WHANGĀREI PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter No. 16
Tuesday, 03rd of November, 2026

Principal's Address for the Newsletter - Week 4 - Term 4

Kia ora e te whānau,
Welcome to our term newsletter! I hope you all had a refreshing break and are feeling energized, because Term 4 is officially in full swing—and it is shaping up to be one of our busiest and most exciting terms yet.

Everywhere you look across Whangārei Primary School, our tamariki are hard at work and having fun. Alongside high-quality classroom learning and end-of-year assessments, teachers are busy preparing end-of-year reports to share all the fantastic progress your children have made this year. On top of that, we have a packed schedule of sports, outdoor adventures, class trips, and rehearsals for our upcoming end-of-year concert!

To help you keep track of everything coming up, here are the key dates to mark on your calendars:

Important Dates & Events

- **Wednesday, 4 November (Tomorrow):** Marimba Group performance at the Whangārei Quarry Gardens.
- **Friday, 6 November & Friday, 13 November:** Junior Class Beach Trips.
- **Friday, 13 November & Friday, 4 December:** Year 6 Snorkeling Trips.
- **Weeks 4 – 6:** "Have a Go" Sailing Day Trips to Parua Bay (watch for class-specific details).
- **Friday, 20 November:** WPS Athletics Day (Years 3–6) at Kensington Athletics Park.
- **Friday, 27 November:** Whangārei Music Festival (featuring our talented Ukulele musicians!).
- **Week 9:** Senior Classes (Years 5 & 6) Surf Trips.
- **Tuesday, 8 December:** Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.
- **Tuesday, 15 December (10:00 AM):** Final Remarkable Citizens Hui.

Please keep an eye out for specific permission slips, notices, and gear lists coming home with your tamariki for their respective trips and sporting events.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, encouragement, and involvement in our school community. Let's work together to make this final term a memorable, successful, and rewarding one for all our learners.

Ngā mihi nui,
Matua Danny
Principal, Whangārei Primary School

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2026 TERM 4 EVENTS

12th	MONDAY October	First Day of Term 4, 2026
13th	TUESDAY October	Whole School Powhiri For New Students
16th	FRIDAY October	WPS Vs SFX Shield Challenge
23rd	FRIDAY October	Rm 18/20 Trip to Hole in the Rock
26th	MONDAY October	Labour Day - Public Holiday
30th	FRIDAY October	Poetry Recital
6th	FRIDAY November	'Have-A-Go-Sailing' Day - Middles 1/6
8th	SUNDAY November	Diwali Festival 
9th -11th	MON/TUES/WEDS November	'Have-A-Go-Sailing' Day - Middles Days 2,3,4/6
13th	FRIDAY October	Year 6 Snorkelling @ Taurikura
16th -17th	MON/TUES November	'Have-A-Go-Sailing' Day - Middles Days 5,6/6
20th	FRIDAY November	WPS Athletics
27th	FRIDAY November	Whangarei Music Festival - Ukulele
4th	FRIDAY December	Year 6 Snorkelling @ Reotahi
7th	MONDAY December	Year 6 Pool Party During School Hours
8th	TUESDAY December	Year 6 Graduation 5 PM - 6.30pm
9th	WEDNESDAY December	Senior Surf Trip Rms 17 & 19
10th	THURSDAY December	Senior Surf Trip Rms 18 & 20
11th	FRIDAY December	Senior Surf Trip Rms 21 & 22
14th	MONDAY December	Enviro/House Leader Trip
16th	WEDNESDAY December	Last Day of Term 4 School Finishes 12 Noon
17 Dec - 01 Feb		Summer Holidays 
2nd	TUESDAY February	First Day of Term 1 School Starts for Students

2027

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*** Please Note ***

- Junior events during Term 4 have not been confirmed yet.

