



0800 THE VOICE



and sing a Christmas Carol as your audition.

That's 0800 843 864.

Grand prize: **Smart Bedroom Bundle** - Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs!





Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB (or Radio Sport) from 6am, to see if you've won!