



Whangārei Heads School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 4 - February 28, 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU,

Thank you all for coming along to our "Meet the Teacher" evening last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you here, enjoying a lovely evening in our school grounds, connecting with one another, and finding out more about how each learning environment makes our vision come alive. "Our Place to Grow and Learn Together", Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi. It was an authentic example of whanaungatanga.

We have updated our Strategic Plan for the final year of its three phases. Our focus this year is on;

- enhancing learner agency
- assessment for learning
- curriculum design in Mathematics to include Structured Maths
- Structured literacy - changing the way we teach and learn in reading and spelling
- Inquiry learning

I have included the Strategic Plan Road Map on the next page for you. We will begin to consult on the next 3 years plan for the direction of the school mid year. We will be asking for your input so we can continue to grow our Kura.

Watch out for the Health Curriculum Community Consultation survey that will come out Monday, in your emails. This feedback will help us to plan for how we teach Health and Physical Education for the next 2 years.

I have already received a few requests for children to be absent from school for extended periods of time for holidays and whanau time again this year. I really need to urge you to reconsider. I know that it is often cheaper to travel in term time, but there is a cost to your child's learning. We are finding that when children are away they lose the connection to what the class is learning, as well as for some, friendships change. We had to put some children, who had significant lengths of time away overseas, into our intervention programmes to "catch up" the learning missed, or the teachers had to take this extra mahi on.

Kelly

Coming Events:

Week 5 - Mar 3-7

Week 6 - Mar 10-14

Mar 11-13 - Kotare & Korora

Combined Class Camp

Mar 12 - WPSSA Swimming

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 - Seaweek 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

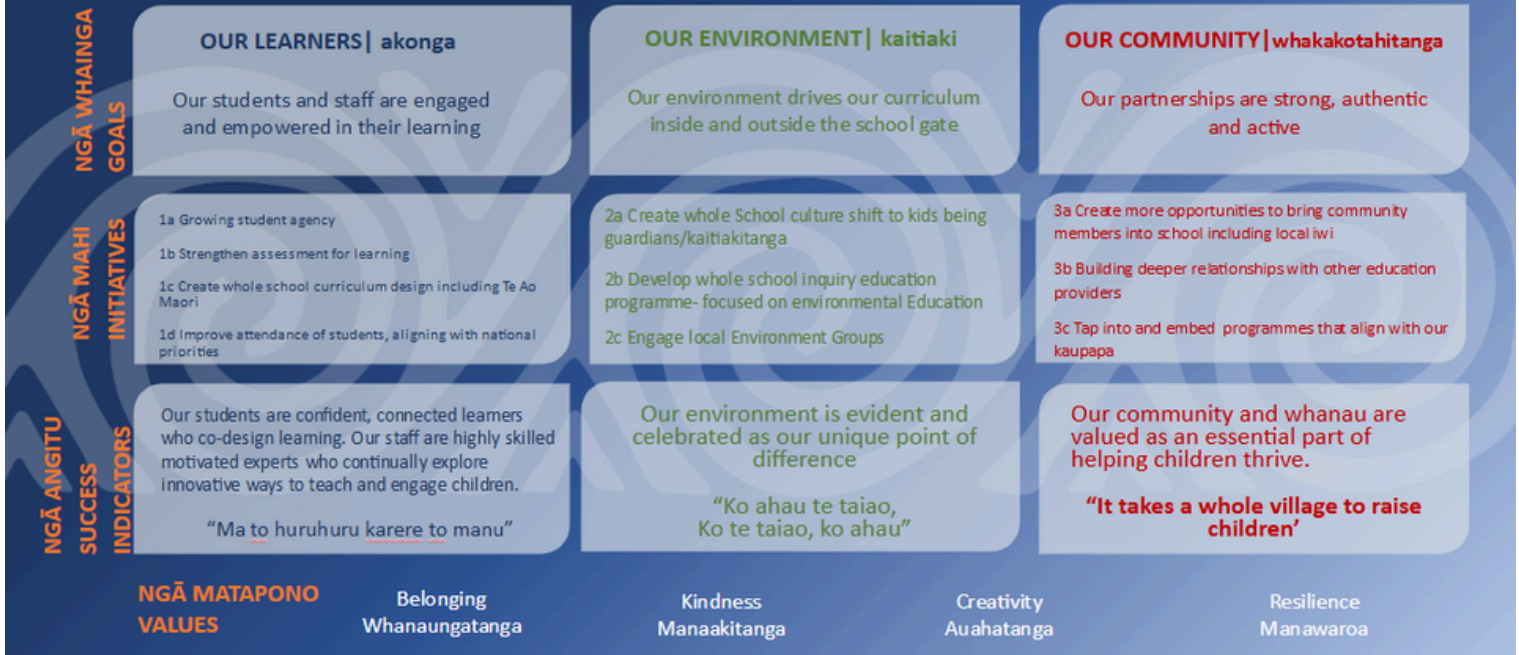
Apr 9-10 - Ruru Class Camp

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

Strategic Plan 2023–2025

Whangarei Heads School Strategic Plan 2023 – 2025

OUR PLACE TO GROW AND LEARN TOGETHER *Ko tātou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi*



