



Whakamaru School

12 November 2012

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Here are our students who worked hard in their classes last week



Room 1 - Shearl-Lee Te Paea



Room 2 - Sarah Parry



Room 3 - Sean Connolly



Room 5 - Havana Kingi



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Erik Pu

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Daniel Gilchrist and Stacia Storer-Tilby	Bella Simmons and Johnathan Morell	Sean Connolly and Manava Ribabaiti	Pieter Osborne and Riley Watson
Duffy Award	Grace Vanner	Elih Brindle	CJ Mienie	Chané Mulder

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru
Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

HOT NEWS!!!!!!!

FOR TOMORROW

TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING - REFER NOTICE BELOW.

Tomorrow the school has been advised by the NZEI Teachers Union that there is a paid union meeting in Tokoroa starting at 1:30.

Accordingly, the school will be minimally staffed by non-union members in the afternoon. Therefore:-

- We will be running the farm bus leaving school at 1:00.*
- Sandel Road Bus will also be leaving soon after 1:00pm.*
- I would encourage you to keep your children home or make arrangements for the afternoon.*

I apologise for any difficulty this causes you in your planning for Tuesday.

If your child/ren are doing something different to usual then please let us know - our cellphone is 027 7587401, send a note to school or ring us. If your child tells us verbally that they are doing something we know nothing about - as we are responsible for them - they will be told they must stay at school.

Jill McArthur
Principal

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WELCOME

Today we welcome three new students. Defin Akmal and Zahra Fadhilah are new to the country from Indonesia and have started school in Room 3. Caden Wilson is brand new to school as a 5 year old and he started in Room 5 today.

LATENESS

Unfortunately, some students are building a pattern of lateness. It is your legal responsibility as parents to have your children to school on time at 8:45. As the late children arrive in class they are disrupting the school programme.

From now, if your child arrives after karakia in the morning they will have to wait in a designated area until the teacher deems it an appropriate time to join in. They will be required to catch up with the work at morning tea or lunchtime.

SENIOR PINELANDS ATHLETICS (Rooms 1 & 2) - THIS FRIDAY

We have our annual Senior Pinelands Athletics on Friday which Whakamaru School hosts. The PTA is planning on holding a sausage sizzle - please feel free to offer to help.

Sausages \$2

Iceblocks \$1

Fruit Drinks \$2.

Since the Juniors missed out on their Athletics they will be allowed to order as well. Accordingly, there will be no school lunches this Friday.

The day starts at 9:30am and should be finished by 1:30pm. All welcome.

If you require any further information please contact the office.

HEADLICE

Are about - well and truly. For a family with Headlice, if they have a child that is under 6, make the doctor's appointment for that child, while at the doctor get a script to treat the whole family. The GP visit will be free as children are under 6. When you go to fill the script it will be only \$3 for the whole family's treatment. If your child is over 6 years of age there will be a cost for the GP visit but you can still ask for treatment on the one script and still only pay \$3.

This seems to be centred around Room 5 so extra information will come home for that class today.

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Let us know if you need extra help or advice and we can let our nurse, Shona, know - she is really good!

TANIWHA EVENT

A huge thank you to the parents and students who helped out with this event on Saturday. Thank you Francis, Carlien, Sophie Vanner, Julie, Malia, Hayley Bentley, Mel Gibbons and the students - Grace, Fiona, Arden, Shearl-Lee, Jodie and Nadine.

100KM CHALLENGE

The 'gutbuster' was completed last Wednesday - a distance of 18km. Everybody completed it without complaint and I even heard comments about how easy it was.

Many thanks to the parents and community members who helped with transport and walked with us.

It was great to see Mayor Neil Sinclair see us off in the morning and be waiting to shake our hands in the afternoon as we finished. Thanks, too, to Ben Smits from Council who walked the whole way with us.

So far I've calculated we've walked over 70km - the next time out is our sleepover where we are walking two days in a row.

SPORTS REPORT - TOUCH

Under 9s - Whakamaru won 8 - 4 against Strathmore Stars. Dylan Beets got 5 tries, Brandon Marino - 2 tries, Maia Doig - 1 try.

Under 13s - played an excellent game. Whakamaru 3, Strathmore Legends - 7. Erik Pu, Kimi Ward, and Henry T-Laban got 1 try each. Phabeyn Mankelow was player of the day.

A huge thanks to the parents who come to support their kids and provide transport.

Thanks also to Chantal Karauna and Lyndsey Petch for helping coach the kids - along with Colleen Connolly - who is here nearly every day.

LUCKY BOOKS

\$5 Parent Offer and Lucky Book brochures have been distributed. The closing date for both is this Wednesday 14th November.

SMELLY PENCILS

We have smelly pencils for sale again - cost \$2.50.

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CALENDARS FOR SALE

2013 Calendars - Your child's own art!

'Kids Art Works' is a company that turns children's artwork into calendars. The months are well set out and each day has plenty of room to write all your appointments. The calendars make wonderful Christmas gifts and are easy to post at A4 size. There are sample calendars at the office if you wish to look before purchasing. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for Whakamaru School and the calendars are affordable gifts for family and friends at \$12 each. Order forms accompany this newsletter and spares are available at the office. Also available are packs of 8 cards for \$12.50 and 2013 diaries for \$16. You can also view samples of these at the office. The final date for ordering is Friday 16 November.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

Usually this visits us for children's checkups before the end of the year. We just found out on Friday that they have run out of time to visit us this year!! They are at Mangakino School for 4 - 5 weeks. Whakamaru Students are welcome to go to the clinic at Mangakino School if they wish to have their dental check-ups and treatment. The dental therapists can be contacted on 0275120780.

Thankfully I have been told by Lakes DHB that we will receive a visit next year from the Mobile Dental Clinic.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TRIP

Notices have been given to all children in Rooms 3 & 5 concerning the Safety Day in Mangakino on Wednesday.

We would appreciate receiving notices back at the office - please contact us if you have not received a notice.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

As a Health Promoting School, we've been taking a look at children's lunch boxes this term. It's great to see so many yummy sandwiches and homemade treats full of complex carbohydrates for sustained energy throughout the day. We are also pleased to see such a variety of fruit. Can you please ensure your child has their lunch in a lunchbox, especially those seniors who are capable of making their own lunch. Also, could you please check those lunches that are made by the children have enough food and good variety. Please no dry 2 minute noodles.

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