

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 3. As we edge closer toward the end of term the weeks continue to grow busier with lots of activities taking place around the school. Last week we had two authors present to two groups of students and share their stories. Around 50 students joined these sessions to listen to the authors talking about themselves and the stories they write. On Friday a past student from the 1950's came into school to look around, share her memories from her time here and to relive some of her old memories from Whau Valley School. Nga Kereru Syndicate drew some lucky winners for their raffle on Friday afternoon, before we wrapped up the week with the PTA School Disco. Certainly lots happening around the school and also lots to celebrate. More information about these events can be found within the newsletter. Wishing whanau a great week ahead. Remember to check out the dates for upcoming events below.

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

SPECIAL VISITOR

On Friday afternoon we hosted a special visitor, Lyn Chittenden, who attended Whau Valley School back in the early 1950's. We had a tour of the school and looked at some of her photos. She was amazed at the changes since her time here. Some of the older features in our junior block such as our large wooden bi-fold doors and building features were remembered with fondness. Back then the original native tongue and groove flooring was exposed and the classrooms were much darker. She commented on how colourful and vibrant the school looked now, and also how polite, welcoming and well mannered our tamariki were. Lyn said the school has such a wonderful feel and it brought back many happy

memories. As a special bonus Lyn was asked

to draw the final name for our Nga Kereru syndicate raffle, so this was a special moment for her and our school. It was an absolute pleasure to host Lyn during the afternoon and to be able to talk about her time at Whau Valley School over 70 years ago. Lyn is pictured to the far right in the basketball photo from 1952.



DAFFODIL DAY/ WIG DAY

This Friday (29 August) is Daffodil Day. We will be having a combined mufti day/ wig day to show our support for the Cancer Society and Child Cancer Foundation. Please help us by sending your tamariki in mufti (yellow or orange if possible!) or a wig, or both and let's go a little crazy this Friday.

Please support this worthy cause with a gold coin donation.



ATTENDANCE

<u>Term 3 - Week 6</u>	<u>Monday 18 August</u>	<u>Tuesday 19 August</u>	<u>Wednesday 20 August</u>	<u>Thursday 21 August</u>	<u>Friday 22 August</u>
Daily attendance rate	82%	84%	84%	83%	78%
Unexplained absences	30	19	23	30	35
Late students	24	21	45	38	33

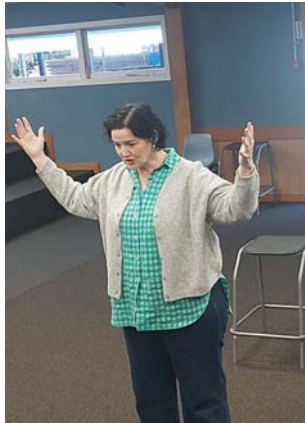
As you can see from the table above our attendance is continuing to be steady with most days being above 80%. Fridays continue to be an area for improvement with lower attendance and a higher number of unexplained absences on that day. A reminder that if your tamariki achieves 70% or greater attendance for the second half of this term they will have their name put in a draw where two lucky winners will win a \$500 Woolworths voucher, what an awesome way to end the term for two of our whanau!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2025



Tuesday 26 August	Duffy Hero Assembly 9:15 am
Wednesday 27 August	Cross Country @ Barge Park
Friday 29 August	Daffodil Day - Mufti and Wig Day Whole School Assembly 8:45am
Tuesday 9 September	Year 6 overnight camp
15-19 September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week
Friday 19 September	Last day of term 3 - 2:45pm finish
Monday 6 October	First day of term 4 - 8:45am start

STORYLINE STORY TOUR



On Tuesday we were treated to a special visit by two authors as part of the Storyline Book Tour. They joined us to talk about writing stories, being an author and to share a bit about themselves. Sam Smith is an Aotearoa New Zealand children's author, television writer, and former dentist. He spoke to our junior students, sharing a couple of books he has written and also talking about how he became an author after finishing being a dentist. Sam's books include two picture books illustrated by Daron Parton and the Miles and Jones graphic novel series, illustrated by Cesar Lador. Rachael

Craw is an award winning author of speculative fiction for young adults, including the Spark trilogy, The Rift and 2025 release, The Lost Saint. Rachael spoke with our senior tamariki about how she created her last novel - The Saint which was inspired by a dream about a castle.



Sausage Sizzle



Ngā Kereru are working on ways to fundraise for a Senior Camp and EOTC trips at the end of the year. We are offering Friday sausage sizzle for \$2. Tamariki can place orders with their classroom teacher each week from Monday to Thursday **ONLY** so that we have Thursday evening to prepare the orders for Fridays! The hot sausage sizzle will then be delivered on Friday at second lunch.

