

# Onerahi Orbit

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## First 2020 Kiwi Transfer

### Part 1: Arrival

On a grey Sunday morning in February, a group of people stood around five very special wooden boxes on the Onerahi foreshore. Five young kiwi had just arrived from Matakahe/Limestone Island, where they had spent several months growing big and strong. Now they were on their way to be released at Parua Bay.

The kiwi were welcomed on to the mainland and blessed by local Te Parawhau kaumatua, Fred Tito, and one kiwi was given the honour of a sign language te reo name: Kaitiaki (guardian) by members of the deaf community.

Kim Robinson (far right) of Deaf Action said the organisation is working to raise the deaf community's awareness of kiwi, and this sign language naming, only the second ever, will help.

Deaf Action is also making a documentary on this topic, for release in September.

Heather Bell

### Part 2: Kiwi release

Over 400 locals and visitors had the thrill and privilege to welcome five more kiwi to the Parua Bay area on a beautiful February Sunday evening.

The release was part of Backyard Kiwi's ongoing kiwi recovery work in the wider Whangārei Heads and Parua Bay area.

The kiwi were two adult females Hancock and Toanga, a male named Kohi, and two younger females, Jemima and Kaitiaki.

The released kiwi are part of a program where young chicks are transferred from the Purua area west of Whangārei to the Limestone Island kiwi crèche to grow to over 1200g before being released back on the mainland.

Uncontrolled dogs are the biggest threat to the local kiwi population so this is the message that is given loud and clear at the release – don't let your dog wander, walk it on a lead!



Sign naming Kaitiaki. Photo: Heather Bell

And it is working, with over 900 kiwi now on the Whangārei peninsula more kiwi are spreading north of Parua Bay into the "Kiwi Link" area, where locals are working hard to look after their kiwi with stoat trapping and good dog control, to repeat the success of the Heads community.

Update: The kiwi have settled well into their new home, spending time in the wetlands and in nearby paddocks feeding up on crickets. They will be calling

to the local kiwi and sorting out who will settle where.

Kaitiaki is still near the release area on the Ross's property, Kohi and Jemima have headed north down Taraunui Road, and Hancock and Toanga have headed east to the pine block between Owhiwa Road and Taraunui Road.

You can read monthly updates on the kiwi, and see the map tracking their progress, at [www.backyardkiwi.org.nz](http://www.backyardkiwi.org.nz)

Todd Hamilton

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### Kia Ora

Hi to our amazing supporters, advertisers, contributors, and readers.  
 Just as this issue was due to print, New Zealand went into lockdown. Our team quickly realised that the magazine we'd worked on for the last months couldn't be delivered - our generous-hearted team of delivery volunteers are mostly retired; we want to keep them safe.  
 Luckily we have the Internet, so instead of publishing both paper and digital editions, we decided that this issue could be digital only.

In troubled times, community is more important than ever: Onerahi Orbit lets everyone know about the interesting things going on, and the good people in our community. We hope you enjoy reading about them.  
 Also, we'd like to know what you'd like to see in the magazine. Send us your thoughts, and photos to share.  
 email: [Onerahiorbitmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:Onerahiorbitmagazine@gmail.com) or post to Orbit, PO Box 3031, Onerahi 0142.  
 From the Onerahi Orbit team: stay well and be kind to each other, *Heather Bell, Editor*

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# Onerahi's Christmas Festival 2019

Young and old alike enjoyed Onerahi's 2019 Christmas Festival in Sherwood Park.

The main man, Santa, with flowing beard, sack of lollies, and bright red suit, arrived on a matching fire engine, courtesy of the Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade. To the children's delight he threw handfuls of sweets from where he stood on top of the fire engine, sending the children racing to see who could gather the most.

Students turned up with tinsel-decorated bikes and adults decorated their mobility scooters. A bouncy castle, arts and crafts and food stalls, outstanding kapa haka performances by pupils from Onerahi Primary and Raurimu Schools, a magnificent band, Mike



Dunn's "Kiwi Breeze", and many other attractions made it a fun day out.

