NEWSLETTER NO. 10 - 23rd June 2021

Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | Konnichiwa | Groete | Namaste | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Ni sa bula | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana | Asalam Alykum | Ni Hao |

Halfway through the year is nearly upon us! This term certainly feels as though it has flown by - hard to believe we're only two and a half weeks away from the end of Term 2. It has been a wonderful first half of the year - so much amazing learning going on in the classes and children experiencing and discovering their world in new ways. As a school we would like to thank all of our amazing families and whānau for their generous support in offering their time and talents - this makes an enormous positive difference to our school and the experiences we offer our learners.

Fresh Moves Dance Festival

On Tuesday 15th June our students excitedly and proudly appeared on stage at the Baycourt Community and Arts Centre for the "FreshMoves 2021" dance festival; a celebration of creative dance in Bay of Plenty primary and intermediate schools. This non-competitive festival provided Room 1 & 4 students the opportunity to experience the processes involved with creating and performing dance for a community audience. Our students displayed the values of unity (kotahitanga), perseverance (hiringa) and confidence (māia) as they prepared a dance themed 'Fresh Take' and then performed in front of an audience of 500.



Thank you to parents, caregivers and whanau that supported, encouraged and attended this event. Miss Johnstone and Miss Wallace, your dedication, enthusiasm and energy ensured our students once again experienced success on the night - our children believed that they could succeed; and they did!



A community preparing and empowering lifelong learners who are confident to achieve and make a difference.

Learner Goal Setting Assessments

Our Year 4-8 learners have undertaken two of their mid year goal setting assessments (E-AsTTle). Their last assessment will be this upcoming Thursday. Thank you parents for making sure that your child has come to school well rested (studies have shown that kids who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have improved attention, behaviour, learning, memory, and overall mental and physical health).

North Cluster Cross Country

On Friday 11th June, Year 4-6 students from around the cluster united to compete in the North Cluster Cross Country event.

Once again, we would like to recognise the amazing support from parents, caregivers and whānau for contributing to the day's success. The donation of baking, the running of the Maimai Cafe, marshalling and health and safety - a fantastic job done! Tēnā rawa atu koutou.

The school would also like to thank Heller's Sausages once again for sponsoring this year's supply of sausages for both cross country events. Sausages for Schools is about helping more Kiwi kids!





Netsafe Parent Information Evening

Svend from Netsafe, united with Whakamarama School on Tuesday 22nd June to present a session based around 'Managing Online Safety'.

As young people spend more time online, it's important that parents and whānau can teach their child to have a safe online experience.



It's important parents feel confident to have ongoing conversations with their child about their online activities, as these conversations have been proven to minimise the harm that can occur if things do go wrong online.

Thank you parents & whānau that were able to make time to attend. To follow up the meeting, we will send out a summary of the session to all parents and some links to where you can find resources that will support you in keeping your child safe in the online world.

Period Products

The access to period products initiative aims to provide free period products to children and young people in all state and state-integrated schools and kura across New Zealand during 2021. Access to free period products are available at school for any student that requires these. Period products are only available for akonga at our school or kura.

Attendance

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. 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, caregivers and whanau we are aiming for educational success for all.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work - arriving late can have a negative impact on the start of their day. Arriving at least 10 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for the day ahead. The school would like to thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance and ensuring that every day counts towards learning.

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, everyday!

Garden to Table

Did you know that the Garden to Table programme is more than just cooking and gardening? By being a Garden to Table school, our teachers are provided with curriculum-linked lesson plans that help them dive deeper into the learning in the classroom between sessions.

Our learners might look like they're cooking and gardening but they are also... measuring, estimating, managing self, relating to others, risk taking, risk managing, working for the greater good, cooperating, and learning about: shape, spatial awareness, changes of state, reversible and irreversible change, instructional language, nutrition, independence, knife skills, allergies, food hygiene, cultural differences and requirements, time management... the list goes on!

The start of the programme with Room 2 learners has been amazing!





