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Kia ora o te reo Māori!



Ka ma te wehi! That was the verdict – awesome! – after students from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tupoho performed some wonderful waiata and haka in the Council Chambers during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Welcomed by Mayor Hamish McDouall during Māori Language Week 2017, the students were also given an insight into some of Whanganui’s tāngata rongonui (famous personalities) featured in the Chamber’s stained glass windows.

As well as in the Council Chamber, kapa haka also resonated throughout the Davis Library, when Upokongaro School

students came to visit for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and to share their performance skills.

This year’s theme for the week-long celebration was “Kia ora te reo Māori - ‘Let the Māori Language live”

Council staff were encouraged to use te reo in a number of ways with information on common phrases and sayings shared throughout the week, while several Whanganui cafes offered discounts if customers ordered their coffee in te reo.

Tino pai, Whanganui!

Planned works

September 2017

- Flood event clean up June 2015:** Major works will take place on flood damaged roads in our district, including reinstatement on Whanganui River Road, Somme Parade (Cumbrae Place to Roberts Avenue) and Tokomaru West Road (by Koatanui Road)
- Pavement maintenance on sealed roads:** Brunswick Road, Rangitatau East Road, Whanganui River Road, Koatanui Road (weather permitting)
- Grading on sealed roads:** Rangitatau East Road, areas of Kai Iwi, Brunswick and Okoia
- Underground works:** Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road)
- Kerb and channel renewal:** St Hill Street for the construction of the Te Tuaiwi Shared Pathway (Dublin Street to Ingestre Street), Willis Street (Anzac Parade to Ikitara Road) and Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road)
- Footpath renewal and pavement reinstatement:** St Hill Street for the construction of the Te Tuaiwi Shared Pathway (Dublin Street to Ingestre Street), Parsons Street (Parkes Avenue to Peakes Road), Rangiora Street (Cornfoot Street to Seafront Road)
- Water table and culvert maintenance:** Mangamahu Road
- Vegetation treatment:** Areas of Papaiti and Brunswick

Recycling child car seats



A new recycling service for child car seats has launched in Whanganui with the aim of protecting children and the environment.

Whanganui District Council and the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre are partnering with SeatSmart to offer a subsidised recycling programme for expired or damaged car seats.

At least 40,000 child car seats reach their expiry date each year in New Zealand, with most ending up in a landfill.

“Many people aren’t aware that car seats have a limited life span of six to ten years,” says Ramari Te Uamairangi, Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre manager (pictured).

“Giving away or selling expired seats can put children at risk. SeatSmart enables expired or damaged seats to be taken out of circulation and allows the materials to be recycled or repurposed,” Ms Te Uamairangi says.

Unwanted seats can be taken to the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre (WRRRC) during normal opening hours, with a small fee of \$5.00 per seat to cover recycling costs.

Cr Rob Vinsen, who chairs the Council’s Waste Minimisation and Environment Working Party, says he is delighted the Council can support SeatSmart to start collections here.

“Those managing the SeatSmart programme continue to encourage seat manufacturers and retailers to fund it as part of a product stewardship approach – that is taking responsibility for their products at end of life - but in the meantime, the Council is keen to see unnecessary waste diverted from landfill and to stop expired seats from being on-sold or donated.”

Whanganui District Council is able to use its waste funding derived from a landfill levy to establish the new service at the WRRRC. The plastic from the seats is recycled into new products used in the building industry and metal parts are also easily recycled. Straps from the seats are used to make recycled bags.

SeatSmart was created by Hastings-based recycling specialists, 3R Group. Toni Bye, SeatSmart manager, says the landfill should be the last option, not the default.

“So often, highly recyclable products are put in the ‘too hard basket’ and simply dumped.”

SeatSmart also collects seats in other parts of New Zealand. Details of all collection sites can be found at www.seatSMART.co.nz

Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre

The WRRRC has a 24/7 facility for dropping off most recyclables, while other waste like tyres, green waste and whiteware can be dropped off during normal opening hours (also seven days a week). Normal opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 4.30pm and Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm. For more information, phone 348 7950 or visit www.wrrc.co.nz

Creative Communities

Open workshops

September 30 and October 7

The next workshops to learn about the Creative Communities Scheme and how to complete the application form will be held on Saturday, September 30 and Saturday, October 7. All workshops will be held from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm at the Gonville Café Library. Applications for the next round of funding close at 12.00 noon on Thursday, October 12 for local arts projects that take place between 11 November 2017 and 11 November 2018.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Youth Committee	4.00pm – Monday, September 25	Council Chamber
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm – Tuesday, September 26	Committee Room 2
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm – Thursday, September 28	Council Chamber
Council meeting	1.00pm – Tuesday, October 3	Council Chamber

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui, the Whanganui District Library or at www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas, two working days prior to the meeting. Our monthly Council meetings are live-streamed on www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil, on our YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/wl2QvEyTn-8> and on our website: www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings