

## NEWSLETTER NO. 12 - 28th July 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 |

Welcome back to Term 3. It was wonderful to have our students arrive back as fresh and keen learners after their July break. The school is so proud to have learners that are willing to put their best foot forward in whatever they do - keen, interested & motivated.

I would also like to recognise the efforts of all our staff in preparing for the term - it's going to be a goodie! How lucky are our students in having the best team in front of them.



### Teacher Only Day

Monday 26th July provided an opportunity for our teaching team and support staff to deepen their knowledge around dyslexia. Karen and Rebecca from RTLB (Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour) delivered an invaluable session to support our staff with learners in their classroom displaying dyslexic traits.

The teaching team at Whakamārama School do not look at any of our learners as having a deficit, but take pride in tapping into their different personalities, strengths and weaknesses, so that we can support them further with their learning. Our learners' brains are amazing - they are just like a fingerprint. Every learner is unique 😊

The staff and I thank you for supporting our teaching only days when the school is closed for instruction. Tēnā rawa atu koutou.

You have  
**BRAINS**  
IN YOUR HEAD.  
You have feet in your  
**SHOES**.  
You can steer  
your self any  
direction you  
**CHOOSE**.



Dr. Seuss

### Zero Waste

This week (Tuesday - Friday) our students are involved in the Zero Waste Education (ZWE) programme delivered by Vicki Semmens. Different units, each focussing on a specific solution to our waste problem, are being delivered across the school: Really Rubbish (Rooms 2 & 3); Reducing the Waste Pile (Room 4) and Resource Sustainability (Room 1).

### Wetland Visit & Planting Day

As part of Room 1 & 4's wetland learning, why wouldn't our learners have the opportunity to explore a wetland in the Bay of Plenty as a learning resource. On Thursday 8th July, our learners visited a newly created wetland area beside the Kaituna River. This wetland project aims to see a total of 70 hectares of wetland re-created at the site by 2023. Our learners were involved in the aims of this project. Our learners supported turning the tide for water quality, flood control and wildlife.

Our students learned about some of the invertebrates in the wetland and the Kaituna River, discovered ways of testing water quality and visibility, planted native plants and had a guided tour of part of the wetland.



# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

And to end the day - we received news that the education programme will soon be heading our way. Our learners will be able to focus on issues important to our local area; they will be encouraged to open their minds to question land use and our impacts on the environment.



Learners Alfie, Dylan, Gemma and Charlotte turning the tide for the future with their planting.



150 trees planted by our learners - go team!



Fish identification with Clare - lots of discussion.



Who can go past a mound of dirt to climb? Not us 😊



In anticipation of eels being released.

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# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

## Red Nose Day

The Red Nose Appeal is Cure Kids biggest fundraising campaign where incredible kiwis across Aotearoa come together to help fund big research for little lives.

In support of raising funds to research a wide range of health conditions to improve, extend and save the lives of children in Aotearoa, we will be having a **'wear red' day on Friday 30th July**. Help us get involved by making a gold coin donation. Let's splash the school with red - hair, clothes, face paint, accessories. What will you find around the house?



**RED NOSE DAY**



## Garden to Table

WOW! What a great start we had in getting our 'Garden to Table' programme up and running across term two. Room 2 learners; you were AMAZING! Our volunteers thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you all - keen, enthusiastic and ready to learn whether in the kitchen or the garden.

What made 'Garden to Table' interesting for our kids is that they were actively using all 5 senses and relating these back to what they already knew. Having gardens producing food on our school grounds created and cared for by our learners provided them with a sense of pride and ownership.



This term, Room 4 will be involved in the 'Garden to Table' Programme. We have no doubt that they will love it and further add to our journey. Room 4, we look forward to your efforts and enthusiasm.

HUGE THANKS to our volunteers for making this happen; and HUGE THANKS to Mrs Buchanan for leading this initiative 😊🌸 Tēnā rawa atu koutou.

## Active Warning Lights

Yay! Our active warning lights are now up and running. The operating times for our signs will be:

- 35 minutes before the start of school, until 10 minutes after the start of school
- 20 minutes at the end of school, commencing no earlier than five minutes before the end of the day

Thank you to our road wardens Holly, Mika, Lily and Rue for supporting safe crossing while we waited for our signs.



