



# Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 6 - March 14, 2025

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

It has been a very quiet kura this week, with 53 children off at Lonsdale for camp. Kōrora and Kōtare have had a combined 3 day camp as part of our Education Outside the Classroom programme. This included activities such as a Commando Course, Confidence Course, Nature Trail. Team Building activities and tabloid sports as well as a trip to Te Ngaere Bay for a swim. Thanks to the teachers and all the parent volunteers who have worked hard to ensure a safe camp experience for all.

On Thursday morning the Teina (Junior) team had their own EOTC experience with a walk to Mt Manaia as part of our Inquiry into "Our Stories". Matua Reuben shared 2 versions of the legend of Manaia. The children then enjoyed 4 different learning activities;

- using their senses in the bush; this will then be used for a poem
- drawing Mt Manaia (observational sketching)
- listening to the History of our area and comparing the life of Early Settlers and that of traditional Māori society
- scavenger hunt; finding natural objects

It was another well run event; it we are so blessed to have such an important landmark in our very own "backyard".

Karearea are finalising the arrangements for their upcoming camp to Bay of Islands in early Term 2. To help reduce costs they are hosting fundraising events like this weeks sausage sizzle. Please support them as the trip will be an amazing way for our children to learn all about early life in NZ by visiting our first capital city - Kororāreka.

Ruru have 2 fun filled days planned for the end of term; with a sleepover at school. They will visit Proctor's as well as Smugglers; as well as a visit to the Bream Head Trust Nursery.

Using our local environment to engage our learners is a core part of how we Grow and Learn Together here at Whangārei Heads School.

## Coming Events:

**Week 7 - Mar 17-21**

Mar 18 - EPro8 Yr 7/8 Comp

Mar 19 - EPro8 Yr 5/6 Comp

**Week 8 - Mar 24-28**

Mar 25 - Board Meeting 6pm

Mar 27 - Seaweed Activities

**March 29-30 FUNKY FISH FISHING & DIVING COMP**

Mar 29 - Fishing starts 3pm

Mar 30 - Day of Event

Weigh in from 11am-2:30pm



**Week 9 - Mar 31- Apr 4**

Apr 4 - Northland Swim Champs

**Week 10 - April 7-11**

Apr 9-10 - Ruru Class Camp



**Our Place to Grow and Learn together**  
Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi



Thank you to the 40 responders who have read through our Health Curriculum Survey and given feedback. There was overwhelming support for the Health Statement: 38/40 agree with the statement.

## Health Curriculum Community Consultation - 2025

**B I U ↻ ✖**

As required by the Education and Training Act 2020, the board consults with the school community about how the health curriculum is implemented (s 91).

The Whangarei Heads School Board invites the community to offer feedback on the Health and PE Curriculum.

The following is a statement that outlines how Health Education is delivered at Whangarei Heads School

Please complete the form below by **Friday 14th March**.

Interestingly there was pretty even support for the 4 Health Learning areas: See bar graph below

