


School Newsletter: Dec 6, 2023

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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 6 Dec 2023

No. 20

Kia ora koutou, Namaste, Talofa Lava, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Chao, Hallo, Zdravstvuite, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salam, Suostei, Hola, Annoyong Haseyo, Caio, Nei ho, Suoday, Ni sa Bula, Kamusta, Xin chào, Gutentag, Bonjour

As this will be our last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday. It has been a real pleasure to meet many of you throughout the year and I always enjoy having a kōrero with whānau. Christmas is my favourite time of the year as I get to spend some real quality time with my own family. This year we will be having a nice quiet Christmas at home and I look forward to visiting many of the beautiful beaches we have around Whangarei.

Speaking of beaches, it was great to visit our Year 4 and 5 students on their beach trip to Whangaumu (Wellingtons) Bay last Friday. It was a beautiful day and our tamariki had so much fun splashing in the water, racing along the sand, playing games and building sand castles. Our teachers really enjoyed their day out at the beach too. Thank you very much to everyone who came along to support the team, we really appreciate your help.

Another great event happening at our kura last week was the Junior Fun Run. I just loved seeing the effort each and everyone of our students put into the run. It was wonderful to see many whānau cheering on and supporting their tamariki. A big thank you to our junior team along with Mr Campbell and Matua Ralph for organising the fun run. Well done to all the adults who participated in the run too, your participation was awesome!!

In this newsletter we have listed some key dates for 2024. One of the dates I would like to point out is Tuesday 30 January. On this day we are having an Open Morning before our first full school day on Wednesday 31 January. All teachers will be in their classes between 9am and 11am and everyone is most welcome to come in and meet them and have a look around the classrooms. It is also a nice opportunity after the holidays for students and whānau to come in to say hello to teachers and see their classrooms before starting back at school for the year.

Meri kirihimete me hari tau hou whānau
Arohanui

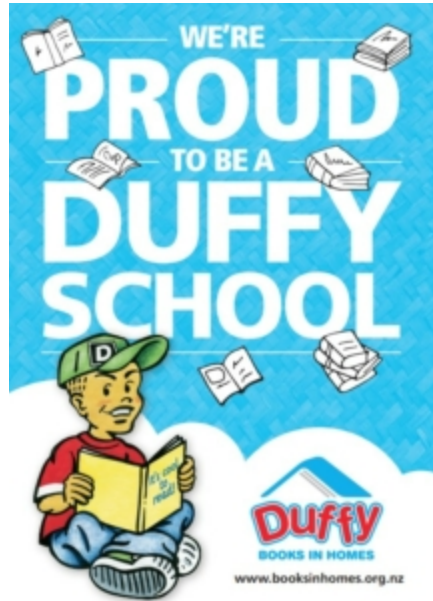
Sharon
Principal Tumuaki

TUPU TAHI – GROWING TOGETHER. STANDING STRONG. REACHING HIGH.

Caught Being Good

Winners of duffy books for the previous two weeks were:





Rm 2: Shyloh, Arlo, Ellie

Rm 4: Dom, Aerial

Rm 5: Dawn

Rm 7: Ava

Rm 8: Arlo

Rm 9: Noah

Rm 10: Tizaeya

Ngā Mātāpono Awards

Rm 2: Amaia, Chelsea, Lochy

Rm 4: Kenzy, Eva-Maria, Eliza, Eva-Maria

Rm 5: Willow, Owen

Rm 7: Nirav, Ayce

Rm 8: Jake, Hadassah

Rm 9: Sylvia, Jimmy

Rm 10: Ryan, Azarlea, Liam H, Connor

Free school lunch programme

All menus and detailed information are published on the *lunch by libelle* website:
www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/current-menu

The current fortnight's main lunch menu:



School Board

The date of the next Board of Trustees meeting is tonight, 6th December, 6pm. This will be the final one for the year.

Celebrating our Librarians

All of our 18 librarians have worked so hard this year, doing lunchtime activities and working to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. They learn things from shelving books to running competitions.

These 5 Golden librarians ran competitions, issued and returned books to classes and displayed artwork as well as other tasks.



Back row: Ryan and Maddison

Front Row: Yalaena, Kora and Adison

Congratulations.

Our Advanced librarian is Phu'o'ng. She has been fabulous in helping with the teaching of new librarians and has been learning other skills eg how books are accessed and covered ready for our shelves.