School Camp - Camp Raglan

Thank you parents that have returned the quick survey in regards to school camp in Term 4. If you have not already done so; please take the time to complete and return this to the office. Survey results will support our next steps in planning camp.

3 Way 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. Our conferences take place on Monday 5th July and Tuesday 6th July.

Police Vetting

The Board of Trustees is required to ensure that a safe environment is provided by meeting the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act (2014), the Education Standards Act (2001) and police vetting.

Volunteers (including parents) who have unsupervised access to students require a police vet. Camp helpers fall into this category.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ATTENDING SCHOOL CAMP WHEN THE TIME COMES, IT IS VITAL THAT YOU COMPLETE A VETTING CONSENT FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BRING IN TWO FORMS OF IDENTITY THAT CAN BE SIGHTED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

THIS INCLUDES PARENTS THAT MAY HAVE A CURRENT POLICE VET
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR ORGANISATION TO POLICE VET ALL NEW CHILD VOLUNTEERS /
WORKERS

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 6 Ria Awesome! Great | | Awesome! Great progress being shown at reading and writing times! Yay! | | |
| 11th June | William B | Super thinking! What a great mind for remembering facts. Great reading!! | | |
| | Brayden | Wow! Awesome thinking during Maths.An interested reader and writer - Yay! | | |
| | Reon | Wow - Super effort when reading. Reon is thinking about what she is reading. Yay! | | |
| | William M | What a creative mind! Some super thinking during Maths. Yay! | | |
| ROOM 2 REG | COGNITION C | CERTIFICATES | | |
| Week 6 | Johnathon | For trying out new skills in the kitchen with confidence and for being a willing dishwasher. | | |
| 11th June | Falcon | Wow - you are taking charge of your writing - so excited to see you focused at writing time! | | |
| | Chloe | For contributing well thought out ideas and making connections during our Garden | | |
| | | to Table sessions. | | |
| ROOM 4 REG | COGNITION C | CERTIFICATES | | |
| | Meera | For including interesting ideas and exciting vocabulary in your writing to create a | | |
| Week 6 | | colourful picture in the reader's mind. Fantastic! | | |
| 11th June | Lachlan | For improved effort and attitude towards your learning. Huge improvements in the | | |
| | | quality and neatness of your work. Well done, Lachlan! | | |
| ROOM 1 REG | COGNITION C | ERTIFICATES | | |
| Week 6 | Holly | Holly, we can always rely on you to demonstrate what friendliness and cooperation look like to our younger members of the class. You are a very much appreciated role model. Thank you! | | |
| 11th June | Ataahua | Valuing confidence (māia) - a can do attitude in everything she does. Ataahua, great to see your growth as a 'risk taker'. You are a determined learner and a role model to those around you. | | |
| | Max | Successful people learn from past experience. They use what they know on new challenges. Max, you use past experiences as a source of information and help. You are able to explain what is happening based on previous experiences. Keep it up! | | |

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 25th June | School Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us! |
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| Friday 2nd - Friday 9th July | Matariki Week |

| Friday 2nd July | Reports sent home |
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| Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th July | 3 Way Conferences |
| Friday 9th July | Last day of Term 2 |
| Monday 26th July | TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| Tuesday 27th July | First day of Term 3 |
| Monday 9th August | Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccinations |
| Friday 20th August | Science RoadShow |
| Tuesday 24th August | Choir Festival |
| Wednesday 8th September | Wig Wednesday |
| Thursday 23rd September | Kids Rock |
| Friday 24th September | Photolife School Photos |
| Thursday 30th September | Last day of Term 3 |
| Friday 1st October | TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| Monday 18th October | Term 4 starts |

*P Parent support required

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To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Whakamarama School once installed.



SCREEN WRITING & DIRECTING WORKSHOP

12-17yrs / 12, 13 and 14th JULY THE ARTERY AT THE INCUBATOR THE HISTORIC VILLAGE, 17TH AVE, TAURANGA

Ever wanted to write and direct a short film? You'll work with our top tutors and actors to create your own film, in just three days.

Films will be screened at the Tauranga Independent Film Night

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