

NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - 14th April 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 |

Here we are, drawing to the end of Term 1. It is so nice to be back at school after my sabbatical leave. I have thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with our learners and hearing their stories. It has also been exciting to introduce myself to our new learners. A big thank you to Vicki Knell (acting principal) and Caroline Kenny (Room 1 teacher) for fulfilling my roles while I was away. Our school, our kura, is so proud to have learners, staff, parents and whānau that are willing to put their best foot forward in whatever they do.

Thank you to the Whakamarama School staff who worked as a team to keep our great little school humming along. Knowing the school was in such capable hands meant I could focus on my research and enjoy some rest and recreation. I feel very refreshed and energised!

Whakamarama Netball Team

Sport and team games are important to the development of the whole child. Sport and team games encourage participation, responsibility and personal excellence while fostering sportsmanship, positive relationships and team spirit. Term 2 unites twelve of our students (Unexpected Shadows), for the upcoming netball season - they are very excited.

Thank you to Rachel Millard from Tall Poppy Real Estate for sponsoring the teams uniforms - don't they look amazing! Thank you to our coaches Debbie and Kylie (tēnā rawa atu korua) for supporting the 'Unexpected Shadows' as they prepare for their upcoming games 🌸.



Netball team with Rachel Millard - Tall Poppy sponsor



Netball team with coaches Debbie & Kylie



Wild About NZ Environmental Group

With the support of Tammy Bruce, Wild about New Zealand, our students are provided with the opportunity to help turn the tide for our native wildlife. Across term 1 the environmental group has been learning about stream health; with a particular focus on our local taonga - Puketoki Reserve.

Tuesday 13th April hosted an opportunity for the group to present their learning to Room 3 learners through drama.

William says, "Don't throw rubbish into lakes and drains".

Micah says, "The trees keep our rivers cool".

Sophie says, "The sun makes the river hotter but the trees block the sun from making it hot".

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School Camp: 10th November - 13th November

Traditionally, Whakamarama School students have had the opportunity annually to attend an overnight camp for 2-3 nights where a range of outdoor activities are offered as part of our outdoor education curriculum.

For 2021, we have been lucky enough to attain a space at 'Camp Raglan', and the Board has approved for this camp to go ahead. We are currently planning for this to be a whole school camp but this may change.

The Board is aware that payment cannot be enforced, however, the reality is that unless parents support school camp by making a 'donation' the school would not be able to continue to have camps in the future or the entire structure around school camps would need changing.

To support planning, a questionnaire will come out early term 2 to ascertain who is able to make a \$180 'donation' towards their child attending the camp. **Knowing about camp now provides you with sufficient warning to start setting some money aside for this expenditure - setting aside \$7.00 per week / per child will have your 'donation' covered by 10th November if you start from the beginning of Term 2.**

Teacher Only Days

Arising from the employment agreement negotiations for the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement and the Primary Principals' Collective Agreement, it was agreed that any one principal or teacher is entitled to a maximum of eight teacher-only days.

These days are to provide teachers and principals with additional time to:

- Refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards);
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching;
- Respond to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report;
- Familiarise themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

The board has approved the following dates for teacher only days across 2021:

Staff Professional Development Day
School Closed



SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday 17th May 2021

SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday 26th July 2021

SCHOOL CLOSED: Friday 1st October 2021

In preparation for these days, please take the time to mark your calendar and organise for the care of your child / children.

The Great Tauranga Duck Race - Whakamarama School were chosen by the Tauranga Gate Pa Rotary Club to be a recipient of their Fundraiser - The Great Tauranga Duck Race. We made \$1000 - we thank you for your support!

Don't forget you can go along and watch the Duck Race on Sunday the 11th April. Corporate Race starts at 10am and the general Duck Race is at 10.30am at The Strand Waterfront.



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School Start Times

School commences at 9:00 am daily and finishes at 3:00 pm. To support teachers in preparing for their day, students may start arriving at school from **8:30 am**.

