

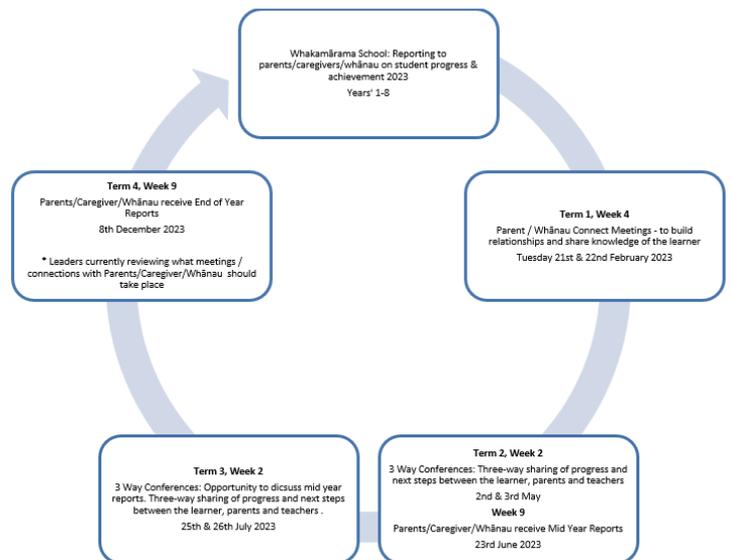
## NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - 22nd March 2023

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 |

It is hard to believe that we are only two and a half weeks away from the end of Term 1. It has been a wonderful start to 2023 - so much amazing learning going on and our learners experiencing and discovering their world in new ways. Contributing to the success of term 1 has been the ongoing support that we have from parents, caregivers and whānau; support that makes an enormous positive difference to our kura (school) and the experiences we offer our learners.

### Reporting Cycle

Our learners and parents/caregivers/whānau will receive two written reports during the year, as well as opportunity to meet with the teacher. But please remember that you can make time to meet with your child's classroom teacher at any time. Our teachers value what you as a parent can do to help us - you know your child the best.



Right: A summary of our 2023 reporting cycle

### Cricket Awareness

On Monday 20th March, our hardcourt area came alive as our Year 1-4 learners participated in the SuperSmash awareness programme offered by Northern District Cricket (thanks Jenna). Our learners were offered a one-off 30-45 minute session, focusing on an introduction to cricket fundamentals (catch, strike, throw). Through individual and small games, in a fun and inclusive style, Jenna delivered a quality experience to develop fundamental movement patterns and social skills to our learners - great cricketing Whakamārama. Do we have a potential Black Cap or White Fern in our midst? 😊 "The more **cricket** you play, the better you're going to get."



### Hockey Taster Sessions

Tauranga Hockey came into school on Monday 13th March to work with our Year 1-4 students for a taster of Fun Sticks (Years 1-2) and Small Sticks (Years 3-4) hockey. These were taster sessions to see if your child / children would be interested in signing up for hockey in Term 2. Some great skills witnessed 😊

# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'



## Small Schools' Swimming Competition

Tuesday 14th March hosted an opportunity for Caitlin, Ryan, Sammy, Gemma, Meera, Sophie and Meremaraea to take part in the Small Schools Swimming Competition at Ōmokoroa School. Our Year 5 / 6 squad of swimmers were positive participants and represented their school with integrity and pride. The feedback from parents that attended the day was highly encouraging and supportive of our swimmers. "Every race is an opportunity to measure yourself against your own potential" Well done team!



## SuperSmash Cricket

To follow up our Year 5/6 SuperSmash skills sessions delivered by Northern District Cricket, two teams (16 students) attended the SuperSmash Cricket Festival at Bay Oval on Thursday 9th March. Schools united to test their cricketing skills against one another. Our learners united as a team, were positive team players and represented their school with integrity and pride. Well done team! Thank you Geoff, Fiona, Sharlene, Breeanna and Lana for making this event happen for our students.



## Family Reading Challenge

Last week kicked off the start of our family reading challenge. Thank you Mrs Williams (Brenda). Completed bingo sheets, photos and favourite tasks will be shared at our 24 March School Assembly. We look forward to sharing and celebrating our family submissions with you. To the left is a sneaky peak of one of our learners reading upside down.

## Rippa Rugby

The last game of the season is next week; Monday 27th March. Thank you parents/caregivers/whānau/coaches for supporting our tamariki to attend the rippa rugby modules across term 1. You have all done an amazing job!

Thank you to our tamariki that have played up to ensure that teams have had sufficient numbers. Some great talent amongst our school 😊

Photo to the left: WHAKAMIHI / CONGRATULATIONS to player of the day for Lightning & Thunder - Micah



**Te whanake ake he akomanga ngākau reka**

# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

## Attendance and Punctuality

We are seeing an increase in the total number of our learners attending regularly 😊. Together we are making a difference - thank you for fostering the importance of attendance and ensuring that every day counts 😊 Year to date we have an average attendance rate of 91.7% of our learners present at school 😊.

