



Whakamaru School

4 February 2013

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Here are our fantastic students who worked hard last week!



Room 1 - Desmond Hamilton



Room 2 - Joanna Ribabaiti



Room 3 - Mike Vanner



Room 5 - Mya Pink



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

SCHOOL PICNIC - FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY



We are going to walk over the dam to the Whakamaru Domain to have a picnic lunch and a swim. We will be leaving school at 9:15 and would love to have some parents walking with us. We will be returning in time for the end of the day.

Children need to bring their usual gear, wear shoes, have a sunhat, and bring their togs.

You are all warmly invited to come along and share the day with us. If you don't want to walk then feel free to meet us there.

Here we are at the end of Week 1 already. We started earlier than some schools in the area which means we will finish earlier at the end of the year. Just in case you were wondering.

It has been a smooth start to the year with the students settling back quickly into routine. We are doing lots of swimming so please make sure your child brings their togs to learn this valuable skill.

WELCOME

We welcome two new boys to our school today. Jack Harris is new to the area and is in Room 3 with Ms Collins. Kingston Tuirirangi comes to us from Mangakino School and is in Room 1 with Mrs Pasco.

We hope you both enjoy your time with us at Whakamaru School.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - ADVANCE NOTICE

We are planning a Teacher Only Day this term - the date is yet to be confirmed. We are visiting, as a staff, the Awhina Wilderness Experience to learn about the significance of Titiraupenga as our Maunga. During the day we will also be sharing the history of the identities of Pouakani and Understanding of Te Ao Maori (The World of Maori). I also plan on inviting interested Board of Trustees members to attend - but don't tell them yet!

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PERMISSION SLIPS

Attached to this newsletter are notices for you to sign. The permission slip we send home only once and this gives permission for us to take your children out during the year. We always inform you when a trip is on but it saves you filling it in each time! Please return it before the picnic on Friday. School camps will always require special permission forms.

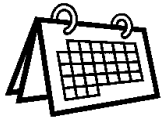
We also are attaching a Photo form. We love seeing pictures of our students on the walls, in the local paper, and our newsletter is on-line. Please sign the attached form if you give us permission to use our photos in this way.

Bus contract - this is for all children as they will all use the bus at some point during the year.

STATIONERY

Thanks to so many of you who have bought your stationery already. We are hoping to have this completed by the end of this week.

TERM 1 CALENDAR



This is attached to this newsletter. As we have started earlier, some dates are yet to be confirmed by outside providers.

Please stick this on your fridge for easy reference. It is also available through our website - www.whakamaru.school.nz.

NEWSLETTERS

If you have one of those children who are terrible at giving you the newsletter then you can access it at our website - the address is given above. It goes on-line on Tuesdays as a rule.

If you are on our mailing list then could you please confirm that you still wish to receive the newsletter? We would prefer it if we could email it to you if at all possible. Please give us an email address so we can action this for you.

YEAR 7/8S TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

The Year 7 and 8s attend Tech at Forest View High School. These classes start on the 20th February.

Please note - there are separate compulsory fees for these classes to be paid to Whakamaru School. Forest View invoices us during the year. If

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these remain unpaid as at the end of March, your child will be unable to continue attending.

There will be 12 Year 6s left behind out of Room 1 and Mrs McArthur will be teaching them.

GARDENS

A huge thank you to Mrs Sneddon and Mrs Sneddon for the gardens outside Room 2. Confused? Well, our Mrs Sneddon asked her mother-in law, a keen gardener, for some plants. She has just walked past with a portable garden that she is planting up as I write! Many thanks!



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you are available to help us out in the library, the gardens, or in classes, then please don't hesitate to ring the office and let us know. The vegetable gardens are about to get a makeover from the local gardening group I believe and we are very grateful for their help.

We would love you to be involved in the school - come along with an idea of what you can do and we'll listen!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

These are up and running again. There will be no lunches on Friday, however, as it's the school picnic and nobody will be here.

Children order their lunches at the office.