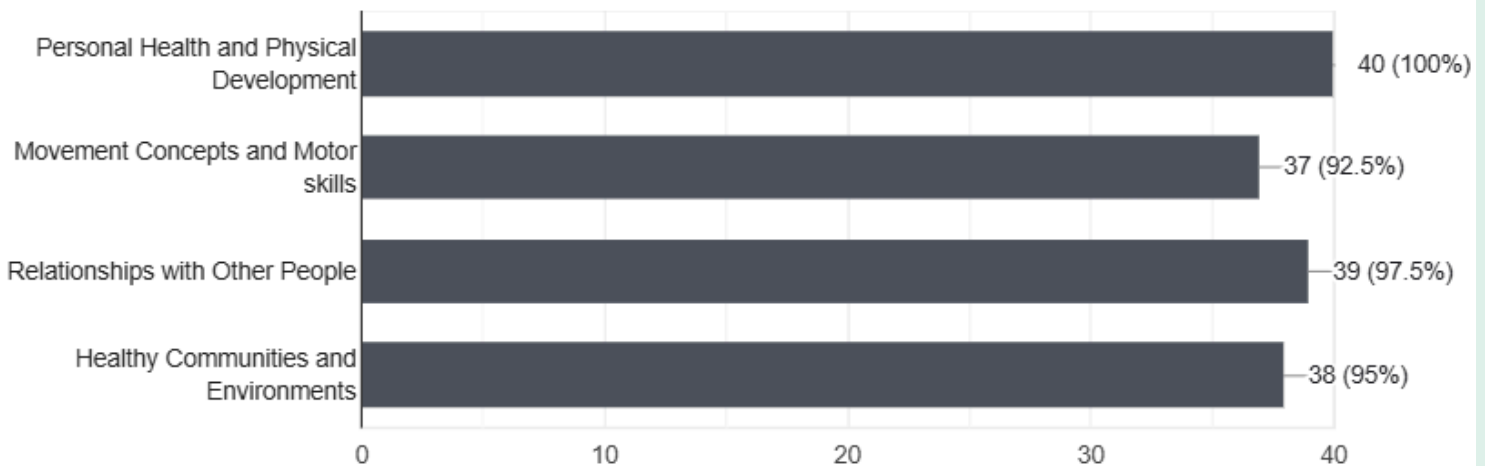
We can see from your input where most people would prefer we invest our focus across the 7 Learning Areas: See bar graph at the base of the page.

The Board will discuss the full results at our next Hui.

### Check the Health Learning Areas that are important to you and your whanau

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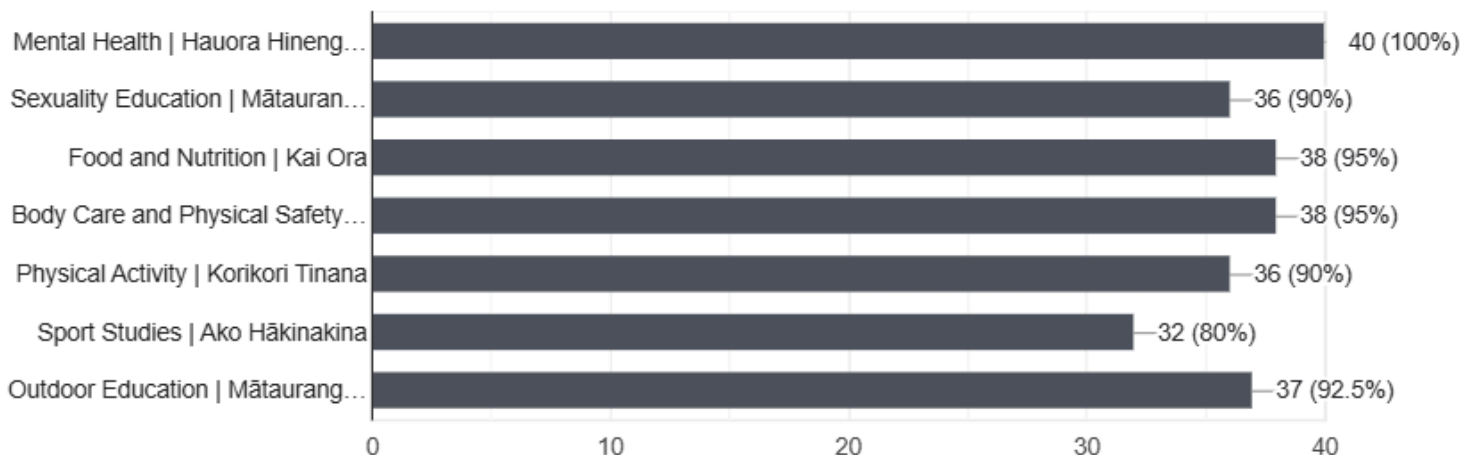
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### Check the boxes of the Learning Areas you feel are essential for your whanau