The change of format - a fun family festival in Sherwood Park instead of the usual street parade - went down well, with people lingering, mingling, having fun and relaxing, rather than heading off home after watching the parade floats drive along the street, as they have done in the past. It was also safer, away from Onerahi Road's busy traffic, and didn't hold up vehicles - a change that is likely to stay.

Heather Bell

Photographs: Rose Tantau



# Waitangi Day in Onerahi

Onerahi people celebrated Waitangi Day at Sherwood Park, and it was fantastic to see the biggest turnout in its eight year history, yet the park still had more than enough space for everyone.

The three flags were a great sight - New Zealand's

official red, white, and blue, alongside Tino Rangatiranga's red, white, and black, and the Australian Aboriginal flag's red, black, and yellow, all flying together outside the Community House.

There were many food

stalls selling hangi, fried bread, fritters, bbq, ice-cream in watermelon halves, and more, plus crafts. Many of the food stalls were fund-raising for their organisations, and some were from our Pacific Islands neighbours, with

their distinctive foods. The excellent band, Fat32, kept the crowd entertained as did Maori kapa haka and Pacifica dance performers, and families set up their gazebos and shelters, picnic mats, and chilly bins, and settled in for a day of entertainment and fun.

For the kids there were pony rides and face painting, and the Fire Brigade brought a super long water slide which was hugely popular, with a line of dare-devil stunt-kids hurling themselves down the slippery slope.

Even the weather was perfect - gently overcast so we didn't roast, and just enough breeze to cool the dancers and fly the flags.

Rebecca from the Onerahi Resource Centre organised this festival, and made sure everything ran smoothly - thanks to her, all the wonderful performers, and organisations that sponsored and supported this event.

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# Who is James Alexander...?

Well he's the guy you may have seen riding round the place on that bright yellow vintage Vespa. He's not related to Jamie Oliver, but he's from London's East End. James has actually lived in NZ for over 25 years so claims he's more kiwi than pom. He's also a very experienced salesperson: he's done it for most of his life in fact. Being born in London you could say it's in his blood! James has recently returned to the tropical North, working for Ray White Real Estate.

His real estate career began back in 2008 in the face of a recession, arguably the hardest time to start a career in real estate. On reflection he says,

"It was the best time to start. You had to be tenacious, innovative and think outside the square."

It's that positive can-do attitude which made him rise to become

one of the top agents in Bream Bay over his 5 years there.

In 2014, lured by the mountain biking explosion, he moved to action-packed Rotorua and started all over again. Within 5 years he again became one of the top agents in town and was awarded top salesperson for Ray White Rotorua, along with other awards for community involvement and the prestigious Elite badge only a select few achieve in the whole Ray White Group.

James is now back in Northland, living in Onerahi and here to do it all again!

If you have ever had the pleasure of meeting James, you'll understand why he receives the testimonials he does and why he achieves the success for people that he does. His charisma, enthusiasm, quick wit and up-beat nature are a winning combination.

What separates James from others is his genuine ability to connect with all walks of life. His down to earth manner is his trademark.

James is also a vibrant Auctioneer. It's his passion, and it shows. Whether for property or charity, James thrives on the pressure to perform. He's always up for an auction call: being a yes man he'll be there, gavel and smile at the ready...probably on his Vespa!

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# Kenneth Adams: Photographer

Onerahi artist-photographer Ken Adams is creating photography as fine art, in a way that he believes no other photographer has done.

As a student at Elam, Ken was inspired by Italian Renaissance painter Masaccio, whose fresco, *The Tribute Money*, depicts St Peter three times in the same scene carrying out different actions to tell a story, much like the separate frames in a modern comic.

With the magic of Photoshop, Ken has translated this idea into photographs, layering images of the same scene with the same figure(s) in different places. This "synoptic narrative" technique makes an arresting image, where the viewer's

attention is drawn to try to understand the story within the photograph. Some of his images use models, others street scenes, in New Zealand and in France, Ken's second home. Last year his sojourn in France was coloured by the ongoing civil unrest of the Yellow Vest



Leaving Without You. Kenneth Adams.

movement. Through a photography group in Dijon where he exhibited, Ken befriended local photographers whose images captured the unrest, protesters, and armed response.