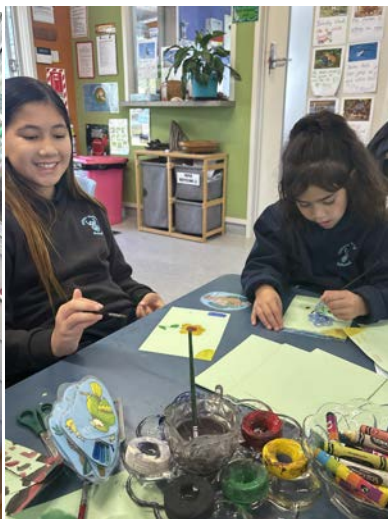
SCHOOL DISCO

On Friday we finally got to hold our school Disco after a couple of postponements due to weather. We had a beautiful clear evening and it was wonderful to see such a big turnout for a Friday night. This is the first time the organisation has been handed over to the Whau Valley School PTA and it was great to see their first attempt at this running so successfully. It was a first for a number of things with a new ticket system being trialled, new food choices being offered, photo gallery and things such as a coffee vendor being on board this year, as well as awards for the best dressed tamariki. There were some amazing outfits on display so well done to our two students, Manos from Room 12 and Breeze from Room 6 who were chosen for their dress efforts. A big shoutout to the PTA Committee, school staff and other whanau volunteers who assisted us in making this such a big success. We appreciate this is a huge commitment on a Friday evening for everyone, so the support is greatly appreciated by the school and ultimately goes back to support our tamariki.



Nga Kererū

Room 12 is lucky enough to have Te Rito (Room 1) as our buddy class! We have begun visiting every fortnight after our whole school waiata on Fridays. During our time together our tuakana are getting to know our teina, and our teina are showing us around their beautiful learning space. Connections have been made around shared interests and curiosity. We begin our time together sharing and reading pukapuka, then our teina have been leading the way in areas they like to spend time such as the sandpit, painting, movement and game exploration. The connections made ensure that our younger students have someone who they can turn to for support or guidance during play times and someone they can look up to as positive role models. Watching our buddies sing and perform during whole school waiata, and supporting them when they receive certificates during assemblies is about whanaungatanga and celebrating the Whau way!



[Nga Kererū \(continued\)](#)



[NGA KERERU RAFFLE](#)

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone that supported the raffle to fundraise for our Nga Kereru syndicate. It was a great success and the money raised will be used to assist with experiences for the tamariki in the senior syndicate. The winners were drawn on Friday afternoon and the winners are pictured below.

Winners of our Senior Syndicate fundraiser raffles were:

- Mitre 10 gift basket: *Keetii-Haanaa*
- Wellness gift basket: *Arkey*
- Voucher pack: *Jewell*
- Keiki oodie, cap and Whangarei Aquatic Centre family pass: *Zyrell*
- \$100 gift Voucher from Lil Nana's Cafe: *Matua Conor*



Whau Valley School

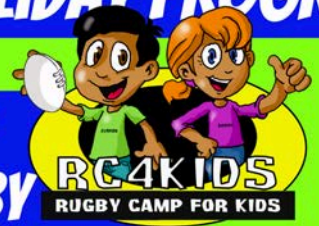
Kia ako tahi, kia tupu tahi
Learning as one, growing together as one

Whau Valley School Values

The 4 B's of Whau Valley School

- Be Prepared, Kia Reri
- Be Respectful, Kia Whakakoha
- Be Responsable, Kia Kawenga
- Be Safe, Kia Motaara

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



KIDS RUGBY CAMP

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RUGBY CAMP FOR KIDS

24TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
245 WESTERN HILLS DRIVE, AVENUES, WHANGĀREI

\$60 PER DAY

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8:30-3pm
All abilities welcome
Overall sport skill development
Rippa and Touch

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Headlice season is upon us again. Please ensure you are checking the hair of your tamariki on a weekly basis. The school office has lice shampoo and combs available free of charge. Please come in and ask if you need any. Our public health nurse is also available for extra support if required. We greatly appreciate your vigilance in tackling these little pests.

Head lice - checking and treating with wet comb & conditioner

Wet combing with conditioner and a fine tooth nit comb (without using chemicals) is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly.

It can take up to an hour to remove all live lice and eggs. It depends how thick and long the hair is.



- Make your child comfortable and let them read their favourite book or watch their favourite programme or movie.
- Comb or brush out knots with an ordinary comb. Put lots of conditioner through wet or dry hair.
- Start at the scalp and go all the way down to the hair ends.



- Comb conditioner through hair, using an ordinary comb.



- Change to a fine-tooth head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair.



- Comb from the roots to the ends of the hair.



- After each comb, wipe the conditioner on to a paper towel or tissue.
- Check the tissue or paper towel for lice and eggs. They're small so look closely!



- Comb every part of the head, section by section. Comb each section at least 4 or 5 times before moving on to the next section.
- Rinse out conditioner.
- If you find lice or eggs, repeat these steps every day if you can manage it, but at least every 2 to 3 days - until no lice for 3 days in a row.
- Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.