

Official Teachers' Strike Day: Thursday 23 October

The school will not be open for instruction on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for your child's care.

Teacher Only Day: Friday 31 October

Our teaching staff will be busy working on professional development, focusing specifically on the new Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum. As this is a day for our teachers to work, parents **MUST** keep their children at home for this Teacher Only Day.

Principal's Address for the Newsletter - Week 2

Kia ora Whānau,

Matua Danny here, with a fun and important update for our awesome Whangarei Primary School community!

Gate Safety Reminder - He Waka Eke Noa (We are all in this together)

We've got a little safety reminder from our Board of Trustees to keep all our tamariki safe and sound.

- Please remember that **everyone**—students and parents—needs to enter and exit our kura via the **Bank Street and Cross Street gates**.
- The **Apirana Avenue gate is staff-only, no exceptions**. This is a Board directive to make sure our akonga (**learners**) are as safe as possible!
- For our **early birds**, the Bank Street and Cross Street gates will be opened at **7:50 a.m.**

A special note for our After School Care whānau: Please use the Cross Street gate for pick-ups. We'll keep this one open for you until 5:30 p.m.

Thanks for helping us keep our entry and exit routine safe and smooth!

Important Dates to Note - Keep the Kids Home!

Please mark these two dates in your calendars, as **children must be kept at home** on both of these days:

1. **Teacher Strike Day: Thursday 23 October**. All teachers will be on strike.
2. **Staff Only Day: Friday 31 October**. Our staff will be busy with professional development.

Term 4: A Waka-Load of Fun!

Term 4 is shaping up to be absolutely packed with awesome **learning experiences** and **extra-curricular activities**! Get ready for a massive term of fun:

- **Northland Bikes**: Get those pedals ready! They'll be at our kura in **Weeks 2, 4, and 5**.
- **Northland Cricket**: They're coming to coach our students in **Week 7**. Sixes all 'round!
- Our very own **Kapa Haka Festival**: Save the date for **Thursday 13 November**—a real highlight!
- We've also got our **Athletics Days, swimming lessons** for all students starting after **Week 5, Have-a-Go Sailing Days**, and those much-anticipated **Class Beach Trips**!

So much going on at Whangarei Primary School! It's going to be a fantastic term of learning and fun.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matua Danny Tumuaki / Principal
Whangarei Primary School

DARE TO BE REMARKABLE
Me Hautoa Taumata Rau

2025 Term 4 Events



**WHANGAREI
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

Kapa Haka Festival at Hurupaki — 17th of October

Our Tuakana Kapa Haka roopu are performing at the Hurupaki Festival on the 17th of October. Please come and show your support for our Tamariki!

NAU MAI HAERE MAI
ki Te Kura Tuatahi o Hurupaki



**TE ĀHUAREKA
O HURUPAKI
KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL
2025**



17th October 2025



Hurupaki School
20 Dip Road,
Te Kamo, Whangārei

Pōwhiri 9:30am
Kapa Haka, Celebration of Culture,
Music, Entertainment, Kai, Hangi,
Drinks, Taonga Stalls, Raffles

"Nau Mai, Haere Mai!"

WĀTAKA O TE RĀ

9:30am	Pōwhiri - please wait in the "Pōwhiri Waiting Area"	
10:00	Housekeeping	
Time at "Waiting Tent"	Performances	Time on Stage
10:00	Te Kapa o Hurupaki (teina rōpū)	10:10
10:10	Te Kapa o Hurupaki (tuakana rōpū)	10:20
10:25	Matarau School	10:35
10:40	Glenbervie School Kapa Haka	10:50
10:55	Hikurangi School Tuakana Pasifika	11:05
11:10	Hikurangi School Tuakana Kapa Haka	11:20
11:25	Whangarei Primary School Kapa Haka	11:35
11:40	Onerahi School Tuakana Kapa Haka	11:50
11:55	Waiotira School Kapa Haka	12:05
12:10	Kamo High School Kapa Haka	12:20
12:25	Kamo High School Filipino Group	12:35
12:40	Kamo High School Pasifika Group	12:50
12:55	Kamo Intermediate School Kapa Haka	1:05
1:10	Maungatapere School Kapa Haka	1:20
1:25	Kamo Primary Pasifika	1:35
1:40	Kamo Primary Kapa Haka	1:50
2:05	Closing Remarks & Karakia Whakamutunga	

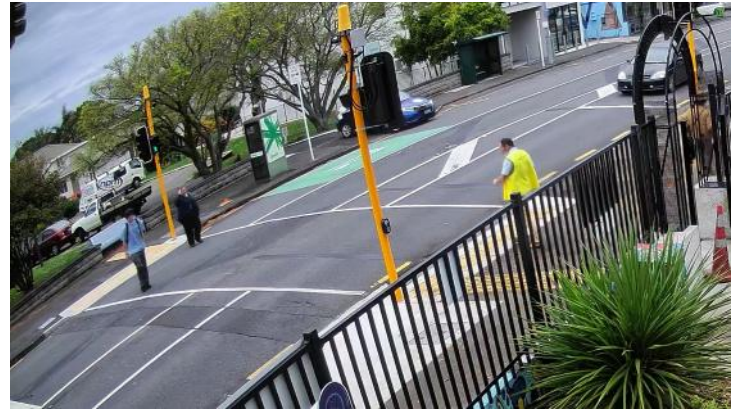


Road Safety Supervision

Please be aware that we have duty teachers supervising our pedestrian crossings each morning and afternoon.

Cross St - 8.35 - 8.55am and 3 - 3.10pm

Bank St - 8.15 - 8.55am and 3 - 3.10pm



School Zone Safety Reminder

Keep our kids safe! When driving near our school:

- Slow Down to the posted school zone limit.
- Stop for crossing guards and children in crosswalks.
- Stay Alert—expect the unexpected.
- Park Legally—never double-park or block visibility.

Your caution makes all the difference!

School Uniforms

We are proud of our school uniform and would like to see all children wearing it correctly everyday. We would like to remind parents that **dark blue shorts/skirts/tights** are part of the uniform as well as our light blue school shirt. In the winter months school sweatshirts and jackets are encouraged. We have a number of jackets available at school for whanau who have been unable to access one. Please help us maintain a tidy and well presented school by sending your children off to school in the correct uniform everyday.





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!

Dear Whanau/Caregivers,

On Friday 5th December the Junior Syndicate will be visiting Whangaumu Wellington's Bay.

Children come to school as usual on this day and will travel by bus to and from the beach. They should wear mufti. We will leave the school by **9.30am** and expect to be back in school by **2:30 pm**.

On that day, your child should bring a

- small bag/backpack
- packed large morning tea and lunch
- water bottle
- towel, togs, (rash shirt, if they have one).
- sun hat and sunscreen
- change of clothes
- shoes to walk on the rocks

Please ensure your child comes to school with sunblock on. We will have sunblock available for reapplication during the day. If your child is taking medication that their teacher is unaware of, please let the teacher know and provide them with any necessary treatment / equipment.

We cannot have pre-school children join us on this trip and some parents will need to go by car to the beach due to the limited seating on the buses. If you are available to help on the day and / or can take your car, please indicate this on the permission slip. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact your child's teacher.

Parents attending the trip will be expected to actively supervise children while they are in the water and on the shore.

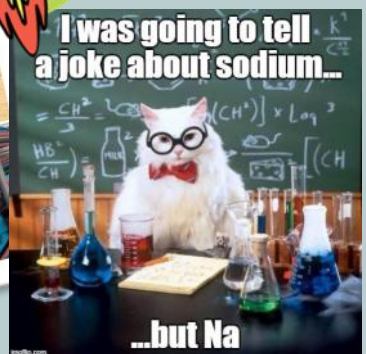
Junior Syndicate Teachers



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.

Our New Science Classroom



Could you please complete this community survey on Science learning at Whangarei Primary School? We would love your opinion. There are only 5 questions. Thank you for your time.

Community Survey

<https://forms.gle/vtpKri3GJNMwWVhu5>

Grass Heads By Room 14&13

At the end of last term, Room 14 and Room 13 made grass heads. This fun, hands-on activity involved using stockings, soil, and grass seeds to create little heads that grow grass for hair. The students decorated their grass heads with faces and then planted the seeds inside.

Over time, they watched the grass grow, learning how plants change and what they need to survive. Every day, they checked on their grass heads, watering them and seeing how much the "hair" had grown. It was a great way to learn about plants, while also being creative.

Afterwards, the students wrote descriptive stories about their grass heads, using their observations to bring the characters to life.



My grass head is named Leon. He has a mullet hair style. Leon is very happy. He had brown skin with big eyes. Leon's smile is red and made out of a feather.
er. By Leo Price Rm14

Hippup is my grass head's name. He has brown skin and tiny eyes with a pointed nose. His grass hair is curly like noodles we eat. He is my best friend.
Seb. B Rm 14

Grass Heads By Room 14&13

My grass head is named after my teacher. She has beautiful eyes like a butterfly and a red smile made from wool. She looks like she is ready to go to a royal party. I love taking care of her. **By London Spence.Rm14**

My grass head is named silly sausage because he looks very silly. He has grass sticking out of him everywhere. He even has a pretty pink bow tie and huge goggly eyes. I enjoy watering him everyday, as he looks across the ground outside room 14. **Lucy.A Rm14**

My grass head is called Mr. Spike. He has big googly eyes and a red smile made from felt. His hair is long and spiky like a porcupine, and it grows in all directions! Every morning, I water him and check if his hair is getting longer. He looks like he just woke up from bed with messy hair! I think Mr. Spike is cheeky and fun. He sits on my windowsill and watches the world with his big eyes.

Rm14





During the school holidays, our Remarkable Kids finished assembling the final three game tables. They did an outstanding job building and applying the undercoat to each one. A big thank you to painter Daniel McCallum, who generously painted the tables for us—they look absolutely fantastic! We're excited to take the next step this term by adding the game boards to the tops of the tables and completing the project.

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Yikes Term 4 already!!

Win a \$50 Lunch Credit

**Five Winners to be drawn this week -
\$50 Lunch Credit each!**

**Buy a lunch this week and be in the
draw to win!**

**All orders this week go in the draw to win a
\$50 lunch credit.
Five winners will be drawn.**

Terms

Winners will be drawn randomly. Open to all
Lunchonline schools with lunches available between
13th October to 17th October



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Kind Regards

Trudi, Connie, Jeanine & Kirstie

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ISSUE 7 is here – and it's a big one!

Welcome to this year's BUMPER issue with an additional six pages of must-have reads. We believe that books belong on every wishlist, so we're bringing back our FREE BOOK OFFER to make gift-giving easy and affordable. Every LOOP order over \$25 will be gifted up to 3 free books! Closing date is 16 October and we only accept online orders.

Sports Notices

The winter sports season is now completed.

There are still a few payments outstanding. If you can please pay your fees now, it would be appreciated. (Amount and bank details should be on the newsletter, please keep it there.)

There's also quite a few sports uniforms outstanding as well.

Please return this to the school office asap!

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



2025 House and Enviro Poor Knights Trip Fundraising

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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 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

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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.

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