

NEWSLETTER NO. 9 - 22nd June 2022

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 |

Halfway through the year is nearly upon us! This term certainly feels as though it has flown by - hard to believe we're only two and a half weeks away from the end of Term 2. It has been a wonderful first half of the year - so much amazing learning going on in the classes and children experiencing and discovering their world in new ways. As a school, we would like to thank all of our amazing families and whānau for the positive difference you make to our school 😊

Dune Field Trip

Monday 20th June hosted an opportunity for our Room 1 & 4 learners to head out to Waihi Beach on a field trip in the dunes. Through in-class learning, a field trip and a follow-up activity, our learners have been provided with a fantastic opportunity to learn about the dunes: the incredible native plants that build up the sand, the reptiles, bugs and birds that call the dunes their home and discovery of what they can do to help protect and enhance our coastline.



We are so lucky to be part of the Bay Alliance Conservation Programme and our younger learners are in for a treat as they move through the school to experience education that supports them to become kaitiaki, guardians of our the incredible environment we have on our doorstep 😊 Janie, our programme co-ordinator, works with many schools from across the bay. She holds our learners in high regard!

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Fresh Moves 2022

On Tuesday 15th June Room 1 & 4 learners excitedly and proudly appeared on stage at the Baycourt Community and Arts Centre for the 'FreshMoves 2022' dance festival; a celebration of creative dance in Bay of Plenty primary and intermediate schools. This non-competitive festival provided our learners the opportunity to experience the processes involved with creating and performing dance for a community audience. Our students displayed the values of unity (kotahitanga), perseverance (hiringa) and confidence (māia) as they prepared a dance themed 'Identity' and then performed in front of an audience.

Fresh Moves has become an event that our learners eagerly anticipate - an integral part of our Arts Curriculum. The increased confidence in our learners identity is a reflection of the values outlined in our school curriculum, values that are strongly held and articulated, values that enable our learners to thrive and grow as they move through the school. Pictures say it all!



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Thank you to parents, caregivers and whānau that supported, encouraged and attended this event (physically or live-streaming). Miss Johnstone and Miss Wallace, your dedication, enthusiasm and energy ensured our students once again experienced success on the night - our children believed that they could succeed; and they did!

Most Improved Swimmer 2022

Each year the Te Puna / Bethlehem Lions Club presents the most improved swimmer award to our kura. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Flynn 🏆 Flynn received a medallion in which to remember his committed effort during the swimming season and his name is now an addition to the trophy hanging proudly in the school office entrance. Thank you Lions, what a wonderful cause!



Jumping June

Today was the day 😊 We look forward to sharing the FUN that our learners had while skipping alongside their fellow classmates, friends and other students. Our teachers enjoyed preparing activities to promote fitness, wellbeing and unity (kotahitanga).



WBOP Cross Country Championships

An awesome day at Waipuna Park for Nina and Lily. Congratulations to Nina for placing 8th. Nina will now move on to the BOP Cross Country Championships taking place on the 28th June at Kaharoa School, Rotorua. Wishing you all the best in your endeavours Nina 🍀

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Garden to Table

Room 2 had a fabulous time at their Garden to Table session on Wednesday 15th June. What a keen, interested and enthusiastic bunch of learners 😊



Concerns, Complaints, Compliments

Do you need some help with something that is happening at our school? Do you have a compliment you want to pass on or share? Do you have a concern or question about something?

We are always happy to talk about any of these things so that we can work to meet the needs of our learners and their families / whānau in the very best way that we can. We want to hear from you if things are not going well so that we can work together to resolve them. We would also love to hear from you about things that are really making a difference for you and your child/ren!

We encourage you to contact your child's class teacher first, wherever possible, as they will have the most knowledge of your child and their needs. Parents / caregivers should approach the school as soon as possible in regards to a concern that they may have in regards to their child - behaviour, social and emotional or academic. Relationships foster a sense of belonging, which is an important basis for learning and engagement at school. The school-wide climate at Whakamārama School is very important to our team.

With a growing role, it also an opportune time to inform parents of our [policy guidelines](#) in regards to parent concerns about student behaviour:

Excerpt taken from our Behaviour Management overarching policy:

Parent Concerns about Student Behaviour

If a parent has a concern about an incident at school, the parent should contact the school and the school will deal with the concern. Parents should not approach other students or parents about school behaviour incidents. This also applies to incidents that occur out of school time or off school grounds but when students are still connected with the school e.g. at camp or on school trips, while wearing school uniform, or travelling to and from school.

