



Kia ora koutou, Dear Parents and Whānau,

Thank you to all grandparents, great-grandparents and relatives who attended Tuesday's 'Grandparents Day'. I was 'blown away' by the large numbers of grandparents and whānau who attended. The children were fascinated by interesting childhood stories and comparisons of 'then and now'. Several classes included our grandparents in their classroom activities, other classes interviewed and questioned grandparents as a guest panel, or within smaller groups. A special thank you to Carolyn, Val and Jaymee for outstanding support for our tamariki's **kapa haka performance** to our very proud guests. We look forward to repeating this experience although we may need to switch to an afternoon, as many of our 'littlies' were very tearful when their grandparents had to leave. Thank you to Tracy Noble for delicious catering. And thank you also to Kauri Villas and Richard Khouzame for the loan of their catering equipment.

Last week our Year 7&8s participated well in the **WPSSA** (Whangarei Primary Schools' Sports Association) **Winter Sports**. Years 5&6 are also competing on Wednesday this week. The WPSSA events are a great way for our students to participate and mix with students from the wider Whangarei area. A big thank you to all our parent helpers and staff organisers. We also acknowledge the impressive high school students who help to run and ref many of the events.

Thank you to past students and local community members who attended a hui on the 18th May held at the school to discuss details around the 150th anniversary of the opening of Parua Bay School. A steering group has been formed to ensure significant elements in the history of the school are remembered and included in our students' experiences.

In brief, as part of the 150th anniversary events, classes will be experiencing **bus tours to local sites of significance during Term 2**. In **Term 3** classes will visit other sites, including a visit to **Terenga Paraoa Marae** (Kaka Porowini). We also plan to offer at least one bus trip for parents to also experience the bus tours students have enjoyed, hosted by our very own Whaea Pera - more to follow on that. **Term 4 anniversary events will include a School Gala**, including traditional 'Ag Day' themes.

Congratulations to students who participated in the **Whangarei Heads Arts Trail (WHAT)** - these budding artists received Easter Prizes courtesy of **Dot Ngatai and Jack Atherton of Barfoot & Thompson as well as being congratulated by Sheila Blackburn of the WHAT Society and June Pittman on behalf of Creative Northland**. The Year 3-8 artists will be helping to decorate the seaward facing wall of the **Tamaterau bus shelter** later this week.

On a completely different note and repeating an item from the last newsletter, the school will be moving to a **'Cohort Entry' intake for new entrants from Term 3 onwards**. The following [Cohort Entry LINK](#) will take you to an information page for parents. In brief, rather than students joining the school on their 5th birthday, there will be two entry dates during each term. This means students can join with other new entrants at the same time and will support continuity for teachers.

Please enjoy the range of photos in this week's newsletter.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Mark Ashcroft
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday 27 th May 2022	Yrs 0-2 Motukiore Island Bus Trip
Friday 27 th May 2022	Yrs 7 & 8 Tech Day
Wednesday 1 st June 2022 @ 5pm in Staffroom	Transitioning your child to school Information Evening
Friday 3 rd June 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Only Day
Monday 6 th June 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED – Queen's Birthday Weekend
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Yr7 Boostrix and Yr8 HPV1 with school nurse

So much has been happening.....

The “official” opening of **Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga** (The Net of Knowledge)

our new Year 3-6 teaching space and admin block



Thank you to all our grandparents and relatives that visited us for



“Grandparent’s Day”



Yrs 5 - 8 WPSSA Winter Sports



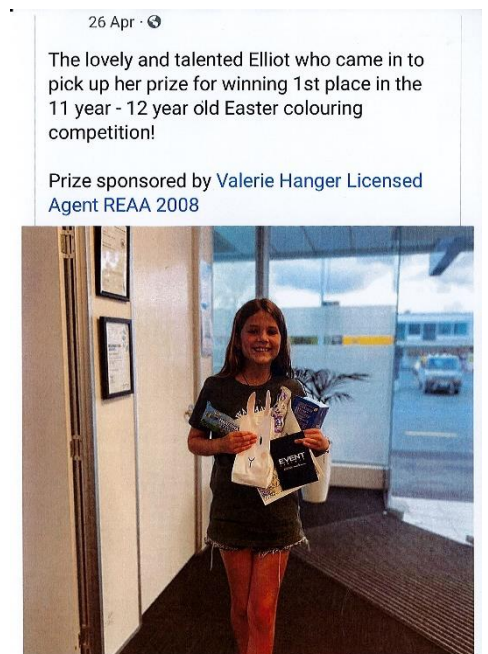
Whangarei Arts Trail Runner-ups and Winners



More Harcourts Easter Colouring Competition Winners



Well Done
Levi Hitching
of Year 2
and Elliott Ross
of Year 7



KEA Crossing students back in action...



We still desperately
need more adult
volunteers for in the
afternoons please.

2.30pm until 2.55pm

Yr 8s Scuba Diving



Pink Shirt Day



Transitioning your child to school Information evening

Come along to find out how you can support your child starting school,
and see how we structure our transition to school programme.

Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 5pm
Staffroom, Parua Bay School



Local Businesses we need you!

Are you interested in helping grow the future STEM workforce in this community? We are a House of Science member school, and this charity is offering a great opportunity that will help every child in this region. For \$3,000 a year you can 'Adopt' a House of Science resource kit, giving our local primary and intermediate schools the tools to deliver engaging hands-on science lessons.

But wait, there's more: every new kit sponsor that signs up before June 17th gets to nominate a school who will receive a digital microscope to keep and will go into the draw to win one of seven \$100 packs of CookieTime goodies. Our teachers and students would LOVE a digital microscope! The kit sponsor also gets to put their logo on the outside of the kit, acknowledging their commitment to supporting the local community. Each kit reaches 1,000-2,000 students a year so this is a great investment. Contact the House of Science head office today on 0508 468 724 or email info@houseofscience.nz (Note: sponsorship is tax deductible as HoS is a registered charity). To find out more about House of Science, see <https://houseofscience.nz>

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Family-size chip packets
– they are being made
into “emergency”blankets!
A bin for these is situated
outside of Four Square**



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