

NEWSLETTER NO. 16 - 6th September 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 |

Wow! What an action-packed term we have had at Whakamārama School. And some exciting events are still to take place before we enter the term break. Many thanks to all our families and whānau for being actively involved in our learning community. Thank you to our learners for showing the school values, taking responsibility for their learning, and showing care and kindness to each other.

Teacher Only Day

The 18th of September will be a teacher only day for Tauranga Moana Schools including our school. This is the second Ministry of Education Curriculum Refresh Day for 2023. The day will involve over 1560 early childhood, primary, intermediate, secondary school teachers and board members gathering at Mercury BayPark for the launch of the Te Tai Whanake ki Tauranga Moana Te Ao Māori local curriculum.

The purpose of the meeting at Mercury Baypark is to share the content and structure of this local curriculum and instruct the gathered teachers / kaiako on how to use it. This project has generated huge interest among our Iwi, Hapū and whānau who have been partners in the development of this taonga for future generations of students, teachers and the wider Tauranga Moana community.

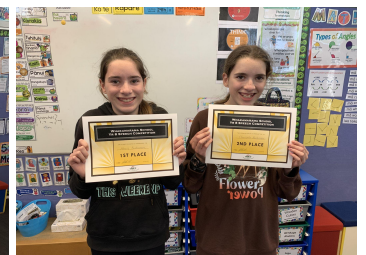
We thank you for your support of this teacher only day and look forward to sharing this taonga with your family and whānau as part of our school curriculum.

Year 5-8 Speeches

From getting an idea, to conquering stage fright, Year 5-8 students that wished to be formally judged, earned the admiration of their teachers, peers, parents and whānau with their speech presentations on Thursday 24th August. The students were provided with a supportive and positive learning experience aimed at empowering their communication skills, self-confidence and personal growth. From here, Natarlya moved through to the Tall Poppies speech competition on Tuesday 29th August - well done 😊 Jake and Ethan move through to the North Cluster event taking place on Thursday 7th September - we wish you all the best 😊 Ngā mihi ki a koe Mr Hall (Ōmokoroa Point School) for once again uniting with us to judge our Year 5-8 tamariki.

SPEECH CONGRATULATIONS

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1st: Jake 2nd: Ryan 3rd equal: Sammy & James	1st: Ethan K 2nd: Meremaraea 3rd: Jamie	1st: Natarlya 2nd: David 3rd: Jorja	1st: Alexis 2nd: Charlotte

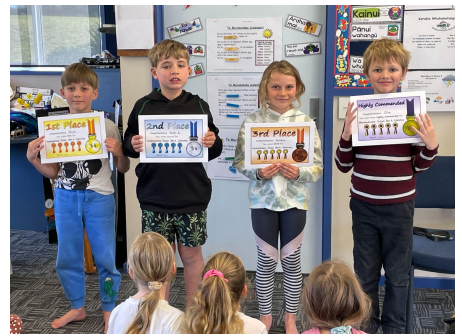


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Year 4 Speeches

Judges Sharon and Colleen thoroughly enjoyed listening to our Year 4 students present their speeches on Tuesday 29th August - some great topics! Well done to all our year 4 learners. Congratulations:

- 1st: Oliver
- 2nd: Noah K
- 3rd: Armani
- Highly Commended: Ollie



Bay Conservation Education

The soil we stand on is the key to life. We rely on soil to provide us with many things that we need to survive and soil is part of the earth's vital cyclic systems. Soil is alive with 25% of earth's biodiversity. These creatures break down organic matter and provide vital nutrients to plants. The soil in wetlands is unique and wetlands prevent sediment travelling further down the catchment. Although soil covers much of our planet, we need to protect and look after it. Learning to care for our soil is vital to the survival of all species.

Through this term's unit on soil with Bay Conservation Education, Room 1 & 4 learners are being provided with the opportunity to learn about soil and its relationship with plants and all living things. They are exploring the rich biodiversity within the soil and will be contributing towards restoring a wetland habitat, and in turn, protecting soil on an upcoming field trip.

Lot's of learning took place on Friday 1st September during our in-class session with Janie and Awhina.



The Great Kiwi Earthworm Survey is on! You can take part from your farm, backyard, or anywhere you're permitted to dig a small hole. If you're interested in checking the health of your soil, grab a spade and take part in the survey: <https://www.agresearch.co.nz/our-research/the-great-kiwi-earthworm-survey/>

Come join us!

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori aims to inspire New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly. On Tuesday 12th September / Ko te Rātu te tekau mā rua o Mahuru we invite parents / whānau to unite with us as our tamariki move through a rotation of activities. We have five 20 minute rotations planned for with the first rotation starting at 9:10 am. Our rotations end at 11:00 am, so if you are around, please celebrate the morning by joining us for a morning tea cuppa and nibble.