Once back in New Zealand, and with the encouragement of Whangārei's Shutter Room gallery where he's a member, Ken organised and mounted an exhibition of these photographs by Sabrina Dolidzé and Jérôme Gaillard. These are on display in the Shutter Room's Studio Gallery until mid-May.

Ken's latest photographs will form his exhibition in The Shutter Room, Rust Ave, Whangārei, opening 24 April and on show until 16 May - all are welcome.

You can read more about Ken's life and photography in a previous issue of Onerahi Orbit at this web address: <https://issuu.com/onerahiorbit/docs/sept2017-onerahi-orbit-20pp>



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As the only practising doctor in parliament and as part of a team to the government my message is simple, how can we help?

This is a time for calm composure and leadership and my caucus colleagues and I are ready and willing to help manage this outbreak to keep New Zealanders safe.

An innovative suggestion I want to make to the government is to introduce the Health Declaration Card (HCD) on flights. This is similar to the arrival card except it carries extra information such as who the passenger is travelling with, e.g. a travel group, self-identification of symptoms, and whether the person has had contact with someone with respiratory symptoms in the past few days.

During a recent flu epidemic the Australian government introduced Health Declaration Cards to passengers on flights. The information that was new and extra to the arrivals card included

alternative seat number if moved, and two symptom questions. Firstly, "Do you have a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache or muscle aches and pains? Yes or No" and secondly, "In the last 7 days have you had contact with someone who had a severe respiratory illness? Yes or No". This form also required a signature with the warning, "Providing false or misleading information is an offence".

Air New Zealand is a leading airline and so I challenge Air New Zealand to create a Health Declaration Card using the inflight entertainment system and then send the data straight to arrivals for fast processing when passengers arrive. I think we can lead the world in this moment of crisis and our team is here and ready to help.



**Whangārei District Council report from our local representative, Nicholas Connop**

Hello to the observers of the Onerahi Orbit. I am your Whangārei District Councillor Nicholas Connop, and also Chairperson of the Onerahi Community Association.

I would like to thank our previous editors Lucy Mullinger and Jaqueline Lowe for their efforts over the past few years looking after the Orbit, and welcome Heather Bell to take the reins.

Coming into the position of Okara Ward Councillor on the Whangārei District Council has been an interesting time indeed.

I have learnt about some of the process from my time on the OCA, but as expected, much more depth and many more facets have unfolded as I find out more. I have been attending all the workshops and briefings that have been put on for us, and have been helped along the way by other experienced people who surround me.

Many new plans, projects, resources, and agendas appear as soon as I finish going over the last lot.

When a decision needs to be made to guide the WDC a vote takes place. I am only one of 14 votes, so I need to work with others to ensure we are able to balance the whole of the District's needs.

Some projects, such as the Civic Centre, have been happening for many years. The nature of the process can mean that while it sometimes appears to have just popped up, it has been steadily worked upon in the background since studies were done in 2012. Many decisions have been made over the years. While difficult, it is necessary to be able to help the staff to support the people of Whangārei District.

Until next time, thank you.  
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**Northland Regional Council report from local representative, Amy Macdonald**

**Amy Macdonald:**

Kia ora, I'm the new local Councillor on the Northland Regional Council. I'd like to write an update for the Onerahi Orbit as a way to keep in touch with the Onerahi community.

**Onerahi Orbit:**

Thanks Amy and congratulations on your new role; can you please let our readers know exactly what the Regional Council does: the difference between Whangārei District Council and Northland Regional Council isn't widely understood, and especially NRC's role in the latest exciting rail transport and North Port developments, which people are keen to know more about as it will affect their lives.

**Amy Macdonald:**

Thanks to all those who supported me in my campaign, I've had an interesting and enjoyable start as your Councillor. The first few months were very busy as I got up to speed with NRC's work and found my feet. Now, a usual week for me involves a LOT of reading and emails, 2-3 days of workshops/meetings, and attending extra community meetings and events. I also Chair the Climate Change Working Party.

