

NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - 8th MARCH 2017

Kia ora tatou, hello everyone,

Rippa Rugby

Our vision of 'A community preparing and empowering lifelong learners who are confident to achieve and make a difference' has truly shone through for the start of the rippa rugby season. We have 27 students attending each Monday and the support from parents has been outstanding. This year we have been able to make a Year 1 / 2 team, Year 3 / 4 team and a Year 5 / 6 team. We also have some of our Year 7 / 8 students uniting with Omokoroa Point. Below we celebrate player of the day for each of our teams.



Torin: Mighty Cheetahs



Teagan: Flaming Falcons



Anton: Wondrous Whakas

WE LOVED SEAWEEK! 27 February - 3rd March

Seaweeek focuses on learning from the sea. Across the week our teachers excited and inspired our students to connect with the sea. The week was a time for all of us to get to know our ocean, its habitats, characteristics and inhabitants better. The week ended with tuakana (older students) and teina (younger students) uniting to share some of their learning.





Wild About NZ Environmental Group

How healthy are our local streams? A question that our environmental group are always keen to find the answer to. Friday 24th February once again held opportunity to collect scientifically valid information from our small rural stream in Puketoki Reserve to make an assessment of the stream's health. The team collected a great sample with many invertebrate. It is with no doubt that we have a high quality stream that is worth protecting in its current state. Way to go Whakamarama!



Virtues Assembly

At Monday's assembly we launched 'responsibility' and will practice this for the next fortnight. Take the time to view our assembly with your family (via the website) and to talk about the focus value. Our next assembly will take place on **Monday 20th March at 2:20 in the library**. Mrs Withrington looks forward to seeing you all.

Technology Classes

Yesterday our Year 7 / 8 pupils enjoyed their first technology class at Tauranga Primary and had some wonderful stories to tell upon their arrival back at school. The words of Mr Smith: *"A super start to the new term topic from enthusiastic students displaying considerate teamwork when sharing design ideas. The students have demonstrated perseverance learning new tech processes and asked thoughtful questions to investigate their goals. There has been valuable recognition that checking for accuracy is very important to their outcome with the products quality. Ka pai team!"*

Harvest Festival

The harvest festival is on at the community hall on Friday 17th March. We look forward to uniting with the community for this wonderful annual event. For more information check out the school notice board.

Cyclist Training

Biking to school can be a great way for kids to get exercise, develop confidence and learn to share the road safely with motorists and other people on bikes. On Tuesday 7th March Constable Sarah came into the school to talk about general bike safety with Room 1 students.



On Tuesday 21st March, Constable Sarah will be returning to school for a practical session. If your child is biking to school or you are considering biking as an option for your child; your child will require their bike and helmet in order to participate in this session.

Note: NZ Police, Bike Wise and the Land of Transport NZ recommend that cyclists should be a minimum of 10 years old.

School Donation

All families who have paid by **March 31st** are entered in a draw for a \$50.00 grocery voucher & a \$25 voucher from Nourish. Apologies for the last flyer indicating 1st March.

Absences

Attending school on a regular basis is hugely important. Every day counts towards a child's learning and pays huge dividends for their future. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving their basic reading, writing and other skills they need. Whakamarama School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education and by working in partnership with you as parents and caregivers, we are aiming for educational success for all. The school would like to thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance and ensuring that every day counts towards learning.

Police Vetting

In its role as a good employer, the Board of Trustees is required to ensure that a safe environment is provided by meeting the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act (2014) and the Education Standards Act (2001). Volunteers who have unsupervised access to students e.g. Camp helpers, sports coaches and parent helpers are required to be police vetted. To support future attendance at school camps or involvement in activities that may require parents / caregivers to work with students unsupervised, police vetting forms are available from the office for your consideration to complete.

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6	Santana	Perseverance in reading, writing and maths
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6	Brodie	Always focusing on completing his work to a high standard
	Jacob	Perseverance in completing all his work, including an awesome Taniwha picture book!
	Rue	Attitude and commitment in math
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD		
Week 6	Drayvn	Applying himself to his math with the use of games
	Hannah	An awesome attitude to all areas of school life

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD



Tuesday 21st & 28th March	Go4It Programme Year 1 / 2: Sport Bay of Plenty
Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March	Go4It Programme Year's 3-4 & 5-8: Sport Bay of Plenty

Wednesday 8th, 15th, & 29th March	Technology Classes: Year 7 / 8
Thursday 16th March	Small School's Swimming: Year 4-6
Friday 17th March	Harvest Festival: Community Hall @ 6:00 pm
Monday 20th March	School Assembly (everyone welcome)
Tuesday 21st March	North Cluster Swimming
Tuesday 21st March	Cyclist Training: Constable Sarah
Wednesday 22nd March	Tall Poppies Swimming: Year 7 / 8
Friday 24th March	Wild About NZ: Environmental Group
Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th March	3 Way Student Learning Conferences
Monday 3rd April	HPV 1st Dose: Year 8
Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th April	Life Education
Wednesday 5th April	Technology Classes: Year 7 / 8
Friday 7th April	Wild About NZ: Environmental Group
Wednesday 12th April	WBOP Swimming
Thursday 13th April 2017	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Monday 1st May 2017	TERM 2 COMMENCES

Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or the calendar on the homepage of the school website .

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

A lot of people shy away from learning the drums when deciding to play an instrument. They see them as loud and large, taking up a lot of room. There are so many reasons why being a drummer is a great talent to have.

DRUMMING: Seeking students who are interested in learning the drums in our school setting. Lessons will cost \$25 per ½ hour lesson. If your child is keen to commit to a term of drumming lessons; please express your interest to the school office.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

If there are any parents / caregivers interested in advertising in the school newsletter this year; please contact Karla on 552 6605

WHAKAMARAMA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Join us each Thursday at the Whakamarama Hall - 9:30 - 12:00. Free ECE funded playgroup. If you require any further information, please contact Debbie on 552 5141

Toolbox Parenting Course

We will be hosting a Toolbox Parenting Tweens and Teens Course in Term 2, aimed at parenting kids intermediate and teenage years.

Check out <http://www.theparentingplace.com/toolbox-parenting-courses/tweens-and-teens/>

If you are interested or would like more info, please speak to Karla Pennell or Fiona Varley.

Organic and Locally Grown Seedlings For Sale. I'm growing vegetable seedlings and have some ready now for your garden. Available are organic De Cicco Broccoli, organic Red Express Cabbage and Violet Sicilian Cauliflower (purple), with more varieties, including several types of lettuce, beetroot and peas to come in the following weeks. I'm selling them 6 for \$3.00 or 12 for \$5.00, and you can choose a selection of seedlings to suit your needs. Most of my seedlings will be from organic seed, and all are grown in an organic and natural way – no nasty chemicals sprays. Phone Liz Carter 552 4911 or email carterhome@xtra.co.nz