

NEWSLETTER NO. 11 - 14th June 2023

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 - a credit to our staff, parents, whānau and board for making a positive difference to our school.

ASB St John's in Schools - 6th June 2023

What a great day welcoming Annette into our kura to deliver first aid training to our tamariki. Sessions across the day delivered positive learning experiences to empower our learners to respond to emergencies. Our learners experienced modules specifically designed to their age so that we equip them with the skills to help build their resilience to whatever they may face in the future. Great first aiding Whakamārama School!



Tackle 5's Rugby Tournament - 7th June 2023

A huge shout out to parents and whānau that supported the Tackle 5's Rugby Tournament. A huge success for all our learners. I only saw a few of our participants at the end of the day - but their dirty knees, huge smiles and pride in themselves was a true measure of their success. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Matua Nick - thank you for giving up your time to coach our team. They were prepared well under your leadership.



Photos taken by: Kylie Morrissey, Photography

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Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement

Primary school teachers voted to accept the fourth offer made to them by the Ministry of Education. While this settlement has been agreed, there is still some way to go before primary school teachers have true parity with our secondary colleagues. Parents / whānau, thank you for your support on the strike day and the recent paid union meeting.

Garden to Table - 7th June 2023

Through the Garden to Table Programme, our kura teaches our learners the knowledge and skills that have a transformative and lifelong impact on their hauora (wellbeing) and on the world around them. Having gardens producing food on our school grounds created and cared for by our learners provides them with a sense of pride and ownership. And the mahi (work) in the kitchen is a great way to unite and taste what has been prepared from our gardens (our tamariki are often more adventurous about eating meals from food they have grown and prepared). Room 2 learners could not have asked for a better day on Wednesday 7th June. For some, the first time being involved in the programme - much excitement. Well done Room 2!

HUGE THANKS to our volunteers for making this happen 😊🌸 Tēnā rawa atu koutou.



ARGOS Gymnastics Schools' Festival

New to the calendar, and an exploration of what this festival is all about, Mia and Payton took part in the ARGOS Gymnastics Schools' Festival on Friday 9th June. They each received a certificate and a ribbon for each apparatus score. But most importantly, they had a great time. Thank you to the feedback received from parents - an event to look deeper into for 2024.



PTA Event - Glow in the Dark Community Disco

Disco tickets are now SOLD OUT. Happy dancing to all our attending students.

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Corrections Working Bee

The school would like to acknowledge the support of the corrections team coming into our kura to undertake a few maintenance tasks. Weeding, tidying of some gardens and turning over the playground cushion fall. Our learners particularly loved arriving at their sandpit sculpted with Mauoa, the moana and the pyramids of Giza on Monday morning.

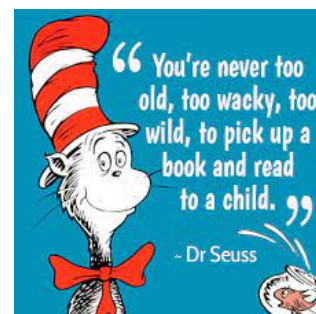
Fundraising Appreciation 😊

We are excited to let you know that the school made \$1500 from the efforts of the cafe and BBQ teams while hosting the cluster cross country events. The funds raised will be used to purchase some sandpit toys. Our learners love 'BIG TRUCKS'! Ordered!

Parent Tutors in Reading

This term, we reintroduced the Parent Tutor Reading programme. The programme involves a group of parents who voluntarily offer to help our learners with their reading. The parents work one on one with children to give them further practise with their reading. They read to our learners, with our learners and are there as our learners read to them.

Super thanks to our current volunteers - Stormie, Helen, Jo, Debbie, Margaret, Diane and Lori. Thank you for cultivating a love of reading.



Fresh Moves 2023

Our Year 4-8 students are relishing in their preparation for the Fresh Moves Dance Festival at Baycourt. This opportunity provides our students with a creative, active and purposeful learning opportunity. This event sees people putting in a lot of personal time and effort for which our students are so lucky to have backing them. Thank you staff and parents for supporting our learners across this experience. The big day, Wednesday 28th June, is nearly here and our learners. Own that stage Whakamārama - you are awesome 😊



Marae Visit

It has been long awaited, but Whakamārama School was pleased to receive a date for a visit to Tawhitinui Marae in Term 3. We look forward to bringing you details closer to the time so that you can unite with us for this special occasion. The school looks forward to working alongside Koro Nicholas in preparing for this event.

Pyjama Day - Join the Pyjama Day Fun on Friday 30th June

Support our school in working together to raise funds for families with a child in hospital by heading out in the morning, dressed for bed. That's right, our learners can wear their PJs all day long.

All we ask is that you support our learners by getting involved, wearing their pyjamas and donating a gold coin. The support families receive at RMHC® New Zealand simply would not be possible without your help and generosity.

We can't wait to see everyone in their favourite pyjamas for the comfiest day of the year!