The roles of the two councils are quite different, the Whangārei District Council has many local responsibilities including roads, footpaths, parks and recreation areas, community amenities, rubbish and recycling. The Northland Regional Council has a broader role for the whole of Northland, with a focus on environmental management as well as social, cultural and

economic development. There are loads of interesting projects but some simple examples of things NRC does that relate to our daily lives are:


- Environmental protection through regional rules and monitoring, and supported by information, advice and environmental grants
- For urgent environmental/pollution issues NRC has a pollution hotline 0800 504 639
- Supporting business and community initiatives that benefit Northland with scholarships, grants and awards
- Maritime safety in the harbour and the city bus network that runs in Onerahi/Whangārei
- Civil defence including flood and drought responses and tsunami warning sirens

There is big interest in central government investing in Northland, including possible projects for roading, rail, port expansion and a new naval base. While the detail and government decisions are yet to come, as the majority shareholder in Marsden Maritime Holdings and an environmental regulator, the Northland Regional Council needs to maintain a level of separation at this point. However, the regional council has long recognised the tension between economic development and environmental sustainability and seeks to manage this in such a way that growth doesn't happen at the expense of our environment. In a recent media release our Chair Penny Smart was quoted saying "As a council with a key part to

play, we look forward to actively working with tangata whenua, our wider community, central government and key partners to consider these opportunities in more detail and how these can be advanced to the best benefit of our region."



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# Gardening in a Dry Climate



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These are just a few examples; there are many well-adapted plants available, and often one plant will use several tricks to conserve moisture. Your

Our summers are getting longer, hotter, and dryer, so our gardens need to change from thirsty sponges to clever water conservers. As droughts and restrictions become more common, people are looking for ways to have a great looking garden which can thrive with less water.

The first step is the soil: it must drain well, yet hold

moisture. Clays need organic matter such as compost to improve and open their structure, so they can go through a summer without baking like brick or cracking up; sandy and light free-draining volcanic soils also need organic additions like compost or peat to help them retain water.

The second step is planting the right plants - look at what

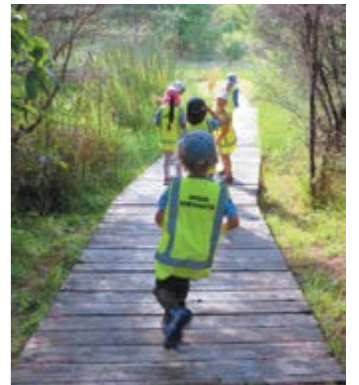
local garden centre or gardening club is a great source of information and advice, and a visit to the Quarry Gardens, or peering over fences, can let you see the mature trees or shrubs. So then all you have to do is decide on a garden layout, choose your plants, and plant them (and water well) into their new home with a good amount of compost.

Step three is covering the damp soil - a thick layer of mulch is one of the best ways to stop evaporation and keep moisture in the earth, keeping the roots cool and moist. Layered sheets of organic material such as old carpet (natural fibres, not nylon), wool, paper and cardboard on the soil, then tree chippings, bark, hay, on top in a 10 to 20 cm thick layer will act like a duvet over the ground, keeping it moist. It's important to keep the mulch away from trunks - bark will rot if kept permanently wet. Also, don't put mulch on top of dry soil or it will stay dry. Water the ground well before mulching, and the mulch will keep water in. Then, every time you water your plants you'll know that the water will filter through into the soil, and not evaporate straight back to the sky.

As well as keeping moisture around plant roots where it's needed, this mulch blanket will smother weeds, provide food and home for worms and other creatures that build healthy soil, and will decompose over time, making your soil even richer. If you top the mulch layer up after fertilising the ground each spring, your trees and shrubs will be set to survive another dry summer in 2021.