Whakamārama School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education and by working in partnership with you as parents, caregivers and whānau, we are aiming for educational success for all. Regular attendance and punctuality is of great importance for our learners. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning.

**Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!**

## 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 last few newsletters we have been sharing with you our strategic plan for 2023. Attached to this newsletter is our action plan for Strategic Goal 5: Te Whakamānawa - Developing Cultural Competencies in Learning Communities: To build a culturally responsive school culture

## Teacher Only Day Reminder

Our next teacher only day is on **Monday 24th April 2023**. This is a day provided by the Ministry of Education for teachers to learn about the (soon to be released) refreshed English and Mathematics Curriculums. Please mark your calendar in preparation for this.

**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 6 10th March	Jamie T	Jamie knows it is important to ask 'learning questions'. Good job! Keep asking questions.
	Cohen	Cohen 'concentrates' when reading - Great! He is trying to think about what he is reading. Fab-O!
	Cairos	Mighty effort when writing. Cairos tries to make his writing interesting for the reader - Yay!
	Forrest	Super duper effort during reading time (Wow - Forrest loves books) ... Go for it Forrest!
	Jamie A	Jamie is making a wonderful effort to be a focused learner - Awesome!!
	Harry	Super duper Maths thinking. Harry is always ready to 'problem solve'. Yay!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 10th March	Ruby	For being a focused learner - you listen carefully so you know what to do and stay on task until you are finished!
	Johnny	For showing perseverance - Johnny you always finish what you start - you never give up - you always make sure your work is finished to a high standard.
	Claudia	For persisting with reading - even when the words are tricky you don't give up!
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 10th March	James	For displaying the Value of Perseverance by remaining focused when working independently and striving to complete tasks to a high standard. Tino pai rawa atu, James!
	Ethan	For displaying the Value of Perseverance by avoiding distractions and enthusiastically writing an interesting and exciting story. Kai pai to mahi, Ethan!
	Taylor	For listening carefully to instructions and striving to complete tasks to an exceptional standard. Ka rawe, Taylor!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6	Callaway	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Callaway for being a thoughtful and reflective writer! It has been great to see your enthusiasm for writing!

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10th March	Ryan	Habit of Mind - Persistence award To Ryan for staying on task and remaining focused. Your persistence in writing has been wonderful to see
	Jorja	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Jorja for being a focused and motivated learner in her reading group. You are a great role model for others!
	Charlotte	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Charlotte for producing writing that is entertaining and engaging. Fantastic work towards your writing goals!

## 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

POUTŪ-TE-RANGI / MARCH	
Thursday 23rd	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 24th	Rooms 1 and 4 Field Trip to Puketoki Reserve
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 June	Last Day of Term 2

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**TE PUNA HUNTING & FISHING CLUB**  
**Kids hunting and fishing competition**  
 1ST 2ND 3RD LONGEST SNAPPER \$15 PER TICKET  
 1ST 2ND 3RD LONGEST KAHAWAI OPEN TO KIDS FROM 3 TO 15 YEARS !!  
 1ST 2ND 3RD LONGEST TREVALI  
 1ST 2ND 3RD HEAVIEST POSSUM  
 1ST 2ND 3RD HEAVIEST RABBIT  
 Briefing 6.30 pm  
 Friday 31st March  
 weigh in Sunday 2nd  
 April - 3pm at cliff  
 PRIVATE MESSAGE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR TICKET DETAILS !!

**WINTER COMPETITION COORDINATORS NEEDED**  
 We are looking for fun, responsible, enthusiastic people to help create a fantastic atmosphere for our hockey community.  
 Paid positions!  
 One night or multiple nights, it's up to you. The days and approximate times are below.  
 Monday 4:30- 8:30 pm  
 Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm  
 Wednesday 4:45-9:20 pm  
 Friday 4:00-9:00 pm  
 Saturday 8:00 am-12:30 pm  
 Saturday 12:30-7:30 pm  
 For more information - please contact Barbara Wood (e) competitions@tgahockey.co.nz

**The One and a Half Acre Wood**  
 IN WHAKAMARAMA, TAURANGA  
 BIRTHDAY PARTIES  
 PONY CLASSES  
 FARM ANIMALS AND PET-CARE CLASSES  
 PRIVATE PONY EXPERIENCES  
 GROUP PETTING ZOO VISITS  
 HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
 GAIN CONFIDENCE AROUND ANIMALS  
 CREATE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES  
 LEARN ANIMAL SAFETY  
 FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:  
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**REGISTER TODAY!**  
 PLAY CRICKET  
 Head to the Northern Districts Cricket website [www.ndcricket.co.nz/play](http://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 wasser bottle) at registration for only \$40!

Briefing and prizegiving  
 To be held at  
 The Alehouse, Plummers Point Rd

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