Item (Mondays & Fridays)	Cost
Juicies	.90c
Mince Pie (small)	1.50
Mince Pie (large)	2.10
Mince & Cheese Pie (small)	1.60
Mince & Cheese Pie (large)	2.30
Potato Top Pie (small)	1.60
Potato Top Pie (large)	2.30
Sausage Roll	1.30
Volcanoes	2.00
Fruit Juice - Golden Pash	1.40
Sold Daily	
Popcorn	.70
Cookies (Choc Chip / Fudge)	.80

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**WHAKAMARU SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM
2013**

I give my child / ren permission to
go on school outings.

I will receive notification that they will be going on a trip unless it is within
walking distance of school.

(Signed)

**WHAKAMARU SCHOOL PHOTO RELEASE
2013**

I **give / do not give** Whakamaru School permission to use my child's
photo in school newsletters, school publicity, or local newspapers.

Name of child / ren

(Signed)

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CODE of CONDUCT

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

The rules on the bus are:-

- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the bus operator at all times (eg refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver, the teacher/s responsible for bus duty and the bus wardens at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

If this Code of Conduct is Broken:

- Parents will be notified and students reminded of school expectations.
- The student's right to use the bus may be withdrawn for a week. When students have their right to use the bus withdrawn this includes all bus services.
- If there is no improvement the withdrawal period may be extended.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus will be withdrawn immediately.

NB When a student's right to use the bus is withdrawn parents will need to make alternative travel arrangements to ensure they are meeting their legal obligations to get their child to school.

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Please return this page to school.

This Code of Conduct is between

.....,
(student's name)

.....
(caregiver's name)

Go-Bus (bus operator), and **Whakamaru School**.

The caregivers and the student should ensure they have read and understood the document, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the bus driver and all students travelling on the school bus.

Agreement

I agree to abide by the conditions of this 'contract' and understand the consequences if I do not.

.....
(student's signature)















.....
(caregiver's signature)

Date:

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TERM ONE CALENDAR 2013

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	4 February TODAY	5	6 Waitangi Day - no school.	7	8 School Picnic 
Week 3	11 February	12 Computer Update meeting.	13	14 6pm William Pike Challenge Award Evening - Room 1 Parents 	15
Week 4	18 February Swim for Life Instructors in for week. 	19  5pm School BBQ - family fun night. *Swim for Life Instructors in for week.	20  Year 7/8s First Technology session at Forest View High School. *Swim for Life Instructors in for week.	21 Mrs Pasco away at Interactive Whiteboard Training. *Swim for Life Instructors in for week.	22 Swim for Life Instructors in for week.
Week 5	25 February  Public Health Nurse, Shona, in to talk to Year 7s re Immunisations.	26  3pm Whole School Parent Interviews	27  1:30 - Public Health Nurse, Shona, in to talk to Year 8 girls re Immunisations. 1:00 - Ms Collins to Taupo for Reading Recovery Training.	28	1 March  *School Swimming Sports.  *Mrs Sneddon's last day - off on her O.E. for 6 weeks!
Week 6	4 March  Mrs Dowdle starts in Room 2 for six weeks.	5	6  Year 7/8s Technology	7  Room 1 William Pike Challenge Award overnight tramp.	8  Room 1 William Pike Challenge Award overnight tramp.

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Week 7	11 March	12  Maths specialist in school for day.  *5pm - Board of Trustees Meeting.	13  Pinelands Swimming Sports - selected Year 4 - 8s.	14  Room 1 - First Aid Training with specialist at school. *Mrs McArthur at Waikato Principals Association.	15
Week 8	18 March  Year 7s Boostrix Vaccinations. *Year 8 girls - HPV 1 st vaccination.	19	20  Year 7/8s Technology	21	22
Week 9	25 March	26	27	28	29  GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Week 10	1 April  EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL	2  EASTER TUESDAY - NO SCHOOL	3  Year 7/8s Technology	4	5
Week 11	8 April	9  School Photos	10	11	12
Week 12	15 April	16  Whole School - School's Big Walk - Tokoroa.  *Junior School selected parent interviews.	17  Year 7/8s Technology	18	19  TERM 1 ENDS - TERM 2 STARTS 6 MAY. *Mrs Dowdle's last day - Mrs Sneddon back next term.

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