Grandparents Day

Thursday 21st September will host our first grandparents day. We will be starting at 10:00 am and finishing at 12:30 pm. Please invite grandparents to join us. If grandparents are not available for any reason, we do ask that any other adult who is significant in your child's life be invited: an uncle, an auntie or even a neighbour. To support the planning of refreshments, a RSVP notice has also come home along this newsletter.

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Wig Wednesday

We'll be joining hundreds of schools, workplaces and community groups across Aotearoa while raising money for the Child Cancer Foundation.

Wear a wig or style a funky hairdo on Wig Wednesday 13th September and fundraise to support Kiwi kids with cancer. 'Gold coin donation'



OR donations can be made at <https://wigwednesday.org.nz/whakamarama-school>

Rippa Rugby Term 4

If your child is interested in playing Rippa Rugby starting on Monday 16th October - Monday 4th December (Week 2 - Week 9 Term 4) at Ōmokoroa Sports Ground at Western Avenue between 4-6pm, please let the office know. Age groups involved across the season are Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8. The cost per child is \$10 for the season. **We have extended entries until the end of the term.**

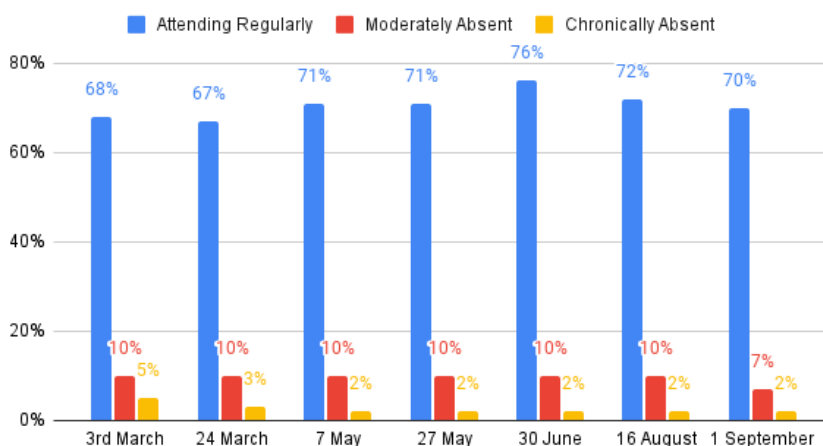
Attendance

Regularly attending school really matters, right from the first days at primary school to the end of secondary school. Children and young people need every opportunity to learn and participate in school. If a child or young person stops attending school regularly, it becomes harder for them to stay connected to school friends and teachers, and harder to catch up with work they have missed. The Ministry of Education has set student attendance targets for regular attendance and chronic and moderate absence. ERO is monitoring our progress towards achieving these goals.

Measure	2024 Target	2026 Target
Percentage of akōnga attending school regularly (attending 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight)	70%	75%
Percentage of akōnga who are moderately absent (attending more than 70% up to 80%, missing two to three days a fortnight)	6%	4%
Percentage of akōnga who are chronically absent (attending 70% or less, missing three or more days a fortnight)	5%	3%

There are also a number of students that we classify as having irregular attendance. These students are being monitored as they could easily shift into attending regularly or fall into being moderately absent

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Ongoing Community Consultation

The use of the 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/J2LF2O9>



School Roll 2024

To support decisions and organisation, it is important for us to have an indication of the number of students we will have on our 2024 roll. Thank you parents / whānau that have completed enrolment forms for 2024 and those that have let us know that your child will not be attending Whakamārama School next year 😊

Show Day

Show Day has been calendared for **Saturday 28th October 2023.**



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 26th August. Tino pai rawa atu!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 25th August	Eben	Fabulous reading improvement - Super effort! Go Eben. Great work.
	George	A thoughtful mathematician. George will take time to think what the problem is asking. Yay.
	Ayla	Yahoo! A keen - Very enthusiastic writer! Wow - Great ideas. Ka Rawe!
	Kurt	Super duper writer! Kurt is a writer - He has an amazing attitude! Fabulous!
	Madsen	Marvellous! Madsen is a super writer - Her writing always flows. Great!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6	Courtney	For being ready and willing to give new learning a try! You are always up for the challenge!