Term Dates for 2027

Term 1 - Tuesday 2 Feb - Friday 9 April
Term 2 - Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July
Term 3 - Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
Term 4 - Monday 11 October - Thursday 16 December

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Open afternoon

You and your child are invited to come along to our open afternoon.
Come and:

- Meet the teachers
- See where your child will be going to school in 2027
- Meet other parents and children
- Look through the classroom

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DATE: 24/11/2026	TIME: 4:30 to 5:30pm
PLACE: 155 Bank Street, Whangarei	
Please park in Cross Street and enter through that gate	

Any questions phone: 09 4383 186

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School End of Year Concert

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

5PM - 7PM

Join us to celebrate a remarkable year and watch our students perform!

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Come along and share a picnic with our school community!



Sausage Sizzle for CHILDREN!

Performances by students across all year levels.

DARE TO BE REMARKABLE

POLICE VETTING FOR 2027 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 2026 school year.

Police Vetting forms can be collected from the office!

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Athletics Day

Years 3-6

Friday 20 November 2026

Starting at 9:50am

Kensington Park Athletics Complex
(same location as last year)

Children will need...



Dressed in house colours



Drink bottle



Hat



Sunscreen



Big packed lunch



Coffee cart on site all day!

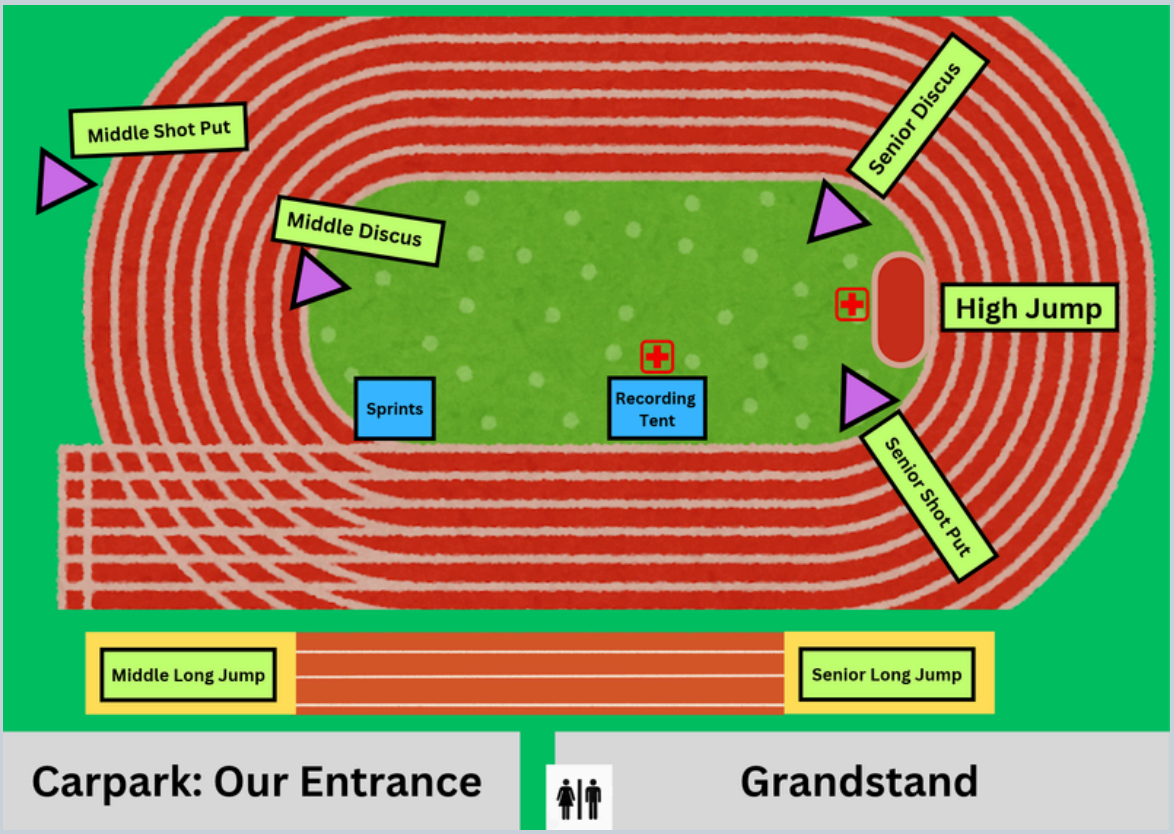
If you can help support a specific year group throughout the day please email danni.crosbie@whangareiprimary.school.nz

