

NEWSLETTER NO. 18 - 18th October 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 |

Welcome back to Term 4. We trust everyone has had a restful and well-deserved break, and each of you is looking forward to the last term for 2023.

We have a very busy 9 weeks of teaching and learning ahead - Show Day, Camp Aongatete, Cricket World Cup, Bay Conservation Education, Garden to Table, Rippa Rugby modules, athletics and our end of year school prizegiving assemblies to name a few 😊. We will be looking forward to sharing the success of these events with you.



Orienteering

Orienteering is an outdoor adventure sport that exercises both the mind and body. On Monday 16th October, a group of Year 5 / 6 students were introduced to orienteering with Dennis from OBOP (Orienteering Bay of Plenty). It was great to see our learners try a new sport and start developing their orienteering skills through map reading.

The morning involved learning how to read maps and ended with navigating around the school between control points marked on a unique school map. Compasses were not necessary for our beginners and they soon started to master map reading skills.



Show Day

The highlight of the year is knocking on our door 😊 Our learners are very excited, and as always, planning and preparing craft exhibits that will knock the socks of parents, whānau and visitors to the day. Some finer details before the big day:

Show Day Pets

- Children MUST be involved in the nurturing of their pet. All children entering will be required to verbally share their 'learning journey' – their involvement with their animal.
- If you are bringing a pet but have not yet returned your pet notice - please do so ASAP
- Any pets brought to show day must have access to food and water and be handled / kept in such a way that they are not subjected to stress or fear.
- Lambs and goats will be judged on the school field. Lambs and goats are not permitted in the courtyard outside Rooms 2 & 3.
- Small pets can be set up in the courtyard (outside Rooms 3, 2 & 4), where they will have access to shade across the morning.
- Judging will commence at 10:00 am (ish 😊)
- Lambs and goats are to be tethered in the shade after judging. The trees at the front of the school are ideal.



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Bucket Raffles

- Buckets available at the office now
- Thank you parents / whānau that are able to donate a bucket of goodies for our fundraiser. To support set up for Show Day, it would be appreciated if buckets could be sent into the office by Friday 27th October.

Cake Auction

- Thank you parents / whānau that have indicated that they are able to donate a cake for our fundraiser. Items for the cake auction can be taken to Room 4 (aka the library) on Saturday morning.
- Auction sheets will be available for you to complete. You will need to write a description of your baking and specify whether it contains nuts.

Pet Profiles

Pet profiles are a great opportunity for your child to showcase their pet - whether this be an attending pet or a pet that is unable to attend. Pets that are unable to attend are dogs, cats and horses / ponies.

- Pet profiles are due in on Thursday 26th October - please drop off at the office

Exhibit Judging

Our judges are very excited to be judging our learners' crafts on Friday 27th October. Our judges will be very busy and have their work cut out for them! Whilst tempting, please refrain from visiting the exhibit displays until Saturday.

Planning for 2024

To support strategic planning for the next two years, the board wants to hear from you. Your input and suggestions will provide valued feedback, information and ideas that will help us make informed decisions as we plan for the future. Thank you parents that have taken this opportunity to share feedback with us - VALUED, APPRECIATED AND RECOGNISED!



The board is gathering your feedback using the 3 box model (keep doing, start doing, or stop doing). 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>

If you have feedback that doesn't quite fit the 3 box model labels - that's OK; add your feedback to any of the boxes 😊



Drop Off and Pick Up

We have noticed parents dropping off their child / children in the kindergarten driveway or pulling into the staff car park and then reversing out. On occasions we have seen vehicles coming from all directions, which we see as an accident waiting to happen.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE USE THE BUS BAY TO DROP YOUR CHILD / CHILDREN OFF.

Children don't always understand the dangers in parking lots, so it's up to us to be good role models.

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If you need to come into the school for any reason, please use the hall car park. The school car park is for staff only.

School Camp - Police Vetting

Volunteers who may have unsupervised access to students are required to be police vetted. School camp this year is at Aongatete Education Centre - as per previous communication.

Rooms 1 & 4: 11th - 13th December

Rooms 2 & 3: 14th - 15th December

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ATTENDING SCHOOL CAMP, IT IS VITAL THAT YOU COMPLETE A VETTING CONSENT FORM THIS WEEK AND BRING IN TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT CAN BE SIGHTED. THIS INCLUDES PARENTS THAT MAY HAVE A CURRENT POLICE VET WITH ANOTHER ORGANISATION. VETTING CAN TAKE UP TO 20 WEEKS SO THIS IS A TIGHT TIMEFRAME.

A vetting form can be collected from the office or you can ring / email the office to ask for a form to come home in your child's bag.

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.

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

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

Attendance

Repeat, repeat, repeat and repeat again! We cannot emphasise enough the importance of regular school attendance.

If your child is going to be absent, it is important that you notify the school, along with a reason. This can be done :

- through the school website absence form,
- on our School App or
- by phoning the school office

If your child needs to visit the doctor or dentist, these appointments should firstly be made outside of school hours. We understand from time to time this may not be possible.

Should you be planning a domestic or overseas trip, we ask that these be taken during the school holidays, however, we know this is not always possible, therefore, we ask that you formally request 'approved leave' by emailing the principal (principal@whakamarama.school.nz) with your holiday details.

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 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.

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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!

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award or Principal's award at our whole school assembly on Friday 22nd September. Tino pai rawa atu!

ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 10 22nd September	Flynn C	For being a super reader - you are always ready to talk and answer questions about the text.
	William M	For being a thoughtful writer - you make sure your writing is always interesting for the reader.
	Cha-Leigh	For clever thinking in math and always being ready to give it a go!

ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 10 22nd September	Ollie	For showing respect and good manners everywhere you go. You are friendly, polite and model exemplary behaviour. Ka pai, Ollie!
	Tristan	'Remaining Open to Continuous Learning'. For accepting a challenge, taking risks and viewing mistakes as learning opportunities. Tino pai rawa atu, Tristan!
	Jake	For displaying the Value of Unity by volunteering to take on responsibility, helping others and being willing to work with anyone. Ka rawe, Jake!

ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 10	Ryan	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to role modelling great behaviour and leadership on Grandparents' Day.
	Gemma	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome!

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22nd September		Congratulations to Gemma for being thoughtful, hard working and willing to help others if they need it.
	Lauren	Kei te whakahī au ki a koe! I am very proud of you! Congratulations to Lauren for performing with enthusiasm and accuracy on Grandparents' Day.
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS		
Week 10 22nd September	Teama	Teama, you are actively involved in Kapa Haka. You are demonstrating excellent leadership skills and rangatiratanga (inspiring and motivating others). Miharo! Amazing! Keep it up!
	Kurt	Kurt, you always have a great attitude to school and learning, always giving 100% in all you do. You are thoughtful, committed and make super contributions. Keep up the effort!
	William	William, you are a valued class member. You are being a great role model, and make positive choices to do the right thing. You are showing leadership William. Go you! Keep it up!
	Benjamin B	Benjamin, you approach the school day with enthusiasm and a willingness to always do your best. You work cooperatively and respectfully with others. Such wonderful qualities. Keep it up!

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

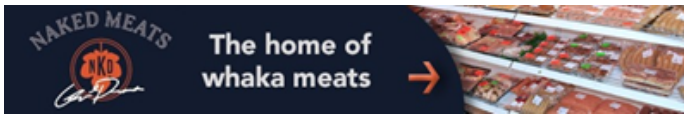
Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

WHIRINGA-Ā-NUKU / OCTOBER	
Monday 9th October	Term 4 starts
Wednesday 18th	WBEET Maths for a Year 7 & 8
Friday 20th	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!!
Monday 23rd	Labour Day - School Closed
Tuesday 24th	Board Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 25th	Tall Poppies Athletics Years 7 & 8 - Postponement Friday 27th
Thursday 26th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
Saturday 28th	Show Day!!! 10am
Monday 30th	Small Schools Athletics - Year 5 & 6 - Postponement Tuesday 31st
WHIRINGA-Ā-RANGI / NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 1st	WBoP Primary Orienteering
Thursday 2nd	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
Friday 3rd	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!!
Friday 3rd	WBoP Touch
Thursday 9th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
Saturday 11th	Marimba Festival
Thursday 16th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
Friday 17th	Cricket World Cup Mixed Teams
Friday 17th	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!!
Friday 24th	Omokoroa Whakangahau
Thursday 30th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
HAKIHEA / DECEMBER	
Friday 1st	Girls Cricket Festival
Friday 1st	Social Dance Year 8s
Tuesday 5th	Bike Ready Years 5 & 6
Friday 8th	Prizegiving Assemblies
11 - 13th Monday - Wednesday	Camp Aongatete - Rooms 1 & 4
14 - 15th Thursday - Friday	Camp Aongatete - Rooms 2 & 3
Tuesday 19th	Last day of Term 4
HUI-TANGURU / FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 1st	First day of Term 1
Tuesday 6th	Waitangi Day - School Closed

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HEY KIDS – COME AND PLAY SOFTBALL IN TERM 4!
 WBOP SOFTBALL ASSN. CARLTON RESERVE, OTUMOETAI
 SATURDAY MORNINGS. 28TH OCTOBER – 16TH DECEMBER 2023
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Ōmokoroa Athletics Club is now open for the Summer Season 2023/24

Western Avenue Lower Sports Field Ōmokoroa

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 – Game Day:
<https://regoform.mygameday.app/#/registration-form/?orgId=OApvshSRqT5XU0dqT6&formId=EQnfVLaQdWQk2GoVKI>
 (Remember that all three boxes need to be ticked to proceed through the registration process. Incl: Athletics NZ, Waikato BOP and Ōmokoroa 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.

HOCKEY WITHOUT LIMITS 2023

TAURANGA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IS DELIGHTED TO RUN THIS INCLUSION PROGRAMME FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. THE PROGRAMME IS FOR PRIMARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS.

"Engagement in sport not only has a positive impact on the physical body and mental well-being but also in effective in connecting all people - regardless of skill level or ability."

Programme Dates & Times:
 Tuesday 24 October: 11.00am - 12.00pm
 Tuesday 31 October: 11.00am - 12.00pm
 Tuesday 7 November: 11.00am - 12.00pm
 Tuesday 14 November: 11.00am - 12.00pm Games followed by a BBQ

The Tauranga Hockey Centre has access for wheelchairs.

The Programme will be delivered over 4 weeks, with sessions 1 hour each. The sessions will involve a variety of generic and hockey specific fun games and activities that encourage hand-eye coordination, fundamental movement, and agility.
 The 4th session will be a morning of hockey games where students will learn the value of playing as part of a team.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT:
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LEAD: RUTH TURKOVIC
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