

NEWSLETTER NO. 8 - 27th May 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 |

Week 4 - no way! Teaching and learning at Whakamarama School is so seamless that we can't believe that we are already nearly half way through Term 2! What a super team we have: students, teachers, parents, whanau, Board of Trustees and our community.

Pink Shirt Day

Tēnā rawa atu koutou parents and whānau (thank you) - It was wonderful to see so many of our learners turn pink and stand together. Through a gold coin donation, Whakamarama School raised \$62 to go towards the Pink Shirt Day kaupapa - diversity, spread aroha, and end bullying.

“Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!”



A community preparing and empowering lifelong learners who are confident to achieve and make a difference.

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The Amazing Race

Sport Bay of Plenty's Amazing Race saw local schools battle it out in a test of brains and brawn on Friday 21st May at Memorial Park. The race is a long standing annual event that is lots of fun and always popular with schools. Teams get a passport issued in their race pack and they don't know how it works until they open it. They are then asked to navigate themselves to various points where they complete a task or solve a clue. This year we sent a team of Year 5 / 6 students and a team of Year 7 / 8 students. Our students had a ball participating in this event and it was with no doubt a great team-building exercise.

Our Year 5 / 6 team was awarded a spot prize - Best Dressed for Pink Shirt Day.

Our Year 7 / 8 team came joint 2nd and were only one point away from the winning team. Go team!



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Garden to Table

Through the 'Garden to Table' programme Whakamarama School aims to teach our learners the essential skills they need to be food-resilient. We wish to see our learners enthusiastically getting their hands dirty and learning how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal food. Our purpose, along with the 'Garden to Table' programme, is to empower our children with a love of good, fresh food and the skills they need to grow and prepare it; that will have a transformative and lifelong impact on their health and wellbeing.

Our Garden to Table programme commenced on Wednesday 26th May. WOW! What an amazing start. The garden and the kitchen hummed with motivation, engagement and interest from our Room 2 learners (trial class). From the mahi came the kai! Feijoa cordial, herb scones and salad surprise - mmmmm! We look forward to bringing this programme to life across all our classrooms.

The success of the programme comes from our volunteers: Tēnā rawa atu koutou Alison, Margaret, Kylie O, Amber and Frank 😊 You were awesome caring for the development of our learners.



School Cross Country

Our school cross country takes place this upcoming Friday (28th May)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING PARENTS AND WHĀNAU SUPPORT OUR LEARNERS VALUING MĀIA - CONFIDENCE. A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WILL FOLLOW TO CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS. See you on Friday 😊

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Fire Drill

On Wednesday 12th May, we surprised our learners with a fire drill that took place during lunch time - we need to be prepared for all scenarios. How proud are we! Our learners knew the signal and were in the appropriate meeting place within a flash - ka mau te pai!

Teacher Only Day

Monday 17th May allowed the teaching team time to refresh, deepen and review their knowledge and practice around our local curriculum. What a productive day! Teacher only days add value and strengthen our learning community; and we thank you for your support. We will be moving towards gaining your ideas and input also - our local curriculum means working together to design rich opportunities and coherent pathways for all learners.

Staff Professional Development - Developing Cultural Competencies in Learning Communities

On Thursday 20th May our teaching team started a 20 week online learning programme: Te Whakamānawa - developing cultural competencies in learning communities. Our first module is called Ko Wai Au - Who am I? Our teaching team is currently developing a personal profile to share with learners and their whānau.

Police Vetting

The Board of Trustees is required to ensure that a safe environment is provided by meeting the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act (2014), the Education Standards Act (2001) and police vetting.

Volunteers (including parents) who have unsupervised access to students require a police vet. Camp helpers fall into this category.

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 BY THE PRINCIPAL.

School Camp: 10th November - 13th November

For 2021, we have been lucky enough to attain a space at 'Camp Raglan'. We are currently planning for this to be a whole school camp but this may change with our growing roll.

We are asking for a donation of \$180 per child. Knowing about camp now provides you with sufficient warning to start setting some money aside for this expenditure. If you choose to set up a direct debit payment towards camp - please use 'camp' as reference.

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 14th May	James	For being super! A great first day! Tu meke!
	Mia	For "thinking" about her writing - making interesting sentences. Tino pai!
	Eva	For making a brilliant effort. A great start to school! Tino pai!
	Micah	For super reading and great maths. Tino Pai!
	Oliver	For being excited about learning! Great reading! Ka Pai!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
	James	For improving your focus at writing time - you think carefully about where you sit and think about the WALHT as you write.

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Week 2 14th May	Ethan	For taking charge of your reading! You look closely to check if your reading makes sense. Super effort in reading at home
	Jake	Successful people know what they know and what they need to find out. They can talk about their thinking. Keep up the great thinking Jake!

ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 2 14th May	'Olita	For being a friendly, polite and considerate Whakamarama kid who consistently produces work to a high standard. You are a fine role model for others to follow, 'Olita!
	Caitlin	For consistently modelling the Value of Unity with co-operation, teamwork and a friendly face. You are an outstanding role model for others, Caitlin!
	Eli	For thinking about your own thinking and learning. You are independently making huge improvements to your learning by listening carefully, taking risks and working hard to practise new learning. You are a star, Eli!

ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 2 14th May	Alfie	Unity is strength... When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. Alfie, you impress me with your ability to work with others during math. Keep contributing to the group with mathematical talk.
	Nina	Successful people know what they know and what they need to find out. Nina, you know how you learn best and have strategies to solve your problems.
	Peter	Dedicated and committed approach to all areas of the curriculum.

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 28th May	School Cross Country 1pm JOIN US!
Friday 28th May	School Assembly - after school cross country
31st May - 4th June	Samoan Language Week
Wednesday 2nd June	Tall Poppies Cross Country (Year 7 / 8) pp Friday 4th *P
Wednesday 2nd June	Small Schools Cross Country pp Friday 4th *P
Monday 7th June	Queens Birthday - school closed
Tuesday 8th June	Olympic Ambassador visit 1.30pm
Wednesday 9th June	North Cluster Cross Country - pp Friday 11th *P
Friday 11th June	School Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!
Tuesday 15th June	Fresh Moves *P
Tuesday 22nd June	Parent Netsafe Meeting - Time to be confirmed
Friday 25th June	School Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us!
Friday 2nd - Friday 9th July	Matariki Week
Friday 9th July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 26th July	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Tuesday 27th July	First day of Term 3
Thursday 30th September	Last day of Term 3
Friday 1st October	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Monday 18th October	Term 4 starts

*P Parent support required

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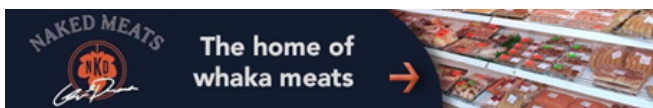
BOP DANCE PRESENTS FRESH MOVES 2021

BOP Dance presents "Fresh Take" the 2021 Fresh Moves Festival which celebrates original contemporary dance created by students in Bay of Plenty primary and intermediate schools.

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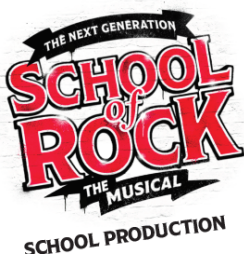


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Costa & Kallick, (2007)

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