

NEWSLETTER NO. 18 - 10th November 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 |

It's hard to believe that we are already in Week 4 of the last term for 2021. Summer appears to have arrived this week and my word we have had a couple of hot afternoons. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child has their hat and drink bottle each day.

It is that time of the year again where we are busy organising staffing for next year. If you know that your child will not be attending Whakamarama School next year, can you please let the office know. This will ensure that we have the right number of students in each class and the right number of staff. Thank you to those parents / whānau that have already done so.

The same goes for families that have siblings, friends or neighbours ready to start with us next year. Please fill in an enrolment form at the office so that we can get the best plan possible for the start of 2022.

School Fundraiser Raffle

Thank you to all of our amazing families and whānau for your generous support in sending along items for our Christmas Hamper Raffles. We had an array of goodies arrive at school and were able to make up three raffle prizes. Details on buying tickets will come out soon.



Tēnā rawa atu koe Laura for dressing up our raffles to look absolutely amazing!

Student Craft Exhibits

WOW! Our judges were so impressed with the creativity of our learners AND they were definitely challenged in their decision making. Working with our theme 'Think Outside the Box', lots of discussion took place (and I emphasise lots!).

Thank you parents, and grandparents for making the time to view our learners' exhibits at the hall on Friday 🌸 I have no doubt that you were impressed with the creativity of all our students.



Lamb and Goat Judging

What a wonderful morning it was on Friday 29th October. Avon, our fantastic ring judge for lambs and goats, united with us to celebrate the efforts of our learners that raised a lamb or goat across the last months. Valuable lessons about life through raising a baby animal were gained and this traditional school event offered a unique experience that will be remembered.

Congratulations to all our learners! 🏆 Pictured Right: 2021 Champion of Champions, Nina and Wilbur

It was so heartwarming to have parents and grandparents join us for the morning 😊. Tēnā rawa atu koutou.



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Acknowledgement of Achievement

Lambs: Years 1-3	Lambs: Years 4 - 7
Leading: 1st Ruby, 2nd Chloe & 3rd William M Calling: 1st Kingston, 2nd Micah & 3rd William M Rearing: 1st Brayden, 2nd Kingston & 3rd Ruby	Leading: 1st Nina, 2nd Meera & 3rd Evan Calling: 1st Evan, 2nd Gemma & 3rd Meera Rearing: 1st Nina, 2nd Gemma & 3rd Meera
Goats Leading: 1st Eva; Calling: 3rd Eva; Rearing: 1st Eva	



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Gallery & Library Exchange

On Thursday 2nd December, Rooms 2, 4 and 1 (excluding Year 7 / 8 students) will be visiting the Tauranga Library and Art Gallery. The ArtBus will pick us up and our learners will undertake a rotation of two 1 ½ hour sessions.

For our library session our learners will undertake LEGO engineering. After a story and a video featuring a real-life building "shake test" they create a variety of structures that will be tested for sturdiness on a model shake table.

The Sculpture for Celebration education programme is running at the gallery. Our learners will explore through art, how different cultures use flowers and other materials to mark special occasions. For the extended practical session, they will be 'upcycling', exploring colour and utilising different materials and sculptural techniques to create wreaths for celebration.



Both sessions run in line with COVID-19 protocols; including our obligation to uphold the order in regards to vaccinations for volunteers. **A permission slip will come home with your child.**

Mandatory Vaccination Requirements: Information for Parents Coming On-Site

In instances where parents and caregivers are **not** providing work for our school, these parents are still permitted to come on site after **Monday 15 November** whether they are vaccinated or not. This includes those parents and caregivers who are dropping off, picking up or settling children at your school or kura.

