NEWSLETTER NO. 3 – 6th March 2019

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, Greetings to you all,

Small Schools' Swimming
Peter, Nina, Shanae, Mika and Hunter attended Small Schools' Swimming at Omokoroa School on Friday 1st March. They were positive participants and represented their school with integrity and pride. The feedback from parents that attended the day was highly encouraging and supportive of our swimmers.

"Every race is an opportunity to measure yourself against your own potential" Well done team!

Wonderment and Awe at Its Best: Wild About New Zealand Environmental Group
With the support of Tammy Bruce, Wild about New Zealand, our students are provided with the opportunity to help turn the tide for our native wildlife. Simple equipment and methods help our students to find out about the pests and native wildlife living near us. A visit to Puketoki Reserve on Tuesday 26th February was first on the list for 2019. How clean is our stream? The results gathered from the mornings investigations clearly indicated that our local reserve has a healthy stream with good water quality.

Cool Bananas
The school offers Cool Bananas for children each fortnight. The programmes exist to reinforce values that build a positive culture at home and at school. The content of each session fits into the school's values curriculum. Each session incorporates at least one of the eight values (excellence, innovation, enquiry, curiosity, equity, community, participation and respect) from the NZ curriculum. The values and standards covered during a Cool Bananas session are from a Christian foundation and are recognised by C.E.C (Christian Education Commission) of New Zealand.

Cool Bananas develops children's spiritual dimension by encouraging an understanding and appreciation of beliefs and values through a

non-denominational programme of instruction. The programme is available for parent / caregiver perusal and parents / caregivers are most welcome to attend sessions.

If you do not wish for your child / children to attend the Cool Bananas sessions please inform the principal or class teacher via a letter, email, phone call or face to face communication.

Enviroschool Energiser

On Wednesday 27th March, ten students from Year 5 / 6 have opportunity to attend the 2019 Enviroschools Energiser. The energiser is a fun and interactive day of Enviroschools activities. The focus this year is on climate change. Attendees this year are Jayden, Mika, Stuart, Ayla, Jacob, Shanae, Rue, Hunter, Tiana and Nina.

Board of Trustees Elections

The period from 17 May 2019 until 21 June 2019 has been gazetted by the Minister as the range of dates for the Board of Trustees Triennial Elections for 2019.

Whakamarama School will be looking for parent representatives and a staff representative for a new three year term. We would like to encourage our school community to participate in this election. Information is available on the role of a trustee and what skills are involved on the following website - https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/ . Information has also been sent out via Class Dojo and parent email. In the upcoming weeks further information will come out as it arises. Please make sure that the office has your current address details as all nomination and voting papers will be posted to the home address we have on file.

Rippa Rugby

Our vision of 'He hapori matapoporetia whakamanā te ākonga kia tū māia kia tutuki pai ai ngā mahi katoa hei whaipainga mo tōnā ao (A community preparing and empowering lifelong learners who are confident to achieve and make a difference)' shone through on Monday 4th March at the Omokoroa Sports Grounds. Thank you parents and Whānau for giving your time to support the involvement of our students.

Player of the Day - Monday 4th March
WHAKAMIHI / CONGRATULATIONS

Golden Eagles Year 1 / 2	Pouncing Pink Panthers Year 3 / 4	Fierce Falcons Year 5 / 6	Kool Karearea Year 7 / 8
Caitlin	Kitara		Lauchlan

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		Jayden & Alyssah	

School Charter 2019

Each year the board prepares and maintains a charter (A charter sets the direction for the school and identifies the priorities the board expects the principal to be leading). The charter was submitted to the Ministry on 28th February. As valued partners of our school, each newsletter will contain a snippet from our core driving document so that we are all have a shared understanding of our future goals and how we are going to achieve them. Below is the 2019 target for reading based on the achievement data from 2018.

Whakamarama School Reading Target 2019

Strategic Goal: To provide a responsive curriculum and effective teaching to raise student achievement and success for all	**Annual Plan Action** Targets set to increase the number of students achieving at / above the expected curriculum levels for reading	**Target:** Improve student achievement in reading

Success Indicators:

We will know when we have achieved this when we:

1. Increase the total number of students learning within or beyond their appropriate curriculum level for reading by the end of 2019.
2. Ensure all students make progress towards learning within or beyond their appropriate curriculum level for reading by the end of 2019.
3. To ***accelerate*** the progress of the following priority groups as identified in the 2018 end-of-year achievement data:
   - All students achieving 'cause for concern' or 'at risk' in 2018

Baseline Data 2018

Reading		At Risk		Cause for Concern		Expectation		Exceeding Expectation		Total
		Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number
All students	Male	3	12%	2	8%	12	48%	8	32%	25
	Female	1	3.1%	2	6.3%	14	43.8%	15	46.9%	32
	Total	4	7.0%	4	7.0%	26	45.6%	23	40.4%	57
Māori	Male	3	33.3%	2	22.2%	3	33.3%	1	11.1%	9
	Female	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	6	54.5%	2	18.2%	11
	Total	4	20%	4	20%	9	45%	3	15%	20
Asian	Male	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1
	Female	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1
	Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	2
European /Pākehā/Other European	Male	0	0%	0	0%	9	60%	6	40%	15
	Female	0	0%	0	0%	8	40%	12	60%	20
	Total	0	0%	0	0%	17	48.6%	18	51.4%	35

School Lunches Reminder

Super thanks parents and Whānau for placing lunch orders at the school office by **WEDNESDAY MORNING** last week. Thank you for valuing the behind the scenes work that Mrs Harty (Sharon) and our lunch mums do in preparing and organising our Friday lunches.