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2026 ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

	9:50 - 10:40AM	10:40 - 11:30AM	11:30 - 11:45AM	11:45 - 12:35PM	12:35 - 1:25PM	1:25 - 1:45PM	1:45 - 2:05PM
YEAR 3 BOYS	Sprints/ High Jump	Shot Put	Morning Tea Break	Long Jump	Discus	House Relays	Lunch & Certificates
YEAR 3 GIRLS	Shot Put	Long Jump		Discus	Sprints/ High Jump		
YEAR 4 BOYS	Discus	Sprints/ High Jump		Shot Put	Long Jump		
YEAR 4 GIRLS	Long Jump	Discus		Sprints High Jump	Shot Put		
YEAR 5 BOYS	Long Jump	Discus		High Jump/ Sprints	Shot Put		
YEAR 5 GIRLS	Discus	High Jump/ Sprints		Shot Put	Long Jump		
YEAR 6 BOYS	High Jump/ Sprints	Shot Put		Long Jump	Discus		
YEAR 6 GIRLS	Shot Put	Long Jump		Discus	High Jump Sprints		

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.



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Term 4 with the ESOL Students

Our ESOL Students are beginning Term 4 off, with vegetable planting in our school garden.

We are excited to learn about growing, harvesting and cooking the vegetables, along side caring for our school chickens.














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Senior Syndicate - Term 4 - Important Dates



Here are some key dates of activities happening in the Senior Syndicate in Term 4.
Term 4 ends on Wednesday, 16th December.

Whole School Powhiri
Tuesday 13th October 10:30 - 11am

SFX vs WPS Shield Challenge
Friday 16th October (Week 1)

Hole in the Rock Trip - Rooms 18 & 20
Friday 23rd October (Week 2)

Labour Day - Public Holiday
Monday 26th May (Week 3)

Poetry Recital - Selected students
Friday 30th October, 11:30 - 1pm (Week 3)

Road Patroller Training - Selected students
Thursday 12th November (Week 5)

Pool Day for Tui Patrollers
Wednesday, 18th November (Week 6)

Year 6 Snorkelling Trip
- ❑ At Taurikura - Friday 13th November (Week 5)
- ❑ At Reotahi - Friday 4th December (Week 8)

WPS Athletics
Friday, 20th November (Week 6)

Whangarei Music Festival - Ukulele Selected Students
Friday, 27th November (Week 7)

Year 6 Pool Party
Monday, 7th December - During school hours (Week 9)

Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday, 8th December 5pm - 6:30pm (Week 9)

Surf Trips at Sandy Bay
Wednesday 9th December - Rooms 17 & 19
Thursday 10th December - Rooms 18 & 20
Friday 11th December - Rooms 21 & 22

Enviro/House Leaders Trip
Monday, 14th December(Week 10)

Middle Syndicate - Term 4 Event



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 10: FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2026
ROOM 13: MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2026
ROOM 16 : TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2026
ROOM 14: WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
ROOM 15: MONDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2026
ROOM 9: TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2026

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Hi everyone!

As part of our sustainability study, our class is making mini eco-houses. The students were challenged to design and construct a tiny eco-friendly house using only natural materials found outdoors. This is what they came up with!















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Get ready for bagel bliss!

We've got some seriously tasty news to share with our Whangarei Primary whānau!

Biggie Bagels are NOW available through Ezlunch – and your tamariki are going to LOVE the options! From the legendary Bacon Buddy to the mighty Avo Smash, there's something to make every lunchbox smile.

