

NEWSLETTER NO. 16 - 16th December 2020

2020 has been a year like no other. It is the end of a momentous year, a year in which we have faced so many challenges and learnt so much. 2020 has been a year of aroha, a year of compassion, a year of support, a year of resilience and a year in which our community did a wonderful job of keeping whānau, each other and our learners safe.

Whilst with some interruptions along the way; 2020 has been another year of positive change for our school community - accelerating learning in literacy, a board funded music teacher, Waitomo Camp, sourcing of a Kapahaka Tutor, our school production and funding approved to invest in our school grounds to name a few. The highlight for the year however has to be the continued roll growth and the upcoming opening of a fourth classroom in 2021.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the time off you have with family and friends.



School Production / Prize Giving



Thank you to whānau, kaiako and ākonga who attended our end of year assembly. It was so heartwarming to see the hall filled with support and love for our learners. What a great night 😊 Some positive feedback received:

“I’m still smiling at that show! Soooo good. Stuart just knocked my socks off and my favourite scene had to be Christmas dinner – such a brilliant bunch of talent and fun going on”

“The kids did themselves proud. The karanga was sublime, I think they sang neat. THEN followed up by the coolest little production”

I wonder what our next production will have in store 😊



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Classes 2021

Next year, we will be starting with 4 classrooms (roll of approximately 73). The Board of Trustees will be funding the start of the fourth teacher and our school roll is likely to hit the magic 76 by the end of February.

To ensure that numbers are appropriate across all classrooms, placement at Whakamarama School is a decision and process that takes careful thought and consideration from staff. Classes for 2021 are currently as follows:



- Room 3 - Mrs Williams (Brenda): Years 1, 2
- Room 2 - Mrs Buchanan (Karen): Years 2, 3, 4
- Room 4 - Teacher TBC January: Years 3, 4, 5
- Room 1 - Miss Johnstone & Mrs Kenny: Years 5, 6, 7, 8
- Room 1 from 14th April: Miss Greatorex (Natasha)

As there is still the possibility of some changes to classes; parents will be informed of their child's class mid January. If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Orange Day Parade

Tauranga city streets were flooded with over 760 local students on Friday 27th November as they walked the streets with large banners encouraging road safety and active travel in their communities. The Orange Day Parade is a celebration of students sharing their road safety messages which is supported by Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and NZ Police.

Mika, Lucy, Michi and Luke paraded the city centre with their colourful banner to raise awareness about road safety. Their message: Ur Life Means More Than a Text. After the parade the students were treated to a swim at the Baywave TECT Aquatic & Leisure Centre.



Parent Consultation

Thank you to the parents / whānau that took the time to complete the charter consultation survey. Having your input is hugely important in prioritising and developing plans as we continue to build and strengthen our school curriculum, property and culture; and hugely helpful as the BOT develops new plans.

The board looked over the feedback received at the meeting on 24th November 2020. Moving forward into 2021, the board has seen a need to prioritise:

Strategic Goal 3: To develop and maintain a safe, physical, emotional and quality school environment

- Children being encouraged and supported to participate in organised sport



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Strategic Goal 4: To foster effective partnerships; school, family, whānau and our community

- Using wider community to provide skills, knowledge and expertise to enhance and enrich student learning.
- Continue to strengthen the information that whānau / parents receive so that they are well informed about all aspects of Whakamarama School e.g. property projects, teacher professional development, initiatives to support student progress and achievement, board funded projects etc

Strategic Goal 5: To develop a culturally responsive school culture

- Cultural capability is one of the national priorities. Understanding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and New Zealand history, and using Te Reo Māori helps with developing culturally responsive pedagogy

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly
We are proud of the way you are living and learning with our school values and virtues

