



Whakamaru School

5 December 2011



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Kimi Ward



Room 2 - Grace Vanner



Room 3 - Regan Gent-Standen



Room 5 - Sahmara Tauri



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Jayden Taylor

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Jodie Hines and Rihari Bishell	Quanita Gent- Standen and Fiona Bishell	Elih Brindle and Will Gordon	Kiara Cook-Marsh, Mint Petch, Brooklyn Webber, and Ella Hines.
Duffy Award	Austin Cortesi	Jayders Whatuira-Young	Brandon Marino	Pieter Osborne

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

The Gala was great on Friday - despite the weather. My apologies to those parents who had to load wet, grassy, and muddy children into the car after going on the water slide- that's what fun is all about.



The school made \$261 from the entries. Each class also made money from their stalls which is yet to be finalised. We will let you know later. As we said the money raised from each class is going back to that class' teacher for them to spend - a good lesson in financial literacy for the kids.

At the risk of leaving someone out please accept this as personal acknowledgement and thanks to all those parents who helped out. Once again, we have the PTA to thank for co-ordinating the effort with the school.

My thanks to the Student Council who organised and ran the sports afternoon on Friday. I was very proud of you😊

Room 2 raffle results - Jellybeans (442 in jar) - Miss Coombe's Mum guessed 436. Fruit Bursts (71) - Henry's Mum guessed 72. Chocolate Fish (86) - Grace's number was 87. Thank you to all who supported the raffles.

POOL PARTY - WEDNESDAY - TRANSPORT NEEDED!!

These students will be attending the pool party this time because they either have 40 or 80 vouchers. I thought we had enough transport but have been called to an urgent meeting on Wednesday afternoon so will need more.



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The students are:- Hinewai Ngatai, Jake Durbin, Austin Cortesi, Sydney and Jodie Hines, Isabelle Noble, Grace Vanner, Kristian Gent-Standen, Brandon Marino, and Stacia Storer-Tilby. We also have 4 students who have just managed to squeak in - Quanita Gent-Standen, Henry T-Laban, Jayders Whatuira-Young, and Shania Turuwhenua. We will try and take these students if we have enough transport.

JUNIOR END OF YEAR TRIP AC BATHS

A letter is coming home today for this trip coming up on 14 December. This will have a water safety theme and is run completely by the staff at AC Baths.

PARENT INTERVIEWS - THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

The forms for these parent interviews have all now gone out. This is for selected Junior students and any parents of Senior children who would like a final interview. The allotted times will be sent home tomorrow.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

We had a great report from the 3 yearly review and they will be revisiting our school on the usual review cycle in another 3 years.

The report will be available for viewing on www.ero.govt.nz/schoolreports within the next week or so.

REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

Final reports for the year will be going out to Senior students in their Portfolios on Friday. All Junior students will be receiving their Portfolios on the same day and those Juniors who are due reports will have theirs in their Portfolio.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

A reminder that the next Board meeting is on tomorrow - Tuesday - at 5pm.

PRIZEGIVING - NEW CUPS



Our final prizegiving will be held on Monday 12 December at 11am. Please come along and support our students. This year we will be farewelling only two Year 8 students and it's a special time for them.

A reminder that we are also giving one cup per class for a student who has shown the best attitude showing progress over the course of the year.

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We also have a new cup for the 'Star Student'- the one who has collected the most school vouchers for good behaviour this year.

MOVIES

At this stage we have four students who have qualified for this trip because they have earned 60 vouchers. If we have no more I will be giving them vouchers for the movies so they can take themselves in the holidays. These students are Rihari Bishell, Angelle Kingi, Daniel Gilchrist and Tom Gordon. Well done, you four.

ROCK CLIMBING

On Friday 9 December, I will be taking a group of five students to the rock climbing wall at Taupo Events Centre as they have earned 100 vouchers. Congratulations to these students as this is a massive achievement - Sydney Hines, Jodie Hines, Grace Vanner, Isabelle Noble, and Kristian Gent-Standen. We will be leaving school at 11am and returning in time for the end of the day. Thanks to Donna Hines who is helping with transport. Once again, there is no charge for this day.

MANGAKINO CHRISTMAS FLOAT PARADE

If your child/ren wish to be on the Whakamaru School float at the 'Rugby World Cup' themed Mangakino Christmas Parade on Saturday 10th December, please can you confirm their space/s with school by no later than Wednesday this week.

Your child/ren will please need to wear plain dark shorts and T shirts.

Dedicated parents will making animals masks depicting the different participating countries 'animal mascots' e.g lions for England, springboks for South Africa, kangaroos for Australia.

These masks are to be made at school on Wednesday from 4.30pm, please come along and help if you can, many hands make light work.

Your child/ren will need to be in Mangakino by 10.15-10.30am, the float will be parked behind the St Johns Hall.

Judging commences at 11.00am and the parade begins at 11.30am

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday 15 December at 1pm. Busses will be leaving at 1pm on that day also.

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CLASS and STATIONERY LISTS

These lists will be coming out later this week along with the class your child is in 2012. Please note that the classes are straight year groups with no splits in 2012:-

Room 1	Year 6, 7, and 8	Teacher: Mrs Isaacson
Room 2	Year 4 and 5	Teacher: Miss Coombe
Room 3	Year 2 and 3	Teacher: Ms Collins
Room 5	Year 1	Teacher: Ms Whatarau.

We congratulate Mrs Isaacson on her news. She will be teaching in Room 1 for Term 1 and then will be going on maternity leave as her baby is due in May. We will be appointing another teacher to take her place early in the new year.

If your child is not returning for some strange reason in 2012 then please let us know to help us with our planning. We also know of some new enrolments for next year. If your child is planning on coming here and you haven't let us know could you please also do so.

FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

These will be published as soon as the certificates are finished. Meanwhile, we have some photos of the preparation on Friday morning below.

DENTAL THERAPISTS

If you would like to contact the Dental Therapists please phone 027 271 8837.

MEDICATION

We are concerned about children at school with medication. Could you please make sure that all medicine is handed into the office with a note giving permission and instructions for its use. Thanks.

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Our Flower Show Preparation.

*Thanks to our judges - Gloria Munro, Antoinette Lambert
and Elizabeth Thomson*

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