

## NEWSLETTER NO. 8 - 3rd May 2023

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It's fantastic to welcome our tamariki, staff and parents back for Term 2. We hope everyone had a super two weeks with their children at home. The staff and I are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

### Bay Conservation: Te Ngāhere / The Forest

Aotearoa was once covered in native forest that provided a habitat for our special flora and fauna. Now, due to habitat loss and pest invasion, this habitat is under threat and needs our help. Aongatete is a precious lowland forest in a unique mountain and coastal landscape. Hosting a unique mix of plants, birds, reptiles and invertebrates whose northern or southern limits meet here, it's significant as almost all Kaimai forest of this type has been converted to farmland. Aongatete Forest Project has been protecting 500 hectares of native forest since 2006, using traps and bait stations to protect the rare plants and animals that live there. They are a completely volunteer operation.

On Friday 28 April, Rooms 1 & 4 had an in-class session with Bay Conservation Alliance. Our learners were introduced to conservation and the importance of looking after our forest (Ngāhere). They then moved around a rotation of activities covering the conservation status scale, our native kauri tree and ngā tamariki o Tāne (the children of Tane Mahuta). We will be following up our learning with a visit to Aongatete - a taonga, a treasure, right on our back door step. We have no doubt that our tamariki will be guardians, kaitiaki, for our environment into the future.



### Winter Sport

Year 1 / 2 Funsticks Hockey kicked off yesterday and will take place every Tuesday across the term at Whakamārama School. As the name suggests, fun was definitely seen on the court for the first session.

Year 3 / 4 Hockey Hub runs from Wednesday 3rd May - Wednesday 21st June at Ōmokoroa No.1 School. To all our registered students, have a great time and enjoy developing your hockey skills 😊

Netball grading for our school team, The Mighty Ferns, takes place on Saturday 13th May. Have an awesome season team! Thank you Debbie who will be coaching our team across the season and our team manager Clare - tēnā rawa atu kōrua 🌸

### Student Drop Off

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For student safety, we ask that parents either use the bus bay or cross your child / children over to school once parked at the Whakamārama Hall. We are seeing parents drop their child / children off at the chain leading into the school and then reversing out. On wet days, visibility is poor and drop off in the bus bay is far safer than reversing out of the car park.

## Student Pick Up

Thank you parents / whānau for your consideration of the bus bay at student pick up time. With winter weather approaching, continue to be patient and keep our tamariki safe.

## Attendance

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 😊



## Words from attendance letter received from Hon Jan Tinette

“School attendance has declined over the past decade, and COVID-19 has made things worse. This means our children and young people are missing out on learning, friendships and connections with their classmates and kaiako. We all have a role to play in ensuring our young people are attending and engaging in their education. We know from research conducted by ERO that 41% of parents think it’s okay for their child to miss a week of school a term. I strongly encourage you to remind parents and whānau of the importance of their child attending school every day unless they are sick”.

New attendance officer roles designed:

The Ministry has completed the design process for 82 new attendance officer roles, in consultation with our peak body representatives. These roles are designed to work within schools with students who have irregular or moderate absences. This means they will typically support students missing 5-15 days of school in a term. They will work with clusters of schools, students and whānau on strategies to achieve regular attendance. The contract process is underway, and it is expected the roles will be in place in Term 2 this year.

## Whakamārama School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Next Meeting  
**When:** Monday 15th May 2023  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Whakamārama Hall



If you are interested in joining the PTA, go along and see how things work. There are a number of exciting events coming up to get involved in. The PTA is a great way to be involved in the school community and they welcome as much or as little help as you are able to give. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Camp Aongatete - End of Term 4

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



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## 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.**

**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.**

## Teacher Only Day

So that our staff can attend the launch of the Te Tai Whanake ki Tauranga Moana Te Ao Māori Local Curriculum, the board has approved Monday 18th September 2023 as a teacher only day.



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

## Period Products Available

The access to period products initiative aims to provide free period products to children and young people in all state and state-integrated schools and kura across New Zealand. Access to free period products are available at our school for any student that requires these. Period products are only available for akonga at our school or kura.

Providing access to free period products helps to:

- reduce barriers to access education and support improved school attendance and participation in sports and cultural activities
- improve child and youth wellbeing
- reduce financial strain on families and whānau
- promote positive gender norms and reduce stigmatisation of menstruation.

