



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Thank you to the many parents who have offered their support to us regarding the issues of funding and staffing that have led to the full days strike next week. We are very aware of the inconvenience this creates but the profession feels very strongly that these issues need to be addressed to ensure we have a quality public education and enough teachers in the future. There are several ways you can support these issue including emailing the Minister of Education and other local Members of Parliament; sign our petition at the school office or visit [www.weneedteachers.co.nz](http://www.weneedteachers.co.nz). Please make arrangements for your children for the day, Wednesday 15 August, as the school will be closed.

We hope you also visited or visit tonight the Y7/8 science fair projects in the library when you are here for parent conferences.

Welcome to the following new pupils and their families: Mason and Imogen Bennett, Rachel Heape-Taft and Nicole and Joseph Taft.

## **Parent/Student Conferences**

Almost 90% of parents/whanau will have talked with teachers over the two evenings, which is excellent. Teachers value this time with you and your children to make sure we are all on the same page and working toward the same goals for success. Our vision of *nurturing confident, capable and connected learners who strive to fly high* cannot happen without your support and our students showing *kawenga/responsibility* for their learning – something we talk about frequently.

If you have not met with your teacher, please contact them or the school office to arrange a time to suit. Teachers may have tried to contact you also.

## **Central Northland Science & Technology Fair**

Congratulations to the following Y7/8 students for being selected to go through to the Northland Science Fair to be held 27-30 August at Forum North.

Isabella Tissink, Hannah Adams, Regan Cocking, Leah McRae, Sam Provan, Stella Bland, Will Dawson, Dillon Worsfold, Caitlin Thompson, Riana Lane, Pryce Absolum, Jimbo Remnant and Maria Cullen.

Well done to all Y7/8 students for the time and effort they have put in to their Science Fair project and presentations. They are on display in the library again this afternoon for viewing during parent interviews. The Northland science fair is open to the public from 28-30 August and is always worth a visit.

## **Gymnastics**

Y1-4 classes have started a weekly gymnastics programme with Active Attitude. This includes a 30 minute session each week for 8 weeks and is part of our physical education programme this term. Y5-8 will participate in a 5 week rhythmic gymnastics programme later in the term. The programme is on Friday so please ensure students have suitable clothing to participate in – shorts and t-shirt thanks.

## **Whanau Hui**

Whanau are invited to attend our meeting being held next Tuesday 14 August at 7pm in the staffroom. We will be discuss our proposed sharing day/hangi.

## **Agriculture Day**

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Ag Day forms. If you are still to return them the close off date is 17 August. Replacement forms are available from the office or fill it out online via the website or school app.

Ag Day and Central Day trophies can now be returned in preparation for this years events. These must be returned clean please. Central Day charges \$10 for each trophy returned that requires cleaning!

Lambs available - Laureen Smith has 5 lambs available, 4347-218. \$50 each (refundable if lamb returned).

## **School Council News**

School talent quest auditions have been held and students going into the final will be notified tomorrow. The final will be on Tuesday 21 August at lunchtime, 12.30pm (this is a change in date due to the school closure next week). Parents of finalists are welcome to attend .

## **Y7/8 Youth Summit**

Y7/8 students have taken home notices regarding a leadership youth summit with motivational speakers at Forum North on Friday 17 August. There are only 30 students attending and those going will bring home further information tomorrow. There are some great speakers and performers involved.

## **Mathex**

At the end of last term our Mathex teams performed very well in their maths problem solving competitions. They generally finished in the top 3<sup>rd</sup> of their age group which is very creditable considering the short amount of training they get. It is great that they are challenging themselves in different ways.

## **Netball Prizegiving**

This is being held on Thursday 30 August at 5.30pm in the school hall. This is a few weeks away as while the juniors finished last week , Y6 do not finish until the 18<sup>th</sup> and the Intermediates on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Once finished please return all netball uniforms, clean and washed, to the school office. Please also return netball trophies from last year.



### Secondary School Info

Whangarei Girls High School are holding enrolment interviews here at school on Tuesday 14 August from 9am - 10.20am. Please phone our school office on 4346-743 to arrange a time.

Whangarei Boys High School enrolment interviews are held at WBHS on August 22 and 23. These are booked through WBHS, please check your WBHS prospectus for more information.