Heather Bell

Photos by Heather Bell  
Plants in Whangārei  
Quarry Gardens



# Onerahi Kindergarten - a place to explore

Kindergarten means children's garden, and Onerahi Kindergarten lives up to its name. Engaged, happy children play outside where paths weave around tall nikau palms, with a huge Liquidambar tree in the centre, and shade sails keep everyone sun-safe.

Indoors children make artwork, wooden block structures, use playdough, puzzles, and books, all under the supervision of 100% qualified staff.

Head teacher Sue Guiney

showed me around, and explained that they are part of the Enviroschools programme, so operate as sustainably as possible - they shop for supplies re-using their own containers; they have a worm farm and composting system; they grow food plants, and recycle all they can, keeping waste to a minimum, all while teaching pupils how the natural world works.

The outside environment has many areas of native plantings, and a pebbly

stream bed leading to a mud pit, enriching the kindergarten's surroundings.

Onerahi Kindergarten is community-based, and has deep connections with different places in the community as part of the children's outdoor and sustainability education. They are encouraged to learn about how the larger environment works through experiences such as visits to local wetland sanctuary Dragonfly Springs.

Onerahi Kindergarten

provides the only fees-free, not-for-profit early childhood education in this community, offering quality education and care for children from two to six years old.

In Sue's words, "We want to make it possible for all children to have the best early education experiences to be life-long learners. Through the rich programme, children are grown as leaders who are kaitiaki of Papatuanuku."

Heather Bell



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# Parahaki Pony Club

On the first of March, over 60 riders and their families came to Cartwright Road, Onerahi, for Parahaki Pony Club's Ribbon Day - some of them Parahaki Pony Club members, others not, as this event was open to all. Ribbon Days are about all ages and abilities of riders, from the lead rein ponies to the senior riders.

"The focus is on fun

and learning," said Emma Costello, "and we certainly feel that was what we achieved."

"We were really worried about how hard the ground would be, so were delighted with some rain in the days before," said Julie Alderton, Treasurer.

"We're very proud of what we achieved with such a small team," said club

Secretary, Suzie Evason. "We're grateful to all the ex-members and extended family that come along to help every year."

The Ribbon Day raises funds for the small pony club from entry fees and extremely popular raffles. Onerahi-based Northland Saddlery Services donated a complete saddle fitting, and Corrosion Control donated a \$500 value prize. Numerous businesses in Onerahi and Whangārei donated for the tombola, where every ticket buyer walked away with a prize.

Rallies happen on most Thursday nights through the season.

Riders interested in joining the club should contact Suzie on 022 434 0289 or parahaki.ponyclub@gmail.com.



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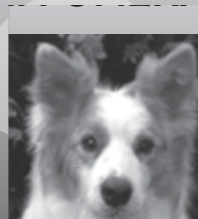
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### Here are a few ideas:

- Make a treasure map and have a backyard treasure hunt
- Peg sheets or tarps on the clothesline to make a tent, and have a picnic in there; if it's rainy you can put sheets over the dining table and have an indoor tent picnic
- Detective game: draw a chalk outline around a person on concrete path or driveway, or a string outline on grass or carpet; take turns to place a few clues around, and see who can solve the crime
- Make pizza together - fun mini-pizzas can have faces made from salami eyes, capsicum strip mouths, tomato slice noses
- For older children - plan and make a dinner (with your guidance); you never know, they might be a future Masterchef!
- Go on a nature hunt in your backyard - see how many creatures or types of plants you can spot



- Collect autumn leaves and make collages, or tie them on with string to camouflage something in your garden - letterbox, clothesline pole, brother, etc.
- Dig out those old board games and cards
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attends the Sea Scout Regatta each year and competes, as well as taking part in an annual Easter Regatta with 8 other units from the middle to the top of the North Island.

Every year we train with a Yachting New Zealand qualified instructor in Levels 1 - 3, and hold Learn To Sail weekends where the girls gain confidence in the water and learn to handle Optimists, which are small single sail boats.

During the summer terms we also train our girls in swimming, lifesaving, rowing, canoeing, safety boat handling, as well as safety on the water, and caring for your crew.

