

NEWSLETTER NO. 19 - 25th 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 |

This term certainly feels as though it has flown by - hard to believe we're nearly at the end of Term 4; the end of 2021.

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.

There will be three consecutive draws. The ticket drawn first will have first choice, the second ticket drawn will have the next choice of prizes and the 3rd ticket drawn will receive the final raffle prize.

Raffle tickets are on sale: \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You may purchase tickets by:

- Calling into the office (We ask that you wear a face covering. Try to keep 2 metres apart from people you do not know).
- Phoning your purchase through; OR
- Email Sharon in the office: office@whakamarama.school.nz
- Cash is accepted or internet banking. Our account number is: 38-9012-0776579-00 PLEASE USE "RAFFLE" AS YOUR REFERENCE.



PLEASE purchase tickets as outlined above

Gallery & Library Exchange

On Thursday 2nd December, Rooms 2, 4 and 1 (Years 5 & 6)) 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.

We will board the bus at 8:55am for a punctual departure from school at 9:00am. The bus will depart after the second session finishes at 12:30pm to bring our students back to school.

Whilst we hold blanket consent for off-site events in the local community occurring during school time; there may be parents that would prefer for their child not to attend during this current climate of COVID-19. A permission slip is attached to this newsletter for those students who are attending.



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The school works very closely with external providers to ensure that the appropriate health and safety procedures are in place.

Forms of Contact

Oh my word; the digital world! ClassDojo, email, text, phone, Facebook, Skool Loop etc

The best form of contact for Sharon and myself is an email or a phone (not ClassDojo)

Camp Whakamārama - EOTC

Thank you to parents that offered support for our school camp. You should have received the list of volunteers for the day. Please let Sharon or I know ASAP if you are unable to support 😊 Our learners are very excited.

Garden to Table

Another great session with Room 1 learners. Just set them a job and they carry this out with responsibility. Mahi that took place in the garden: manure spreading, weeding, caring for the herb garden, potting out seedlings, seed planting, making of slug bait and super bird deterrents made by Ayla and Ataahua (the birds got to our cucumber plants 😞).



Our session ended with us all enjoying a delegatable meal from the kitchen team - beetroot salad, mini quiche and ice-cream 😊.

Book Amnesty

In preparation for 2022, it is time to file away school books and stocktake our current resources. Please have a hunt around home and return any books (readers and library books) that you may have by Monday 29th November. Tuesday and Wednesday next week is a great opportunity for our support staff to start filing these away. Thank you 🌸

COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF)

As many of you may already be aware, the Prime Minister has confirmed that all of New Zealand will move to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) at 11.59pm on Thursday 2 December (also known colloquially as the "traffic light system").

Guidance is being developed for the education sector on exactly what is expected of schools under the new framework. For our region, we will continue to be able to support all our students onsite for the remainder of the year, even if our region moves to Red. The public health mitigations that will support onsite learning will be provided to us soon.

Please be assured that the Ministry of Education is working hard to ensure that we have ample time to understand the implications for our school and plan for 2022.

Te whanake ake he akomanga ngākau reka

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My role as Principal is to bring you the information that has an impact on our school. In relation to Covid-19, I am here to listen and clarify our school obligations. The climate of COVID-19 is forever changing and I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

It is timely to remind ourselves of all the rigorous protocols in place currently at Level 2 that keep us safe and to thank you for the way you work in partnership with us to make this happen.

Prize Giving 2021

Thank you all for adhering to our Level 2 guidelines, we know they currently add complexity to life at school but really do appreciate your support whilst we work to keep our children safe. The Ministry of Education directive to schools that are currently operating in Alert Level 2 is as follows:

“While there is discretion in what you may do at Alert Level 2 we encourage you to consider adopting a similar stance to government decisions more generally – that is, take a precautionary approach when deciding whether to host a gathering or large event. However, even if your event is considered to be for educational purposes - unless it is really necessary to give effect to the curriculum - we recommend you avoid such events. An example of this is prize giving – though it is an important aspect of school life, they are not a curriculum requirement.”

We have had to cancel a large number of events across 2021 due to Covid restrictions, however we still believe that our children should have access to as many positive school experiences as possible.

We are currently working on how to bring our prize giving to you virtually. This decision is not one that we have made lightly. Our teaching team takes the care and responsibility for your children and our community very seriously and we are acting on information that we have available and guidance from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

“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 🧡💖

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

Tuesday 30th Nov / Wed 1st Dec	Camp Whakamārama ^P
Thursday 2nd December	Technology Classes: Year 7 / 8 @ Katikati College
Monday 6th December	School Photos
Tuesday 7th December	Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Friday 10th December	School Prize Giving (Details to follow)
Wednesday 15th December	Last Day of Term 4 (Normal day - 9:00 - 3:00 pm)
3rd & 4th February	TEACHER ONLY DAYS
Monday 7th February	WAITANGI DAY
Tuesday 8th February	2022 TERM 1 STARTS

^{*P} Parent support required

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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
To download the app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Whakamarama School once installed.



OPS fundraiser

Omokoroa Sports Pavilion

Tickets start at \$8, with family tickets available

Skates, helmets and gloves included (smallest skate size 9)

This event can safely go ahead at level 2, sorry no tickets at the door.

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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