Thank you to all of our librarians you are amazing.

|| **Farewell**

We would like to farewell three of our amazing staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Whaea Courtney will be leaving us to live in Melbourne. Whaea Tanu's husband has received a promotion in Tauranga and she will be joining him and Mr Kelly will be leaving to work near his family home in Maungatapere. Mr Kelly has worked at the school for many years and we will be acknowledging this throughout his last week with us. If you would like to pop in and say goodbye to Mr Kelly before or after school you are most welcome to do so.

Junior fun run

Here are a couple of snaps from our *Junior Fun Run* last week.





2024 Road Patrol Supervision

From the start of term one in 2024, we will no longer have someone in the mornings at the pedestrian crossing after the roundabout at Corks Road (at approx 68 Corks Road). If you need any support in the mornings around this please let our office know.

| School reports

School reports are live today from 4pm via Seesaw.

There will be a folder called "End of year reports"

Any issues please see your class teacher.

| 2024 Classes

Next Tuesday, we will be letting all students know what class they will be in for 2024.

| Jibbitz charms



Over the last few weeks we have been having some issues with Jibbitz Charms that are worn on Crocs Shoes. These are causing a lot of concern at school with children trading them, taking them from others shoes or taking them off their own shoes and losing them. Teachers are often having to sort out problems with these Jibbitz which takes a lot of time. To help this situation we would prefer that they no longer be worn to school. We will reassess this again next year.

| TGS Prizegiving: Thursday Dec 7th – TOMORROW

School starts at 9am as usual tomorrow. Children and staff will be travelling by bus to the auditorium at Tikipunga High School. Parents are welcome to attend at 10am. We look forward to celebrating the year with you and your tamariki.

Enrolment day 2024

The school office will be open for new enrolments during the school holidays on *Thursday 25th January* from 10am – 1pm. Drop in only, no appointments needed on this day.

Please note that we are only able to automatically accept enrolments that are within our school zone. If you live out of zone there is a separate application process. Please contact the school office for more information. You can check to see if you live within our home zone here: www.totaragrove.school.nz/enrolments/

You will need to bring the following documents for each child you wish to enrol:

- *Birth certificate/passport
- *Proof of address
- *Immunisation certificate/records

Te Manawa Tahī Timetable

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.



The graphic is a vertical rectangle divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant shows a scenic view of a waterfall cascading over rocks into a pool. The top-right quadrant shows a bridge with a large arch over a body of water. The bottom-left quadrant is a solid light green color with white text. The bottom-right quadrant is a solid dark blue color with white text. The text in the bottom-left quadrant asks 'What are your concerns?' and lists 'Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa' and 'The Child - the heart of the Māori'. The text in the bottom-right quadrant is under the heading 'About us' and includes sections for 'What is happening?', 'Who are we?', and 'How can you find us?'. A small image of a white flag with a red cross is in the bottom right corner of the blue section.

What are your concerns?

Are you worried about your tamariki at school? Are you worried about your tamariki's learning progress? Are you worried about your tamariki's social and emotional wellbeing? Are you worried about your tamariki's behaviour? Any number of these concerns can affect a child's learning.

Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa

The Child - the heart of the Māori

About us

What is happening?

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

Who are we?

Learning Support (formerly Special Education) and the Pūtake o te Kaupapa (formerly Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools, early childhood, iwi and community providers to work together with the aim of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

How can you find us?

Te Manawa Tahī flag will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our specialist staff are and can be located on our education sites. You can come into the hub without an appointment or you can call 0800 524 842 to make one. Your school/early childhood service can also make an appointment for you.



Te piki o te ora,
tērā te tupu o te
rākau

With improved wellbeing, the
tree will grow

Te Manawa
Tahī o
Whangārei

Supporting your child's learning

Contact us

Phone: 0800 524 842
Email: TT.Support@education.govt.nz
Facebook: Te Manawa Tahī Whangārei






Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI



All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations	Times 2023, Weeks 1 to 10
Tue 7 November	Te Māu, 385 William Jones Drive, Chingaiti	
Wed 8 November	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningville	
Wed 23 November	Te Māu School, 5239 Pipewai Road, Pipewai	
Thurs 16 November	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kaiti	
Wed 22 November	Broom Bay Community Trust (Open to 12:00pm) 9 Takatā Place, Ruakōā	
Thurs 23 November	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Mairangi	
Wed, 29 November	St John's Osteopathy Ambulance Hall (Open to 12:00pm) 173 Hornsby Street East, Mairangi	
Thurs 30 November	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningville	
Wed 6 December	Whānau House Centre, 62 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 7 December	Ngāwera School "Tea" 35 Whānau Te Māu Road	
Thurs 14 December	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kaiti	

