

NEWSLETTER NO. 22 - 19th December 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 to our final newsletter for the year. It is hard to believe that another school year has passed. It has been a busy year; but a year that has focused relentlessly on the core purpose of why we are all here - our learners. A year that has been filled with so many accomplishments and events - sport, the arts, cultural events, environmental learning and the gathering of teacher, student, parent and board voice. What an amazing year for our kura!

Teachers, staff, students, parents, whānau and community members, thank you once again for your dedication, support, and partnership in making our school a wonderful place for learning and growth.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer. We hope you take the time to relax and enjoy precious moments with family and friends. Cherish the well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for another exciting school year ahead.



Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year everyone 🌲

Camp Aongatete

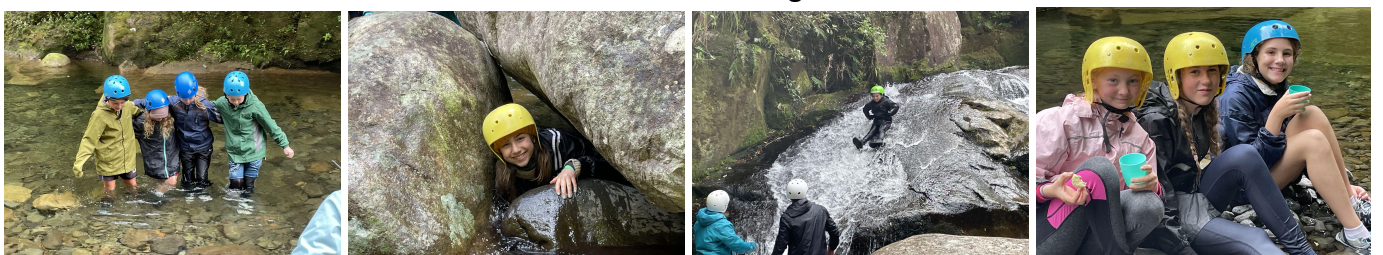
Across two bookings, Camp Aongatete was a huge success for our learners - new experiences were had, independence grew, and challenges were met and conquered. It was wonderful to see our learners enjoying nature, getting involved in a range of activities, showing resilience and caring for each other.

A huge THANK YOU to parents / whānau for making our camps at Aongatete a huge success. By being there for us, whether in the spotlight or quietly in the background, you contributed immensely to a fantastic learning experience for our students.

A massive shout out and thank you to our teachers for their dedication in making both these camps happen and ensuring they were such a wonderful experience for our students.



Survivor Challenge



River Walk

'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving'



Burma Trail - Great use of hooded sweatshirts - no need to stay up until dark



Team Building



Pancake Challenge



Shelter Making



Meet the Locals

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End of Year Prize Giving Assemblies

Thank you parents, whānau, kaiako and ākonga for uniting with us for our end of year prizegiving assembly / assemblies. It was so heartwarming to see the support and love for our learners. Congratulations to all of our learners this year. We are proud of each and every one of you and celebrate all your achievements across 2023.

Junior Assembly Highlights



Pōhiri Haka



Room 3 Musical Performance



Year 1 Certificates



Year 2 Certificates



Year 3 Certificates

Middle / Senior School Assembly Highlights



Year 4 Certificates



Year 5 Certificates



Year 6 Certificates



Year 7 Certificates



Year 8 Certificates



Trophy Winners 2023

Farewells

The school wishes our Year 8 leavers (Dames of Whakamārama School - Charlotte, Alexis, Destiny and Maddi) all the very best as they embark on a new learning journey beyond Whakamārama School. They have all worked so very hard, and we have no doubt that they will continue to do so. They have been a special group and we couldn't have asked for a better group of young people as role models to our younger students. We have no doubt that they will remember our school on the hill; dream big and work hard to achieve their dreams.



The school wishes our leaving Year 6 and 7 students all the very best for 2024. They are well equipped to achieve success as learners and we wish them great accomplishments in their new endeavours.

To all our school leavers - keep up the fantastic work; keep striving to always do your best.

