



“Our children are able to

progress with confidence”.

5-05-2017

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back from your holidays.

Students of Week



Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners:

Isaac Mengelberg, Abbi Witehira & Mikaira Pugh.



Congratulations to our Key Competencies and Values winners:

Vance Lines, Uru Waetford & Jacob Read.



Congratulations to our Caught Being Good winner:

Jullian Publitz

ANZAC Day

We held a special ANZAC Day service here at Whananaki School during the holidays. Many people came to pay their respects and remember those who have passed away.



Four students attended the service and stood up in front of all those that had gathered to share a story or poem about ANZAC Day.

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Many people who I spoke to were very impressed with the confidence, clarity and meaning in their speeches. Congratulations to Uru Waetford, Abbi Witehira, Rehua Barua and Ruby Bell.

Thank you to all the Whananaki students who attended, respectfully placing the ANZAC wreath below the flag pole.



Literature Quiz

Last term two teams entered the Literature Quiz at Kerikeri Primary School. The children competed against schools around Northland. The questions were based on the children's knowledge of books. Our two teams were, Aaria, Rehua, Kahurangi & Chico, and Ruby, Manaia, James & Uru. They had a great time, and won one of the rounds. Great work!



Gutter Board Competition

The children practiced daily, throwing and catching, near misses, close games, winning and losing. Until the day of the finals where Grace Waetford met Kyrin Edge in the Ruma Toru finals, Rayne Tito-Dayal met Katriel Venables in the Ruma Tahī finals, and Campbell Mosely met Aaria Tong in the Ruma Rua finals.

In front of the whole school our Class Champions were Grace Waetford, Rayne Tito-Dayal and Aaria Tong. The three Champions competed with Aaria becoming the School Gutter Board Champion just beating Grace! Congratulations to all the Runner Up and Champions, and to everyone that participated.

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Thank you to all those who could make it on the day of the interviews. Due to the weather we were unable to see some families. Please phone or email the school to make another time.

E-learning Programmes

In Term 1 we trialled three new internet e-learning websites. This Term we will purchase all three programmes with funding from the Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour(RTLB) support group. A big thank you to Ben Douglas our RTLB support person for making this happen.

What does this mean for your child?

All children in the school will have access to Maths Symphony. This programme allows your child to work at their own ability level. As they get the questions correct they will move on to the next level. If they get the questions wrong it will give them easier questions to help them understand the concept.

LexiaCore5 and Reading Plus are both Reading programmes that are aimed at the level of your child. Your child will be working on one of these programmes. As they work through the programme they will need to read texts and answer questions from the text. Encourage your child to read and understand the text, it is not a race.

Children working on Reading Plus need to be achieving 80% in the SRSeeReader.

Children working on LexiaCore5 will have 5 different reading activities to choose from.

I will send out information about the programmes every newsletter to help with your understanding. Your child/ children can access all these programmes at home for free. They all have usernames and passwords. If you need a copy please phone or email the school.

If you are helping your child/ children you may need a piece of paper for Symphony Maths and for LexiaCore5 and Reading Plus you may need to help read an instruction. If you have access to the internet these are great programmes for your child/ children to work on at home.

Please do not tell them the answer! If you do they will increase to a harder level and this will make it even more difficult. If they are stuck send a note into the classroom teacher.

Basketball

If you would like to play basketball this term the cost is \$10 per student. Basketball begins next Wednesday the 10th of May at 5.00pm for Year 5 & 6 and 5.30pm for Year 7 & 8. Contact the school to confirm your child/ children are playing. Games are held at the ASB stadium at Kensington Park.

Northland Regional Council

At the end of last term members of the Surf Academy cleaned up the rubbish from Moureeses Bay where they surf most Fridays after school. We entered the photo competition and

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have won a GoPro for our school! Here is our winning photo. ***“He rau ringa e oti ai – Many hands make light work”***

Energize Programme

This Term we are working with Paora Simon from Sport Northland. Paora will assist the school and each class with Physical Activity and Nutrition. This term our focus is on large ball skills. As part of the programme each newsletter will have some Nutrition information.

The benefits of a healthy diet not only benefit the developing brain of your child but helps prepare them for a healthy lifestyle. While it may be hard initially to change food habits, the investment in your child’s hauora, their health and well-being is something that will last a lifetime!

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

FIZZY DRINKS

Fizzy drinks can contain a lot of sugar which is not good for our teeth.
Fizzy drinks don't contain any goodness (vitamins, minerals etc.) for growing children.

1 can of fizzy drink = 10tsp sugar
1 600ml bottle fizzy drink = 16tsp sugar



Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

Grunge Bots: A Robot Making Workshop

Whangarei Boys' High School, Kent Street, Regent, Whangarei

Sunday 7 May 2017 9:30am – 4:30pm



This is a full day event where everyone gets to build and program a mobile robot from scratch. You will come out of the day with your own slightly crazy fully programmable mobile Grunge Bot.

The Grunge Bots components are assembled free-form with hot glue, duct tape, cable ties, rubber bands and lots of creativity onto whatever interesting body is handy. The robot brains (Arduino) are first programmed just to drag it around, initially without any sensors. You then go on to add touch/bump sensors before ultrasonic sensors complete the project.

A range of other sensors will be available for participants with pre-existing skills. The newly create robotic life forms are taken home at the end of the day.

Goal: Going from having no idea what you're doing, to making and programming your own mobile robot.

There are no glam, shiny, simplified robots on offer; you will build Grunge Bots!. Creative messy fast robotic life forms.

Target age: 11 - 18 years but younger ok with parental support. Adult participants very welcome. Cost includes the robot kit.

This event is part of the 2017 National TechWeek series.

Contact Kevin Waugh

Best: Email - Kevin@Technohackers.org

Next best: Text - 022 136 1980

Or voice (voice messages are the least reliable)

When: [Sun 7 May 2017, 9:30am-4:30pm](#) 📅

Where: [Whangarei Boys' High School](#), Kent Street, Regent, Whangarei

Restrictions: All Ages

Ticket Information: **Registration:** \$40.00
[Buy Tickets](#) - 022 136 1980
Additional fees may apply

Listed by: [kevin194](#)

Competition- Family Name _____ **Sign:** _____ **parent/caregiver**

Answer the following questions and send into school for a \$5 Shop Voucher draw.

1. Name a student who attended ANZAC day? _____
2. Who is a Gutter Board Champion? _____
3. What should parents not do when children are using Symphony Maths, LexiaCore5 or Reading Plus? _____
4. How much sugar in one can of fizzy? _____