Say goodbye to boring lunches and hello to convenient, delicious, and totally crave-worthy bagels. More choice. More flavour. More happy kids.

Here's what's on the menu:

- **Tuesday:** Biggie Bagels (NEW)
- **Wednesday:** Asahi Sushi
- **Thursday:** Hell Pizza
- **Friday:** Better Bites

To view the full menu and place an order, simply log in to your Ezlunch/Kindo account as usual. Don't have an account, No worries - Sign Up Here

Together, we simplify school life — one lunch at a time.

The Ezlunch and Kindo Team

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support.mykindo.co.nz



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Enabling Communities through Tama-Ariki

Te Ātea sits within the wider Tama-Ariki kaupapa and serves as the front-facing hub for whānau and community.

Our shared vision is simple, yet profound:
That tamariki are safe, loved, and able to thrive within their own communities.

Through Te Ātea, we offer an alternative community-based pathway when concerns arise about the wellbeing and safety of tamariki, creating opportunities for early kōrero, connection, and support alongside whānau.

Please come and see our team to learn more, seek advice, or have a kōrero about the support and pathways available.

Hub Opening Hours

Monday - Friday
9.30am - 3.30pm
Closed public holidays

www.tamaariki.co.nz

Tama-Ariki
Children First, Always

Connect With Us

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atea@tttp.co.nz
11 James Street,
Whangarei CBD, 0110

Te Ātea Hub

A place to kōrero
A place to share concerns
A place to find the right pathway forward

Te Ātea is a whānau support and connection hub grounded in community.

Te Ātea is open to:

- Whānau seeking support or guidance for tamariki wellbeing
- Community members wanting to share concerns safely
- Professionals working alongside whanau and tamariki.



Community Notices

If you would like to send us any similar notices to add to our newsletter: office@whangareiprimary.school.nz

Nominate Your Teacher!

Your child's teacher could win one of the Christmas gift baskets at Street Eats @ Semenoff. Students can fill out an entry form at the event. Street Eats will deliver the winning baskets to the schools.

There'll be around 100 street food and retail stalls, with Christmas presents and teacher gifts to browse while you're there.

