

**NEWSLETTER NO. 20 - 15th November 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 |

This term certainly feels as though it has flown by, and it is hard to believe we're half way through the term and approaching the end of 2023. But as with any term at Whakamārama School, there has been so much to celebrate and more celebrations to come.

**Play Week: 6th - 10th November**

Play Week was all about celebrating the value play brings to tamariki, whānau and communities across Aotearoa. And what an amazing week we had! The week gave our learners the freedom and chances to take risks. By teachers setting up provocations (items displayed to provoke interest), our tamariki learned to problem solve, get creative, make mistakes, create new friendships and learn new skills.



On Wednesday 8th November, we were lucky to have Nat, one of our schools Healthy Active Learning Community Connectors, visit our school across lunch time. Nat had a great time at the hair salon for Wacky Wednesday - and even kept her hair in for the next meeting of her day 😁 Words from Nat, "Thanks for having me, it was so much fun. You guys are amazing!"



**Marimba Festival**

The Tauranga Farmers Market on Saturday 11th November hosted a rare treat for a group of our learners. 70+ children, from 6 schools in the bay, played Marimba's (xylophones) and other percussion instruments for the BoP ONZA Marimba Festival - AND our school was part of this.

From 11-12pm, the air was filled with the exciting sounds inspired by Tāwhirimātea, the Guardian of the wind. Thank you parents/ whānau for making this event happen for our students 🌺🥰

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Whakamārama School is very lucky to have a board-funded music specialist. A music teacher that brings an array of experience to our team and who fosters the love of music for our tamariki. Christine, we love you and our learners love the passion that you bring to our curriculum; and the passion that you brought to this day - Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.



## Champions of Champions 2023

Champions of Champions for our 'Show Day' junior lamb section (Years 1-3) was awarded and celebrated at our assembly on Monday 6th of November. A visit from Chocolate, supported by grandad Simon, made this a very special moment for Willow, the recipient of the Champions of Champions ribbon 😊 She was very surprised. CONGRATULATIONS WILLOW!



Our Champions of Champions for our Year 4-7 lamb judging will be awarded and celebrated at our assembly on Friday 17th November 🙄

## Orienteering

Following up from our in school session with Dennis, Orienteering Bay of Plenty, 13 of our learners attended the WBOP Year 5 & 6 Orienteering event at Waipuna Park on Wednesday 8th November. Our learners thoroughly enjoyed the day and were able to add further to their orienteering skills through map reading. Feedback received: "It was an amazing event!"

What impressed us the most, was the confidence of these learners to try something new; the confidence and curiosity to give something new a try 😊 There are many benefits of trying new things: improved memory, mood and motivation, increased adaptability and agility to acquire new skills.

Congratulations to Jake, Byron and Ethan - Year 5 boys, 1st place 🏆 An impressive result for trying something new. You were open to a new experience; and your openness paid off!



Thank you Alison, Kylie and Amber for making this event happen for our students 🌸

## Garden to Table

Room 2 has had a fantastic three weeks of enthusiastically getting their hands dirty and learning how to grow, harvest, prepare and share food. In the kitchen an array of recipes were followed - breads & dips, spring onion

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pancakes and rainbow cream spinach to name a few. Room 2 learners also experienced preserving by making lemon honey and pesto to sell at Show Day 😊



## Small Schools' Athletics

This was the first year, in my time at Whakamārama, that Small School's Athletics was unable to take place due to weather conditions. After having our small athletics event out on the field on Thursday 2nd November, distances for discus, cricket ball throw and shot put were sent to Ōmokoroa Point School to be collated against the other small schools in our cluster.

### Acknowledgement of Achievement:

Isla: 1st Year 5 Girls Cricket Ball Throw

Byron: 2nd Year 6 Boys Cricket Ball Throw; 3rd Discus

Ryan: 1st Year 6 Boys Discus; 3rd Cricket Ball Throw



## North Cluster Athletics

Ryan and Byron attended North Cluster Athletics on Friday 10th November. They represented our small schools cluster in cricket ball throw and discus. They had a great day and gave it their everything!

## WBOP Primary & Intermediate Touch Tournament

Friday 3rd November hosted an opportunity to send two mixed teams to the WBOP Schools' Touch Rugby Carnival at Gordon Spratt Reserve. The competition is run to try and give more schools a taste of New Zealand's fastest growing sport. The weather was perfect, spirits were high and both our teams rose enthusiastically to the occasion. Our students, some very new to this game, played with heart, speed, perseverance, integrity and respect. The students were exceptional ambassadors for our school and should be very proud of their combined carnival efforts.



Manawa Nui

Manawa Roa

Manawa Ū

Manawa Tina

## New Classrooms

The wheels continue to move 😊 Engineers will be visiting Whakamārama School on Friday 17th November 2023 to perform a survey of the land for where our classrooms are proposed to be built. But whilst the wheels are moving parents / whānau, please understand that we are most likely to be without our new classrooms until the end of 2024. And that's if everything runs smoothly.