We are required to treat parents and caregivers **not** providing work for our school as unvaccinated and give consideration to the range of health and safety mitigations that can be put in place to help keep those on site as safe as possible. This means that **if you are acting as a parent (vaccinated or not), we ask that you follow the mitigations we have in place.**

Parents/caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school or kura

Health and Safety Mitigations for Whakamārama School:

- all parents / caregivers that come on to school grounds need to sign in using the **COVID-19 Contact Tracing App** (attached outside all doors) or **sign in at the school office**
- we ask that you wear a face covering (this is an expectation for when people are out and about)
- where practicable, physical distancing of two metres is recommended
- hand sanitiser is at the entry of all indoor spaces (please use)
- Anyone who is not feeling well should not come onto the school site and we encourage you to seek advice about getting tested.

Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (e.g. parent-teacher interviews)

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- if it is necessary to meet onsite, we will ensure the room being used is spacious and well ventilated (some meetings may take place via a digital meeting platform e.g. Zoom)
- once all parties are seated at a face to face meeting, masks may be removed (the host of the meeting will let you know when removal is appropriate)
- meetings will take place at a time when children or students are not expected to be present
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I understand and appreciate that not everyone in our community has the same views on the order that has been put in place in regards to mandatory vaccination. My role as Principal is to carry out the Government mandate in order that the school meets its obligations. In relation to Covid-19, I am here to listen and clarify our school obligations.

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning how to dance in the rain"

**WE ARE STRONG
WE ARE FLEXIBLE
WE ARE COURAGEOUS
WE ARE OPTIMISTIC
WE LOVE OUR LEARNERS
WE NEVER GIVE UP
WE ARE WHAKAMĀRAMA; AND WE'VE GOT THIS 💖**

Camp Whakamārama - EOTC

Thank you to parents that offered support for our school camp. We are currently working on our list of volunteers for the day and the roles required to ensure a smooth running event 😊 Our learners are very excited.

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

AS WE WILL ALL BE AWARE, THE BELOW CALENDAR DATES WILL BE SUBJECT TO COVID ALERT LEVELS

Monday 15th December	Hearing & Vision Testing
Tuesday 30th Nov / Wed 1st Dec	Camp Whakamārama P
Thursday 2nd December	Technology Classes: Year 7 / 8 @ Katikati College
Friday 10th December	School Prize Giving 6pm
Wednesday 15th December	Last Day of Term 4

***P Parent support required**

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



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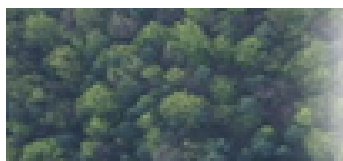


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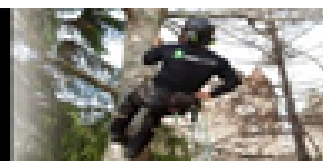


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Omokoroa Community Tennis Club Junior Coaching

Term 4 2021: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18

Term 1 2022: Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2

Age 5—7 9am—9:45am; Age 8—10 9:45am—10:45am; Age 10+
10:45am—11:45am

Cost per term: Members \$21, non-members \$100

Sign up for coaching here:

<https://clubspark.kiwi/OmokoroaCommunityTennisClub/coaching>

Membership: Child (5—12) \$60 Junior (13—18) \$78

Renew your membership or join our club here:

clubspark.kiwi/OmokoroaCommunityTennisClub/Membership

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FACE COVERINGS

As at 11.59pm, Friday 22 October it became a requirement for students aged 12 and over to wear a face covering on school transport (both Ministry and regional council-operated) unless they have an exemption.

All other children are encouraged to wear a face covering on school transport.

Face coverings are available at school for our learners and we are here to support the correct use.

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Whakamārama

Footsteps Through Time

A book of the Whakamarama District's history

\$40.00

Available from:

Katie Rogers

Email: katierogers@outlook.co.nz

Text: 021 607 717

Payment Details:

Whakamarama Community Inc.

Kiwi Bank: 38-9006-0885859-00

Code: phone number

Reference: your name

Also able to order from:

Whakamarama School

Omokoroa Library