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 7 27th November	Lexi	Super effort displayed :) Lexi likes to write and is trying very hard to make her writing interesting for the reader - Yay!
	Aaliyah	Great to see super effort during maths time - William is thinking hard A conscientious learner - Aaliyah is thinking more about spelling some words correctly - Yay! Good on you.
	Jake	Jake is great at sharing his quick thinking maths brain - Yay! Super to see you trying different strategies.
	Madden	Wow - Super effort and progress in reading - Yay! Good on you Madden
	Otis	Awesome writing! Great to see (and hear) you sounding out new and/or tricky words. Otis remembers to re-read his writing too - Yay!
	Brayden	Sharing great ideas...and thinking hard during Math sessions - Great! Good on you Brayden - Super reading progress. You think about what you read - Yay!
	Mia	Welcome Mia - What a super Learner you are. You have settled into school fabulously - Yay!
	Taylor	Taylor displays a curious learning attitude - Awesome! Fabulous question asking - Yay!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 7 27th November	Isla	For displaying a 'can do' attitude - Cullan you come to school ready to give it a go - your confidence is soaring For beginning to manage herself during reading by completing work and making a sensible choice from the taskboard
	Alfie	For showing confidence while on camp. You went into activities with an 'I can do this' attitude and as a result you got to try new things and learn new skills!
	Gemma	For being a conscientious learner - you manage yourself to make sure you complete work on time and to a consistent standard - a role model for others!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 7 27th November	Jacob	Jacob you have shown perseverance and curiosity throughout our position and orientation unit. I have been impressed with the way you work alongside others in your group. Well done!
	Hunter	For facing adversity at camp with perseverance and your own personal sensible coping strategies
	Matthew	Your amazing attitude and kotahitanga on camp, not only did you help with all jobs, you also asked amazing questions and tackled all activities with bravery
	Whitera	For your leadership over camp. You role modelled bravery and a "have a go" attitude!
	Destiny	Destiny, You always bring a smile to the classroom, a positive attitude towards learning and I love watching your confidence grow. Your friendliness makes our class a better place.
	Nina	Nina, you are a role model in our school community. This term you have been demonstrating patience and cooperation as you become a Whakamarama School leader. Well done, Nina!

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

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

Friday 29th January	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Wednesday 3rd February	2021 TERM 1 STARTS

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

After School Childcare available Mon-Fri in a family environment in Whakamarama. Will do pickups from school. Holiday Care by prior arrangement only, and subject to availability. Police-checked and references available. Casual care ok. To enquire, phone Dianne on 07 5525604 or email damott1234@gmail.com

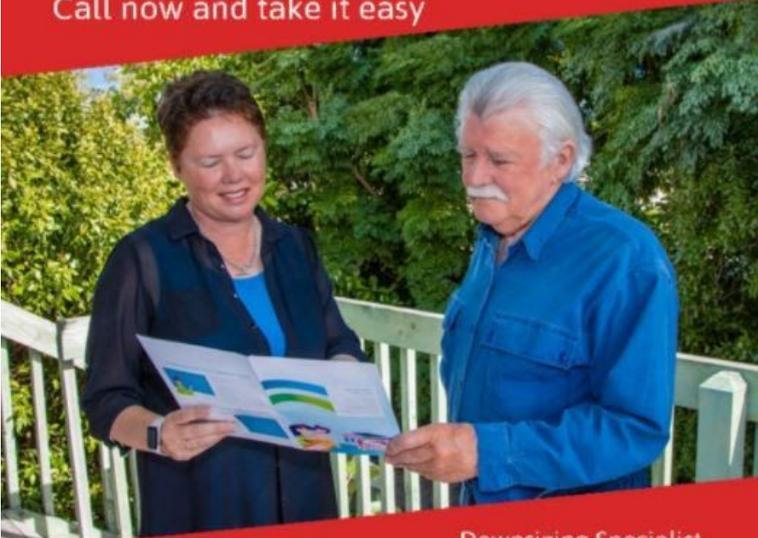


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LOVE2 RUN
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Fridays : 22nd January, 19th February,
19th March 2021 First race at 5.30pm
Night Run - Friday 16th April 2021. 2km, 5km & 10km
Western Avenue Sports Grounds, Omakeroa
Register on Love2Run.co.nz

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