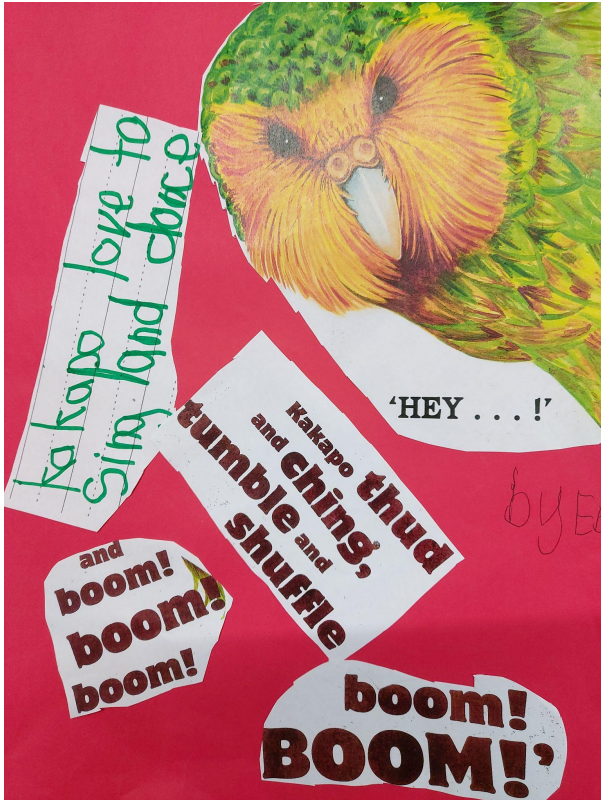
Yummy Apple Stickers

Our school is registered in the Yummy Fruit Company school sticker promotion. School families are encouraged to collect the YUMMY stickers off their fruit and collect the YUMMY cut out labels from bags of fruit (each label is worth 10 stickers). In Term 3 all collected stickers can be handed in to the school office and redeemed for sports equipment. How are the sticker collections going?

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YOUNG WRITER'S OF WHAKAMĀRAMA SCHOOL



Snakes

Snakes have bad venom!

They can really camouflage!

They can slither fast!



By Zac and Max

Red deer

Soft, slippery, cute

Slow, steady, spooked easily

Horns like tree branches

Haiku Poem

By Eva, aged 7



Suddenly...

Suddenly...I saw Kakapo fall off a cliff!

I saved it, but it was too heavy and it brought me down the cliff...

Luckily I had suction cup climbing gear!

by Felix Armstrong

Room 3



The Waterfall

The sunset shines on the clouds above. Crashing down, the cliff water shoots on the ground. The cliff is a path for the waterfall.

Shining, the sun glimmers as if it was a disco ball spinning around earth for all eternity. Making the dark black clouds turn orange-red, the sun glows above all like a heat lamp in a reptile's cage. The sun dances above like a ballerina. As the sun sets, the owls start to sing. In the distance the sun makes the waterfall glitter and shine.

Shooting down in threads, the waterfall hits the pond. Splash! As water tumbles over the cliff, the sun hits and it forms a rainbow in the waterfall. The waterfall is as fast as a peregrine falcon. Crash! It smashes into the pool below like bullets.

The cliff is as sharp and jagged as a shark tooth. Water drips down the mountain creating moss on the steep cliff. The view from the top of the mountain is an amazing sight to see. Jagged rocks collect moss as if it was the ocean. Boom! A humongous boulder comes tumbling down like rain.

I hope I can come back to visit this beautiful sight again.

By Evan
Year 7

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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 2nd June	Eben	Ka pai! Super reading - Great attention to print. Keep this focus - Fabulous!
	George	Ka pai! A focused learner who will persevere! Wonderful!
	Maddie	Maddie is a conscientious learner - Yahoo! Keep asking learning questions. Wonderful!
	Kurt	Ka pai! Kurt is zooooooooooming along with his learning! Kurt will think carefully - Great!
	Delia	Super duper effort - Very conscientious - Yay! Keep that focus. Fabulous!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 2nd June	Arjun	For having confidence in trying out new and tricky learning.
	Heidi	For confidence in reading and being willing to give new and tricky words a try
	Cha-Leigh	For being a super writer and using lots of 'wow' words to make her writing exciting
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 2nd June	Byron	For taking risks and applying skills you already have as well as new skills to your learning. Kai pai to mahi, Byron!
	Alyssa	For displaying the Value of Confidence by taking risks in your learning and always being willing to step out of your comfort zone. Ka pai, Alyssa!
	Ben W	For working hard to ensure you are focused and on task. You are producing some quality work, Ben. Tino pai rawa atu!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 2nd June	Harry	Ka pai tō mahi! Good Work! Congratulations to Harry for being a thoughtful contributor to his maths group. Mahi pai, Harry!
	Max	Habit of Mind Applying past knowledge to new situations award. Awarded to Max for using prior knowledge to gain understanding.
	Meera	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Meera for being a focused and thoughtful member of her reading group
	Lauren	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Lauren. For amazing focus and engagement in maths! Mahi pai!

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

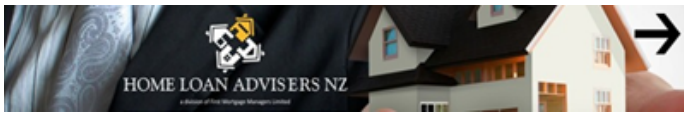
Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

PIPIRI / JUNE	
Thursday 15th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 16th	ARGOS Gym Festival Year 5/6
Friday 16th	Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 16th	Community Disco @ Whakamarama Hall
Thursday 22nd	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Wednesday 28th	Fresh Moves
Thursday 29th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 30th	Pyjama Day - Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House
Friday 30th	Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 30th	Term 2 Ends
HŌNGONGOI / JULY	
Monday 17th	Term 3 starts

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Music and Orchestration Adapted and Arranged by Ian Weinberger

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