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Thurs 8 February	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kaiti	
Tues 13 February	Te Māu, 385 William Jones Drive, Chingaiti	
Wed 14 February	Broom Bay Community Trust 9 Takatā Place, Ruakōā	
Thurs 15 February	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningville	
Thurs 22 February	Orewa Community House, 130 Orewa Road, Orewa	
Wed 28 February	Whānau House Centre, 62 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 29 February	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kaiti	
Wed 2 March	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kaiti	
Wed 6 March	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningville	

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| Upcoming School Events

- 6th Dec – KIS Band performance
- 7th Dec – TGS Prizegiving, held at Tikipunga High

| School Term Dates 2023

Term 4 9th Oct – 14th December*

**School will be closed for the year at midday on 14th Dec – school lunches will still be provided earlier in the day*

School Term Dates 2024

25th Jan Enrolment day, 10am – 1pm

30th Jan New Entrant welcome / **Open morning** to meet teachers, 9-11am

Term 1 31st Jan – 12th April

6th Feb – Waitangi Day (public holiday)

29th March, 1st & 2nd April – Easter Holiday

Term 2 29th April – 5th July

3rd June – Kings birthday (public holiday)

4th June – Teacher & staff only day

28th June – Matariki (public holiday)

Term 3 22nd July – 27th Sep

Term 4 14th Oct – 13th December

28th Oct – Labour Day (public holiday)

Oct/Nov – Teacher & staff only day, date TBC

| Community Notices

Join us at *Totara Grove Playcentre*

We are a FREE early childhood centre where you can come with your children to enjoy a great range of indoor and outdoor play-based learning activities as well as a community of friendly & supportive parents.

Feel free to drop in anytime we are open, email us with any questions or find us on Facebook for some photos of what our kids have been up to recently.

Opening Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-12pm during school term time

Address: 38 Corks Road

Email: totaragrove@playcentre.org.nz

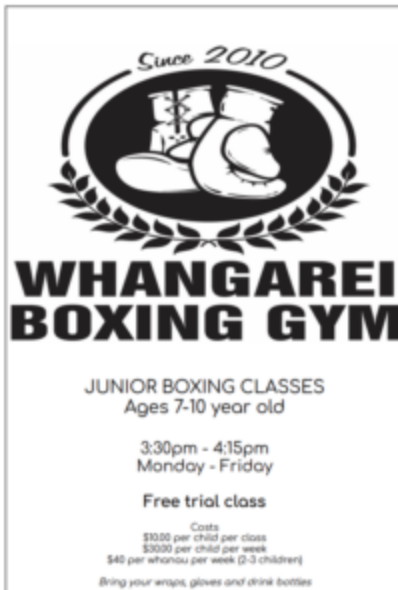
BNZ Breakers



The school holidays are nearly upon us – keep the kids entertained by taking them to an action-packed game of basketball.

The BNZ Breakers have 8 Auckland games remaining this season and every single game promises plenty of fun, giveaways, and entertainment for the whole family. Choose the dates that suit you and get behind the BNZ Breakers. Tickets are on sale at www.ticketmaster.co.nz

Junior Boxing classes with Whangarei Boxing



We would like to invite TGS students from the age of 7-10 years old to join our 3.30-4.15pm session at 1 Grant Street in Kamo.

First Classes Free.

These are strictly technique and fitness based.

For further info or questions please contact: whangareiboxinggym@gmail.com

**Need Support but
don't know where to find it?**

Free Online
Support Services Directory Tai Tokerau Northland
www.heartsandminds.org.nz/support-services-directory/tai-tokerau-directory

- Over 600 Free/Low-cost Support Services
- Up-to-date information
- Covers Whangārei, Far North & Kaipara

For additional support please contact
our friendly team:

Phone: 0800 468 288
Email: info@heartsandminds.org.nz

NORTHLAND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT A NEW
SERVICE DESK IS OPENING ONE DAY A WEEK FROM
WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST AT

TIKIPUNGA LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9.30am - 12.00noon

PHOTOCOPIING FACILITY AVAILABLE
(usual library charges apply)

Justice of the Peace visit checklist

- Do not sign anything beforehand
- Check the instructions on your documentation before going to the Justice of the Peace
- Take photo identification
- Remember to take the original as well as the copy to be certified
- Check that a NZ Justice of the Peace can complete your documentation

Contact: jnorthlandnz@gmail.com



A vertical poster for the Citizens Advice Bureau. At the top is the logo, which includes the text 'Citizens Advice Bureau' and a stylized yellow bird icon. Below the logo are several speech bubbles containing the text: 'Benefit problems', 'Consumer Issues', 'Tenancy issues', 'Employment', and '...anything!'. Below these bubbles is the phrase 'Not sure? ASK US.' in a handwritten style. At the bottom of the poster, in a dark grey box, is the text: 'Citizens Advice Bureau', 'Ngā Pou Whakawhirinaki o Aotearoa', '0800 367 222', and 'www.cab.org.nz'.

