

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome to Term 4. We hope everyone had a good break and had some down time to refresh for the coming term. This term's focus is the visual arts with classes working on projects that will be displayed in our school grounds. 23 November will be our community arts sharing afternoon.

We ended the last term on a high note with our successful presentation of our school production 'The Magic Hat'. The students performed really well on both nights and can be very proud of their achievements, not only the lead actors but also the back stage team and all the classes. As a staff we were very proud of them!

Thank you for the positive feedback and comments we received also, it helps make the effort really worth it.

Welcome to our new pupils and families: Carter Hansen, Josh Smith, Leah Carroll, Felicity Tautari, Abby de Jonge, Karloh Luke and Selwyn Watson.

THE MAGIC HAT

While we have acknowledged the students and their efforts above it is important to acknowledge the school staff who all helped contribute to the show. Ms Jen Caddick is very talented with her ability to lead the writing and putting the music into the show. Her ideas are always entertaining and the teachers are able to support these with great choreography and costumes as well as using their own artistic abilities to make it come together. Mrs Leanne Kemp is a whizz in the costume department organising a team of parents and teachers to create costumes for the lead parts and her animal costumes were amazing. Everyone is involved from our admin team organising tickets and programmes, support staff and our caretaker putting together props. We do not have an official video but there is a 'homemade' video of the dress rehearsal on YouTube which will be available via a link on the website shortly.

The production provides great learning for our students especially around the need to put in effort to achieve great results that they can be proud of, participating and contributing and managing themselves to be the best they can be.

AGRICULTURE DAY - SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

Class schedules of what students need to bring or complete at home for Agriculture Day went home at the end of last term and are on the Ag Day page of the school website. A notice will go home at the beginning of next week with organisational information regarding the day and registration etc. All students need to bring their Ag Day activities/resources to school next Friday 27 October (Thursday for R7) to complete them and set up their displays. Please read next week's notice for all the information you need to be organised for Saturday morning. We will email this and have it available on the website if you do not receive one. If you have any questions, please talk with your child's teacher or contact the school office.

Dad's Cake Competition: This is your opportunity to show your cake baking and decorating skills with a trophy for the best decorated cake (any flavour) and the best tasting chocolate cake. Winning cakes are auctioned at the end of prize giving and there is a silent auction for the other cakes in the hall.

Central Day: This is another opportunity to show your lambs, calves and goats against other schools in Whangarei at Barge Park on Thursday 2 November. Animals perform differently at each event and it is always interesting to see different animals being successful at this day.

MANGAKAHIA LIONS SPEECH CONTEST

At the end of last term Mia Robertson and Ella Fagan represented our school at the Mangakahia Lions Speech contest, competing against pupils from other schools in our area. Congratulations go to Mia who took out the win and won the shield. Well done to both girls for a fantastic effort.



SUN SAFETY

During terms 1 and 4 our school has a compulsory hat policy to help keep students sun safe. This requires them to have a brimmed hat or cap at school every day to be worn at play time, lunch time and during outside games and activities. Students without hats will not be able to play in the general playground and will be required to stay under the shade area by the school hall. It is best if they keep a hat at school so it is not forgotten and that it is named for easy return please.

ATHLETICS PROGRAMMES

Our Y0-4 classes are involved in athletics programmes through Athletics NZ over the next 6 Wednesdays. Active Attitude tutors are working with the classes to teach athletic skills. Junior school athletics sports day will be 7 December.

Our Y5-8 students are also involved in Wednesday afternoon training for athletics with the Y4-8 school athletics day being held on Tuesday 14 November. This will lead into the WPSSA interschool events on 21 November for Y7/8 and 28 November Y4-6. Please make sure students have suitable clothing to participate in run, jump and throw activities on Wednesdays for the next few weeks.

SCHOOL CONSULTATION

We had 74 responses to our community communication survey with email and a school app being the most popular ways to communicate followed by paper. Newsletters in their current form had 96% support. Face to face and email were the most supported ways to communicate with teachers. The school will look at the overall responses and comments and while we are not able to meet everyone's suggestions in all areas we will put a plan in place to develop our communication strategies beyond what we are currently using to meet the majority of responses.

Next week we will put another short survey online and send out links as before. This will cover other areas our school is seeking feedback on.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Away from school over the summer holidays many children spend less time reading. This can result in a loss of some of their year's reading gains. As teachers we are very aware of this and it is known as the "summer slide". It can take months of schooling in the new year for some children to reach their pre-summer holiday reading levels.

There are many reasons why children don't read over the holidays and they include:

- Lack of access to books
- No opportunity to practise reading
- Having no reading role models
- No one encouraging/supporting them to read

To help children avoid this summer slide we will be giving tips in the newsletters this term.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go". - Dr Seuss



PROPERTY

Unfortunately a logging truck hit our fence along the carpark entrance early Monday morning last week and we have not been able to identify the truck company. If anyone passing saw a truck in our carpark around 6.30-7am we would appreciate more detail. The truck had a flat tyre and pulled into our carpark to get it changed.

CAR PARK SAFETY

On Tuesday afternoon we had a police officer visit and observe traffic at the end of the school day. He was asked by the Whangarei District Council to visit after we had expressed our concerns around the safety of the entrance and exit of the carpark and overall parking areas. He was very complimentary of the behaviour and safe parking from our school community, including leaving the footpath clear and not causing any obstructions to the traffic flow. *He also suggested that our school community report any accidents or near miss accidents along our road front and carpark entry/exit to the Whangarei District Council or School.* High risk areas are identified by these statistics and this would help our case to get other alternatives to our parking safety issues.

REMINDERS & COMING EVENTS

School Photos - Orders close tomorrow., Friday 20 October.

