



## Whangarei Primary School is Hosting **He Kākano Kapa Haka Festival** **Thursday 13th of November**

We would like to Invite all our school community to this Festival.  
See our Panui in this newsletter for more details

### Principal's Address for the Newsletter - Week 6

Kia ora koutou whanau / parents

As the tumuaki of Whangarei Primary School, it's always a pleasure to connect with our amazing school community through this newsletter.

### **A Warm Welcome and Acknowledgement**

I want to extend a huge, heartfelt welcome to all our families, especially those who are new to our school this term. It's a privilege to have your children with us!

I must also take a moment to acknowledge the incredible dedication I see from our teachers and staff. They consistently go the extra mile to make Whangarei Primary a vibrant, safe, and exciting place for our tamariki to learn. The strong relationships the teachers have with your tamariki and their whanau ensure the very best care and education for your children.

### **Key Information for Your Calendar: A Jam-Packed November!**

Get ready for an exciting few weeks! Please mark these dates and details in your diaries:

- **Kapa Haka Festival - This Thursday, 13 November!** We are incredibly proud to host the Whangarei Primary School Kapa Haka Festival right outside **Te Whare**. We have several local schools joining us to celebrate the mana and beauty of Kapa Haka. It's a fantastic celebration of culture and community spirit. Please come along to witness the stunning performances!
- **WPS Athletics Day - Friday, 14 November** Get your running shoes ready! Our Annual Athletics Day for all students in Years 2-6 is at the **Kensington Athletics Track**. Our tamariki will be competing in running, jumping, and throwing events. Please come along to support and cheer them on—your encouragement makes a massive difference!
- **School Summer Concert - Thursday, 27 November** Save the date for a lovely evening! Our School Summer Concert starts at **5:00 pm** on **Thursday, 27 November**. We invite you to come along, enjoy a picnic on the field, and watch your children sing and entertain you all with their hard work.

### **Exciting Adventures Ahead!**

The learning continues outside the classroom with some fantastic trips planned:

- **Juniors (Year 0/1):** Get ready for sun and sand! Our youngest students will be heading out for a **Beach Trip**. More details on dates and permissions will follow soon.
- **Year 3/4:** The wind is calling! These students will be taking part in dedicated **Sailing Days** to learn skills on the water.
- **Seniors (Year 5/6):** Hang ten! Our older students will have the exciting opportunity to go on a **Surfing Trip**.

These experiences are invaluable, and we thank our staff and parent volunteers in advance for making them possible. Have a great few weeks before the end of our school year.

