

NEWSLETTER NO. 15 - 24th 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 |

Here we are in Week 6, who can believe that we are already over halfway through the term. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with lots of different activities going ahead at our kura. Please keep updated through our newsletter, ClassDojo, Skool loop app, notices (that you may find at the bottom of your child's bag) and our school calendar available on our school website. And as always, do not hesitate in reaching out if you have any questions.

Parent Evening: School Vision, Values, Strategic Goals and Health Curriculum Consultation

Thank you parents / whānau that were able to attend our parent evening on Wednesday 16th August and those that have shared their feedback in other ways. Thank you for helping shape our school's future and that of our children. We look forward to coming back to you after we have collated all your contributions.



Ongoing Community Consultation

Feedback boxes are in the office to collect parent / whānau voice. These were shared at the parent meeting and this newsletter introduces these boxes to parents that were unable to make the meeting.

The board is inviting parents / whānau to have a think about the things you would like us to keep doing, start doing or stop doing. Regular community engagement is important to the board for the following reasons:

- Ensuring connection to our community
- Ensuring our focus is in line with community expectations
- Enabling us to respond to community needs
- Helping us agree our priorities
- Helping us communicate our priorities
- Building a future focus



The use of this 3 box model (keep doing, start doing, or stop doing) can be used at any time throughout the year. Pop into the office to 'post' us some feedback; or you may jot something down at home and have your child 'post' your feedback. There is also the option of using an online link to provide us with your feedback. You can pop in and out of this link at any time - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2LF2Q9>

Poetry Recitals

From selecting a poem, to conquering stage fright, our Year 1-3 learners earned the admiration of their teachers, peers, parents, whānau and judges with their poetry recital presentations on Wednesday 23rd August. Ngā mihi ki a kōrua to our judges Sharon and Colleen.

POETRY RECITAL CONGRATULATIONS

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Ist: Ayla 2nd: Willow 3rd: Wolf Highly Commended: River	Ist: George 2nd: Cohen 3rd: Claudia Highly Commended: Cairos	1st: Maxwell 2nd Equal: William + Eva 3rd: Micah Highly Commended: Cha-Leigh

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Healthy Active Learning Initiative

Since our professional learning day on 31st July, teachers have engaged with the Movewell Resource and have integrated brain boosters and Māori games into their daily planning.

We have had two 'play scans' from our involvement with the Healthy Active Learning initiative. Our facilitators have observed our children play (the equipment they use, the spaces that they utilise and the spaces that may be under utilised). They have talked to our learners and gathered their feedback about 'play' at Whakamārama School. We are looking forward to their analysis of our learners' feedback and the possibilities of funding that we can draw on as part of the initiative.

Planting Day

Room 1 learners were involved in helping create an ecological corridor between Pāhoia and Ōmokoroa on Wednesday 16th August by planting native trees along the edge of the new cycleway.

Taking action alongside the Western Bay of Plenty Council, our tamariki and our amazing helpers got stuck in and managed to plant nearly 2000 trees, plants and bushes. A huge achievement! Our learners and adult volunteers were thrilled to be able to help our environment thrive for our native bird species.



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WBOP Hockey Festivals

It was super to see 23 of our learners put their hand up to take part in this year's hockey festivals at Tauranga Hockey. We had 14 students play at the Year 3 / 4 festival day on Tuesday 15th August and 9 students play at the Year 5 / 6 festival day on Tuesday 22nd August. Participation in such events provides real learning opportunities for our children to try something new and engage in an activity that can have both the elements of competition and fun. The school acknowledges our learners for their teamwork and sportsmanship on the day.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou to parents and whānau that supported the events with transport, supervision and encouragement while our teams were out on the field. Our students thrive from this support 😊



Marae Visit

Our visit to Tawhitinui Marae is fast approaching. If you are able to unite with us and support the day, please let us know. Our day includes a pōhiri, stories from our area and four workshops (poi, kēmu Māori, waiata and mau rākau). We are very excited about the upcoming experience.

Wig Wednesday

There are many families in our school community that have been affected by cancer, both adults and children. Whether it has been grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents or children, it is a difficult journey to navigate.



When kids with cancer go through treatment, they often need to brave the world with no hair. We're showing our support for these tamariki by taking part in Wig Wednesday. We'll be joining hundreds of schools, workplaces and community groups across Aotearoa while raising money for the Child Cancer Foundation. We'll be wearing wigs on the 13th of September.

Please support our Wig Wednesday fundraiser by making a donation today and through to the 13th of September. Every dollar will make a difference and money raised goes directly towards supporting Kiwi kids with cancer <https://wigwednesday.org.nz/whakamarama-school>

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 ASAP. 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.

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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 25th August - we look forward to seeing you 😊

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 2023. 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 that the PTA are currently organising are a collaboration of the whole school's individual portraits; so all students and teachers will feature in one single tea towel design.

ORDERS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 25th AUGUST

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 enjoying hearing about the animals that will be making their debut at Show Day - very exciting. Closer to the end of the term, we will send out a notice to establish how many animals will be joining us (and their names 😊). In readiness for farm animal entries (lambs & kid goats) and pet entries, children must be significantly involved in the nurturing and raising of the animal. Children will be asked to verbally share their 'learning journey' (their involvement with their animal) with the judge. Children **may** want to share their 'learning journey' in written and/or visual form. This is a great project to undertake but is **not** a requirement of entry.