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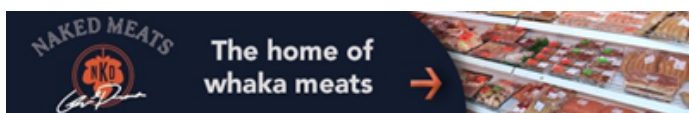
25th August	Heidi	For persevering in maths - you don't give up even when new learning is a wee bit tricky!
	Max N	For being kind and supportive during buddy work and being open to working with others.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 25th August	Chad	For thinking carefully during class discussions and contributing well thought out and relevant ideas. Ka pai, Chad!
	James	For displaying the value of perseverance by researching widely, writing and presenting an informative and interesting speech. Tino pai, James!
	Mia	For displaying the value of perseverance by accepting challenging tasks with a positive attitude and working hard to complete activities well. Ka rawe, Mia
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 25th August	Terence	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Terence for amazing enthusiasm and perseverance in maths. Keep it up!
	Tipene	Ka pai tō mahi! Good Work! Congratulations to Tipene for awesome focus and a great attitude in writing. Keep up the great work!
	Maddi	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Maddi for making excellent connections in maths. Keep up the amazing work!

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

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
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
OCTOBER	
Monday 9th October	Term 4 starts
Wednesday 18th	WBEET Maths for a Year 7 & 8
Monday 23rd	Labour Day - School Closed
Tuesday 24th	Board Meeting 6pm
Saturday 28th	Show Day!!!

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If you would like to advertise on the Whakamārama School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com download the app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Whakamarama School once installed.



Combined Garage Sale
Plummer Road

Lots of garage sales Plummer road this Sunday 10th September- 8am-11am
Come to the end of Plummer Road (off Youngson Road) for fridge, nursery items, toys, oranges, brand new Jaimie Kay clothing, plants, children's books, Suz soaps, beads with flair jewellery, car seats and much, much more.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download. In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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If you get sick this winter, speak to ZOOM Pharmacy first.
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Who is eligible to receive this service?
Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) has specified you are eligible to use this service if you are **one or more** of the following:

- a child under 14 years of age
- a whānau member with the same symptoms as an under 14 year old
- identify as a Pacific or Māori person
- hold a Community Services Card

Where is ZOOM Pharmacy providing this service?

- Northern Region**
Northland, Waikato & Auckland and Counties Manukau
- Te Manawa Taki Region**
Bay of Plenty
- Central Region**
Capital & Coast/Hutt Valley and MidCentral
- Te Waipounamu Region**
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- Tail and castrate ringing for lambs *
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* Appointments must be made. (Ag Day Bookings) must be taken along to the appointment. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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Edventure Young Explorers Camp (8-12 year olds)
Mon 2nd-Fri 6th October
(2nd week of the holidays) \$525

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Located at the base of the Kamai Ranges at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP.

Bus Pick-up/Drop off from Hamilton & Tauranga OR drop-off/pick-up @ Venue
Day & Over-night options available.

For more information:
Todd Burton
todd@edventure.co.nz
0275349949

Click: [Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#)

Omokoroa Athletics Club is now open for the Summer Season 2023/24

Western Avenue Lower Sports Field [Omokoroa](#)

Term Dates:
Start Term 4: Wed 11th Oct – 13th Dec 2023 (Break for the holidays)
Returning Term 1: Wed 7th Feb – 10th Apr 2024

Term Times:
Minors (3 - 4 years) & Juniors (5 - 6 years) at 4.15 – 5.00pm.
Inters (7 - 9 years) & Seniors (10 - 14 Years) 4.30 - 6.00pm.
Please Note: all ages will be on the field at one time

Member Fees (Term 4 and Term 1):
3-4 years \$65.00
5-6 years \$70.00
7-14 years \$100.00

[Member Registration Form - GameDay \(click here\)](#)

(Remember that all three boxes need to be ticked to proceed through the registration process. **Ind:** Athletics NZ, Waikato BOP and [Omokoroa Athletics Club](#))

We require parent support this summer season due to a restructure of the club. We have reduced our club fees to encourage as many kids/parents to get involved and make this a fun, educational and supportive club night.

GIVE ROWING A GO

FREE INTRO SESSIONS Sept/Oct school holidays
Sundays at 1.30 pm
Year 7 and up
All equipment provided. No experience needed

Spaces limited. Register now with rowwithbopcoast@gmail.com
baycoastrowing.co.nz | 389 Wairoa Road, Te Puna

TAURANGA EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

TAURANGA in STITCHES

Thu 28 - Sat 30 September 2023
10am to 3pm

Gate Pa Primary School Hall
900 Cameron Road, Tauranga
(next to Tauranga Girls' College)

Sales Table - Raffles

Gold Coin Entry

Whakamarama Community Centre supporting young talent and kidpreneurs

Whakamarama Kids market

Sat 16 Sep 3-5pm

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