Nga mihi  
**Matua Danny**

**DARE TO BE REMARKABLE**  
**Me Hautoa Taumata Rau**

# 2025 Term 4 Events



WHANGAREI  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

|              |                       |                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6th          | MONDAY<br>October     | First Day of Term 4                                                                                         |
| 7th          | TUESDAY<br>October    | Whole School Powhiri<br>For New Students                                                                    |
| 10th         | FRIDAY<br>October     | WPS Vs SFX Shield Challenge                                                                                 |
| 17th         | FRIDAY<br>October     | Hurupaki Festival                                                                                           |
| 23rd         | THURSDAY<br>November  | NZEI Strike Day<br>Students Stay Home                                                                       |
| 27th         | MONDAY<br>October     | Labour Day<br>Public Holiday                                                                                |
| 31st         | FRIDAY<br>October     | Staff Only Day @ WPS<br>Students Stay Home                                                                  |
| 13th         | THURSDAY<br>November  | WPS Kapa Haka Festival<br>He Kākano Kapa Haka Festival                                                      |
| 14th         | FRIDAY<br>November    | WPS Athletics                                                                                               |
| 17-21st      | MONDAY<br>November    | Cricket In School<br>Whole School for the Week                                                              |
| 21th         | FRIDAY<br>November    | WIS Induction Visit For Year 6                                                                              |
| 26th         | WEDNESDAY<br>November | WPSSA Year 5 & 6 Athletics<br>Whangarei Primary Schools Event                                               |
| 27th         | THURSDAY<br>November  | WPS End of Year Concert & Picnic                                                                            |
| From<br>28th | FRIDAY<br>November    | Have-A-Go-Sailing Day<br>Nov 28 - Rm15<br>Dec 02 - Rm13<br>Dec 03 - Rm10<br>Dec 07 - Rm16<br>Dec 09 - Rm 14 |
| 3rd          | WEDNESDAY<br>December | Senior Surf Trip<br>Rms 19 & 20                                                                             |
| 4th          | THURSDAY<br>December  | Senior Surf Trip<br>Rms 18 & 22                                                                             |
| 5th          | FRIDAY<br>December    | Senior Surf Trip - Rms 17 & 21<br>Junior Beach Trip                                                         |
| 8th          | MONDAY<br>December    | Year 6 Pool Party<br>3 PM                                                                                   |
| 9th          | TUESDAY<br>December   | Year 6 Graduation<br>5 PM                                                                                   |
| 11th         | THURSDAY<br>December  | EOY Remarkable Hui - 10AM<br>Senior Syndicate Sport - 2PM                                                   |
| 12th         | FRIDAY<br>December    | WPS Water Play Day                                                                                          |
| 16th         | TUESDAY<br>December   | Last Day of Term 4<br>School Finishes 12 Noon                                                               |

## He Kākano Kapa Haka Festival Information Update for our Whānau



*Kia ora*

We are looking forward to holding our upcoming 'He Kākano Kapa Haka Festival' here at Te Kura Tuatahi o Whangarei this **Thursday 13th November**. This panui is to give you some information about how the day will run.

### 1. Programme - T4 W6 Thursday 13th November

|         |                                                                    |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09.30am | Te taenga mai o ngā kura - School arrive - shown to their rooms    |
| 09.45am | Karakia - Whakatau ki ngā kura                                     |
| 10.00am | Te Kura tuatahi o Whangarei - Whangarei Primary School - Te Waenga |
| 10.20am | Te Kura Tuatahi o Morningside - Morningside School                 |
| 10.40am | Te Kura Tuatahi o Otaika Valley - Otaika Valley School             |
| 11.00am | Te Kura Tuatahi o Parua Bay - Parua Bay                            |
| 11.20am | Te Kura Tuatahi o Onerahirahi - Onerahirahi Primary School         |
| 11.40am | Te Kura Takawaenga o Maunu - Maunu School                          |
| 12.00pm | Te Kura Tuatahi o Hurupaki - Hurupaki School                       |
| 12.20pm | Te Kura Takawaenga o Whangārei - Whangarei Intermediate            |
| 12.40pm | Te Kura Tuatahi o Whangarei - Whangarei Primary School - Tuakana   |
| 01.00pm | Whakawātea - Karakia                                               |

We encourage whānau to get here early so that they do not miss out on seeing their child/mokopuna perform.

### 2. Performance Area



All performances will take place on the deck area out the front of our Kura Whare - Te Whare Rauika o ngā Manu. Please note that the deck area and the ramp leading up to the Whare will be out of bounds to anyone except performing teams.

### 3. Performances

If teams finish their performance earlier, then we will not delay the following group that is scheduled to go on. It would therefore pay to ensure you are here to watch your tamariki earlier than the timetable in case we are able to get through the teams quicker than scheduled. We don't want any of you to be disappointed and miss out watching your child.



### 4. Performers getting ready

Our middles kapa haka tamariki are on first and need to be ready early. I would appreciate our 'middles' kapa haka tamariki being at school by 8.30am on Thursday morning so that we can get them dressed and ready for their performance. Thank you.

## 5. Toilets

The toilets under the shelter area (where we hold assemblies) will be used as our visiting kids public toilets for the day. This shelter area is at the other end of the field from where the performances will be taking place. Adults can use the staff toilets in the corridor by rooms 11 and 12 (near the school staffroom).