Show Day Bucket Raffles

After the huge success of the introduction of bucket raffles to 'Show Day' in 2019, we will once again be including this into our event programme for 2023.

If you are able to support this fundraiser by donating a bucket of goods (bucket provided); your support to our learners will be truly appreciated. Choose a theme and use the upcoming time to gather up items (new) for your bucket. e.g. a movie bucket, cleaners bucket, gardeners bucket, kids bucket etc. Let those creative juices flow! Watch out for those specials while out and about. Buckets are available from the school office.

We are aiming for the attraction on the day to include at least 40 separate bucket raffles, where every \$5 ticket entitles the buyer to be in all draws.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Please have all your stickers / cut outs / sheets back in the office by Friday 15th September



CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award at our whole school assembly on Friday 11th August. Tino pai rawa atu!

PRINCIPAL AWARD

	Alyssa	Alyssa, you come into school each day with a smile on your face. You enjoy working and playing alongside your peers. You enjoy all aspects of school life. You are always positive
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Week 4 11th August		and take on your work with a can-do attitude. You have a go at new activities and are positive when attempting new challenges. Keep up the great work!
	Max	Max, you have approached the year in a settled and mature manner. I have enjoyed watching you extend yourself in your learning - especially mathematics. You are making great choices Max. Super! Keep it up!
	Destiny	Destiny, you come into school each day with a smile on your face. You consistently make excellent choices within the classroom and out in the playground. You always treat others with kindness and respect. You are persistent in your learning and you are willing to support others. Congratulations Destiny!
	Wolf	Wolf, you have become an author :-). You are writing sentences all by yourself. Go you! Please keep sharing your writing with me - SUPER! I can see the big effort you have put into your writing Wolf, keep up the great work!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 11th August	Jamie T	Super to see ... Jamie has recently displayed improved effort with her writing. Jamie is learning to check and make changes to improve her writing - Yay!
	Cohen	Fab-O! Putting more thought into his writing - Cohen has been thinking about the 'success criteria' - yay! Great
	Forrest	Super - Forrest will ask a 'learning question'. Fabulous!
	River	Congratulations River. A super learner who is settling into school life well - Great!
	Harry	Wow - Harry has shown super effort when writing. He is thinking about the sentences and words he is using to share his ideas. Well done, Harry.

ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 11th August	Maxwell	For having a positive learning attitude being open to new learning.
	Ruby	For being focused during maths and always being willing to have a go! Ka pai to mahi!
	Brayden	For being a positive role model - you set a high standard for others to follow.
	Sam F	For being a thoughtful writer and considering ways to make his writing interesting.

ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 11th August	Chloe	For participating in discussions with a positive attitude and enthusiasm, and considering the ideas and opinions of others. Tino pai rawa atu, Chloe!
	Sammy	Habits of Mind Award - Listening with Understanding and Empathy. For listening actively and contributing thoughtful ideas to discussions. Tino pai, Sammy!
	Armani	For displaying the Value of Respect by using impeccable manners, actively listening to others, and treating others with kindness. Ka rawe, Armani!

ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 11th August	Jamie	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Jamie for showing growing resilience when faced with challenges. Awesome work!
	Evan	Ka pai tō mahi! Good Work! Congratulations to Evan for having a 'can do' attitude and enthusiasm in maths. Keep it up!
	Charlotte	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Charlotte for going above and beyond in reading. Keep up the impressive work!
	Sophie	Listening with Understanding and Empathy. Congratulations to Sophie for considering others before speaking or acting. Your respect and consideration for others when they are speaking always shines through!

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

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

HERE-TURI-KŌKĀ / AUGUST

Thursday 24th	Yrs 5 - 8 Speech Competition 1pm
Friday 25th	Assembly 2.15 - Come join us!!
Friday 25th	PTA Movie Night 5.30pm at Whakamarama Hall
Monday 28th	School Photos
Tuesday 29th	Tall Poppies Speech Comp 6pm
Thursday 31st August	Marae Visit - Tawhitinui

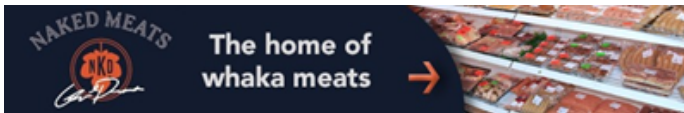
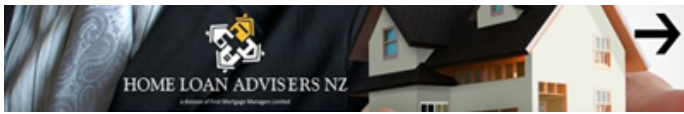
MAHURU / SEPTEMBER

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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
Wednesday 13th	Wig Wednesday
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
Wednesday 20th	Tall Poppies Maths
Thursday 21st	Grandparents Day
Friday 22nd	Assembly 2.15 - Come join us!!
Friday 22nd	End of Term 3
Monday 9th October	Term 4 starts

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