Tauraroa Area School is holding an open day for prospective Y9 students on August 20. Students attending need to register and will be bused from here to TAS and back on the day, bus times will be confirmed closer to the day. The open day is followed by a parent/student information evening from 5.30-7.30pm.

Huanui College have an open evening Thursday 30 August at 6pm (guided tours from 5pm). Register at [bit.ly/hcrego1](http://bit.ly/hcrego1), ph 459 1930.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

#### Teacher Strike Action - SCHOOL CLOSURE WED 15 AUG

Next Wednesday 15 August school will be closed as teachers and principals will be undertaking strike action. The Board of Trustees is aware of the inconvenience closing the school causes for parents, however as all our teaching staff will be involved in the strike we are unable to provide adequate staff to supervise or teach. We ask for your understanding and support in this matter.

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### Congratulations

- \* To Dion Robertson and Connor O'Neill for making the Whangarei Under 12 Rugby reps, and Kody George and Josh McRae for making the Under 11 reps.
- \* To Diara Sketchley for coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Bar at the North Shore Gymnastics competition.
- \* To our librarian, Leanne Kemp, who came 1<sup>st</sup> equal in the Our Nation, Our Place section of the Art n Tartan Awards.

*We do like to hear about past and present student successes and adventures so please keep us informed.*

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### Community Notices

**Mangakahia Junior Soccer Club** - Country meal Friday, 10 August, meals from 6pm, raffles available. Come along and support your local club and have a fun family evening.

**Whg Central Library Character Hunt - Sunday 12 August.** Come and hunt for characters old and new in the library. Be there by 10.15. Children dressed up will be in to win fabulous spot prizes.

**Rising Starz Production** - The Phantom of the Talent Factor. Riverbank theatre, Fri 10/Sat 11 Aug 6.30pm, Sun 12 Aug 1.30pm. Tickets \$6 or \$20/group of 4. [risingstarznz.wix.com/mysite](http://risingstarznz.wix.com/mysite) or call Camilla 02108855328.

**Athletics Northland Children's Committee** cross-country race 12 August, Barge Park. 2km race (7-11 year olds), 3 km (12 yr olds and U15), Open Women (4km) and Open Men (6km) races. Children don't need to be a member of a club or school to enter. Entry \$5 - cash only on day, enter <https://goo.gl/forms/ECRTE5jRFuJ6WNsR2> our Open Evening for a school tour and a staff meet and greet.

## Room 3 Writing



My superheros name is Felicity. She flies fast up in the clouds. She can go really fast up there. She is pretty. She wears sparkly clothes.

By Felicity Tautari

My superhero is Billy. He has lasers and flying powers. My superhero looks like superman. He can fly up in the clouds.

By Billy Turner



My superhero is Jake. My superhero has shiny armour. He can turn invisible and he can make anything he wants.

By Carter Hansen

### School Awards

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

- \* **Matt Parsons R8** - For supporting others with their learning.
- \* **Kayden Compaan R11** - For making an effort taking turns when working in a group.
- \* **Adam King R7** - For being a responsible and reliable senior in the classroom AND in the school. Also for helping and supporting others.

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### Key Dates/Coming Events - Term 3

Thur 9	- Jnr auditions for Talent Quest
	- Parent/teacher interviews 3.30-6pm
Mon 13	- PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Tues 14	- WGHS Enrolment Interviews @ Mtpere
	- Whanau Meeting 7pm
Wed 15	- <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> (Teacher Strike)
	- BOT Meeting 7pm
Fri 17	- Y7/8 Youth Summit
Mon 20	- TAS Open Day & Open Evening
Tues 21	- Council Talent Quest <i>*change of date</i>
Wed 22	- School Cross Country
Mon 27	- Nthld Science Fair week
Wed 29	- WPSSA Cross Country
Thur 30 Aug	- Y7/8 Science Fair visit
	- Huanui College Open Evening
Wed 5 Sept	- School Speech Competition Y7/8
Thur 6 Sept	- Y3/4 Rippa Rugby



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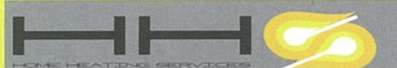
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