Whangarei Heads School Strategic Plan Road Map 2023 – 2025

OUR PLACE TO GROW AND LEARN TOGETHER *Kō tatou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngātahi*

	2023				2024				2025					
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4		
Our Learners / Akonga	1a Growing Learner Agency								1a. Revisit Learner Agency					
	Review phase				1b Strengthen Assessment for Learning in;									
					Maths				Structured Maths		Structured Lit		Writing	
	1c Create Whole School Curriculum Design - including Te Ao Maori													
Te Tangata - Social Sciences, EOTC, Digital Technology				Maths				English, Te Ao Maori						
1d. Attendance - Aim: 80% attendance for 90% of the time by 2030														
Our Environment / Kaitiakitanga					2a Create whole school culture shift / Kaitiakitanga									
					Review phase		2b Develop Whole School Inquiry Education / Environment Ed focus							
	2c Engage Local Enviro Groups													
Our Community / Whakakotahitanga					3a Create Opportunities to bring community in to school / iwi									
	3b Building Deeper Relationships with Education Providers													
					3c Tap into and embed programmes that align with our Kaupapa									



30TH MARCH

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WHANGAREI HEADS SCHOOL

Funky Fish '25

FISHING AND DIVING COMPETITION

What is Funky Fish?

The Funky Fish - Fishing & Diving Competition is the biggest annual fundraiser for our school and the Community Library, with support pouring in from local businesses, such as these Silver Sponsors shown below.

This year, there are even more catch and release categories for family fishing fun! See the Funky Fish website for the updated "Information and Rules" for this years event.

Raffle book packs will be coming home with students soon - which include an entry ticket for all WHS students into the fishing competition. Tickets for the rest of the family will be available in our supporting stores as well as online at <https://funkyfishing.co.nz/>

Even if you aren't interested in fishing, there are a bunch of family-friendly activities at the Funky Fish Headquarters in Taurikura on Sunday, March 30, so we hope to see you all there!

Introducing our Silver Sponsors



Parua Bay 4 Square

Thank you!



Thank you!

Swimming Sports!

We had a great morning at the school pool for our full school Swimming Sports last Friday! It was wonderful to see all the students giving it a go and cheering on their classmates! Well done to all our swimmers.





Open Day

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 1st March, 9am - 3pm
1824 Pātāua North Road, Whangārei RD5



EXPLORE

Our 800 acre living eco-lab with our guided walks

LEARN

About biodiversity regeneration & beekeeping

ENJOY

Mānuka honey tastings, food trucks, coffee carts & more

www.tahi.com

Ice Blocks Return!

Karearea students have been hard at work, planning and preparing for the return of Lunchtime Ice Block Sales! This year, you are welcome to purchase a **\$10 prepaid ice block card** per child - and yes, you can pay for this via internet banking, reference with: ICEBLOCKS and your child's name. I will issue your child with their pre-paid card as these \$10 payments drop into the bank account.

Individual ice blocks can still be purchased as usual, but these are strictly **cash only**.

Ice Blocks will be sold in the undercover area at 1pm - after usual lunchbox consumption is complete. All profits raised will be put towards Karearea class activities and events.

Thanks for supporting our intermediate class!



*\$10 Pre-paid Ice Block Cards
Pay for 10 iceblocks, get your
11th free!*

Ice Cream Containers

We are in need of spare ice cream containers. If you have any at home you are happy to pass on to us please drop them of the school office next week. Thanks!




Clara,
Nikau R
& Nina C

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 1 to 5
Wednesday 5 th Mar	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

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

2025 Term Dates:

Term 1 Ends - April 11:

Term 2 - Mon 28 April - Fri 27 June

Term 3 - Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept

Term 4 - Mon 6 Oct - Wed 17 Dec

Please be mindful of these dates when booking your family holidays



Drop off times

We allow children to be dropped off from 8.15am, rather than 8.30 to acknowledge the drive to town. However, we are noticing some children are being dropped earlier and earlier.

This is essential preparation time for teachers, and can allow us to meet.

Please keep to the 8.15 drop off.

Thanks

Kelly