We have toilets beside the whare which will be available for kuia and kaumatua only so that they do not have far to walk.

## 6. Kai

We ask that you pack yourselves a lovely lunch with snacks, and drinks to last during the day. Make it a little picnic pack. Any rubbish needs to be taken home or



or

put into the rubbish bins.

We will have a coffee van on site for the day in case you want to buy a lovely brew of choice. If whanau want to buy McDonalds (which is just down the road), then that is up to you. However, our tamariki are not to leave the school grounds for this.

## 7. Kuia and Kaumatua

As part of our showing manaaki towards our kuia and kaumatua (elderly folks), we will be setting up a gazebo with chairs for kuia and kaumatua to sit under to watch all of the performances. If you have kuia and kaumatua (of any nationality) in your whanau, please tell them that they may need to bring along a warm jacket or a light rug to put over their knees just in case it gets a bit cool. Warm drinks, water and light refreshments will be provided for our kaumatua and kuia only.

Again, the kuia and kaumatua toilets are the ones directly beside the whare.

## 8. Liquid Sunshine Day

We are counting on this day being a brilliant dry day even though the weather reports predict that it may not be. Please consider bringing along a jacket for kids and still remind everyone to bring along a hat. Fingers crossed the sun and shade clouds are our friends on this day.



## 9. Parking

Parking is a really big issue at our kura and whanau will need to find parking along Cross St, Bank St and Apirana Ave. The in school parking area is for staff only sorry. We also have builders on sight who have priority parking.

Any kuia and kaumatua (elderly) or whanau with disabilities can use the Apirana Ave carpark entrance to be dropped off and picked up, but the cars can not stay there.

## 10. Cancellation

With this unsettled spring weather, our school will make the call on the Wednesday beforehand and notify kura and whanau immediately via Seesaw and Facebook if we need to cancel our festival. Karakia and fingers crossed whānau that all will go well for the day.

## So whanau...

I hope this gives you a much clearer indication of how the day will run. Any queries or questions then please just email or call. We are looking forward to a fabulous day for everyone.



DAILY SCHEDULE  
ATTACHED



WHANGAREI  
Primary School



# 2025 ATHLETICS DAY

**FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2025**  
**9.50AM START | KENSINGTON PARK ATHLETICS COMPLEX**

**CHILDREN WILL NEED...**



**DRINK BOTTLE**



**HAT**



**DRESSED IN HOUSE  
COLOURS**



**SUNSCREEN**



**BIG PACKED LUNCH**

## YEAR 2 ATHLETICS

### Event Details

- Location: Kensington Athletics Complex
- Date: Friday 14th November
- Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

### What to Bring:

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Named drink bottle
- Appropriate clothing (preferably in house colours)

### How You Can Help:

If you're happy for us to borrow your booster seat for the day, please email

[danni.crosbie@whangareiprimary.school.nz](mailto:danni.crosbie@whangareiprimary.school.nz)

We're thrilled to announce that our Year 2 students will be joining the Middle and Senior Syndicates for the Whangarei Primary School Athletics Day this year!

The children will travel to the venue in the school vans, driven by our teachers. They'll have the chance to participate in a range of events, including discus, shot put, long jump, and an 80m sprint race. Some students may also be selected to take part in the exciting house relays.

You are most welcome to come along and cheer them on — it's going to be a fantastic day of fun, teamwork, and sporting spirit!