## Camp Aongatete Volunteers

Thank you to everyone that volunteered to assist us at Camp Aongatete. We are extremely grateful for this, as the students would not be able to attend camp without your support. This year we received a large number of parents wishing to attend Camp Aongatete, and unfortunately we are unable to take everyone. So that parents can make plans, attached to this newsletter are the parents that will be assisting us this year.

## Parent & Helpers Afternoon Thank You Afternoon Tea

As a special thank you to all our parents, whānau and helpers for your support across 2023 .... trips, school lunches, show day, sharing your knowledge and skills, supporting your child / children, organised sport - and the list goes on..... As a way of saying a GREAT big thank you for all the help and support you have given us across 2023, you are invited to an afternoon tea on Monday 27th November at 2:00 pm at the hall - mark your calendar 😊 Watch out for an RSVP notice coming home soon.

## Attendance

The school would like to thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance and ensuring that every day counts towards learning. We have seen a huge turn around with the attendance of some of our learners 😊😊

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



## FROM THE PTA

The Whakamārama School PTA was formed in March and has organised some fun events this school year, including a fundraising BBQ, a disco and a movie night, as well as arranging sales of the fantastic school tea towels, featuring self-portraits of each student. The PTA has raised \$9,292 in total so far this year from these events, as well as from donations and community grants, allowing some really useful items to be purchased for the use of the school.

It is through these fundraising events that the PTA has been able to donate two new gazebos, that have already been put to good use at school events this year, and a pie warmer, that has been so handy for use during school lunch events & the like.

Membership of the PTA is open to all and we would love to have some new members join. The PTA meets once a month, on a weeknight evening, and the time commitment required is as much or as little as members can offer. If you're keen to find out more, but you're unsure what it's all about, keep an eye out for the next meeting time (which is regularly mentioned on Class Dojo) and come along to a meeting - all are welcome! Being a member of the PTA is a great way to meet other school parents and support the school. The PTA looks forward to welcoming some new members in 2024 and continuing to bring you more fun events in the new school year.

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CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award at our whole school assembly on Monday 6th of November. Mīharo!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 6th November	Jamie T	Yay Jamie T - A super focus during Maths learning. Think about the maths challenge - Keep your focus. Well done.
	Cohen	Wow! Super reading. Cohen is an independent reader - Great! He is thinking about what he reads. Fab learning!
	Harry	Fantastic! Harry is a mathematician. Wonderful problem solving. Harry, you approach problems with thought. Mīharo
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 6th November	Indhie	For always being ready and willing to give new learning a try in Maths.
	Xavier	For asking thoughtful questions and offering sensible ideas during class discussions.
	Zac	For being a super reader - you think about what you are reading and are ready to answer questions.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 6th November	Alyssa	For being an amazing role model at Whakamarama School. You are friendly, polite, respectful and a wonderful friend to all of your classmates. Ataahua, Alyssa!
	Kingston	For displaying the Value of Responsibility. You are organised for learning, listen carefully and work hard to remain focused in the classroom. Tino pai rawa atu, Kingston!
	Byron	For being a careful observer, listener and critical thinker. You think outside the box and share your unique ideas with others. Tino pai, Byron!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 6th November	Connor	Kei te whakahīhī au ki a koe! I am very proud of you! Congratulations to Connor for explaining his thinking clearly when he is problem solving. Keep up the great maths!
	Max	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Max role modelling great behaviour and following instructions in fitness. Awesome work, Max!
	David	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to David for being thoughtful and hard working when facing new challenges in Maths.

## 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-RANGI / NOVEMBER	
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 - Look forward to seeing you!
Monday 20th	Parent Cybersafety Evening - Omokoroa No 1 School @ 6pm
Tuesday 21st	BoT Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 22nd	Technology Meeting 3.05pm: Parents of Year 5, 6 and 7 students
Friday 24th	Omokoroa Whakangahau
Monday 27th	Parent / Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea Whakamārama Hall @2pm
Thursday 30th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
HAKIHEA / DECEMBER	
Friday 1st	Social Dance Year 8s
Tuesday 5th	Bike Ready Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 5th	BoT Meeting 6pm
Thursday 7th	Prizegiving Assemblies (Note the change of date)
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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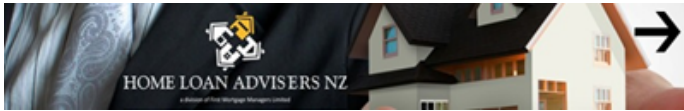
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Western Ave, Omokoroa.

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OPEN DAY!

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Trap Demos  
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Prizes

WHEN: Sunday 19 Nov., 10 a.m. — 12  
WHERE: DOC Carpark, At the end of Whakamārama Road  
Bad Weather Venue: Whakamārama Community Hall, 469 Whakamārama Road

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