## 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.**

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# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

**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		
<b>Week 10 9th July</b>	Oliver	Fabulously keen Learner! Super reading, writing and maths learning. Ka Rawe.
	Micah	Keen approach to learning. Super listening and thinking. Ka Rawe.
	Mia	Super ready for learning - A sparkle in her eye! Listens, thinks - Has a go! Ka Rawe
	James	Learning to be focused at all times...and some great maths learning. Ka Rawe
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
<b>Week 10 9th July</b>	Aaliyah	For showing curiosity in the kitchen - you use your senses to appreciate, enjoy and explore the world around you.
	Isla	For being open to new ideas and striving to learn from new experiences. You have been actively involved in our GTT sessions - asking questions and contributing.
	Sammy	For contributing and participating with enthusiasm in our GTT sessions. You have asked questions and made thoughtful contributions.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
<b>Week 10 9th July</b>	Mason	For demonstrating the Value of Curiosity by independently researching and completing a detailed plan so you could write an informative information report. Tino Pai, Mason!
	Hunter	For persevering to master new strategies in maths and completing a detailed plan so you could begin writing in paragraphs. Ka Pai, Hunter!
	Callaway	For an improved attitude towards your learning and striving to produce quality work. Amazing effort, Callaway!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
<b>Week 10 9th July</b>	Rue	Valuing Curiosity - "Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try". Rue, we enjoy seeing your passion to discover new things or ideas. Keep being curious.
	Whiti	Remaining Open to Continuous Learning: "Successful people learn all the time for all their lives" Whiti, you enjoy learning new things. You were a great observer and thinker at the wetlands. Keep it up.
	Marlo	Valuing Curiosity - "Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning" Marlo, you are naturally curious - keen to learn from experience. You were a great thinker at our wetland visit. 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**

27th, 28th and 30th July	Zero Waste Programme in all classes
Thursday 29th July	Y7 & 8 Technology - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Friday 30th July	Red Nose Day - wear red whānau
Friday 30th July	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Thursday 5th August	Y7 & 8 Technology - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Monday 9th August	Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccinations
Tuesday 10th August	Board Meeting
Wednesday 11th August	Choir Rehearsal *P
Thursday 12th August	Y7 & 8 Technology - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Friday 13th August	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Thursday 19th August	Y7 & 8 Technology - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Friday 20th August	Science RoadShow *P

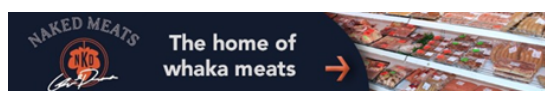
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# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

Tuesday 24th August	Choir Rehearsal and Festival *P
Thursday 26th August	Y7 & 8 Technology - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Friday 27th August	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Thursday 2nd September	Year 5 & 6 Class Speeches (Time TBC)
Friday 3rd September	Year 7 & 8 Class Speeches (Time TBC)
Wednesday 8th September	Wig Wednesday
Friday 10th September	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Tuesday 14th September	Board Meeting
Wednesday 15th September	Tall Poppies Speech Competition (finalists from school speeches)
Wednesday 22nd September	Tall Poppies Problem Solving (three Year 7 / 8 students) *P
Friday 24th September	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Wednesday 29th September	Winter Sports Day *P
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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Parenting Pyramid®

**Kia Ora to all parents of children 3 to 8 years.**

**GREAT NEWS! The Incredible Years Parenting Programme is coming to your area – and it's FREE!**

The Incredible Years is an exciting and interactive programme which parents all over the world and here in the Bay of Plenty have found very helpful with their children, so we think you will also enjoy this group.

During the group you will have the opportunity to learn about, practice and refine skills that will help you to reduce your child's challenging behaviours, increase the behaviours you would like to see more of and give you more opportunities to enjoy spending time with your children.

**Where:** Katikati Community Centre, Beach Road, Katikati.  
**Starts:** Monday, 9 August, 6pm – 8.30pm (weekly for 14 weeks)  
If you are interested and would like to enrol please contact us.  
**Positive Families:**  
Ruth Palliser – 021 848 521 [ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz)

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE WE WILL BE OPENING A NEW STUDIO IN TERM 3 WITH A WHOLE RANGE OF NEW CLASSES

**21 PLUMMERS POINT RD  
NEXT TO BLACK SHEEP CAFE  
OMOKORO**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR NEW TERM 3 CLASSES NOW  
JOIN US FOR FREE OPEN WEEK CLASSES IN WEEK 1

**FREE OPEN WEEK**  
MON 26TH & TUE 27TH JULY  
21 PLUMMERS POINT RD

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASSES AND TIMES CHECK OUT THE RISE WEBSITE

THERE WILL BE PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MUCH MORE

WE WILL NOW OFFER  
JAZZ, BALLET, HIP HOP, ACRO, CONTEMPORARY & PRESCHOOL

**FOR MORE INFO - WWW.RISEDANCE.NZ**

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