

NEWSLETTER NO. 14 - 9th August 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 |

Week 4, and our students are undeniably awesome! They continue to show responsibility and commitment towards learning tasks and all that they do; trying their best at all times. I thoroughly enjoy visiting classrooms in our kura and talking with learners about their learning.

Parent Evening: School Vision and Values

We are only one week away from our parent evening, and we are **VERY EXCITED** in gathering your voice with the review of our school vision and values. We have gathered the voice from our teachers and students; and now your input will support bringing all the information together to set the future direction for Whakamārama School.



Calling all parents to unite with us on Wednesday 16th August (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ Whakamārama School). Over a complimentary wine / beer / beverage and nibbles, help us shape the future of our school.

TO SUPPORT PLANNING FOR THE EVENING, PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 11th AUGUST

Health Curriculum Feedback

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou parents / whānau that provided feedback with our recent health curriculum survey. Of our 61 families, we had 43 families complete the survey - SUPER! Our parent meeting welcomes speakers from the Healthy Active Learning Initiative, and together we will share and discuss the feedback received. Your feedback will then be used to review our current health curriculum and share back with you what and how we will teach health and physical education across the next 2 years.

The 3 Whales

Tauranga Moana has many stories and all these stories belong to ALL of Tauranga Moana. Through our learners experiencing storytelling from our place, we aim for our young, and the not so young, to have the opportunity to hear them as they grow up in our area.

Next time you are in the office, do take the time to check out our newly framed art of The 3 Whales story. The artwork to the left is by Tipene.



Garden to Table

Room 1 has enjoyed their first two Garden to Table sessions for Term 3. Some delicious Thai food was made during their first session. And some awesome mahi in the garden.



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The second session involved Room 1 learners making labels for the garden (we need to know what we are eating and when to harvest). The country of focus in the kitchen was Turkey 😊. And as always, an opportunity to share delicious kai after mahi from both the kitchen and garden group.

Professional Day of Learning

All our teachers were involved in a professional day of learning on Monday 31st August. We explored the Movewell Resource and played a number of games to assist us with implementing activities to support and extend children's learning, confidence, ability, and enjoyment in movement. We were also introduced to an array of brain boosters in which to use across the school day to get our learners up and moving. We had lots of fun and our learning was actioned in classrooms the following day. If you would like to know more about the Movewell Resource, you can check this out at:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/get-active/ways-to-get-active/physical-education/movewell/>



Seasons for Growth

'Seasons for Growth' is a programme run by Growing Through Grief. It is for children / tamariki who have experienced change, loss and grief. The educational programme aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children who are dealing with significant life changes such as separation, death, moving school/home, illness and other changes impacting on daily life.



If you would like to discuss the programme further, please make time to come and see me. I can show you the resources that will be used with your child and answer any questions that you may have. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the programme, please contact the office for an enrolment form.

New Classroom

We have been informed that our new classroom has been approved 😊 Well overdue! A prelim site inspection was planned for Thursday 10th August but will now be taking place on Thursday 17th August 2023.

School Roll 2024

It is the time of the year where we need to start thinking about our school roll for 2024. To support decisions and organisation, it is important for us to have an indication of numbers.

If you have a child due to start at Whakamārama School in the next 18 months, please assist us by completing a pre-enrolment form. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office or otherwise emailed to you on request (office@whakamarama.school.nz) If you know that your child will not be attending Whakamārama School next year, can you please let the office know.

School Assembly

Our assemblies aim to present aspects of current classroom learning and recognise the efforts of our learners with class certificates. All parents and whānau are welcome, and encouraged to attend. Our next assembly is this Friday 11th August - we look forward to seeing you 😊

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Rippa in Schools

We have secured a place for BOP Rugby to come out and deliver Rippa Rugby sessions to all our classrooms on the 5th September. For learners that have not experienced Rippa Rugby, a great opportunity for encouraging involvement in something new.

PTA Tea Towel Fundraiser

Instead of calendar art this year, the PTA is running a tea towel fundraiser. The tea towels will include screen printed drawings of all our learners and teachers on the one tea towel. Each learner and teacher will draw an image of themselves doing something that they love or identify with. This fits in perfectly with our current learning context - diversity. Our whole school will be represented in one piece of artwork 😊 Calendar art will return next year.

PTA Fundraiser - LIMITED TICKETS - DON'T MISS OUT

Whakamārama School PTA welcomes the community to join them for a fundraising event at the Whakamārama Hall, Friday 25th August 2023. The event is a screening of The Super Mario Bros.



This event will run from 5.30pm to 8.00pm approx. The kitchen will open at 5.30pm and the movie screening starts at 6pm. Early bird tickets are available at \$6 each per adult and child.

Visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/whakamarama-pta-movie-night-the-super-mario-brothers-movie> to find out more details and to book your tickets.