School Lunches

Thank you to all our parents / whānau that have organised and prepared school lunches over the term. Your continued support is valued and the delicious Friday menu is enjoyed by many of our students.



Cross Country - Term 2

Next term the school will be hosting the cluster schools' cross country events (Year 4-8). All students across our school will be learning how to develop their running stamina over longer distances. In preparation for cross country 2021 (school and cluster events); you might like to encourage some holiday training for your child / children 😊 Keep active and have fun whānau. Our teachers will be getting out there too!

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 10 9th April	Ruby	Super duper effort during reading sessions - Go Ruby!
	Noah	Great writing - Super sounding out. Yay!
	Cha-leigh	Cha-leigh is a super star! What a great start to school - Yay!
	Courtney	What a keen learner - Great writing ideas.
	Heidi	Awesome effort during reading and writing time - Yay!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 10 9th April	Isla	For fabulous reading - you look closely and think carefully to check your reading makes sense. For being a responsible member of Room 2 and for looking out for others that may need support.
	Ollie	A focused reader who thinks carefully about the text so he is ready to discuss and answer questions
	Sammy	Successful people know how to ask meaningful questions. Sammy - you know the right questions to ask to further your learning.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 10 9th April	Jamie	For taking full responsibility for your own learning. Your positive attitude, enthusiasm, and efforts are fantastic, Jamie!
	Ryan	For contributing relevant and thoughtful ideas during class discussions. You ask interesting questions and are always thinking, Ryan!
	Natarlya	For your improved effort and attitude towards your learning. Keep up these huge improvements, Natarlya!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 10 9th April	Mika	For being a passionate and enthusiastic writer
	Destiny	Always putting your best foot forward with a fabulous smile. For persisting even when it feels hard
	Marlo	For seeking questions and considering challenges to overcome particularly during persuasive writing
	Lisa	Being an amazing helper during the working bee

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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

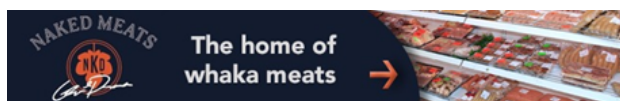
Friday 16th April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 3rd May	Term 2 Starts
Thursday 6th May	Tech Yr 7 & 8 - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th May	Kids Can Ride
Thursday 13th May	Tech Yr 7 & 8 - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Friday 14th May	Interschools Amazing Race *P
17th - 21st May	Science Week
Thursday 20th May	Tech Yr 7 & 8 - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
Friday 21st May	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday 27th May	Tech Yr 7 & 8 - Remember your school shirt and closed in shoes
24 - 28th May	Samoan Language Week
24 - 28th May	Tech Week
Wednesday 2nd June	Tall Poppies Cross Country
Wednesday 2nd June	Small Schools Cross Country pp Friday 4th *P
Monday 7th June	Queens Birthday - school closed
Wednesday 9th June	North Cluster Cross Country - pp Friday 11th *P
Friday 9th July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 26th July	Term 3 starts
Friday 1st October	Last day of Term 3
Monday 18th October	Term 4 starts

**P Parent support required*

The staff at Whakamarama School wish our learners, parents and their whānau a happy and safe school holiday.

Happy School Holidays!

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app: SKOOL LOOP



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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD


House of Science Tauranga April 2021 Holiday Programme




**671 Cameron Road
Tauranga South
Tauranga 3112**

Contact us at
Ph 0223773209
Email tauranga@houseofscience.nz
For full Programmes details go to
<https://houseofscience.nz/tauranga/shop/>

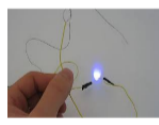
Combat Robotics
week 19th April to 21st April 2021 full week. 8-13 years \$250.00
Have your children been watching Robot Wars, Combat Robots or Battle bots?
This is their chance to have a go.
This full week we will be building
fighting robots. Children will build small
remote-controlled robots and have them
battle for supremacy.
Children will be working in teams of 2:




Monsters of the Sea-Marine Biology
Tuesday 27th April 2021 9 am to 3 pm
- 5-13-year-olds. \$50.00




Light it up - Electronics
Wednesday 28th April 2021 9 am
to 3 pm for 5-13-year-olds. \$60.00



**Engineering- The Science of
Solutions - Thursday 29th
April 2021 9 am to 3 pm for
5-13-year-olds. \$50.00**



**Natural Disasters- Tsunami,
Earthquakes and Volcanoes
-Natural World - Friday 30th
April 2021 9 am to 3 pm 5-13-
year-olds. \$50.00**



Go to <https://houseofscience.nz/tauranga/shop/> to enrol your children into this exciting Holiday Programme or phone 0223773209 for more information.
Please make sure children have their own lunch/snacks/water bottles and a pair of shoes as we may go for a walk at lunchtime.
OSCAR subsidies are available, programmes must be paid in full before the start date. Please contact the office tauranga@houseofscience.nz for more information.

KINESIS EVENTS

Omokoroa No1 School
Plummers Point Road, Omokoroa, New Zealand

Holiday Programme

Holiday programme Full day	08:00 a.m.-04:00 p.m.	\$45.00
Holiday Programme half AM	08:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Holiday Programme half PM	12:00 p.m.-04:00 p.m.	\$25.00
Holiday Programme Extended hours	04:00 p.m.-05:30 p.m.	\$10.00

Splash Day
Mon 19 Apr



Make pool noodle rafts, play games in the pool, play catch with a water balloon and hit the water slide. Epic.

Kinesis Bake Off
Tue 20 Apr



Plan and bake your best sweet and savoury treats using only the ingredients provided, prizes for best in each category.

DIY Science Day
Wed 21 Apr



DIY Science is back again! This time we will be making our own bouncy balls, Elephant's Toothpaste and making some things explode!

Trip Day: The Gorge
Thu 22 Apr



Due to popular demand, we are repeating our visit to the Gorge! Come and discover this spectacular area of natural and historical interest.

Relaxation Day
Fri 23 Apr



Try some yoga, make some soothing bath bombs and scents, try some mindfulness activities and chill out in our in-house cinema.

No Activity
Mon 26 Apr

ANZAC Day - No Service

Superhero Day
Tue 27 Apr



Come dressed as your favourite superhero or create your own costume. Games, challenges and surprises galore!

Engineering Day
Wed 28 Apr



Lego Challenges, Sprockets Challenges, Giant builds and more, bring your brains and help your team win the day.

Colour Wars Day
Thu 29 Apr



Giant colour wars, wax resist painting, fireworks in a jar, crayon wars and more! T-Shirt included.

Party Day!
Fri 30 Apr



Bouncy Castles, musical games, party games and a mini disco!

All bookings must be placed at least three days prior to attendance, a 20% deposit is required to confirm bookings.
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MENG FOON

Race Relations Commissioner

MC - Greg Brownless

WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 6.00pm
DANIELS IN THE PARK

Five panelists representing Tauranga's Cultural Diversity will give their thoughts on Tolerance and Discrimination in NZ then Meng Foon will speak on this.

\$45 Tickets available from:

- House of Travel - Willow Street
- Multicultural Tauranga - Historic Village
- or online at 01 0434 0108000 00

Particulars: your name
Code: mFoon
Reference: your phone number

For further information ring John 027 284 9738




KATIKATI BRICK SHOW

**SATURDAY
8TH MAY**

KATIKATI
PRIMARY
SCHOOL HALL

10AM - 4PM

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April 23, 2021 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Doors Open - 7.00pm
April 24, 2021 10.30am - 9.30pm
Doors Open - 10.00am, 1.30pm & 7.00pm
April 25, 2021 10.30am - 2.30pm
Doors Open - 10.00am, 12.30pm

at **Baypark**

Mount Maunganui

He hapori matapoporetia whakamanā te ākonga kia tū māia kia tutuki pai ai ngā mahi katoa hei whaipainga mo tōnā ao