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Eight to 11 year olds train in Optimists, and the older girls train in Sunbursts and Cutters. When they are of an age to participate in training with outside organisations, we encourage and fund them to attend courses such as Comprehensive First Aid, Day Skipper, VHF Radio, Coastguard Safety Boat Training, and 10 Day Spirit of NZ Voyage For Youth.

In winter the girls learn land-based skills such as bushcraft, compass work, topographical maps, navigation - chartwork, rigging, flagwork, knots, tramping, and cooking outdoors.

To find out more about this local group, see <http://www.youngmariners.org.nz> or email [whangarei@youngmariners.org.nz](mailto:whangarei@youngmariners.org.nz)

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# Onerahi's Good Samaritan

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Onerahi resident Bruce Fisher told me that he saw awards and honours being given to people whose good works got a lot of publicity, but noticed that the quiet good deeds of many others weren't acknowledged. So he decided that Onerahi needed an award to recognise its local Good Samaritans who helped in the community with no thought of reward, but just because they wanted to.

That was five years ago. He donated a piece of pounamu that was given to his family by a Ngai Tahu carver. Bruce had it engraved with the inscription:

*Te Wai-A-Ariki Onerahirahi Good Samaritan Award* and mounted it on a gnarled swamp manuka root from Poutu Point on the Kaipara Harbour. The pounamu represents the value of goodwill; the manuka represents the many branches of community.

The first person to receive the award, in 2016, was Leo Cummings; 2017's recipient was Jerome Tito.

In 2018 Jenny Blasingame's work in the community and



Bruce Fisher

supporting the food forest was recognised when she was awarded Good Samaritan of the year.

And last year, the person who came up with the award idea was presented with his own trophy at the Onerahi Food Forest's fourth birthday celebration. Bruce Fisher (above) was named Good Samaritan of 2019 for his work in the community - delivering firewood to the needy, giving people a ride home, assisting with the Friendship Club, doing odd jobs, and generally helping. His name will join the others on the trophy, and Bruce will be remembered as a true Good Samaritan.

Heather Bell

# Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on Sunday 10 May, and it's a great time to treat your mum like a Queen for the day. Shop-bought presents are nice, but taking time to make a gift or card to show your mum how special she is to you is even nicer, because it comes from your heart (and doesn't cost a lot).

If you are looking for gifts, garden centres are a great place to get a living present that will give lasting pleasure. Chocolates and yummy treats are always welcome too. And vouchers for beauty salons, art classes, or adventure experiences could be gifts that your mum would enjoy.

**HEY KIDS!** We would love to see cards you make for your mum - tell her why she's special to you, and we'll



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## Celebrating Easter

Easter is one of the major events of the Christian calendar and is rich in meaning. The founder of Christianity, Jesus Christ, is celebrated around the world with church services, parades and special foods. It is the best time of the year for chocolate lovers as multitudes of tasty treats flood the shops.

Easter is entwined in our culture to the point of being honoured with a greatly appreciated long weekend, even though the general population has little idea what the holiday is really about. Easter, rightly understood, celebrates Jesus' death and resurrection, and those events prove that He is the greatest hero in history.

As the Easter weekend progresses, the sadness of His death on Good Friday is replaced by the joy of His resurrection on Easter Sunday, and the Christian is reminded that his/her faith

is profoundly optimistic. If one word was selected to sum up the meaning of Easter then it could easily be the word, "victory."

Jesus' death and resurrection proves that God loves the human race and that His love is powerful. A relationship with God is available to us and heaven's door is open when we come to Him on the basis of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

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## School News

### ONERAHI PRIMARY

Kia ora nga tangata o Onerahirahi! As 2020 explodes out of the gates, we have a small group of students who would like to share their experiences from Term One. We will be hearing from Eden (Year 5) who has been with us since Year 1, Troy (Year 1) who is at the beginning of his



journey, and Zephton (Year 6) who is new to both Whangārei and our school this year.

