

NEWSLETTER NO. 1 - 6th FEBRUARY 2018

Kia ora tatou, hello everyone,

Welcome back to our existing families and a VERY warm welcome to all our new families. We hope that everyone had a restful break, and like the staff, are ready for another busy and exciting year ahead.

We welcome a new face to the staff of Whakamarama School. Miss Theresa Johnstone will be teaching in Room 1. Theresa loves to learn and is a life-long learner herself. She is mindful of students' backgrounds and endeavours to understand their passions, aspirations and what type of learning works best for them. She has proven herself to use a range of strategies and approaches to ensure that the varying needs of her students are met in a meaningful and engaging manner. She promotes an environment of risk taking so that students are motivated to try new things and mistakes are used as further learning opportunities. How lucky is Room 1!

Welcome Mrs Parker (Tammy). Mrs Parker will be in Room 3 for the next 3 weeks undertaking her first practicum while with the University of Waikato.

Meet & Greet Family Night

All families are invited to join the staff for a 'Meet the Teacher' and social evening on Tuesday 13th February from 5 - 7 pm. Parents, whānau & caregivers will receive a brief overview of what will be happening in their child's classroom over the term and the children (all going well) will have opportunity to have a refreshing splash in the pool. The evening will finish off with a picnic dinner, with parents, whānau

& caregivers bringing their own food along to nibble on. The BBQ will be available for anyone wishing to cook something. With a new staff member and three new families, we look forward to a warm welcome being offered with 100% attendance.



We look forward to seeing you soon...

Rippa Rugby

Thank you to parents who returned an expression of interest for their child / children to play Rippa Rugby this term. Rippa rugby promotes excellent ball handling and running skills as well as team skills. Best of all it's fun and exciting for all involved - including adults on the sideline!

URGENT RETURN OF RIPPA RUGBY NOTICES - ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TOMORROW

Stationery

Your child will have received their stationery list for the year. Please note that the school does not make money on these stationery items but wishes to bring to you quality stationery products that are discounted at the beginning of each year. It is important that your child has the correct books as items on the list are suited to the developmental needs of the individual.

Students will start in their books from the beginning of Week 3 after teachers have had the opportunity to establish expectations of bookwork and presentation.

School Donation

Thank you to parents / caregivers who have already made a donation to the school. Your donation this year will help subsidise your child / children having access to high quality curriculum resources and equipment, and additional teaching programmes, such as reading assistance or an additional teacher e.g. music.

All families who make a donation by March 31st are entered in a draw for a \$50.00 grocery voucher.

Our Virtue

Each fortnight, we launch a new value (virtue). The virtue of RESPECT was introduced on Monday 4th February. We look forward in seeing the virtue of self respect & self belief shining throughout the school.



School Shirt

Whilst the school does not have a compulsory school uniform, we ask that parents purchase a school shirt for their child. Students are required to wear a school shirt for sports events, special occasions, school trips and photos. Orders can be placed with Sharon at the school office.

AMNESTY: We are still missing several of the school's sports shirts. If you have one of these shirts at home could you please return this to the school office (these shirts have a number on the back).

Car Park Safety

With the increase in the roll we are all aware that parking on the school side has become more difficult. With the increase in vehicles driving up to school in the mornings and afternoons, I would like to ask that you take extra care entering and exiting the car park and bus bay area.

If you park in the school car park, please ensure that you supervise your child / children at all times. Children will not be allowed to enter the car park area unless supervised fully by an adult.

If you choose to use the bus bay please remember that this is for a quick pick up only. Parents / caregivers may have appointments or sporting commitments to get to and it can become frustrating if their vehicle is blocked in. To keep the flow of traffic let you child / children know if they are being picked up from the bus bay and encourage them to wait for you at the gate with the duty teacher.

Swimming

The pool is being prepared in order for the students to be able to swim across Term 1. We are aiming to start swimming on Monday 12th February. Please ensure that you send your child / children along with their togs each day. Togs and towel MUST be in a plastic bag or swim bag. We encourage students to wear a swim cap.



ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2	Sophie	Listening and thinking. Asking questions.
	Brodie	Making an effort to be a focused and responsible learner
	Jorja	Tries to be an independent learner - will give learning a go and ask questions. A supportive group member.
	Gemma	New to school: Great start - 'Trying - Gives learning a go'
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2	Jacob	Being a fantastic listener and having a positive learning attitude
	Shanae	Demonstrating friendliness towards new children in our class
	Stuart	Demonstrating friendliness towards new children in our class
	Mikayla	Being a fantastic listener and settling to work quickly - a role model to others.
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2	Michi	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Always willing to lend a helping hand.
	Oliver	Kātahi te tamaiti kaha ki te tuari! You are excellent at sharing! A positive and respectful member of Room 1.

	Sitevah	Responding with Wonderment & Awe: for the ability to appreciate and regard the beauty of the universe and others.
	Drayvn	He whetū koe! You are a star! Starting the year with a determination to succeed.

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD



Friday's across Term 1	Go4It Programme Year's 0-2, 3-5 & 6-8: Sport Bay of Plenty
Tuesday 13th February 2018	Meet & Greet the Teacher & Picnic 5-7 pm Look forward to seeing everyone!
Thursday 15th February	Cool Bananas 1.30pm
Monday 19th February	Board Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 21st February	Technology Classes
Thursday 22nd February	Food For Thought Supermarket visit Yr 6-8
Wednesday 28th February	Technology Classes
Thursday 1st March	Cool Bananas 1.30pm
Wednesday 7th March	Technology Classes
Wednesday 14th March	Small Schools Swimming Yr 4-6
Thursday 15th March	Cool Bananas 1.30pm
Friday 16th March	Small Schools Swimming Postponement Date
Tuesday 20th March	Enviro Schools Energiser Te Puke
Wednesday 21st March	North Cluster Swimming
Thursday 22nd March	North Cluster Swimming Postponement Date
Friday 23rd March	Tall Poppies Swimming Yr 7/8
Friday 30th March	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 2nd April	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 3rd April	EASTER TUESDAY
Thursday 5th April	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Thursday 12th April	Cool Bananas 1.30pm
Friday 13th April	END OF TERM 1
MONDAY 30TH APRIL	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



DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNGSTERS!

CONFIDENCE, GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS, SELF-EXPRESSION, TEAM WORK AND SOCIAL SKILLS.....

These **LIFE SKILLS** can be developed in ALL children, through our comprehensive SPEECH AND DRAMA programme. The **HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY** offers after- school classes for children from 5-17 years.

Not sure? Try **FREE** trial lesson! Lessons include speech, music and movement including mime and creative improvised drama in an atmosphere that emphasises cooperation and fun.

NEW class opening in **GREERTON** for 2018!

For further information on session times and locations, or to discuss how the programme could benefit *your* child, please phone Camilla May (Academy Principal) on **576 4400** or e-mail hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz Enrol online www.helenogrady.co.nz
Facebook.com/Helen O'Grady Drama Academy – Bay of Plenty

Tauranga Swim School offers quality lessons with measurable results for all ages and abilities, including disability classes. Check out our reviews, pics and more information on facebook. or call Andrea 0272868506, or email info@taurangaswimschool.co.nz, www.taurangaswimschool.co.nz

