

NEWSLETTER NO. 20 - 15th December 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 |

We thought that 2020 was a year like no other; but 2021 has also been a year full of twists and turns. 2021 has been another momentous year, a year in which we have continued to face many challenges. Putting aside challenges however, 2021 has been another year of aroha, compassion, support and resilience - a year in which our community once again did a wonderful job of keeping whānau, each other and our learners safe.

Whilst with some interruptions along the way; 2021 has been another year of positive change for our school community. Despite the COVID restrictions, it has been a rewarding year - one filled with accomplishments - accelerating learning in literacy, a board funded music teacher, a board funded Kapahaka tutor, school camp, our netball team, cross country, show day craft and animal judging, garden to table, Fresh Moves, improvements to our playground - only to name a few.

All of these things and many others are made possible by our community of learners, of which WE are all members - students, teachers, parents, whānau, board of trustees and wider community.

This year has shown us that it is more important than ever for all of us to live the vision of Whakamarama School: Growing a Positive Learning Attitude - Te whanake ake he akomanga ngākau reka. Thank you to you all for your many contributions which we value immensely – your support creates a wealth of wonderful learning opportunities and possibilities – your work enables us to create rich learning experiences for our children. Thank you ALL, for your dedication, drive, fortitude and desire to achieve the very best for our Whakamarama School Learners.



Here's to good friends, a loving family and laughter during this Christmas season - Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year 🎄

School Fundraiser Raffle

Our hamper raffle was a huge success with this fundraiser making \$1000 for our learners. These funds are going towards purchasing needed math equipment across the school. Congratulations Karli, Rupli and Travers whānau.

Reporting

On Monday your child came home with their interim or end of year report. We have no doubt that time was taken to celebrate with your child - all our learners should be very proud of their efforts 😊

Reporting is currently under review. From the feedback received from parents / whānau with our reporting consultation, 2022 will host some invaluable changes / additions to our current systems.

Charter Consultation

Thank you parents / whānau that took the time to share feedback on our strategic goals. The board took the time at their meeting on Tuesday 7th December to review this feedback and carefully considered the input that we received. We look forward to sharing our 2022 annual goals with you in the new year. Congratulations to Angela Bishop on winning the Pak'nSave Voucher draw.

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Gallery & Library Exchange

On Thursday 2nd December, Rooms 2, 4 and 1 (Years 5 & 6)) visited the Tauranga Library and Art Gallery. Wreath making and robotics was enjoyed by all.



Camp Whakamārama - EOTC

Plan B for school camp was a great success! Our learners thoroughly enjoyed their day trips and the overnight stay at school was a huge hit. Thank you parents and whānau for making this possible with all the different roles that were fulfilled across the two days.



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Garden to Table

Our new journey with Garden to Table has been with no doubt a rewarding addition to our Whakamārama School curriculum. Thank you for all the support that we received from our volunteers. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our learning across 2022.



Prize Giving 2021

Thank you to whānau, kaiako and ākonga who attended, in person or virtually, our end of year prizegiving assembly. It was so heartwarming to see the support and love for our learners.



Classes 2022

Next year, we will be starting with 4 classrooms (roll of approximately 85).



To ensure that numbers are appropriate across all classrooms, placement at Whakamarama School is a decision and process that takes careful thought and consideration from staff. Classes for 2022 are currently looking as follows:

Room 3 - Mrs Williams (Brenda): Years 1, 2

Room 2 - Mrs Buchanan (Karen): Years 2, 3

Room 4 - Miss Wallace (Sarah) : Years 4, 5

Room 1 - Miss Johnstone (Theresa) & Miss Greateorex (Natasha): Years 6, 7, 8

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School Photos - Key codes have been emailed directly to parents for you to place orders with Photolife. If you have not received your email (please check your SPAM folder) call Photolife on 0800 501 040.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF): Settings prohibited from requiring evidence of vaccination

Ministers have agreed that there are certain settings where denying entry on the basis of vaccination status will be prohibited. These settings are in regard to life-preserving services and being able to access these services (e.g. public transport). The settings also include the right to access education - YAY!

As a result, all registered schools (including private schools), all school hostels (including private hostels), and all school transport services (for all students) will be prohibited from requiring proof of vaccination (either via My Vaccine Pass or other tool) as a condition of using or accessing education.

This prohibition will apply to all our students and you as parents / caregivers. This means that a person's vaccination status should not restrict learning for our children. Neither should it restrict you as parents and caregivers from supporting your children in their learning.

Other settings where entry cannot be denied on the basis of vaccination states include public transport, supermarkets, dairies, pharmacies, petrol stations and essential health and disability services.

Other events and activities

There are situations where requiring evidence of vaccination is not prohibited. In situations where events and activities occur on school grounds and where participants extend beyond staff, parents, caregivers and learners, it may be appropriate for us to ask for a vaccine certificate. Examples of this are fundraising events, concerts and other community events. Third-party users of our facilities will be required to show evidence of vaccination.

Please note, these decisions by Ministers will be reflected in an Order once the enabling legislation has been passed. We will therefore be able to provide you with further information after the Order is confirmed.

Plans for COVID-19 vaccination of children aged 5 – 11 years old

Medsafe, New Zealand's Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority, is currently considering an application to use a child version of the Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year olds, and the BOP District Health Board expects a decision in mid-December. Depending upon Medsafe's decision, before Christmas the Cabinet could make a decision to vaccinate children using the child version of the Pfizer vaccine.

Health officials are planning for a rollout of child doses of the Pfizer vaccine starting early next year.

TO KEEP IT SIMPLE

CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD CAN OLD BE VACCINATED WITH THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENT OR CAREGIVER

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

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

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PARENTS, WHĀNAU, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SUPPORT STAFF, SCHOOL BOARD, WIDER COMMUNITY



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