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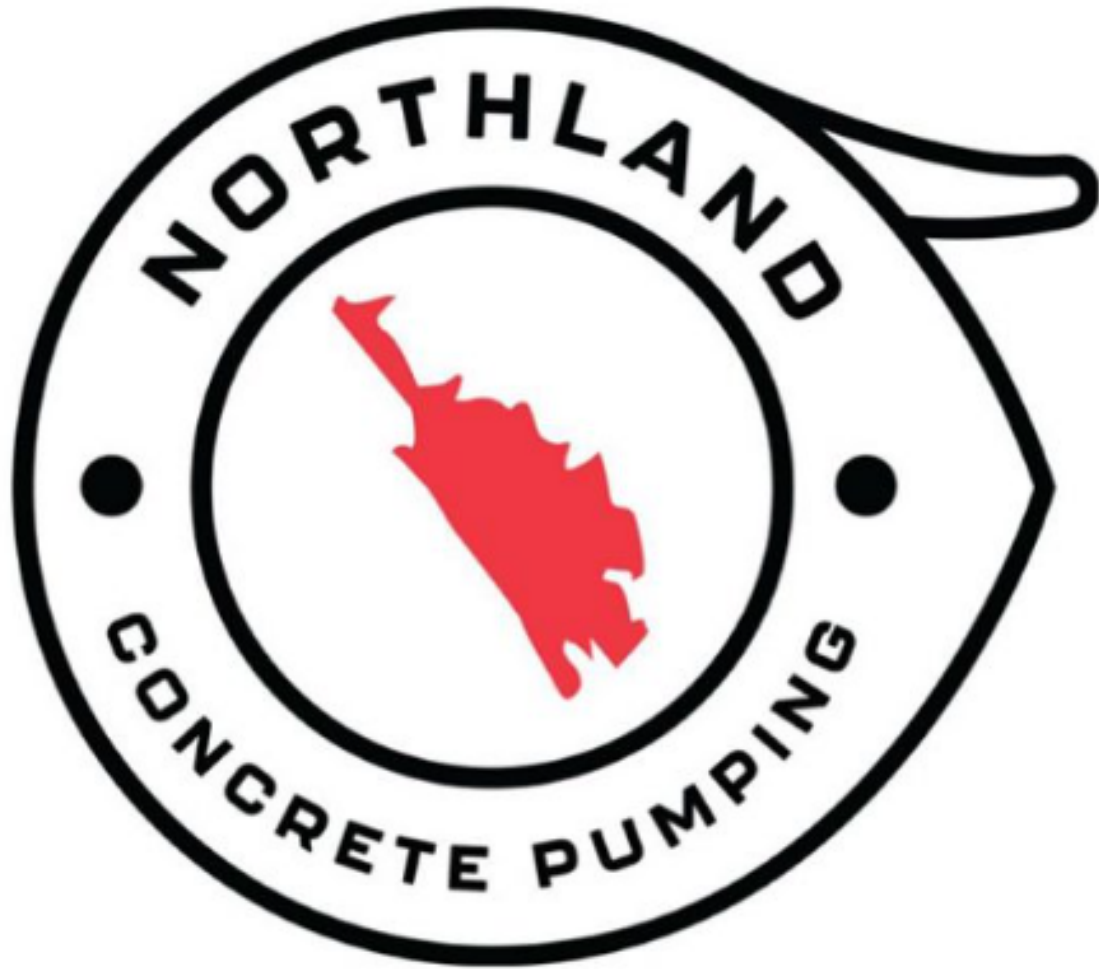
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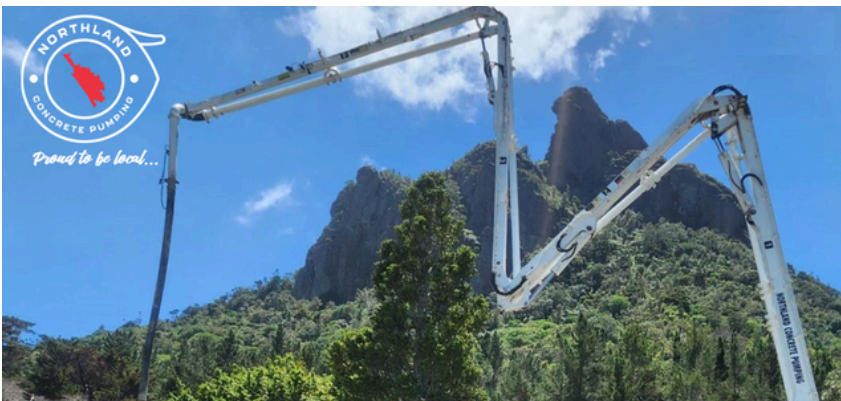


