

NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - 16th February 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 |

Kei te pēhea koutou? How are you all? What a start to the year!

I hope that you all fared well across the days of Cyclone Gabrielle. Besides a few branches down, our kura feels extremely lucky to have suffered no damage. Unfortunately, this has not been the case for other areas around New Zealand who have been hugely affected by flooding, power and communication issues - aroha to all affected; our thoughts are with you all.

With an array of property works being undertaken at the moment, I cannot thank our contractors enough for ensuring that our school remained safe - as well as our projects!

School Community Family / Whānau Picnic (weather looking good 😊)

Tomorrow, Friday 17th of February, hosts our family / whānau picnic from 5-7pm. Bring along a picnic style dinner to eat and enjoy meeting our school community and welcoming our new families. We will unite at the front of the school where we can enjoy the shade of the cherry trees while watching our children play.

In past years we have opened up the pool, but unfortunately maintenance is still being carried out. Our learners love to play, so with some sports equipment splashed out, we have no doubt that they will enjoy spending time with their friends.

We look forward to seeing you soon...

Cyclone Gabrielle

The closure of our kura on Tuesday 14th February hosted an opportunity to test out our communication platforms to ensure that the message was received by all our school community. School closure was communicated through ClassDojo, email, the school website and texts to parents (I forgot Skool Loop!)

If you did not receive a text message, or you would like us to add an additional contact to our message database, please let the school know so that we can update this information.



Teacher Union Meetings

Paid primary teacher's union meetings are happening on Thursday 2nd March for all primary school teachers in the Tauranga Moana region. Due to morning and afternoon meetings being run by NZEI, we will only have two teachers off site at any one time, and these classrooms will be covered by a release teacher (Mrs Settle) and myself.

Swimming

Our swimming season has incurred some interruption with property works currently taking place.

- While roofing projects have been taking place, the removal of pipes supporting our solar system has meant the pool was chillier than normal.
- The upgrade of the pool filtration system and new pool cover has been completed, but further work was identified and is currently being addressed. Until this work is carried out, the school pool is currently not in use.

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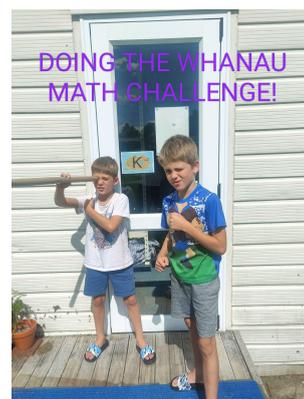
We are working hard to get the swimming season for our learners up and running again by the end of next week.

Family Tasks 2023

Across Terms 1-3, our staff will be bringing you fortnightly family challenges to undertake. This week's challenge came home yesterday (weather stopped this challenge from coming home on Monday).

Armed with a map, a pen and a set of coordinates, can your family locate the letters and unscramble them to find the answer to our joke?

Check out Ben and Oliver on their completion of the family task - we cannot reveal their answer to the joke 😊



Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan outlines our vision and values, where we want to be and how we are going to get there. Our baseline data shows where we are at now, and our implementation plan and targets will guide our school across 2023.

As our partners in education, across the upcoming weeks we will be sharing with you our strategic plan through the newsletter. Attached to this newsletter is our action plan for Strategic Goal 1: Ako - Teaching and Learning.

Rippa Rugby

Thank you to parents that returned their expression of interest for their child / children to play Rippa Rugby this term. The first game is on Monday 20th February, with the modules lasting for 6 weeks.

Team notices came home yesterday. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Natasha (principal@whakamarama.school.nz / 027 887 4600)

Cricket

Cricket is on the WBOP Sport calendar for this term. Two teams have been entered for the SuperSmash Cricket Festival events (Year 5 / 6). A mixed team will be playing at Blake Park on the 9th March; followed by a girls only team on 14th March.



Across the next couple of weeks our Year 5-8 learners will receive some cricket skills sessions from Northern Districts Cricket Association. Such sessions like this not only offer hands-on experience where our students are able to practise catching, fielding and batting skills - but it is also a wonderful opportunity for our learners to have a go at cricket.

Reading Together Programme

This term we will be running the Reading Together Programme. 'Reading Together' is a research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading. The programme has been shown to raise children's reading achievement in a significant and sustained manner, and to improve relationships between children and parents, and between parents and teachers.

'Reading Together' provides effective support for all children and their parents / whānau - children who struggle with reading, or are reluctant to read, or reading competently.

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The Reading Together workshops will provide you with practical strategies for you to use at home. The programme consists of four workshops – each 1 hour and 15 minutes long. The first 4 workshops will be in Week 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this term. The first Reading Together workshop is on Wednesday 8th March (time to be confirmed). Keep an eye out for further information coming home soon.



School Transport Assistance

If you live more than 3.2 km from the nearest school, and do not have access to suitable public transport to get them to and from school, your child may be eligible for School Transport Assistance. When driving to school next, please take the time to check your distance away from the school. If you are more than 3.2km away, please let us know so that we can support you in applying for a conveyance allowance.

Garden to Table

Wednesday 15th February hosted the start of Garden to Table with our Room 4 learners. Watering certainly wasn't a problem this summer and the kitchen crew had an array of produce to work with. The garden team planted seeds for winter, harvested and undertook some weeding. In the kitchen, our learners cooked up a meal of vegetable and cheese fritters, salad with a tasty dressing, and rice bubble and marshmallow slice. If the empty plates were anything to go by, I'd say the mahi (work) in the kitchen paid off!



The success of the programme comes from our volunteers: Tēnā rawa atu koutou Alison, Stormie, Helen, Amber, Jo and Frank 😊 Your support is truly valued and appreciated.