PTA Calendar/Diary Artworks Fundraiser - Your children's calendar artwork will be able to be viewed in their classes on Ag Day. You can then order calendars, diaries, cards, notebooks etc with their artwork on them. Samples of the calendars, diaries etc will be in the hall on Ag day. These are great Christmas presents for family. Order forms will go out the Monday after Ag Day.

Y7/8 Mufti Day - This is on Thursday 26 October, it is a gold coin donation to participate which is going towards camp fundraising.

Te Mara Estate Name the Street Competition - Drop your entry form and gold coin to the school office or bring it along on Ag Day.

Board of Trustees - Next meeting Wednesday 15 November, 7pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

*To our students who achieved the following at the NZ National Aerobics Championships. Brooke Foster 1st in her age group and Leah McRae 2nd in her age group for Aeroschools Level 5. Brooke Foster, Leah McRae and former pupil Danielle Kalkhoven's squad came 1st in their Aerodance division. Brooke and Leah came 2nd in their Level 5 Trio division. Asha Rose Horan came 3rd in the Level 3 Pairs and 6th in Individual Level 3.

*To Blake Sketchley for coming 1st overall in Level 2 boys at the Kaitia Gymnastics Competition.

Remember to let us know of our pupils, past pupils and community successes.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Josiah Fraser R3 - *Awesome efforts in maths and reading. Great progress. Keep it up.*

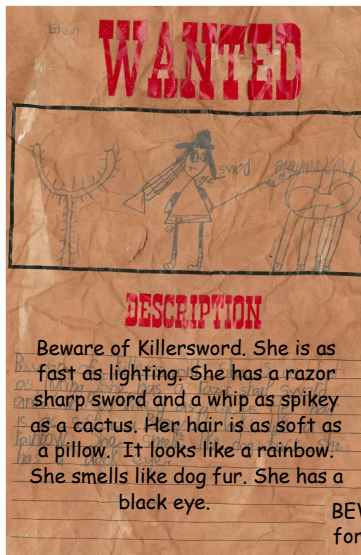
Cooper Knox R9 - *For giving all areas of school your best.*

Tayla Southall R2 - *For having a positive attitude towards her learning and persisting to always keep up with her work.*

Charlotte Barnes-Penkis R2 - *For working hard to complete her work in the time given and asking for help more often.*

Nate Kitchen R5 - *For having a positive attitude to his learning this term. Putting more effort into his work and believing in himself.*

Isla Beattie R1 - *For having such a positive attitude to school and learning. A wonderful class member.*



WANTED BY

Eden Watson-Meyer

&

Campbell Parker

**ROOM 10/11
WRITING**

WANTED!



DESCRIPTION

BEWARE of Razor!!!! He's been on the run for years. He has two razor sharp katana swords. He has ears like a troll. He is 32. He always wears a hat. He smells like rotten eggs. Nobody has ever gotten close enough to feel him so nobody knows what he feels like. He wears an eye patch from when his horse kicked him in the face.

REWARD \$1,000,000,000

KEY DATES / COMING EVENTS - TERM 4 2017

Mon 23 Oct	-	Labour Day holiday
Thur 26	-	Y7/8 Mufti Day gold coin donation
Sat 28 Oct	-	Agriculture Day
Wed 1 Nov	-	PTA meeting
Thur 2	-	Central Calf Club Day - Barge Park
Fri 3	-	Y5/6 Rippa Tournament
Tues 7	-	Whanau meeting 7pm
Tues 14	-	Y4-8 School Athletics pp 15 th - (tbc)
Wed 15	-	BOT meeting 7pm
Thur 16	-	Mangakahia Cultural Festival
Fri 17	-	WGHS Orientation Day
Mon 20	-	WBHS Orientation Day
Tues 21	-	Y7/8 WPSSA Athletics
Thur 23	-	Community Arts Sharing afternoon
Thur 29 Nov	-	Y4-6 WPSSA Athletics
Thur 7 Dec	-	Junior School Athletics
Tues 19 Dec	-	Prizegiving/Early closing/Last day of term.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Open Day at Jane Whiting's Cowshed Art Studio - Open daily over Labour Weekend 10am-2pm, The Cowshed, 110 Nisbet Rd, Maungatapere. A chance for the local kids and parents to come along and see the kid's art, demos and exhibition.

Lions Clubs of Whg Fireworks Display - Sat 4 November at Okara Park. Gates open 6pm, costs \$25 family (2ad/2ch), \$10 single, \$5 school kids. Wet reserve day is Sunday 5 Nov. This year the fireworks will be done in conjunction with music.

Stop Sore Throats Hurting Hearts - Free throat swabs can be done at Otaika & Kensington Pharmacy, Whitecross Pharmacy, at your GP or through your child's schools Public Health Nurse. Get sore throats checked - prevent rheumatic fever.

Junior Athletics Whangarei - Mondays 5-6pm, Trigg Sports Arena, Kensington Park. Fun, friendly athletics training for 5-12 yr olds. FB Junior Athletics Whangarei or www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz.

Kiwi Kids Can Cook - Sat 11 Nov, Waimate North. A fun cooking competition for junior chefs! For more details and entry forms go to www.nzchefs.org.nz/Competitions.

Mountains and Memories Book - Local stories and memories told by local people. Copies available from the School Office, \$45.

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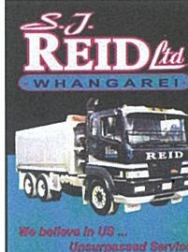
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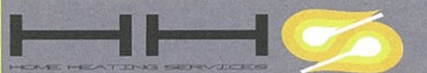
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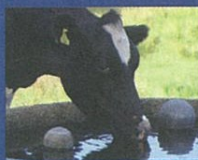
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