#### What are some highlights from the beginning of the year?

**Eden:** I'm just enjoying hanging out with a new mix of people and teachers, and continuing my learning from last year. I was nervous but excited to take part in E-Pro 8 technology challenge. I enjoyed competing with other schools but I also found it very challenging. We also got to explore Dragonfly Springs, a local wetland just behind our school, and help water the plants.

**Troy:** I like my new classroom because it has lots of things to build with. I like swimming because I like trying to swim underwater. I can even open my eyes and it is really clear.

**Zephton:** I have loved getting to meet new people, everyone is so friendly. Camp was in Auckland and a great place to hang out with my new friends. We challenged ourselves. I liked the go-karts

because it was all about speed and the crashes.

#### What learning are you proud of so far?

**Eden:** I am proud of my learning around measurement, especially around litres and millilitres. This also helped me when measuring how much water we used to water the plants at Dragonfly Springs. We are learning about rats right now and I was impressed to find out about some of their strengths, like balancing on the thin edge of cardboard.

**Troy:** I am super proud of my building. I don't know what to call it but it had a roller. I can now be a starfish in the pool floating across the water.

**Zephton:** I am most proud of my camp writing because I chucked in lots of descriptive words. That is something I have found difficult in the past.

#### What are you looking forward to?

**Eden:** Definitely Year 5 camp, that is number one. It will be like a giant sleepover with heaps of people. We will be going to Pataua North. I am also looking forward to being a peer mediator (helping other people in the playground) and Show Quest. I was in Show Quest last year and loved being in front of an audience.

**Troy:** I hope we get to play in the rain because I love making the puddles go splash!

**Zephton:** I love sports so I am looking forward to basketball, swimming sports, winter sports, rugby... anything that gets me moving and having fun.

As a final note, we have also started up a new video series that shares stories from our school. These are available on our Facebook page, our school website, and on YouTube.

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in the success of our learners. He waka eke noa.

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## School News

### WHANGĀREI HEADS SCHOOL

Whangārei Heads School is excited to start the year with building renovations complete and a sharp, new look.

This includes the school pool, where pupils have enjoyed daily swimming lessons over the hot summer months, during and after school hours, along with the NZ Water Safe programme where students worked on water survival techniques.

The school swimming sports day gave every child the opportunity to challenge their ability and compete for house team points, the focus being on participation.

This was attended by many parents and grandparents who admired the new facilities.

Jointly hosting Zone Swimming Sports with Parua Bay School in March gave another opportunity to show the new facilities to the community. Some very talented swimmers enjoyed challenging Parua Bay's finest, with the winners going on to compete at the Whangārei Primary School event.

By the end of term 1, every child in the school will have been on class camp. Years 7 and 8 had a fantastic

experience at 'The Farm' in Whangaruru, Years 0-2 stayed at the Baptist Camp, Years 3 and 4 at Pataua North and Years 5 and 6 to Tangihua Lodge.

These camps are an important time to build friendships with new classmates and for students to challenge themselves through new experiences.

The school's main fundraiser - the Funky Fish Diving and Fishing Competition - has just taken place and Whangārei Heads School would like to thank the community for supporting the event.



**Principal Jodi Edwards presenting Reef Smith with his prize in the Funky Fishing competition.**



**Andrew Caldwell-Smith with his prize.**



**Abigail Gwilliam and Molly Dennis holding up fish for auction.**



**Macy Kake and Grace Woods hold up fish for the auction.**

### RAURIMU AVENUE SCHOOL

Raurimu Avenue School has a big focus on CARE values.

C – Creative Learner; A – Always Kind; R – Respect; and E – Everyone Matters. Staff are making sure that all new students understand and constantly show these values. They are not just for school, but for all areas of life.

When students are caught displaying one of the values, they are given a colour-coded ticket to go in that values jar. Every fortnight at assembly, a ticket is pulled out of each jar and that student wins a prize.



At the end of each term, the student with the most tickets for each value is awarded a trophy.

These values have formed a big part of school life and were brought about through consultation with the school

community, to represent what they felt was important.

The students have embraced the CARE values, and work hard to show, and help others show them.

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