Classes 2023

Next year, we will be starting with 4 classrooms (roll of approximately 100). We are extremely lucky at Whakamārama School to have a united team of staff deeply committed to our tamariki.

To ensure that numbers are appropriate across all classrooms, placement at Whakamārama School is a decision and process that takes careful thought and consideration from all staff. Classes for 2023 are currently looking as follows:

Room 3 - Mrs Williams (Brenda): Years 1

Room 2 - Mrs Buchanan (Karen): Years 2, 3, 4

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

Room 1 - Miss Johnstone (Theresa), Mrs Settle (Alison) & Miss Greatorex (Natasha): Years 6, 7, 8

Rippa Rugby

Rippa Rugby came to an end on Monday 4th December. Thank you parents and whānau that supported their child / children to play across the season. Rippa rugby will recommence on 19th February 2024. Please consider whether you wish for your child to play for the summer season. Notices will come out early in Term 1.



Stationery Lists

Stationery lists will come home in week 1 next year. Stationery can be purchased from the school or parents can choose to purchase elsewhere. Please note that the school does not make money on stationery items but wishes to bring to you quality stationery products that are discounted at the beginning of each year.

Students will start in their books from the beginning of Week 3 after teachers have had the opportunity to establish expectations of bookwork and presentation.

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Week 1 2024

Teachers will be in contact with you before Term 1 commences on Thursday 1st of February 2024. Please send your child along with their togs, towel and their hat 😊

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

HUI-TANGURU / FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 1st	First day of Term 1
Tuesday 6th	Waitangi Day - School Closed

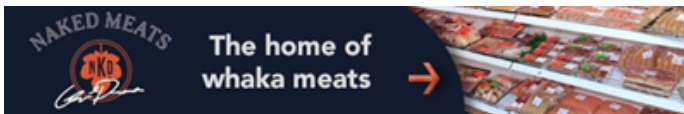
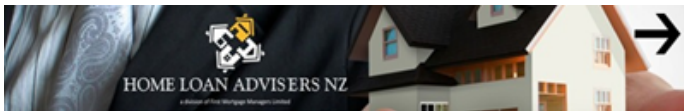
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BOB SQUAD
KAITIAKI MOANA
Summer Programme 2023-2024

BOB Squad is back this summer!
Pick up a booklet from your local library, complete some awesome missions, and do some reading to go into the prize draw!
(Available from 11th December)

Western Bay of Plenty District Libraries

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If you get sick this winter, speak to ZOOM Pharmacy first. Eligible Kiwis get FREE ADVICE, FREE MEDICINES and FREE DELIVERY

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Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) has specified you are eligible to use this service if you are aged 65 or more of the following:
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- Identify as a Pacific or Māori person
- hold a Community Services Card

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Edventure Young Explorers Camp
(8-12 year olds)
Mon 22nd-Fri 26th Jan 2024
\$560

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Located at the base of the Kaimai Ranges at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP.

Bus Pick-up/Drop off from Hamilton & Tauranga OR drop-off/pick-up @ Venue
Day & Over-night options available.

For more information:
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0275349949



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Christmas Carols in the park FREE ENTRY
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OPEN DECEMBER 11
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Lessons are dependant on swimming level, starting at \$180 per term.
Term 1: Monday 5th February - Saturday 13th April
14th Avenue, Omokoroa, Toi Ohomai
*no swimming on public holidays

ALL ABILITIES AND LEVELS WELCOME!
PRESCHOOL, SCHOOL AGED, SQUAD, ADULTS,
DISABILITY AND PRIVATE CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE

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taurangaswimschool.co.nz
For more information, contact the office via
email: info@taurangaswimschool.nz or phone: 027 267 7946




January Holiday Programs

14th Ave : 9:30am - 12:00pm
Omokoroa : 2:00pm - 5:00pm


Monday 8th - Friday 12th
Monday 14th - Fri 19th
Monday 22nd - 26th

Pool Party Hire from 2:30pm - 5:30pm
each day at 14th Avenue
(available weekends as well)
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