

NEWSLETTER NO. 17 - 22nd 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 |

The last day of Term 3. It has gone incredibly fast! But what a wonderful and busy term it has been. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the involvement of our families & whānau in supporting our learners across the term. A massive thank you to the Whakamārama School team, who have poured their hearts and souls into our learners this term, as they always do.

Visit to Tawhitinui Marae

On Tuesday 19th September, we made a connection with our local marae - Tawhitinui. This was a very exciting day for our school. Our day started with a pōhiri where the tangata whenua welcomed us onto the marae. Thank you Fraser, the presiding member of the board, for speaking on behalf of our school during the whaikōrero.

Across the day, our ngā tauira (students) and attending parents experienced a range of new learning from the Nicholas family and supporting iwi members. Whilst on the marae, there were four important things that we needed to remember: whai koha (respect), me ako (learn), kia hūmārie (be humble) and aroha (love). These messages are not only fitting when we visit the marae but messages that we can take into any environment 😊. The generosity and kindness towards our tamariki, ngā kaiako, parents and grandparents was undeniably heartwarming. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Koro Nicholas for organising this day for us. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou to the Nicholas family for sharing a local taonga with us and the stories that it has to tell.



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Grandparents Day

WOW! WOW! And another WOW! 😄 What a great day. We never imagined having 65 attendees. It was cosy but amazing! Aroha (love) is extended to all our visitors. Aroha (love) is extended to everyone for making our day truly amazing - kaiako, students, parents, grandparents, great grandparents and whānau! This is an event that we will definitely keep calendaring.



Teacher Only Day

On Monday 18th of September our teachers attended the launch of the Te Tai Whanake ki Tauranga Moana; Te Ao Māori local curriculum. We were introduced to the content and structure of this resource, and were given time to explore this resource in the later part of the day.

The Te Ao Māori Local Curriculum encompasses foundational Te Reo, our Tikanga, stories and history, and is going to be a tremendous resource for all educational organisations in Tauranga Moana, while also benefiting the wider community by being accessible to all. This resource will develop and grow over time as iwi continue to add to this digital platform.

Wig Wednesday

On Wednesday the 6th September, we took part in Wig Wednesday to raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation. With your generosity, we raised over \$302 for this great cause. Thank you to all our learners that showed their support for kids with cancer by wearing a wig or styling a funky hairdo. Thank you everyone that was able to make a donation. Our fundraising efforts have contributed to an incredible \$142,821.67 being raised for the Child Cancer Foundation.



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Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori aims to inspire New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly. To mark this event, ngā kaiako continued to integrate te reo Māori into their class programmes, as well as introduce new kupu (words / phrases) for our tamariki. On Tuesday 12th September / Ko te Rātu te tekau mā rua o Mahuru, our tamariki moved around a rotation of activities that focused on te reo Māori. Our tuakana (older) supported our teina (younger) as they participated in the learning across the morning. Great job! Ka pai tō mahi!

Bay Conservation Education Field Trip

Another great day of hands-on experiential conservation education with our facilitators from Bay Conservation Alliance and the team from Project Parore on Friday 8th September. Our Year 4-8 learners planted native trees in order to protect and restore our waterways, surveyed the presence of earthworms in the soil and deepened their learning about pest animal control. We were also treated to a sausage sizzle for lunch 😊

Check out Project Parore and what they do <https://projectparore.nz/about-us/> You may even be interested in getting involved.



In need of a family holiday project:

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/>

Attendance

Our goal, and the Ministry of Education goal, is ākonga attending school regularly (90% attendance, which means only having one day off every fortnight). Days absent, days late, it all adds up! The below statistics

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are informed by NZ data. The below statistics are definitely something to think about. The below statistics tell a story about the absence and lateness of our learners. Seeing these numbers definitely brings about a sense of reality to absenteeism and lateness.

1 or 2 days off school per week might not seem much **but...**

If you miss...	it equals	which is.	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years!
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years!
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years!
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!

What about 10 minutes late a day...

If you miss...	it equals	which is.	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year!
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year!
30 minutes per day	½ a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years!
60 minutes per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years!

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/J2LF2Q9>

To support planning for 2024, keep providing us with your feedback 😊 Thank you parents that have taken this opportunity to share feedback with us - valued, appreciated, recognised!



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 😊

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Show Day

Show Day has been calendared for **Saturday 28th October** - Spread the word. Show Day is an annual event that our school, our kura, always looks forward to. As always, our learners are very excited.

Show Day Bucket Raffles / Cake Auction

In support of raising funds for our school, we extend an invite to parents & whānau in either donating a bucket of goodies or baking a cake (Theme: Around the world) for the silent cake auction. Your support to our learners will be truly appreciated.

Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent by email to : Fraser Mills, Presiding Member.

fraser.mills@whakamarama.school.nz by: Tuesday 24th October 2023

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award or Principal's award at our whole school assembly on Friday 7th September. Tino pai rawa atu!



ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 8 7th September	Cairos	A super listener and thinker - Great! Cairos is a 'reader' - Super to see him reading independently and responsibly.
	Felix A	A super discussion participant. Felix will think about how he responds to questions. He is able to give his opinion (Wow). Fabulous!
	Delia	Fabulous! Delia has a super attitude during reading sessions. Delia listens and gives everything a go! Delia will ask a learning question - Yay!!
	Willow	Wow Willow is conscientious. She will take a breath and try again when learning gets tricky - Awesome! Willow watches, listens and will ask a learning question.

ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

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Week 8 7th September	Benjamin	You are focused during spelling - you're always ready to give new spelling patterns a try!
	Johnny	For being an active member of your reading group and asking thoughtful questions.
	Felix	A super writer - you listen to feedback about your writing and willingly make changes.
	Arjun	For being engaged in your reading group and contributing idea

ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 8 7th September	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

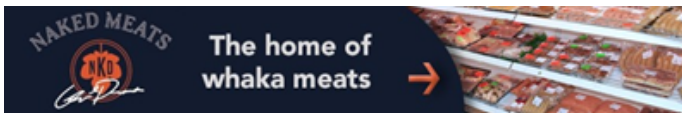
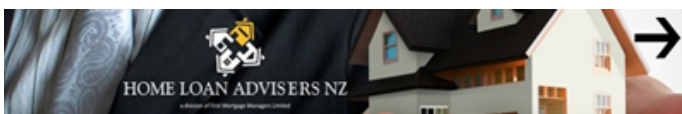
Week 8 7th September	Meera	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Meera for having a 'can do' attitude in Maths. It has been great to see you challenge yourself
	Ayda	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Ayda for asking fantastic questions and producing high quality work in reading. Keep it up!
	Ethan	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Ethan being a keen and inquisitive member of his reading group. Keep up the fabulous work!

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

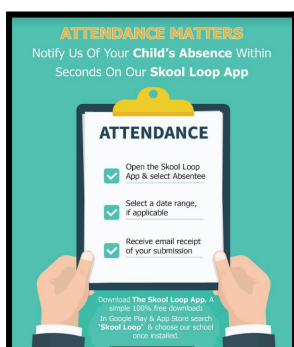
Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

MAHURU / SEPTEMBER	
Friday 22nd	Assembly 2.15pm - 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!!!

Thanks the below businesses for sponsoring our school app Skool Loop:



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.



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Western Bay Libraries Schools Out! School Holiday Activities

Come and check out our Spring holiday activities at your local Western Bay Libraries branch ph. 07 571 8008



WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT LIBRARIES 0800 926 732

HEY KIDS – COME AND PLAY SOFTBALL IN TERM 4!

WBOP SOFTBALL ASSN. CARLTON RESERVE, OTUMOETA
SATURDAY MORNINGS. 28TH OCTOBER – 16TH DECEMBER 2023
'HAVE A GO' DAYS – SUNDAYS 1ST and 8TH OCTOBER 12PM-2PM
U8 TEE BALL, U10 AND U13 SOFTBALL. NO FEES!



Website: softballwbop.org.nz Email: play@softballwbop.org.nz

TAURANGA BMX OPEN DAY

Saturday 23rd Sept 10.30-12.30

YOU WILL NEED:
-BIKE
-HELMET
-LONG PANTS
-LONG SLEEVE TOP -COVERED SHOES -GLOVES -RECOMMENDED

LIMITED BIKES & HELMETS AVAILABLE TO HIRE
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FREE EVENT



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Adventure 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](#)

COACH & REFEREE IOI COURSES

FOUR VENUES / 4.30-5.30PM

OMOKOROA MONDAY 4 OCT
PAPAMOA WEDNESDAY 11 OCT
WHAKATANE TUESDAY 10 OCT
ROTORUA THURSDAY 12 OCT

ALL WELCOME!
COACHES - BRING YOUR TEARS
REFEREES - BRING YOUR ENERGY!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER NOW



GIRLS GOT GAME HOLIDAY CAMP

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023
9.30AM - 3PM
TAURANGA GIRLS COLLEGE SPORTS HALL (OFF 22ND AVE)
\$20 OR \$30 FOR A WHANAU OF 2+

GIRLS AGED 7 YEARS TO 15 YEARS

REGISTER AT TAURANGACITYBASKETBALL.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMMES



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



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. [Incl:](#) 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.

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• Free clinic health check *
• Tail and castrate ringing for lambs *
• A dispensed 2nd vaccination of Ultravac® Sin 1 also free of charge

* Appointments must be made. (Ag Day Bookings must be taken along to the appointment) Must be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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