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All our policies and procedures can be found on our school website:

<https://www.whakamaramaschool.com/policies--procedures.html>

3 Way Conferences - Parent, Student, Teacher: 3 Way conferences have been calendared for Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July. These conferences are an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to acknowledge student progress and achievement. The 3 Way Conferences also allow for shared responsibility of student learning.

Attached to this newsletter is an interview time notice. *Please return back to school by Wednesday 29th June 2022.*

Reporting 2022: This year your child will receive a mid year report and an end of year report. After reviewing the feedback from parents, we have made some changes to the written reports. We look forward to gaining your feedback after these have come home. Mid Year reports will be sent home on Friday 1st July.

Board Elections: Whakamārama School will be looking for parent representatives and a staff representative for a new three year term. We would like to encourage our school community to participate in this election.

What do trustees do:

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of property, finance, curriculum, personnel, and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi), by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.

Timeline for board elections:

Event	Date
Select Returning Officer by	Wednesday 6 July 2022
Close Main Roll	Wednesday 13 July 2022
Call for Nominations by	Friday 15 July 2022
Close Supplementary Roll	Monday 1 st of August 2022
Nominations Close	Wednesday 3 August 2022
Voting Papers issued by	Wednesday 10 August 2022
Election Day (voting closes)	4pm Wednesday 7 September 2022
Accept postal votes	Monday 12 September 2022
Count Votes	Tuesday 13 September 2022
Board Takes Office	Wednesday 14 September 2022

Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. It is important that boards represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. The trustee elections give parents of children at state and state-integrated schools the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for all students at their schools. It is an important responsibility, and all eligible parents should use their vote in an informed way.

Learn more about trustee elections: Trustee-election.co.nz; 0800 353 284; electionsadvise@nzsta.org.nz

BOT Elections are coming up. Please make sure that your contact details are up to date.

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Teacher Only Day Reminder

Monday 27th June 2022 is an approved teacher only day. Please mark your calendar in preparation for this. No further days are calendared for 2022.

School Camp

Who: Room 1 & 4

When: 31st October - 2nd November 2022

Where: Camp Raglan

Knowing about camp now provides you with sufficient warning to start setting aside some money in order to make a 'donation'. For Camp Raglan we are seeking a donation of \$120 per child.

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our class assemblies. We are proud of the way you are living and learning with our school values and virtues

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 10th June	Zachary	Super effort! Great reading - Zac is thinking about the words he reads! Yay!
	Flynn	Great reading! Flynn is 'thinking' about what he reads! Super!
	Eben	Big effort! Super writing effort today - Eben is making his writing clear. Yay!
	Courtney	Super duper writing effort! Great 'thinking' when writing.
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 10th June	Madden	For being a confident mathematician - you listen carefully to new learning and are not afraid to give it a go on your own!
	Johnny	Welcome to our school! You have already shown that you are a responsible learner - you listen carefully so you know what to do!
	Max	Welcome to our school! You are a thinker and are always keen to share what you know! Keep it up!
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 8 21st June	Isla	For striving to complete work on time and to a high standard. A commendable effort and improvement, Isla. Tino Pai!
	Johnathan	For listening carefully to others during class discussions and contributing relevant, thoughtful and interesting ideas. Ka rawe, Jonathan!
	Sammy	For demonstrating the value of Perseverance in your learning. You are working hard to master new learning and to improve the presentation of your work. Tino pai rawa
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 8 21st June	Stuart	Tino pai tō mahi! Habit of Mind: Listening with Understanding and Empathy. From thoughtful listening during our in-class dune session and our dune field trip, you have gained lots of new knowledge. Great to see Stuart!
	Peter	Tino pai tō mahi! Positive learning attitude towards maths. Super focus on your learning in this curriculum area! Super increased confidence!
	Isabelle	Kei Runga noa atu koe! For putting a huge effort into her work and being a positive role model for others.
	Eli	Ka pai tō mahi! Successful people persevere and work through difficulties. Your perseverance is paying off with your maths and reading Eli. Keep up the effort!
	Holly	Kei Runga noa atu koe! Valuing perseverance - Working through challenges and reaping the rewards of success.

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

Thursday 23rd June	Y7 & 8 Technology - remember your shoes & school t-shirt
Friday 24th June	Matariki Public Holiday - School Closed
Monday 27th June	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Friday 1st July	Written reports go home

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Tuesday 5th July	3 Way Conferences - Parent, Student, Teacher
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Friday 8th July	Last day of Term 2

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



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