Semenoff Stadium East Car Park, Whangārei

Sunday 29 November, 10am–4pm

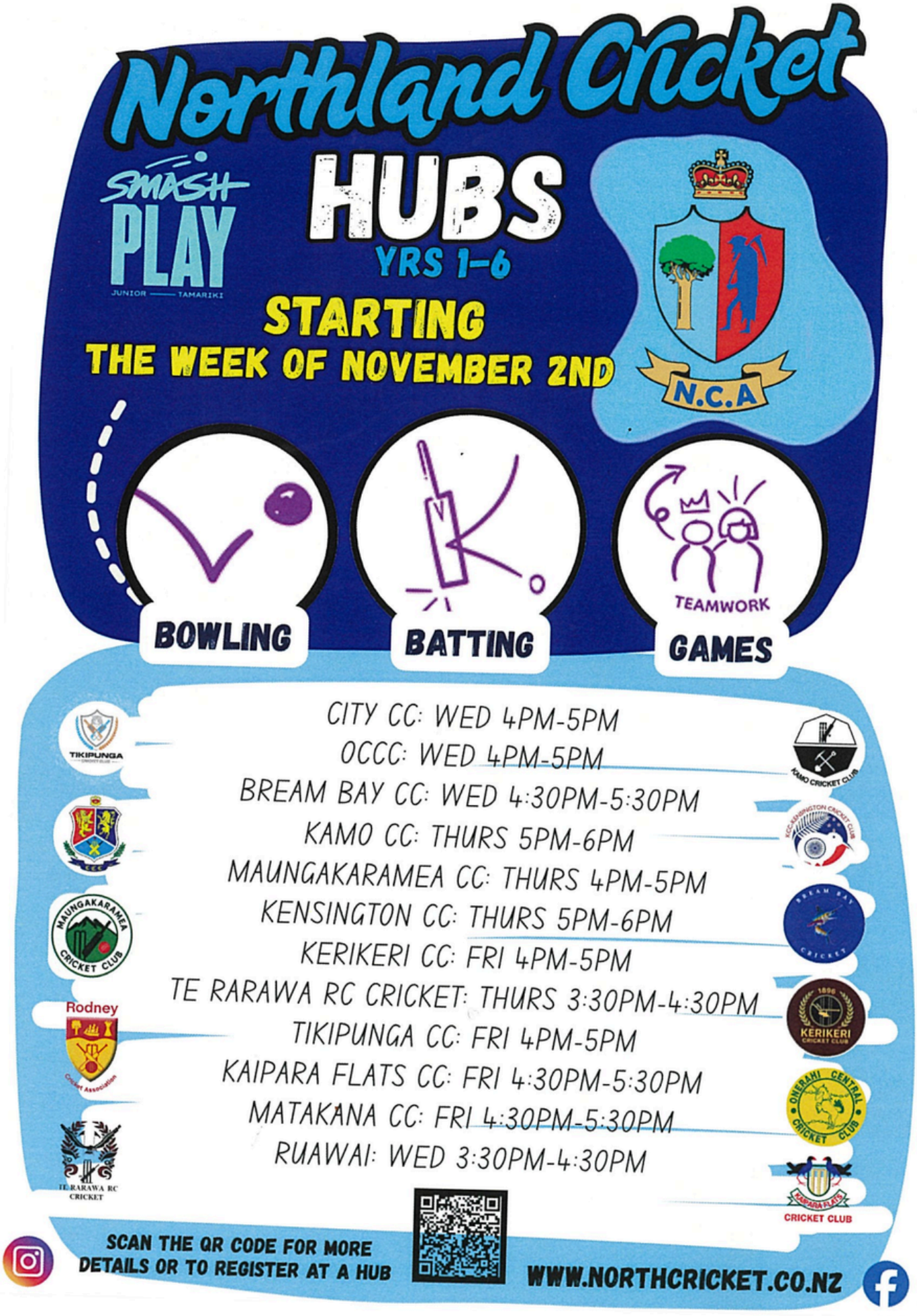
Free entry

Facebook: @StreetEatsWhangarei



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2026 NORTHLAND JUNIOR SINGLES MATCH PLAY

Register now for the Northland Junior Singles Match Play - a great opportunity for juniors to gain match experience!

- 9:00am on Sundays at Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park
- Ages 5-18 years old
- Players will play singles and are guaranteed at least two matches each week
- Competitive Grade, Development Grade, & Green Dot Grade
- **$5 per week** - eftpos available for payment each week (at venue)
- Balls provided by Tennis Northland. Rackets available to borrow.
- Players opt in every week - not required to commit to every Sunday

SCAN TO REGISTER

tennis NORTHLAND

STARTS 8 NOVEMBER 2026 - REGISTER NOW!

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RELOVE RECYCLE

ADULTS & KIDS MARKET

THE BIG RELOVE

For the Whole Family.

Preloved finds for kids and grown-ups.

DISCOVER NEW TREASURES, SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES!

Sunday 22nd November 2026
10.AM-1.PM

Maunu Primary School
13 Austin Road, Maunu, Whangārei

Declutter and Earn!

Is your home filled with outgrown kids' clothing, toys, or grown-up fashion? Book a stall at our special market and turn your preloved items into extra cash.

Book your table today—spaces are limited!

Email:
rrkidsmarket@gmail.com

Shop & Discover

Discover preloved finds for kids and grown-ups, from clothing and toys to books, accessories and more - with bargains and special finds waiting to be uncovered.

Scan the QR Code to follow us on Facebook

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Mairtown Kindergarten

2027 ENROLMENT

8:30am-2:30pm
Open 48 Weeks of the year

Fees free for all children

100% QUALIFIED TEACHERS

WEEKLY

NGAHERE PROGRAMME

FIRE DAY

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE BLOG







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For more information contact

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