## 2025 ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

|                     | 9:50<br>-<br>10:50AM  | 10:50<br>-<br>11:50AM | 11:50<br>-<br>12:50PM | 12:50<br>-<br>1:50PM  | 1:50<br>-<br>2:10PM |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>YEAR 3 BOYS</b>  | High Jump/<br>Sprints | Long Jump             | Discus                | Shot Put              | House<br>Relays     |
| <b>YEAR 3 GIRLS</b> | Discus                | Shot Put              | High Jump/<br>Sprints | Long Jump             |                     |
| <b>YEAR 4 BOYS</b>  | Shot Put              | High Jump/<br>Sprints | Long Jump             | Discus                |                     |
| <b>YEAR 4 GIRLS</b> | Long Jump             | Discus                | Shot Put              | High Jump/<br>Sprints |                     |
| <b>YEAR 5 BOYS</b>  | Discus                | Sprints/<br>High Jump | Shot Put              | Long Jump             |                     |
| <b>YEAR 5 GIRLS</b> | Long Jump             | Discus                | Sprints/<br>High Jump | Shot Put              |                     |
| <b>YEAR 6 BOYS</b>  | Shot Put              | Long Jump             | Discus                | Sprints/<br>High Jump |                     |
| <b>YEAR 6 GIRLS</b> | Sprints/<br>High Jump | Shot Put              | Long Jump             | Discus                |                     |

Please note: No children are to be taken home directly from the Athletics Complex. They must return to school with their class and be picked up from there.



# WHANGAREI PRIMARY END OF YEAR CONCERT & PICNIC

**27th November 6pm**



The concert starts at 6pm however, please come earlier, share a picnic with your whanau/friends and enjoy the entertainment.

Students will receive more details from their classroom teaches.

All students will be involved in part of the performances so we would like them at school by 5:30pm. If you are going to take your child/children home before the end of the event please let their teacher know.



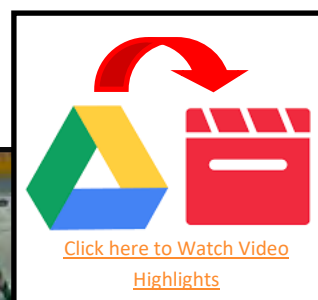
### Kiwileles @ Whangarei Primary

On Friday 31 October, Whangarei Primary was proud to host the annual Northland Kiwileles Jam, one of several nationwide events organised under the NZ Ukulele Trust.

Eight schools participated, some traveling a considerable distance, to make music together for the morning. We sang and played ten songs - the kids were fantastic. We were also honoured to have MP and Shadow Cabinet Minister for Education, Willow Jean Prime attend to see the amazing things that we do in our kura, and how important these experiences are for tamariki.

Our students played beautifully and were excellent hosts. A big thank you to Abby C, Abby N, and Layla for being our awesome MCs for the day, and Mrs Newbold for all her help. Thank you to Te Kura Takiwa o Opononi, Morningside School, Onerahi Primary, Matarau School, St Francis Xavier School, Totara Grove School, and Hurupaki School teachers and students for making the effort to come along and play with us.

It was an awesome event!



## Room 14's Whimsical Birds Take Flight!

Last week, Room 14 spread their creative wings with Whimsical Bird Drawings inspired by their reading. Using the fun Line Switch Method, students discovered that everyone can be an artist! This magical drawing trick helped them turn simple lines into colorful, cartoon-style birds full of personality. The classroom was filled with laughter, imagination, and lots of proud little artists showing off their fantastic feathered friends!





We are absolutely **thrilled** to announce the phenomenal success of our recent **Colour Run Fundraiser** from last term! A massive and heartfelt thank you goes out to every student, parent, teacher, volunteer, and local business who contributed and participated. Your incredible energy and generosity have resulted in an astonishing fundraising total of **approximately \$17,000** raised after all expenses and fees were accounted for! This is a testament to our strong school community.

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## How Your Funds Will Be Used

This money will be **put into** resources and opportunities that benefit our students. We are allocating the funds as follows:

- **2026 Camp Costs & Activities:** A contribution towards making the 2026 school camps memorable and accessible for all students.
- **Playground Line Painting:** Refreshing and revitalising our outdoor spaces with crisp new line markings.
- **Outdoor Sports Equipment :** Bringing a fun, new option for indoor/outdoor activities.
- **Replacement Sports Equipment:** Ensuring our students have high-quality, safe gear for all their physical activities.
- **Sandpit Equipment:** Upgrading and adding new items for creative play in the sandpit area.

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Thank you once again for your exceptional support. We look forward to seeing these new additions around the school soon!

On Wednesday the 29th of October a group of Enviro students attended the Enviroschools Enviro Encounters at Pehiaweri Marae, Glenbervie. We experienced takaro, traditional Māori games, learnt about tūna, and whakairo, learning the meaning of designs and how to draw them.





# YEAR 3 & 4 END OF YEAR



## HAVE-A-GO SAILING DAY

To celebrate another fantastic year of learning we will be going to Parua Bay for a day of sailing fun. We would love to have you join us!

**ROOM 15: FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2025**

**ROOM 13: TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2025**

**ROOM 10: WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2025**

**ROOM 16: MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2025**

**ROOM 14: TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2025**

# POLICE VETTING FOR 2026 CAMPS!



As part of our policy, parents staying overnight on school trips require a police check. If you are intending to attend camp as parent help, please complete the police vetting process before the end of the 2025 school year.

Police Vetting forms can be collected from the office!



Lunchonline will not be taking orders from 13/12/2025 to 01/02/2026 for the following school(s):

- Whangarei Primary School  
The reason for the blocked dates is: Last Lunch Delivery Date for 2025: Friday 12th December



Scan to Log In

Kind Regards

Trudi, Connie, Jeanine & Kirstie



<http://lunchonline.co.nz>



**Last order for the year. Orders close on 13 November at 15:00.  
No cash orders; online only.**



### Term 4 Sunhat Reminder

**With the arrival of term 4 it is time for all children to bring hats to school so that they can be Sunsmart. Any hat is fine as long as it gives protection from the sun.**

### Important Health Notice: Hygiene Reminders for Our School Community

As we continue to look after each other's health, we wanted to send out a friendly but important reminder about **general hygiene practices** at home and at school.

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#### Measles Awareness

With the recent media coverage of measles in New Zealand, please be extra vigilant.

- If you have any concerns about your family's immunisation status, please check with your **GP or healthcare provider immediately**.
- If anyone in your household is unwell with symptoms like a high fever, cough, runny nose, or sore red eyes, please **stay home** and call **Healthline on 0800 611 116** for advice before visiting a clinic.

For Official NZ Information on Measles, please see:

- **Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Measles Information:** You can check updates and find information on the MMR vaccine here: <https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/about-measles/measles>
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#### Head Lice) & Scabies

We continue to see reports of **head lice** and **scabies** across the Northland region. These can spread easily, especially in close-knit school environments.

**Good hygiene and regular checks are key to keeping these at bay:**

- **Head Lice:** Check your child's hair **regularly**. If you find any, treat the whole household at the same time.
- **Scabies:** This is spread through prolonged skin-to-skin contact or sharing bedding/clothing. If you suspect scabies, please see a doctor or pharmacist for treatment, and ensure **everyone in the house** is treated simultaneously.

For Official NZ Information and Support on Head Lice and Scabies, please see:

- **Head Lice Information (KidsHealth):** <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>
  - **Scabies Information (Healthify):** <https://healthify.nz/health-a-z/s/scabies>
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If you need further support, advice, or information regarding these or any other hygiene-related concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, or call **Healthline free on 0800 611 116** for health advice.

Did you know that both Holly Hilton-Jones and Murphy Phillips started their journey together at Whangarei Primary School? They began playing in the same team from the tender age of five and have been inseparable on and off the field ever since. Even when they attended different high schools, their love for the game kept them united.

