

# NEWSLETTER No.7 - 8th May 2017

**Kia ora tatou, hello everyone,**

## **Farewell & Welcome**

Our school is so lucky to have a teaching team where lifelong learning and the sharing of knowledge and skills are deep passions. As a school we have been blessed with an awesome staff who - collectively, contribute richly to the learning experiences of every child at Whakamarama School.

Teaching today - as you know, requires staff to invest enormously. As well as planning incredible lessons for our students, they also give so freely of their time outside of the classroom.

It is with great sadness to have to inform you that in June we will be farewellling Sian. Her incredible commitment and drive to support our students will truly be missed. We thank Sian for her amazing work with our children. She has left a mark on Whakamarama School and we are indeed richer for the talent, enthusiasm and professionalism she brought to our school. We celebrate the embarking of her new journey and know that she will continue to leave a special mark on the teaching profession and the students she teaches.

We will also be farewellling Mrs Hyatt (Caroline). After four years of manning the 'hub' of our school, Mrs Hyatt will be leaving to follow new pursuits. She has been a vital part of the team and we thank her for her flexibility and commitment to our school.



On Saturday 6th May the board of trustees interviewed for the job share position in Room 1. We received applications from many people and the shortlisting decision was a difficult one as the overall standard of candidates was very high.

We welcome Mrs Allis (Katesha) to the team at Whakamarama. Mrs Allis will be starting on the 25th May.

" I am personable, positive and flexible, with a can-do attitude. I am passionate about education and have an excellent rapport with students. I show initiative and like to see things get done efficiently with the best outcomes for students. I have a vast array of experience and will endeavour to enhance any area of the school that needs enhancing, due to my drive and commitment!"

## **Marae Visit**

Thank you to parents / caregivers / whanau that have indicated if they will be uniting with us on Friday. We are thoroughly looking forward to the day and building a sense of excitement for this wonderful opportunity. The pohiri is a formal ceremony and has a dress code. Please can adult females wear a long dark coloured skirt or dress and adult males wear long dark trousers (not jeans). You can change if necessary after the pohiri.

To support the cost of the visit we ask parents / caregivers for a donation of \$5 per student. The cost of the day has been heavily subsidised by the school. Children will need to take their lunch. All resources for workshops will be provided by the whanau. Morning refreshments provided by the marae.

### Virtues Assembly

Thank you to parents that join us for our assembly on Friday 5th May. Both staff and students appreciate and value your attendance.

### Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 26 May 2017, Whakamarama School will celebrate Pink Shirt Day and stand together to take action against bullying. Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, ability, or cultural background. Will you stand with us to stop bullying on 26 May? **Dig out anything pink to wear on Friday 26th May. Let's get creative!**

### Mid Winter Festival Meeting

Bring along your ideas and help get this important fundraising event underway.

**Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm**  
**Whakamarama Hall in the library**

**Swimming Pool Key Deposits** - If you haven't already done so, please come and collect your deposit from the office. Thank you.

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 1	Mythhys	Improvement in self managing- you are more focused and taking control of your own learning.
	Alexis	Your contributions to our maths discussions have been incredible! We love hearing your fantastic ideas and thinking.
	Alfie	You have made such a wonderful start to life at Whakamarama School. We love your positive attitude and hunger for learning!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 1	Rue & Stuart	For being an active participant in our science lessons, learning about friction and gravity
	Teagan	For being a leader and a role model in Room 2. Showing high levels of responsibility and leadership.
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 1	Billy & Eamon	Responsibility: Making a difference around our school - fantastic job on the school gardens!
	Isabel	Increased confidence when contributing her ideas

## WE FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET!



There is a difference  
between **NOT**  
**KNOWING**  
and  
**NOT**  
**KNOWING** **YET**  
-Sheila Tobias

**SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD**

Friday 12th May	Marae Visit
Monday 15th May	Science Week
Tuesday 16th May	Road Safety Week
Friday 19 May	School Assembly @ 2:20 pm
Friday 26th May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 26th May	Wild About NZ Environmental Group
Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th May	Zero Waste
Friday 2nd June	School Assembly @ 2:20 pm
Monday 5th June	Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June	Technology Classes: Year 7 & 8
Thursday 8th June	Small School's Cross Country (PP Date: 9th June)
Friday 9th June	Wild About NZ Environmental Group
Tuesday 13th June	North Cluster Cross Country (PP Date: 15th June)
Wednesday 14th June	Wigs On
Friday 15th June	School Assembly @ 2:20 pm
Wednesday 21st June	WBOP Cross Country
Friday 23rd June	Wild About NZ Environmental Group
Saturday 24th June	Mid Winter Festival
Friday 30th June	School Assembly @ 2:20 pm
Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th July	Student Learning Conferences and Mid Year Reports
Friday 7th July 2017	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</b>
Monday 24th July 2017	<b>TERM 3 COMMENCES</b>

**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**

**After School Childcare:** Dianne Amott is starting up after school childcare at her home Mon-Fri. Please contact Dianne on 07 552 5604.

**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](mailto:carterhome@xtra.co.nz)