

NEWSLETTER NO. 7 - 5th April 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 |

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our final newsletter for Term One! The last day of term is tomorrow, Thursday 6th April. We wish all our school families a safe and happy Easter weekend and term break. School will reopen on Wednesday 26th April, following a Teacher Only Day on Monday 24th and Anzac Day on Tuesday 25th April.

Thank you all for your continued support and contributions throughout this term. We've had a busy term, with a wealth of wonderful learning opportunities and possibilities for our students. We look forward to another exciting term of learning after the holidays.



**A MASSIVE
THANK
YOU**

Rippa Rugby

The term 1 Rippa Rugby modules have come to an end. A huge thank you, ka mihi nui, to everyone who played a part across the season - whether it was through administration, coaching, managing or supporting in some way; you all made a difference for our learners. Thank you to our learners for uniting together and being positive team players 😊



WHAKAMIHI / CONGRATULATIONS to players of the day: George, William M, Meremaraea and Chad

Freshwater Field Trip

Wai is the life force of all living beings. We are mostly made up of water and we are reliant on it to survive. Our freshwater has carved out our landscape. It is millions of years old and keeps recycling itself and being cleaned by natural processes. And yet, our freshwater is in serious trouble, impacting all the species that rely on it. We all need to look at how we use water wisely and treat it respectfully so it can remain clean and plentiful for generations to come.

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On Friday 24th March, Rooms 1 & 4 Friday headed to our local waterway, Puketoki Reserve, to enjoy a day investigating the health of the water. The field trip allowed our learners the opportunity to observe the top of a pristine stream and look at the creatures that live in it.



Camp Aongatete

Thank you parents / whānau that returned the quick survey in regards to making a donation for school camp in Term 4. Camp at Aongatete has been booked 😊 We look forward to bringing you further information closer to the time.

Knowing about camp now provides you with sufficient warning to start setting some money aside for this donation. Setting aside \$4.00 per week / per child would have your 'donation' covered by 8th December if you start from the beginning of Term 2. If you choose to set up a direct debit payment towards camp - please use 'camp' as reference.

Police Vetting

Volunteers who have unsupervised access to students e.g. camp helpers, sports coaches and parent helpers are required to be police vetted. To support future attendance at school camps or involvement in activities that may require parents / caregivers to work with students unsupervised, police vetting forms are available from the office for your consideration to complete.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ATTENDING SCHOOL CAMP WHEN THE TIME COMES, IT IS VITAL THAT YOU COMPLETE A VETTING CONSENT FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BRING IN TWO FORMS OF IDENTITY THAT CAN BE SIGHTED.

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THIS INCLUDES PARENTS THAT MAY HAVE A CURRENT POLICE VET WITH ANOTHER ORGANISATION

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR ORGANISATION TO POLICE VET ALL NEW CHILD VOLUNTEERS / WORKERS

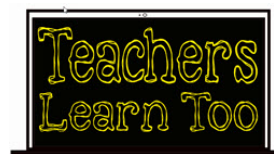
3 Way Conferences

The 3 way learning conference provides the opportunity to share information, to dialogue and celebrate learning, to determine next steps and to look at ways in which parents can support at home. They are an opportunity to meet together, with the child's interests and needs at the heart of the meeting. Our conferences take place on Tuesday 2nd May and Wednesday 3rd May.

Online bookings will be made available through the Skool Loop app from Monday 24th April.

What have our teachers been learning?

Whakamārama School staff and teachers are constantly learning and working to improve their practice. Across the term, our team has been involved in an array of wonderful learning opportunities.



Programmes for Students (PFS): ALiM (Accelerating Learning in Mathematics). Our teachers are lucky to be receiving mentor support from Jo Matthews. Jo's expertise is providing professional learning and development in Mathematics. She has extensive experience supporting school wide development and change in the leading, learning and teaching of Mathematics and Statistics in order to improve learning for students.

Literacy

Through a professional learning group, our teachers have worked together in a collaborative, interactive and ongoing way in order to improve teacher practice and outcomes for students (with a specific focus on writing). As a team, we are working towards documenting what an effective literacy classroom looks like across our kura.

Tūhuratia te Iho Pūmanawa; Addressing Bias and Stereotyping in Teaching Practice

Through an online webinar with Core Education, our teachers were supported to:

- Understand the relationship between teacher expectations and ability grouping/streaming, and how it can impact ākongā achievement.
- Appreciate the advantages of mixed-ability teaching, including high-expectation teaching, for enhancing ākongā achievement.
- Identify key behaviours of high-expectation teachers and gain practical insights into effective mixed-ability teaching practices.

Learning is our core business - both for us and our tamariki!

Garden to Table

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that have given their time, skills, and experience to support the ongoing success of the Garden to Table programme at our kura. Across the term you have helped empower Room 1 & 4 tamariki to grow, harvest, prepare, and share great food! 😊

Yummy Apple Stickers

Our school is registered in the Yummy Fruit Company school sticker promotion. School families are encouraged to collect the YUMMY stickers off their fruit and collect the YUMMY cut out labels from bags of fruit (each label is worth 10 stickers). Children are encouraged to put their stickers on the charts that we

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have sent home. In Term 3 all collected stickers can be handed in to the school office and redeemed for sports equipment.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing to see 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 😊



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 reading target for 2023 and actions to achieve this.