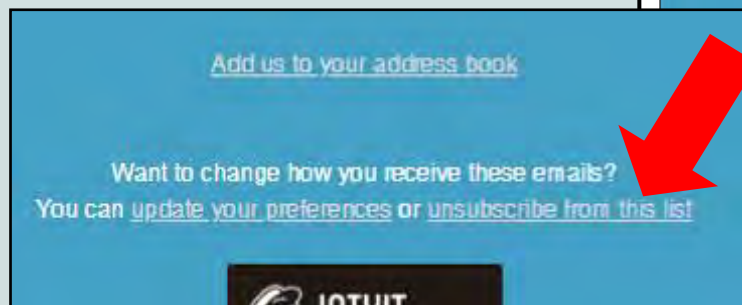
Recently, the dynamic duo toured Japan as part of the Junior Black Sticks U21 team, competing against both the Japan U21 and Senior Women's teams. It's an exciting time for Holly, as she's gearing up to head to Chile this December to compete in the Junior World Cup.



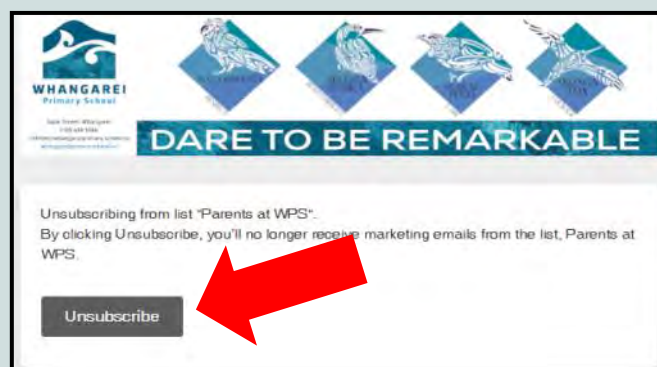
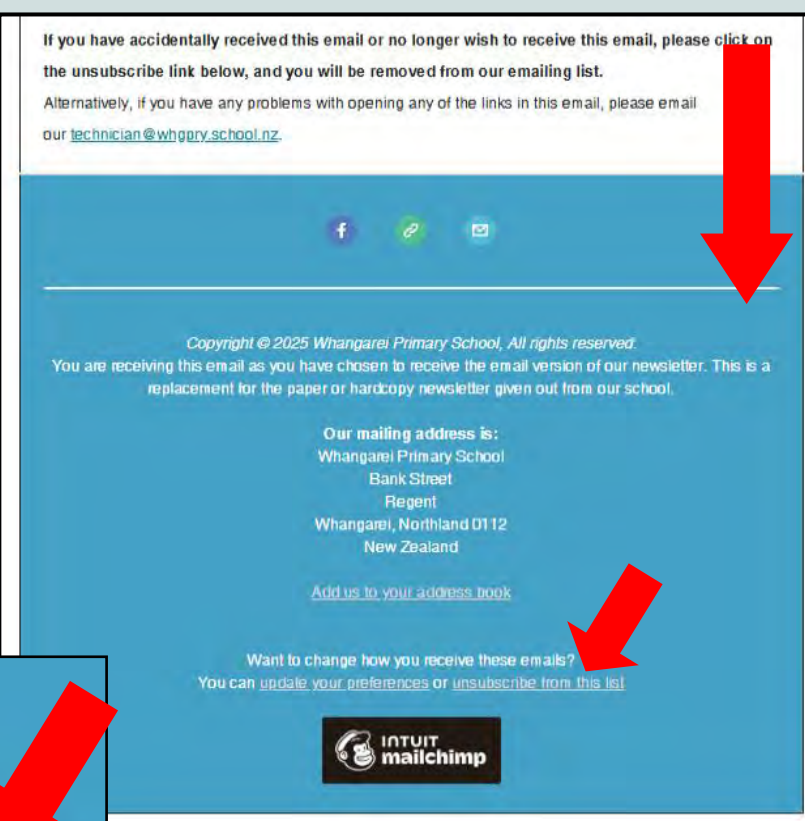
## Unsubscribing from our Newsletter and Notices

If you are receiving newsletters and notices from our school and **do not want to be on our school community email list**, follow these instructions to be removed.

