



15 MAY, 2026

# TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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Kia ora koutou,

## A PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS

A huge thank you to all the parents and whānau who joined us for our parent-teacher interviews in Week 2. It has been fantastic to see the immediate positive impact these conversations have had on our students' motivation and progress.

Research consistently shows that when home and school walk side-by-side, our tamariki soar. When students see us working together as a team, they feel supported and driven to succeed.

Missed out? It's not too late! If you couldn't make it in Week 2, please reach out to your child's teacher to book a time. We would love to chat about their goals and how they are settling in.

## CAA EXAMS: NEXT WEEK

The Common Assessment Activities (CAA) in Reading, Writing, and Numeracy kick off next week. Our students have been putting in the hard yards during practice sessions, and we are confident their efforts will shine through.

**Tip for Whānau:** A good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast are the best ways to help our learners feel "exam-ready" and calm!

## WINTER UNIFORM & REMINDERS

As the mornings start to cool down, we want to make sure everyone stays warm and focused.

- Need a jacket? We have school jackets available for those who need them. Please see Matua Joe in his office to grab one.
- Uniform Standards: A friendly reminder that hoodies and Crocs are not part of our school uniform. Please ensure these are left at home so we can keep our school looking sharp and unified.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community strong!

Ngā mihi nui,

**Wendy Sutherland**  
Director of Operations

## CONGRATULATIONS



Ben and Abby O'Donnell with Reubyn Clarke.

Reubyn's journey is a testament to the power of education when it is fueled by a sense of purpose.

After completing Year 13 at Whangaroa College in 2021, Reubyn Clarke has recently marked a significant milestone by graduating from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Marketing and Management.

Reubyn's career plan is built on the principle of sustainable empowerment. He intends to work with remote island communities across the Pacific to develop export businesses that are economically viable and guided by strong environmental guardianship.

Perhaps the most inspiring part of Reubyn's vision is his commitment to return home. After gaining experience across the wider Pacific, Reubyn plans to come back to the Whangaroa area to share his expertise. His goal is to apply the lessons he has learned from international trade and Pacific development to help create new opportunities for local whānau and businesses in the North.

By returning home, Reubyn will ensure that the investment made in his education flows back into the community that raised him.



## KĀEO ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Local firefighter and former Whangaroa College student David Frear, Whangaroa College students Jemma-Leigh Murphy-Moka and Whaiao Williams, and Whangaroa RSA President Kevin Herewini proudly stand together at the Kāeo Cenotaph during the 2026 ANZAC ceremony.

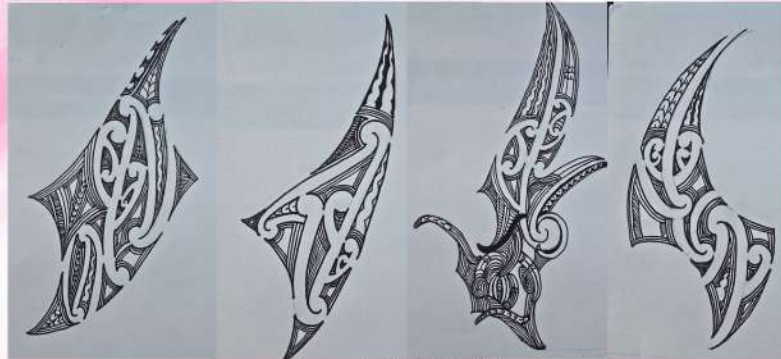
# ANZAC

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.*





# FIRST AID



Maria Ngawhika

## SENIOR DESIGN

The Senior Design class is well underway, with students now working on their product or service development.

Students are designing sample mock-ups of their chosen designs and exploring layouts, colour schemes, and overall advertising formats.

From animated film-inspired character comic series to finely detailed tattoo designs, sports apparel, and food service concepts, there is a wide array of design boards being developed and organised for end-of-term submissions.



Izzy Marino



Kaira King



# Maggik

Nuraxx



Che-Nicole Hills

# ATTENDANCE REMINDER

## TARGET: 92%

Show Up. Level Up. Get Rewarded!

### END OF TERM REWARDS

▶ ATTENDANCE TARGET:

92% ✓



LUNCH FOR 92% CLUB PLUS

▶ NO PASTORAL ENTRIES THIS TERM



\$25 GIFT CARD

REDEEM YOURSELF NEXT TERM

\*Must be present at Monday Assembly, last week of term to receive gift card.

### END OF YEAR GRAND PRIZES

92% ATTENDANCE + ZERO PASTORAL ENTRIES (ALL YEAR)



DRAW TO WIN A \$500 COUNTDOWN VOUCHER

100% ATTENDANCE + ZERO PASTORAL ENTRIES (ALL YEAR)



KEEP IT CLEAN, STAY CONSISTENT, AIM HIGH!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2: 20 APRIL - 03 JULY

**WEEK 5: 18 - 22 MAY: CAA EXAM WEEK**

Monday 18: Golf  
Tuesday 19:  
Wednesday 20: Writing CAA exam  
Thursday 21: Reading CAA exam  
Y10-13 Mixed Volleyball  
Friday 22: Numeracy CAA exam

**WEEK 6: 25 - 29 MAY: CAA EXAMS**

Monday 25: CAA Catch-up  
Tuesday 26: CAA Catch-up  
Wednesday 27: CAA Catch-up  
Thursday 28: Y9-13 Novice Table Tennis  
Friday 29:

**WEEK 7: 01 JUNE - 05 JUNE:**

Monday 01: King's Birthday - NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday 02:  
Wednesday 03: Springbank Cross-Country  
Thursday 04:  
Friday 05:

**WEEK 8 - 08 JUNE - 12 JUNE:**

Monday 08:  
Tuesday 09: Senior Barista course  
Y7/8 Girls Kiwi Tag  
Wednesday 10: Customer Service course  
Thursday 11: Customer Service course  
Friday 12:



Bay of Islands-Whangaroa  
Community Board

THANK YOU!  
Supporting Rural  
Travel Funds.

# WANTED

Our junior Integrated Studies classes are looking for donations of jars and indoor planting materials, including pots, potting mix, seeds, and cuttings suitable for terrariums.

We are also seeking any materials or household items that could be used for upcycling projects.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



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