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 8 24th March	Eben	Super effort when writing. Eben is remembering to reread - Yay!
	Leo	When Leo is focused he is sounding out the words he needs when he writes. Keep that focus Leo - Yay!
	George	A big effort when reading and writing ... and wow, some super maths too!
	Delia	Wow! Wow! Super duper maths thinking ... and some awesome writing! Yay!
	Maddie	Super duper reading ... Big effort during maths and writing - How fabulous!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 8 24th March	Flynn	You show unity by helping others in need- Ka Rawe!
	Cha-Leigh	You are a super reader - you look closely at words and think carefully about what you are reading to check if it makes sense.
	Brayden	You are a focused learner. You listen carefully and work hard to finish your tasks on time.
	William	You show unity by working responsibly with others and by being willing to support those that need help.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 8 24th March	Aaliyah	For listening carefully to instructions and striving to complete tasks to an exceptional standard. Ka rawe, Aaliyah!
	Tristan	For listening respectfully to the ideas and opinions of others, and working cooperatively in a group. Tino pai, Tristan!
	Reon	For displaying the Value of Unity by including others and never hesitating to help a friend in need. Ataahua, Reon!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 8 24th March	Gemma	Habit of Mind - Thinking Interdependently Award - To Gemma for having the ability to consider others' input in a group. Your discussions in Maths have been thoughtful and reflective.
	Destiny	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Destiny for being a wonderful role model and demonstrating the Whakamārama School values at the Physical Activity Leaders day.
	Payton	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Payton for having confidence

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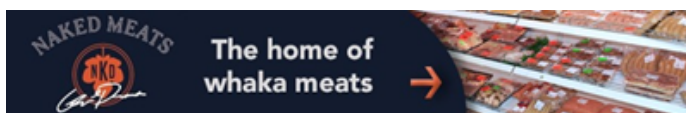
		and stretching herself in Maths.
	Caitlin	Habit of Mind - Thinking Interdependently Award - To Caitlin for having the ability to consider others' input in a group. Your discussions in Maths have been wonderful to hear.

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

PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ / APRIL	
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
Wednesday 26th	Back to school for our students
Thursday 27th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
HARATUA / MAY	
Monday 1st	Lit Quiz - Tauranga Intermediate
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd	3 Way Conferences
Thursday 4th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th	Years 5 & 6 Kids Can Ride Programme
15th - 19th	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 16th	Board Meeting 6pm
Friday 19th	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 19th	School Cross Country
Tuesday 23rd	Small Schools/Tall Poppies Cross Country
Tuesday 30th	North Cluster Cross Country
PIPIRI / JUNE	
Monday 5th June	King's Birthday - School Closed
Tuesday 13th	WBoP Cross Country Championships
Tuesday 20th	BoP Cross Country Championships
Thursday 15th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Thursday 22nd	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Thursday 29th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 30th	Term 3 Ends

Thanks the below businesses for sponsoring our school app Skool Loop:



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.



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CANOE SLALOM

GIVE IT A GO! GET WET

18TH APRIL 10 - 12PM

20TH APRIL 3 - 5PM

WAIMARINO WATER PARK
36 Taniwha Place, Bethlehem (located at the end of the park)

<https://www.sportyco.nz/viewform/232926>

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK SCAN QR CODE OR CONTACT ADRIA ON 022 199 5274 EMAIL: COACHADRIA@CANOESLALOMBDP.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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The One and a Half Acre Wood @theoneandahalfacrewood

April Holiday Programme
at **THE ONE AND A HALF ACRE WOOD**
in Whakamarama
ONLY 20 MINUTES FROM BETHLEHEM

AGES 5 TO 13 YEARS
FRI 14 APRIL, MON 17 APRIL, WED 19 APRIL, FRI 21 APRIL

9AM - 3PM
\$70 PER DAY PER KID

Get your kids off those devices and having fun **OUTDOORS** these holidays with our popular animal-filled Holiday Programme here on our picturesque lifestyle block.

MEET AND CUDDLE A PETTING ZOO OF ANIMALS GAMES, CRAFTS, AND CAMPFIRE FUN! CUDDLE AND RIDE A PONY

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WINTER COMPETITION COORDINATORS NEEDED

HOCKEY TAURANGA

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 4:45-9:30 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

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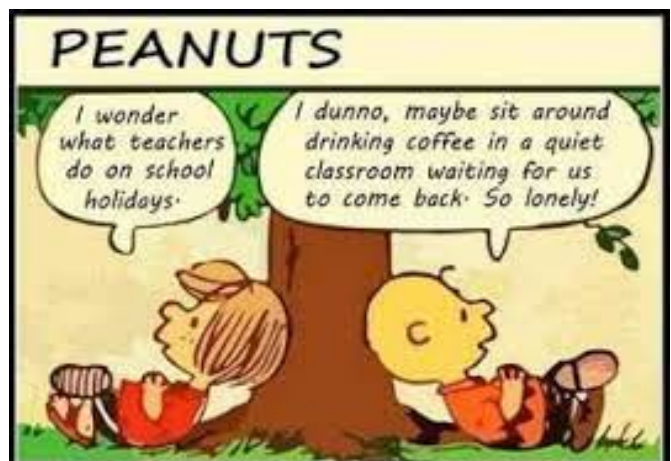
[schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz](https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz)

REGISTER TODAY!

PLAY CRICKET

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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