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021 105 4884

www.playballkids.com

SUMMER
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME




At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learning environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports, such as tennis, hockey, football, basketball—and just about any other sport you can imagine!

A special trip to Flip Out is included at the end of each day.

LOCATION	PRICES
Northeast Badminton Centre (Purwokoro Ave)	1 day 2 days 3 days
	1 Child \$40 \$80 \$120
	2 Children \$80 \$160 \$240
	3+ Children \$120/child per day
	Additional days \$40/child per day

DATES
18-22 and 29-31 Jan 2024 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

TIME
9:00am-2:00pm

AGE GROUP
4-9

WHAT TO BRING
Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle

A Playball certificate will be given to children who attend for 3+ days.

ENROL AT PLAYBALLKIDS.COM/FRANCHISE/NORTHLAND

WHAT IS PLAYBALL?
Playball is an international multi-sport and movement programme, teaching skills from a variety of sports in a fun, positive environment from professional coaches.

As well as our holiday programme, we also offer weekly classes during term time for 2-9 year olds.
For more information, visit playballkids.com
Email: dean@playball.co.nz

Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programmes



Holiday Surf Programmes | Dec & Jan
Surfing is an amazing sport that will challenge, entertain, and educate.
Our popular 'Holiday Surf Programmes' give kids the confidence to be active and have fun in the ocean through the enjoyment of learning how to surf.

Where: Taupo Bay & Tutukaka Coast
Dates: 18-22 Dec | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan | 29 Jan-2 Feb

We provide surfboards, wetsuits together with fun & enthusiastic surf coaches.



Free Surfing | Break-Away

- o Funded by Break-Away
- o Free for 11-18 year olds who school in Northland / Far North
- o Small cost for those 6-10 years

Break-Away Local Holiday Program



Get in touch
surf@surfacademy.co.nz





WHANGAREI PRODUCE BOXES

Foodtogether

THE SALVATION ARMY AND FOOD TOGETHER ARE PARTNERING TO BRING WEEKLY FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BOXES DIRECT TO YOU EVERY THURSDAY. PURCHASED FRESH FROM THE MARKETS THAT SAME DAY.

1. ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.FOODTOGETHER.CO.NZ
2. SELECT PICK UP OR DELIVERY WHANGAREI
3. MAKE PAYMENT
4. CHECK CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED
5. BOXES WILL BE DELIVERED OR AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP THURSDAY

\$5.00 DELIVERY FEE FOR WHANGAREI, OTIHI AND OTIHI PORTCODES ONLY
WHANGAREI PICK UP FROM THE SALVATION ARMY
3 AURNEY STREET 12.00PM TO 2.00PM

PAY - PAYMENT ESSENTIAL



NORMAL BOX
20
2-3 People



LARGE BOX
30
3-4 People



WELLNESS BOX
40
4-5 People

Email will be sent advising the contents for the next weeks boxes

ORDER BY TUESDAY
12.00PM TO ENSURE
YOU RECEIVE YOUR
BOX ON THE THURSDAY



FREE

SCHOOL SHIRT

NEW YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 STUDENTS
FULLY ENROLLED IN 2023 FOR 2024 START



Online Enrolments
now open

1. Visit our website:
tikipungaigh.school.nz
2. Click: ENROL tab
3. Select: Online Enrolment

OR

Phone the school
office

0800 437329

for further information

NB: School shirts will be available in February 2024



Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth,
Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.



Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whānau Ora
Health New Zealand

school holiday program

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Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December
8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration
www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
021 246 7328

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Please phone the Tikipunga High School Main Office to arrange a suitable date and time to visit your child for 2024.

Phone: 0800437329

Enrollment closes 15th October 2023. Places are limited.

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!

DOWNLOAD OUR SKOOL LOOP APP TO
KEEP TRACK OF ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.