# Meet our Platinum Funky Fish Sponsor

## Northland Concrete Pumping



Northland Concrete Pumping offers a wide range of concrete pumping services and expertise throughout Northland. They provide concrete pumping services for all types of work, from domestic driveways and retaining walls, to major commercial and civil construction projects - *such as our recently upgraded school carpark and footpaths!* Whether you are looking for boom pumping, line pumping, or shotcrete work, they have modern, certified, and well maintained equipment to suit the job, as well as a great team of helpful and experienced operators. With bases in Whangarei and Kerikeri, they cover the entire region from Wellsford to Cape Reinga, and all points between.  
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## Raffle tickets on sale now!

By now, the Funky Fish Raffle ticket packs should have made it home, and are starting to be sold to your whanau, friends, neighbours, co-workers and anyone else you can think of! Winners do NOT have to attend Funky Fish to receive their prize, so sell far and wide! The prizes come from a range of amazing local businesses offering their products and services. You will find the list of prizes on the flyer inside the raffle packs.

Sales and payment information is also included in these packs. In summary, collect cash for your general door-to-door ticket sales, but there is the option of having your friends and family pay you directly for the tickets, and then parent/caregivers make a lump sum payment to the Funky Fish fundraising account:

Whangarei Heads School Board  
12-3092-0033347-03

Reference payments with your family name and RAFFLE

All ticket numbers are assigned to family groups. If you decide not to sell the tickets, or you have only sold part of a book, you MUST return the unsold tickets by Wednesday, March 26, so that these can be taken out of your name and responsibility.

Please report any lost ticket books to the school office.

## Fishing Comp Rules for 2025

This year new rules have been introduced as we move towards making the event more sustainable, such as a limit to the number of fish you can enter, and a limit to the length of Snapper - anything over 55cm can only be entered into Catch-and-release. Head to the Funky Fish website - [funkyfishing.co.nz/rules/](http://funkyfishing.co.nz/rules/) - for the full list of competition rules.

Take note of the 2-digit Competition Code release information for the Catch-and-Release categories. These fish must be photographed with your entry ticket, and the Competition Code must be written on the ticket and visible in the photo.

The "Funkiest Fish" is back with two categories:

1. The most interesting catch-and-release fish caught
2. Design your own "funkiest fish" - not a live animal but rather something you can create. Ideas might include using; a rock, a piece of bark, items from the beach or even get really artistic with mosaic, or paper mache or any art materials from home.



## Meet our GOLD SPONSORS





# OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility.

As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day. If your child is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible.

It is important that you phone us/send us an email/message us on ClassDojo to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.

We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may occasionally be absent. However, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. If your child is absent regularly, or for extended periods, we will reach out to you to discuss the situation.

We are committed to supporting your child to attend school.

If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by:

- speaking with your child's teacher
- sending us a message on ClassDojo
- calling or emailing the office

We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance.

More information on attendance, including your rights and responsibilities as parents or caregivers, is available on the Ministry of Education's webpage: Attendance.



## Drop off and pick up times

As a way to acknowledge the challenges on whanau to get to town in the morning, we allow drop offs from 8.15 am, rather than the usual 8.30am.

However; some whanau are dropping their children as early as 8.05am. This is our preparation time; where teachers are setting up for the day, gathering resources, and possibly having a quick meeting with our SENCO or Senior Leadership team.

Can you please ensure you are dropping your child off no earlier than 8.15am. Thanks.

End of day seems to be working well, and thank you to the whanau who now join us for the end of day Karakia, it is lovely to have you with us. Most children are collected by 3.05pm which is wonderful as that allows the teachers to get sorted for the next days learning, or head to our meetings.



