



# Whakamaru School

2 April 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Shania Turuwheua



Room 2 - Arden Bentley



Room 3 - Brooklyn Webber



Room 5 - Piata Doig



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**CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 30 MARCH**

**Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Daniel Gilchrist**



	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Jasmine Ribabaiti and Jake Durbin	Niyah Webber and Jayders Whatuira-Young	Mint Petch and Deja Petch	Ruben du Plessis and Leo Vermeulen
Duffy Award	Atarau Doig	Kahurangi Mankelow-Pennell	Brooklyn Webber	Ihaia Ngatai

**HOT NEWS!!**

**School Photos:** Tomorrow starting at 9am.

**End of Term One:** Thursday 5 April – usual time.

**Easter Raffle Draw:** Thursday 5 April – wait by your phone!!

**Start of Term Two:** Monday 23 April.

**Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru**

**Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community**

Every week I mention the word 'community' in the ending of my greeting. It has been proven over the last week how much our school has been transformed into a caring community. It sounds as though there was a good turn-out for the Working Bee last Saturday. Many thanks to all of you who turned up and transformed our school. The gardens are looking great, the grounds a tidier, I can actually see the school sign, the hedges are trimmed - and probably heaps more I haven't noticed yet. Thanks a lot!

We also had a fantastic turn-out for Parent Interviews which shows us you genuinely care about your children's learning and are supportive of the school. When I first started here nearly four years ago we struggled to get parents to even turn up. I find it really pleasing to see so many of you being comfortable enough to come along for the evening.

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

A reminder that all raffle books **MUST** be returned to school as soon as possible ready for the big draws on Thursday. If you haven't sold all your tickets then please return your unsold books asap to give us the opportunity to sell them for you.

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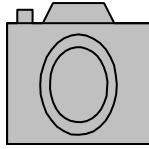
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The winners will be contacted on the day if possible and will also be published in the first newsletter of next term.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS



A reminder that the annual school photos are being taken tomorrow. If your child is away - but isn't too sick - then please consider have them at school for the photos. Please ring to confirm the timing if you would like to take this option.

If you have a 4 year old starting school in the next term then please feel free to bring them along so they can be part of their class photo.

### KAPA HAKA/TE REO MAORI

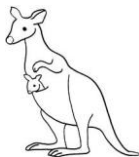
We may have some ideas on this - watch this space BUT also keep thinking about it yourself.

### TERM TWO STAFF CHANGES

Room 1 - Miss Fiona Shaw will be teaching in Room 1 while Mrs Isaacson is on Maternity Leave for 12 months.

Room 2 - Miss Potter will be teaching in Room 2 every second Thursday while Mrs Sneddon has her Year 2 Teacher release.

Room 5 - Mrs Wendy Green will be teaching in Room 5 while Ms Whatarau is Acting Principal.



Principal - I am away on sabbatical in Australia while Ms Whatarau takes my place. I will be back in Term 3.



### PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

Last Thursday there was an incident in the playground where an older Year 8 boy lost his temper. While this is totally out of character for this child, there will be school consequences for his bad choices.

This is also a timely reminder, though, that other children may want to think about how they interact with older students - and not antagonise them.

We constantly strive to provide a safe environment for your children - we don't proclaim to be perfect but we try extremely hard.

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## WELCOME

We welcome to Whakamaru School today Neitana and Makaia Trueman. Neitana is a Year 4 pupil in Room 2 and Makaia a Year 2 pupil in Room 3.

## LUCKY BOOKS

Closing date is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April - books will be available at the beginning of Term 2.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We will be placing an order for these on Thursday. Please contact Elva at the office if you require sizes / prices.

## COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Kimi Ward who won the colouring in competition for the Easter egg and \$10.00 to be deposited into a Jimmy J account from NZCU North, Tokoroa. Your prize is on its way.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Reminder that school banking is every Tuesday.

If you are not participating in school banking and would like to join, application forms are available at the office or your local NZCU North branch, Tokoroa.

## SCHOOL POOL

The pool is now closed - please return your keys to the office before the end of this Term.

## HOLIDAYS

Enjoy the break with your children and we will see them all at 8:45am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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