

# Tikipunga Primary School

Kia taki manawa ai te aronga wawata, te ekenga hoki o pae tawhiti  
Respecting aspirations, walking together, achieving our goals

PANUI 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Kia ora whānau

Term One has flown by and we are nearly at the end. One of the key highlights has been our fortnightly *KiVa Hour* across the school.

During this time, our tamariki learn ways to:

- understand and manage their emotions
- communicate kindly and respectfully with others
- work through challenges and solve problems together
- build resilience and look after their wellbeing
- make positive choices and develop strong, caring relationships

This has been a wonderful way to strengthen whanaungatanga across our kura, with tamariki building positive connections and supporting one another.

Whaea Sophie

As the term draws to a close, we will farewell Whaea Sophie, who after 13 years at Tikipunga Primary School will be returning to her tūrangawaewae, Patuharakeke, where she will be closer to her whānau and ancestral home.

Over the years, Whaea Sophie has held many roles including classroom teacher, junior team leader, assistant principal, and deputy principal. She has made numerous contributions to our kura over the years.

In the new entrant space, Whaea Sophie has nurtured and warmly welcomed many new whānau and 5-year-olds into our kura, creating a strong sense of belonging for so many.

We will miss her familiar face and warm heart. I know Whaea Sophie would welcome the opportunity for whānau to pop in and see her at school for a catch up before she leaves.

We wish Whaea Sophie and her whānau all the very best as they begin this next chapter.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Whaea Sophie, mō tō pukenga mahi ki tō tātou kura.

Ngā mihi

**Whaea Judy**  
**Acting Principal**



## OUR DETAILS:

Acting Principal:

Judy Panapa

Address:

11 Tania Place

Tikipunga

Whangarei 0112

Phone:

09 437 0743

0800 845 477

Email:

admin@tikiprimary.school.nz

Office Hours:

8.00am—3.30pm

## 2026 TERM DATES:

### Term 1

2 February – 2 April

### Term 2

20 April – 3 July

### Term 3

20 July – 25 September

### Term 4

12 October – 14 December

## SCHOOL HOURS:

### School Begins 8.30am

Morning Tea

10.30am—11am

Lunch

1.00pm—1.30pm

### School Finishes 2.30pm

## GATES

Please remember that our gates are closed during the day for the safety of our students.

## ABSENCES:

**Please** let us know your child is absent before 9.30am.

0800 845 477

After this time, you will receive a text from the school. It is important for us to have great communication regarding absences.

## HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

**Please let Whaea Lena know so she can keep the records up to date. This really helps if we need to get in touch.**

**IMPORTANT KURA DATES:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

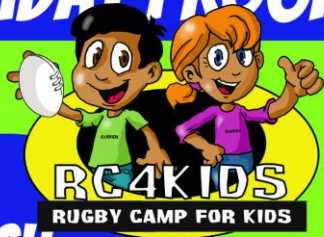
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Junior Syndicate Disco

Last day of school

Good Friday

# HOLIDAY PROGRAM



## RIPPA & TOUCH RUGBY

9th & 10th April  
Whangārei Boys High School  
245 Western Hills Drive, Avenues, Whangārei

\$60 PER DAY

### KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE!

- Boys & girls ages 5 - 13
- 8:30-3pm
- All abilities welcome
- Rippa and Touch
- Overall sport skill development



Register at [sportscamps4kids.co.nz](http://sportscamps4kids.co.nz)

## GIRLS WANTED!!

COME AND TRY THIS VERY NEW SPORT – MARCH DANCE!!

SUNDAYS at 2PM



### FREE TO TRY!

Great low impact fitness....lots of fun...for all girls 8-15yrs

No dance experience needed

4 free practices then \$20 per month

Held at Whangarei Intermediate School (on the courts)

Every Sunday at 2pm

Contact Lyn on 022 070 8674

# Port to Cove Fishing Competition



27th April 2026



[maiplace.co.nz](http://maiplace.co.nz)



Port to Cove Rod and Reel Beach Fishing Competition – ANZAC Day

A fun, family-friendly fishing competition will be held on Saturday 25 April 2026 at Bream Bay.

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM (fish anytime)

Adults \$10 | Kids (15 & under) \$5

Great prizes up for grabs, including junior and mystery prizes.

For more info:

Mai Place Bream Bay

Port to Cove Rod & Reel Beach Competition

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