Thank you to Colin Andrew's who has persevered through many trials to ensure the Year 8 Leaver's gift (Pou) was able to be completed and put in situ near our front gate.

The stunning piece was created by the 2024 Year 8 students, supported by Colin, Dulcie and their teachers; Tineke and Mrs E.

It really is an incredibly piece of work and we sincerely thank you for making it happen! You are amazing!





# Ruru, Tui and Piwakawaka visit Manaia

The junior classes had a lovely walking trip to Manaia as part of their Inquiry into Our Stories! Matua Reuben told some lovely stories of Manaia, where they completed four rounds of activities - Sketching the mountain, a scavenger hunt, listening to sounds in the bush and talking about the history of the area. They enjoyed morning tea under the maunga, before their return walk back to school.

If you have any local stories to share, the teachers would love to hear from you.



Bree, Baxter, Maddie,  
Willow & Nico G



# Manaia Tiger Football

## Registrations are open!

Calling all keen young footballers! Our local football club is now registering players for the 2025 season.

[https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/344509?fbclid=IwY2xjawl\\_ii9leHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHSvjofnMyAjlUHIAY7SCKveYukh4D65NmLHM5LpWWMTICZhqZyAmg7cjr\\_w\\_aem\\_Wh3pOdha38cKfuw-O9wB3g](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/344509?fbclid=IwY2xjawl_ii9leHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHSvjofnMyAjlUHIAY7SCKveYukh4D65NmLHM5LpWWMTICZhqZyAmg7cjr_w_aem_Wh3pOdha38cKfuw-O9wB3g)

We welcome all new and returning players aged 4-13 to our awesome football club that's based right here in our local community! Tell your friends!!!

Join our Facebook page to stay up to date, or email us at [manaia.tigersfc@gmail.com](mailto:manaia.tigersfc@gmail.com).

- 4-6 year old first kicks; (Saturdays at Onerahi)
- 7-8 year old fun football (Saturdays at Onerahi)
- 9th-12th grade teams (Home games at Parua Bay)
- 13th grade team - we're hoping to have enough year 8 players for a team this year. Home games are at our Parua Bay home ground, Anderson Park.



DO YOU WANT TO PLAY  
*Netball?*

YEAR'S 1-8 GIRLS AND BOYS.

COME ALONG AND JOIN US.

WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN / FRIENDLY GAMES, GET FITTED FOR UNIFORMS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

RALLY DAY:

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

3.15PM, PARUA BAY SCHOOL COURTS

YOU CAN REGISTER PLAYERS VIA THIS LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/VIEWFORM/152650](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/152650)

THE CUTOFF FOR REGISTRATION IS THE 6TH OF APRIL.

MANIA NETBALL CLUB IS RUN BY VOLUNTEERS. WE WILL NEED MANAGERS AND COACHES FOR SOME OF OUR TEAMS THIS YEAR. LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE KEEN TO HELP WITH THESE ROLES. ANY CONTRIBUTION OF YOUR TIME AND ENERGY IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

CONTACT US AT [NETBALL@MANAIA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NETBALL@MANAIA@GMAIL.COM)



# Manaia Hockey

Years 2 to 4 rally/give it a go

Wednesday 19th March

Parua Bay School turf

3.30pm

If you can't make it but your child is interested in playing please email

[manaiahockey@gmail.com](mailto:manaiahockey@gmail.com)



# Te Manawa Tahī

Do you have concerns about your child? If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2025, Weeks 6 to 10
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bream Bay Community Trust, 10.00am - 12.30pm, 9 Takutai Place	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Te Kura o Otangarei School, William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Dargaville Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Ngunguru School, 9.00am – 10.30am, Te Maika Road	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	



27TH & 28TH MARCH

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## THE SENSORY LAB

Join us for a 45-minute immersive sensory workshop, exploring touch, sight, smell, taste, and sound in an inclusive space. Enjoy stories, music, and interactive sensory experiences designed to spark curiosity and connection.

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Kaingia ngā kai hauora

## TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

### Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth.

Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child?

**0800 MY TEETH** (0800 698 3384)

**Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm**



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**Te Whatu Ora**  
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