- On any email you have received from us, scroll to the bottom of the email.
- Click on the link at the bottom labelled "unsubscribe from this list"



- A new window will open with a large button at the bottom "Unsubscribe"
- Click on this button and it will remove you from our email list.



## SPORTS NOTICES

All payments are now overdue.

Please pay without delay if you have not already.

Whangarei Primary School Imprest Account: 12-3115-0070010-00

A few uniforms are still outstanding.

**Please return these to the school office immediately.**

Thank you for your support!      Regards Sonja Hyman Sports Co-ordinator



## 2025 House and Enviro Poor Knights Trip Fundraising

A massive thank you to the following businesses for their support in our fundraising efforts:



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*"We are closer to each other more now than before. I understand my children's need for attention."*

## THE INCREDIBLE YEARS

### Build confidence in your parenting

The Incredible Years is a **FREE 14-week group programme** for parents and caregivers with tamariki (children) aged **3 to 8 years old** with useful information on handling various parenting challenges.

**DATES: 28 August - 11 December 2025\***

**TIME: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, every Thursday**

**LOCATION: Hope Church  
152 Kiripaka Road, Tikipuna, Whangārei**

**Visit [www.fwn.org.nz](http://www.fwn.org.nz) for more information**

\*excluding school holidays

The programme consists of weekly sessions run by experienced **Family Workers who are specially trained facilitators and covers key topics like:**

- helping tamariki learn through play
- understanding the development of your tamariki
- using praise and encouragement to motivate tamariki
- setting clear limits and rules
- encouraging your tamariki to solve problems
- learning how to manage tantrums and various attitudes

To register, please contact: ☎ 09 437 6729 ✉ [admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz](mailto:admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz)

# NORTHLAND SAFEZONE ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti Magazine



Dear Parents, whanau & caregivers

We're excited to share our **FREE** online **SAFETY** magazine with you.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents.

We thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

Our shared vision is that every child in Northland and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic and unintentional injury.

For **FREE ACCESS** just scan the below QR CODE (This is for mobile devices)



To access magazine on your PC go to

<https://communitysafety.co.nz/magazine.php?m=279>



The flyer is for WAGS (Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics) Cheerleading Tryouts. It features a collage of images: a gymnast performing a jump, a group of cheerleaders in blue and black uniforms posing, and two cheerleaders in the foreground waving. The text is overlaid on the images. The WAGS logo is in the top left. The main title 'Cheerleading TRY OUTS' is in large, stylized letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text. To the left of the text are three icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin. At the bottom left, there is a red button with the text 'REGISTER NOW' and a small icon. At the bottom, there are two icons: an envelope and a smartphone, with contact information next to them.

**WAGS**  
WHANGAREI ACADEMY OF GYMNASTICS

# Cheerleading TRY OUTS

Always wanted to try cheer? Come join our high-energy, positive space! Build confidence, learn teamwork, and lift each other up—on and off the mat. We've got beginner classes to give it a go, and competitive teams for those ready to step it up. Everyone's welcome!

 **Sunday**  
**16th November**

 **Time**  
**03:00- 5:00PM**

 **Location**  
**Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics**

**REGISTER NOW** 

 cheerleading  
@wags.org.nz

 09 437 6667

Kia ora,

As one of the enthusiastic parents supporting the cheerleading programme at Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics, I'm writing on behalf of our coach and the teams to ask whether your school could help promote the development of this exciting new code within the club.

We would be very grateful if you could include the attached flyer in this week's school newsletter. It contains details about the upcoming cheerleading tryouts, which will be held on Sunday, 16 November at 3:00 PM.

We greatly appreciate any support in distributing it among your students. Thank you very much for your help!

Kind regards,

Nataliia Nikitenko    P: 021 180 3274 E: [natalinik77@gmail.com](mailto:natalinik77@gmail.com)