Show Day

Show Day has been calendared for **Saturday 28th October 2023**. Show Day is an annual event that our school, our kura, always looks forward to.



We are already hearing about some animals that will be making their debut at Show Day - very exciting. If you are new to the school, and want to find out a little more, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Profile Reporting (Education Review Office)

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.



ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on ERO's website. A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative requirements has also been published.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Keep collecting the stickers 😊 All stickers / cut-outs, along with our school's Total Tally Sheet, need to be sent off by Friday 22nd September 2023 (end of Term 3).



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FROM THE BOARD

Kia Ora Koutou Whānau,

Welcome back for term 3.

As a board we are always looking at ways to stay connected with our school community. One of our ideas was to put an article in the school newsletter, so here we go. Hopefully the first of many.

First, I want to extend a heartfelt mihi on behalf of the school board to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and principal. Your unwavering commitment to our school's success and the well-being of our tamariki is truly commendable. Your efforts, passion, and manaakitanga have created a nurturing learning environment and opportunities that foster growth and excellence. Thank you for being the backbone of our school community!

It has been great to see the completion of some building projects this year, especially the notable replacements of the fireplaces in Rooms 1 and 3. We have also successfully overseen the replacement of the existing roofing iron over Room 3, the administration end of the main building and the pool sheds. In addition, the wall heaters in the admin area and Room 2 have been replaced with more efficient heating systems.

Some may wonder what the role of a board is. Boards govern their school. Governance of a school includes things such as: setting the strategic direction and targets for the school, planning towards and reporting on achieving those targets, and setting school policies. The principal, as the board's 'chief executive', manages the day to day operations of our kura in line with the board's direction and policies.

All our school policies and procedures can be viewed at our SchoolDocs Site using the username and password below. The SchoolDocs Site contains a search tool allowing you to search for a topic or theme.

How to login:

1. Go to schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click **Search for your school** (top, right)
3. Start typing our school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter our community username and password.



SchoolDocs

Username: whakamarama

Password: unity

At Whakamārama, we believe in the strength of our community and the power of collective voices. We encourage all whānau, parents, and caregivers to share their feedback with us as we undertake upcoming consultation. Your insights are crucial in helping us continuously improve our practices and ensure that our school remains a place of empowerment and learning for our ākonga. So please, don't hesitate to let us know your thoughts, suggestions, or even your commendations. Your feedback matters, and we are here to listen.

Once again, we extend our deepest gratitude to our wonderful staff, volunteers, and principal for their continuous support and dedication to our school's vision. Together, we will make Term 3, and beyond, a remarkable journey of growth, learning, and success.

Nāku iti noa, nā,

Fraser Mills

Presiding Member, Whakamārama School Board

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CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award at our whole school assembly on Friday 28th July. Pai te mahi!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 28th July	Cairos	Yahoo! Cairos has a super learning attitude...and 'wow' he is an 'interested' reader. Ka Rawe!
	Wolf	Yahoo! Wolf is making a big effort when reading - Yay! Ka Rawe
	Miller	Miller listens carefully and can ask a learning question...Good on you, Miller! Ka Rawe!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 28th July	Zac	For a super start to Term 3 - you are focused, engaged and ready to learn!
	Eva	For listening with understanding and empathy. You consider others before speaking and acting.
	Micah	For being a thoughtful contributor during whole class discussions - we value your input!
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 28th July	Otis	For your improved effort, attitude and participation. You are completing some quality work, Otis! Tino pai!
	Teama	For arriving at school every day with a friendly smile, enthusiasm for learning and a positive attitude. Tino pai rawa atu, Teama!
	Aaliyah	For displaying the Value of Respect by using polite manners, listening attentively and treating others with kindness. Ataahua, Aaliyah!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 28th July	Eli	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Eli for having a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Keep up the great work!
	Callaway	Listening with understanding and empathy award for Callaway for considering others before speaking or acting. Your focus and respect while others are speaking is wonderful to see.
	Alexis	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Alexis for working tirelessly towards her goals. You are a wonderful role model to others.

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

HERE-TURI-KŌKĀ / AUGUST	
Thursday 10th	WBOP Primary & Intermediate Netball Competition
7th - 11th	Maths Week
Tuesday 15th	Years 3 & 4 Hockey Festival
Wednesday 16th	Parent Evening - School Vision & Values 6pm-8pm
Tuesday 22nd	Years 5 & 6 Hockey Festival
Tuesday 22nd	Board Meeting 6pm
Monday 28th	School Photos
Thursday 31st August	Marae Visit - Tawhitinui
MAHURU / SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 7th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
Friday 8th	Bay Conservation Field Trip
11th - 15th	Te Wiki o te reo Maori
Thursday 14th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
Monday 18th	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 19th	Board Meeting 6pm
Thursday 21st	Grandparents Day
Friday 22nd	End of Term 3
Monday 9th October	Term 4 starts

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