Garden Post Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Please support our annual spring bulb fundraiser. Return your forms to the office by Friday 3rd of March. You can pay by cash or internet banking, details on the order form. All going well, bulbs will be delivered around the end of March. There is no doubt that there will be some fantastic looking gardens this upcoming spring.



Stationery

Thank you for the wonderful response received from parents / caregivers in ensuring that our students are equipped early with the necessary stationery items required for 2023. Our stationery order from our providers was delivered yesterday (snail mail was slower this year). Huge thanks to Mrs Harty (Sharon) for getting the stationery out to all our learners 🌻

School T-Shirts Reminder

Our order will be placed on Friday 3rd of March. If you wish to purchase the school t-shirt or fleece jacket, please have your order in by this date.

Parent / Whānau Connect Meetings

Week 4 (Tuesday 21st & 22nd February) hosts our parent / whānau connect meetings. This is an opportunity for you as parents / caregivers to touch base with your child's teacher and share any information that you would like them to have. Teachers will also be able to answer any questions that you may have and share how your child has settled in. The teaching team is very excited!

Online bookings for our 'Whānau Connect' meetings can now be made through the Skool Loop app. You can download the app on the App Store or get it on Google Play.

If you have any questions or require assistance in booking your meeting time(s), do not hesitate in contacting Sharon in the office.

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**Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly
We are proud of the way you are living and learning with our school values and virtues**

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 10th February	Delia	Making a big effort in reading and writing - Ka pai!
	Harry	Wow - A super start to school. A conscientious Learner! Tino pai rawa!
	Willow	Yay - A super start to school. Willow loves 'reading' books. Tino pai rawa!
	Maddie	A focused start to the new learning year - Super effort during reading and writing. Tino pai rawa!
	Jamie A	A super start to school - Ka Rawe!
	Forrest	Yay - A super start to school. Forrest gives everything a go! Ka Pai!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 10th February	Indhie	Welcome to Whakamarama School! You have a fabulous smile and a positive attitude! We are so glad you joined Rm 2!
	Zac	For demonstrating respect for our classroom equipment by being a super tidier at tidy up time!
	Eva	For being welcoming and kind to the new children in Room 2 - you are a role model for others.
	Micah	You are respectful and supportive to those around you. You are showing you are ready to be a responsible leader in Rm 2 - what a great start to the year!
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 10th February	Noah	For displaying the Value of Respect by being friendly, showing good manners, and focusing on your learning. Tino pai, Noah!
	Sammy	For happily taking on responsibility and showing real leadership qualities in Room 4. Ka rawe, Sammy!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 10th February	Sophie	Showing great work ethic and having an excellent attitude towards learning
	Harry	A great job contributing ideas in his reading group
	Max	Showing excellent leadership skills in Room 1. Keep up the fantastic work!
	Connor	Striving for accuracy - a great job checking your working in Maths

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

HUI-TANGURU / FEBRUARY	
Friday 17th	Whānau Picnic 5pm - 7pm
Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd	Whānau Connect Meetings
Friday 24th	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!
POUTŪ-TE-RANGI / MARCH	
Thursday 2nd	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Wednesday 8th	Rooms 1 & 4 Field Trip - Bay Conservation Freshwater
Thursday 9th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Thursday 9th	Girls Super Smash Cricket Yr 5 & 6
Thursday 9th	Hearing & Vision Testing - NE and Yr 7 & 8
Friday 10th	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!
Saturday 11th	Have A Go Triathlon - Pahoia School
Tuesday 14th	Small School Swim Sports Y 5 & 6 (PP Thursday 16th)
Thursday 16th	Tall Poppies Swim Sports (Competitive)
Thursday 16th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Tuesday 21st	North Cluster Swim Sports (PP Thursday 23rd)
Wednesday 22nd	Girls Playing Sport Day - Winter Codes
Wednesday 22nd	World Water Day

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Thursday 23rd	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 24th	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!
PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ / APRIL	
Monday 3rd	HPV Dose 1 Year 8s
Tuesday 4th	North Cluster Swim Sports (PP Thursday 23rd)
Thursday 6th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Thursday 6th	Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!
Thursday 6th	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 7th	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 24th	TERM 2 STARTS - Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25th	ANZAC DAY - School Closed
Friday 30th July	Last Day of Term 2

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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.

Blue Light would like to invite you and your kids to **a fun filled day of fishing**

WHEN: ... Sunday 12th March 2023
WHERE: ... Tauranga Bridge Marina
TIME: ... 10am—1pm

- > Free Sausage Sizzle
- > Bait provided
- > Spot Prizes
- > Bring your Rod—limited number of free handlines available also

Great FREE day out with your Kids
(register on the day from 9am to be in to win spot prizes)

REGISTER TODAY!

Head to the Northern Districts Cricket website www.ndcricket.co.nz/play and choose your area. Enter registration details for the hub.

PLUS! Purchase your Northern Brave participant pack (bat, ball, backpack, cap and water bottle) at registration for only \$40!

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- BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- PONY CLASSES
- FARM ANIMALS AND PET-CARE CLASSES
- PRIVATE PONY EXPERIENCES
- GROUP PETTING ZOO VISITS
- HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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EXHIBITION

CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFTS

PREPARED FOR THE
HOME INDUSTRIES SCHEDULE A&P SHOW
 SATURDAY FEB 11 to SATURDAY FEB 18
 KATIKATI INFORMATION CENTRE
 Children bring entries to Information Centre
 10am—noon Saturday Feb 11th
 Children's categories excluding food items
 No fee to enter

KATIKATI A&P SHOW

Saturday 11th March
 Omokoroa Domain

Apata
 TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER
HAVE A GO TRY-ATHLON
 Hosted by Pahoia School

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