

NEWSLETTER NO. 8 - 24 MAY 2017

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!**

SPEAK UP
Stand together
STOP
BULLYING

Welcome

Mrs Allis (Katesha) will be starting in Room 1 on the Monday 29th May.

To welcome Mrs Allis to the school; 9:00 - 9:30 am will involve a welcome assembly and a opportunity to meet Mrs Allis over a cup of tea. An invitation is extended for parents to unite with on Monday morning.

Zero Waste

Next Monday and Tuesday our students will be involved in the Zero Waste Education (ZWE) programme delivered by Kathy Broadhead. This award winning programme is offered to over 500 schools nationwide to students in years 1-8 each year. Different units each focussing on a specific solution to our waste problem will be delivered across the year groups: Litterless Lunches (Years 1 & 2); Reducing the Waste Pile (Years 3 & 4) and Composting (Years 5-8). In preparation of making a mini compost; Room 1 students have been asked to gather up and bring some items in.

Marae Visit

Our visit to Paparoa Marae will be taking place on Friday 2nd June. The students will be transported by bus to the Marae but we invite parents to attend the visit with us. Please let me know if you are interested in attending as numbers on the day must be provided to the Marae.

Thank you to parents and caregivers who made a donation of \$5 for per student. This helps hugely towards a wonderful and invaluable experience that is already heavily subsidised by the school.

Music

The school is excited to have Christine Rosoman in the school to deliver music each week. Christine will be in school each Tuesday to deliver music to all our classes and work with our newly formed choir.

The Choir will be performing in a production called 'All Creatures Great and Small' presented by the Tauranga Music Festival Society in September.



Right: Room 1 students learning 'Smoke on the Water' on the ukulele

School Cross Country

Our School Cross Country will take place on Thursday 1st June at 1:45 pm. Join us to support and encourage our students cross the finish line. I have know doubt that they will all put their best foot forward and achieve personal satisfaction in their achievement. Spread the word to family and friends.

Virtues Assembly

Thank you to parents that joined us for our assembly on Friday 19th May. Both staff and students appreciate and value your attendance. The next assembly is on Thursday 1st June at 2:20 pm. The assembly will involve the presentation of the 'Lion's Most Improved Swimmer' and our School Cross Country certificates. We look forward to you joining us.

Morning Tea

We will be farewelling Mrs Hyatt on Thursday 1st June. Join us at 11:00 am for a cuppa and some morning tea.

Items We Need

The following items are always of need at the school so please continue to keep us in mind for: magazines, newspapers, ice-cream containers, yogurt containers and margarine containers (lidded containers a bonus). Contribution of these items will be much appreciated. Please drop off at the school office.

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3	Charlotte	Taking responsibility and ownership of your learning. You work hard to complete your work on time and correctly.
	Sophie	For taking responsibility for your belongings and your learning. What a fantastic start to school!
	Alfie	For such enthusiasm when learning and practising new sounds. You have a wonderful approach to learning and give it your all.
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3	Madilyn	Fantastic progress in reading
	Hunter & Torin	Presented in recognition of his high level of responsibility towards his learning. For consistently doing his best to finish tasks and contributing to the learning environment of Room 2
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3	Madeline	"Responsibility is the price of greatness" Awesome attitude to maths learning Madeline. I love hearing you talk about maths.
	Joshua	"Responsibility is the price of greatness" Awesome attitude to reading Joshua. You are enjoying the success of your efforts.
	Jackson	Committed learning attitude across all learning areas

There is a difference
between **NOT**
KNOWING
and
NOT
KNOWING YET

-Sheila Tobias

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD 

Friday 26th May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 26th May	Wild About NZ Environmental Group
Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th May	Zero Waste
Thursday 1st June	School Cross Country @ 1:45 (followed by assembly)
Thursday 1st June	School Assembly @ 2:20 pm
Friday 2nd June	Marae Visit
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	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Monday 24th July 2017	TERM 3 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 

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 have a range of winter vegetable seedlings available including broccoli, red and savoy cabbage, purple cauliflower, spinach, leeks, beetroot, kale and silverbeet. 6 plants for \$3.00, 12 plants for \$5.00. Most of my seedlings are from organic seed, and all are grown in an organic and natural way – no nasty chemicals. Phone Liz Carter 552 4911 or email carterhome@xtra.co.nz



Children 5+ come along and have fun, be creative and help nature find a home. Bring your family, brother or sister and together create your own bug house to take home, observe and investigate what residents take it up.

Now is the time bugs are looking for a place to hibernate over the winter. We will be using a variety of natural materials to create different habitats for your favorite insects and you can paint and decorate the house as you wish. Bug House Day - \$5 per house; 3rd June open between 10am – 2pm; at Te Puna Quarry Gallery; Spaces are limited so please book ahead. Contact rachel@naturalharmonics.co.nz or 021 024 36666.