School Donation

Thank you to those parents who have already made a donation to help subsidise our children having access to high quality curriculum resources and equipment, and additional teaching programmes, such as reading assistance or an additional teacher.

All families who have paid by **March 31st** are entered in a draw for a $50.00 grocery voucher.

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 4 28th February	Ember	*Respectful of others* when completing learning challenges. Helpful (Ember *communicates clearly*)... and is a great problem solver.

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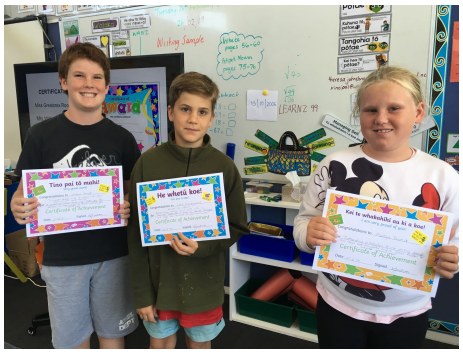
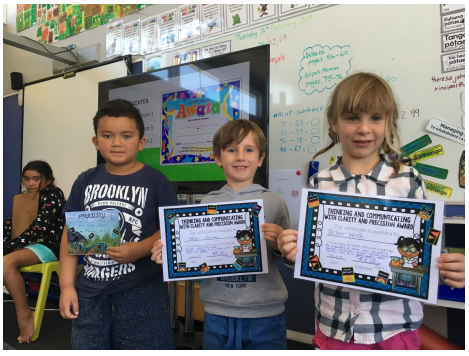
	Falcon	*Trying to communicate clearly* Super writing - trying to be independent with his writing.
	Hunter	*Respectful and Caring*...Wow! A super role model! (...and super persistent with his learning!)
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 4 28th February	Ayla	Having a positive work attitude and engaging herself in all areas of school life! What a fabulous year you have mapped out for yourself!
	Charlotte	A focused learner; for persevering in completing her Math Whizz assessment - whew! You did it! Super effort!
	Joshua	Demonstrating respect for others by being helpful and considerate! A role model for others.
	Tiana	A positive attitude towards learning; a responsible and reliable member of our class. We are so glad you chose to join us at Whakamarama!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 4 28th February	Madilyn	An outstanding contribution to our writing group.Your ideas are thoughtful and a great role model to everyone around you.
	Luke	Respect for Efforts - Approaching math and writing with an 'I can attitude' We have no doubt that you will reap the reward of success.
	Joshua	'Successful people listen with their ears, minds and feelings' A habit of mind that will take you far Joshua. A role model to those around you. Thank you!





TIDY KIWI AWARD: the class that has kept their classroom area the tidiest; being respectful, kind and caring to the environment.

CONGRATULATIONS ROOM 3

LIBRARY AWARD: the class that exhibits the values of respect (aroha) and responsibility (kaitiakitanga) while visiting the library.

CONGRATULATIONS ROOM 1

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

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4 - 8 March	Seaweek
Friday 8th & 22nd March	Cool Bananas 1.30pm
13 & 14 March	Life Education
Wednesday 13th, 20th & 27th March	Technology - Year 7 & 8 - wear your school shirt!
Thursday 14th	Go4It Sports Sessions with all classes
Friday 15th March	Whole School Assembly - 2.20pm - Join us!
Wednesday 20th March	North Cluster Swim Sports: Year 5-6 P
Friday 22nd March	Year 8 HPV
Tuesday 26th March	Whole School Assembly - 2.20pm - Come Join Us!
Wednesday 27th March	Enviro Energiser - Paengaroa (10 students: Year 5-8) P
Thursday 28th March	Go4It Sports Sessions with all classes: Sport Bay of Plenty
Friday 29th March	Tall Poppies Swim Sports: Year 7-8 P
Wednesday 3rd April	Technology - Year 7 & 8 - wear your school shirt!
Thursday 4th April	Go4It Sports Sessions with all classes
Friday 5th April	Cool Bananas 1.30pm
Wednesday 10th April	WBoP Swim Sports
Friday 12th April	Whole School Assembly - 2.20pm - Come Join Us!
Friday 12th April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Monday 29th April	First day of TERM 2!

***** ***P = Parent support required for transport & supervision - mark your calendar***

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

School Holiday Childcare available in a home environment in Whakamarama. Great for if your kid doesn't do well in busy holiday programmes. Police-checked and references available. To enquire, phone Dianne on 07 5525604 or email damott1234@gmail.com

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