

## NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - 9 May 2018

### Kia ora tatou, hello everyone,

We hope that everyone had a restful break, and like the staff, are ready for another exciting term. Success and enjoyment across Term 1 came from the unity of our school community. We are excited about Term 2 and even more excited in the knowing that we have parents / caregivers supporting us to do good things - good things for our children!

### Lions Club

Doug Morris and Alf Holst from the Te Puna / Bethlehem Lions Club united with our school on Friday 4th May to present this year's club trophy for most improved swimmer. Congratulations to this year's recipient Mason Marsh. Mason received a medallion in which to remember his committed effort and his name is now an addition to the trophy hanging proudly in the school foyer. Thank you Lions, what a wonderful cause!

Doug and Alf also celebrated the swimming talents of Eamon and Lillia and their accomplishments to compete for our school beyond the small schools' swimming event last term.



### Fresh Moves

Fresh moves takes place every two years and once again Whakamarama School students, with the lead from Miss Johnstone and support from Mrs Buchanan, will be rising to the occasion to perform on stage for this wonderful initiative. This year our Year 3-8 students will be preparing for this non-competitive festival; giving our students an opportunity to experience the processes involved with creating and performing dance for a community audience. The values of respect (aroha), confidence (māia) and unity (kotahitanga) are already shining through in these early practices for the 'Fresh Moves 2018 celebration of creative dance in the Bay of Plenty'. Teachers have been particularly impressed from the 'I can attitude' and risk taking that our students are displaying. We hope you have purchased your tickets because this will be a show not to be missed!



### **Life Education: Health Education**

Once again Life Education was eagerly welcomed into the school at the end of Term 1. The programme is based on the three philosophical messages that the trust believe are essential to a child's development: that they are unique and special, that their bodies are magnificent and that we need to support and respect each other.

This year Harold and Michael focused on Human Biology. Whilst lessons varied across the year levels, the key inquiry questions were answered. What's inside our bodies? How do we change as we get older? How can we deal with change? How do we adapt to certain situations?

### **Lunchtime Garden Club**

Thank you to a group of parents who have volunteered their time to help run a gardening club. Interested students will work up in the school gardens once a week (Monday, Wednesday or Friday). Bunnings may have done the groundwork in repairing the garden shed and preparing the garden bed; but we now have a team of adults to inspire our students and take this wonderful resource to the next step. We look forward in sharing the journey with you.

### **Lead it Dynamos**

Wednesday 9th May hosted opportunity for Room 1 students to be involved in a 2 hour leadership workshop with Sport Bay of Plenty. The students were taught a range of practical leadership activities to assist them in delivering games in a lunchtime programme. The aim is to grow leadership potential in students at Whakamarama so that they can take on an act of service for their school. This programme provides young leaders with knowledge, understanding and personal skills to develop their leadership. We look forward to a team of older students rising to the occasion and delivering a fun and exciting lunchtime programme.

### **Working Bee**

Before the winter elements kicked in, Saturday 21st April hosted gardening, water blasting, chainsawing and wood splitting. The front of the school has been opened up with the removal of a cherry tree, wood has been split for next winter, the 'spaceship (front playground)' has taken on a new life and the carpark garden is ready to tackle those pesky weeds.



A huge thank you to everyone that united with us on the day. Your support in action was awesome role modelling for our kids - and what a great job they did!

### **Digital Technology**

Teachers and students were excited with the arrival of new screens for their classroom on Tuesday 8th May. Technology is a tool that can change the nature of learning and the Board is committed to ensuring that our students receive the modern tools that they need to fully participate in today's global community.

### **Learning Conferences**

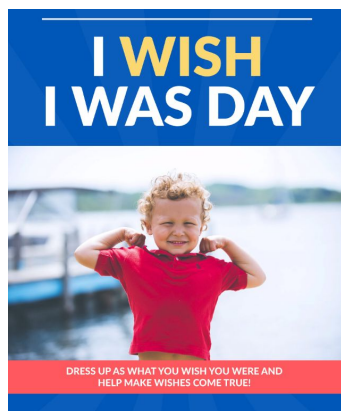
The 3 way learning conference provides the opportunity to share information, to dialogue and celebrate learning, to determine next steps and to look at ways in which parents can support at home. They are an opportunity to meet together, with the child's interests and needs at the heart of the meeting.



I would like to acknowledge and thank teachers, parents and whanau for giving up their time to meet. This year we celebrate a 100% turnout: 'A community preparing and empowering lifelong learners who are confident to achieve and make a difference'.

## Pink Shirt Day: Friday 18th May

On Friday 18th, 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 18 May? **Dig out anything pink to wear on Friday 18th May. Let's get creative!**



### Make a Wish Day - Let's Help Create Magic

On Friday 25th May students (and teachers, parents) have opportunity to dress up as what they want to be - I wish I was .... One wish can transform a life - gold coin donation. Our gold coin donation will help grant 200 magical wishes to local **children** living with critical illnesses.

### Attendance

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. 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.



ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 1	Dakota	Writing - Thinking about her writing. Making it interesting for the reading.
	Alfie	A focused maths learner - Alfie listens and thinks and will ask questions.
	Gemma	Super reading progress. A thoughtful listener.
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 1	Seth	Managing his time wisely so he completes work on time. Fantastic start to the term - keep it up!
	Hunter	Applying past knowledge to new situations award. For using prior knowledge to gain understanding. A thoughtful contributor.
	Charlotte	Demonstrates respect for others by listening carefully and asking appropriate questions.
	Destiny	An independent learner who listens carefully to instructions and works hard to complete tasks on time.
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 1	Isabel	Habit of Mind: Taking Responsible risks. Greater confidence when sharing her ideas. Keep contributing!
	Lucy	Valuing Perseverance: Consistently completing task to a high quality
	Madeline	Participating in dance with a positive attitude. You'll be great on the night!