**If you would like to access free period products, please let us know. Why sit here with a resource that can genuinely support you?**

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

## 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.

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# 'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

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 **mathematics target** for 2023 and actions to achieve 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 10 6th April	Willow	Super - Willow is making a big effort during Maths. Fabulous!
	Ayla	Super Writing. Great sentences using super vocabulary. Well done.
	Felix A	Amazing ideas when writing. Super vocabulary! Well done.
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 10 6th April	Benjamin	For showing unity by being a team player - you include others and help others when needed.
	Maxwell	For encouraging others - you speak kind words to others which makes them feel good.
	Xavier	For showing unity by being willing to help and support others when needed.
	Courtney	You are a careful reader - you pay close attention to what you are reading to check it looks right, sounds right and makes sense
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 10 6th April	Chad	You have been working hard to remain focused and ensure you complete tasks to a high standard. Tino pai rawa atu, Chad!
	Lexi	For displaying the Value of Unity by including others, working cooperatively and treating others with respect. Ataahua, Lexi!
	Armani	You are an active listener who works hard to complete tasks and master new learning, all while maintaining a 'can do' attitude. Ka pai tō mahi, Armani!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 10 6th April	Eli	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Eli. For amazing focus and work ethic in reading! Mahi pai, Eli!
	Jamie	Habit of Mind Thinking Interdependently Award - To Jamie for having the ability to consider others' input in a group. Your work in Maths has been outstanding! Well done!
	Mason	Ka pai tō mahi! Good Work! Congratulations to Mason. For being an outstanding worker during garden to table and a focused learner in Maths!
	Maddi	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Maddi. You are a fantastic contributor to your maths group! Keep it up!

## 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

### HARATUA / MAY

Thursday 4th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 5th	Rooms 1 & 4 Field Trip to Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre
Week of 8th - 12th	Science Week
Monday 8th	Tackle Rugby Clinic
Wednesday 10th	Years 5 & 6 Kids Can Ride Programme
Friday 12th	Yr 5/6 & 7/8 Amazing Race
Week of 15th - 19th	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 16th	Board Meeting 6pm
Friday 19th	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 19th	School Cross Country at 1pm followed by Assembly
Tuesday 23rd	Small Schools/Tall Poppies Cross Country pp Thursday 25th
Tuesday 30th	North Cluster Cross Country pp Thursday 1st June
PIPIRI / JUNE	

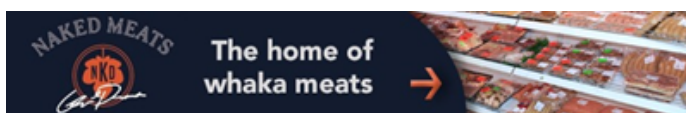
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Friday 2nd	Assembly 2.15pm
Monday 5th June	King's Birthday - School Closed
Wednesday 7th	Tackle Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 13th	WBoP Cross Country Championships
Tuesday 13th	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
Thursday 15th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 16th	Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 16th	Community Disco @ Whakamarama Hall
Tuesday 20th	BoP Cross Country Championships
Thursday 22nd	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
28/29th	Fresh Moves
Thursday 29th	Technology Yr 7 & 8 - Wear your school shirt and covered in shoes
Friday 30th	Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 30th	Term 2 Ends
<b>HŌNGONGOI / JULY</b>	
Monday 17th	Term 3 starts

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](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)

To download the app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Whakamarama School once installed.



**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

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**The Incredible Years** Parents, teachers, and children training series  
Parenting programme at **NO COST!**

The Incredible Years parenting programme acknowledges that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do.

The programme aims to encourage positive family relationships.

The course provides -

- ~ Practical step-by-step suggestions for parents of 3 to 8-year-olds, to help handle everyday family situations.
- ~ An encouraging and supportive learning environment.
- ~ Develop strategies to build positive relationships with your children.
- ~ Strategies to help parents manage challenging behaviour.

\*Learn some new strategies in a fun and supportive environment | \*Attend 14 sessions with dinner provided

\*Meet once a week for 2.45 hours | \*Bring your partner, a close friend or relative

Start date: 3 May 2023  
Time: 6pm - 8:45pm (dinner included)  
Place: St. Paul's Church  
Enquiries & registration: Ruth 021 848 521  
[ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz)

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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@tahockey.co.nz](mailto:competitions@tahockey.co.nz)

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