



Whakamaru School

13 May 2013



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Sorry - away today so no photo available.

Room 1 - Brad Lambert.



Room 2 - Brandon Marino.



Room 3 - Zahra Fadhilah



Room 5 - Kaye Christie



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HOT NEWS!!

Wacky Hair Day is on this Friday for a gold coin donation. This is to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter – please have your children take part so we can make a meaningful donation – we never know when we might need it! Cross fingers that the helicopter drops into school as well!



ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR FRIDAY 10 MAY

	<u>Room 1</u>	<u>Room 2</u>	<u>Room 3</u>	<u>Room 5</u>
<u>Class Certificates</u>	Brad Lambert and Philip de Thierry.	Neitana Trueman and Brandon Marino	Paige Aylwin and Piata Doig	Nadine Gibbons and Chaise Bayliss
<u>Duffy Books</u>	Angelle Kingi	Will Gordon	Makaia Trueman	Loni Brindle

MRS MCARTHUR'S SUPREME AWARD - given to a child who I think has made a difference to the school during the week:-

Kayla Blackmore

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

Our motto at the bottom of every document reads - 'we develop skills and attitudes for life-long learning.' Staff are practising this constantly with the students in their classes but also still learning themselves. At present we have a Maths expert working in our school and giving us more ideas as to how we can teach children. Be assured that we are constantly looking at ways we can teach better and ensure that your child is making the necessary progress. Thanks to the teachers who



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spend sleepless nights thinking about their teaching and how to make changes. We are grateful to have a dedicated staff.

WELCOME

To New Entrants - George Ribabaiti (sorry George we forgot to welcome you in April) and Chaise Bayliss who started at Whakamaru School last week.

NITS

Apparently these are doing the rounds again so keep checking your child's hair and treat as necessary. If you are unsure how then please don't hesitate to contact the school and we will give you the necessary advice.

PHOTOS

A reminder that photo orders need to be back to us by this Wednesday 15 May.

NETBALL REPORTS

This week I watched the Senior team. A great attitude was shown by the team and although they didn't have a win they never gave up and listened to their coach.

Thanks to the coaches who have volunteered their time to hold practises, stand on the sidelines every week, and have fun doing so! It's great also to see so many parents on the sidelines.

SPORTS REPORTS

Antonie Taylor, Neitana Trueman, and Elih Brindle took part in a rugby tournament in Taupo in the weekend and came home with a trophy! Well done, boys.

Kayden Mason and Harlem Tuapawa-Karauna also play rugby and had a game in the weekend with a win 4 - 3. They play for the Tokoroa Wolves.

Sam Totoro is playing soccer this year with Marotiri and had a loss of 4 - 0. It's good to see so many of our children taking part in sports and challenging themselves. It's certainly something that Mike Dawson, Olympic kayaker, advocated in his visit last Thursday.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

The promotion has commenced for 2013 - start collecting yummy apple stickers and the cut-out labels on the 1.5kg apple bags.

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OLYMPIC SPORTS STAR VISITS WHAKAMARU

Last week we had a visit from Mike Dawson who represented New Zealand at the London Olympics in Whitewater Kayaking. As well as showing a video to the children he also brought one of his kayaks and the children had the chance to sit in it. Grace Vanner was also his model for the day complete with helmet, spray skirt, and race bib.

We appreciate the chance given to our school from the Olympic Ambassador Programme to have Mike in the school.



Kingston and Room 1 Kayakers



Mike Dawson and Grace in the kayak



Zahra with the Olympic stamps

TERM DATES

This newsletter includes dates for the term - please make sure you attach it to the fridge - or somewhere meaningful so you can keep track.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

As part of its ongoing review process the Board of Trustees recently reviewed this procedure. We have attached a copy for you so you know what to do if things aren't quite 'working' for your child at Whakamaru School. To note is the first port of call is your child's teacher. Sometimes parents come to see me first - I don't know everything that happens in the school so teachers really are the best place to start.

If you have any comments regarding this procedure please contact the school.

WHAKAMARU SCHOOL - Board of Trustees Elections

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

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A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations have been posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Thursday 16th May 2013** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at **noon on Thursday 30th May 2013**.

Elva Lorenz

Returning Officer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations forms (as advised above) were posted the last week of Term 1.

If you did not receive your nomination form please contact me.

Elva Lorenz

Returning Officer.

RIPPA RUGBY COACHES

Are you able to take a team for the following tournament? If so please contact the office as soon as possible so a team can be organised. If we cannot find any coaches we will not be able to put a team forward.

Putaruru / Tokoroa Ripa Rugby Tournament

Venue: Memorial Park, Tokoroa

Date: Tuesday 11th June 2013

Time: First game at 10:00am

Teams: Years 5-6 and Years 7 & 8

Entries must be in by Friday 7th June.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT - WHANAU DAY - Saturday 18th May 10am - 2pm

Tokoroa Memorial Sports grounds - Sports and Events Centre area.

'Pimp my bike / trike / scooter competition'

Great prizes, stalls, special guest judges, lots of fun and information, giveaways.

Entry forms available at the school office.

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TERM TWO CALENDAR 2013

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	13 May Today	14	15 Year 7/8s Tech. Ms Collins on course.	16 Ms Whatarau out. Mrs McArthur on course.	17 Wacky Hair Day - gold coin for Rescue Helicopter. Kiwi Can.
Week 3	20 May Ms Whatarau Maths Course. Year 8 Girls and Year 7s Vaccinations	21 Mrs Pasco Maths Course. Mrs McArthur Writing Course. *Junior Interviews	22 Ms Collins Maths Course. Pizza Party - 20 voucher students.	23	24 Kiwi Can.
Week 4	27 May Mrs McArthur at Computer Course.	28 First Tokoroa Schools Music festival practice. Board of Trustees Meeting.	29 Year 7/8s Tech.	30 Board Votes close.	31 Kiwi Can.
Week 5	3 June Queen's Birthday Weekend.	4	5 One teacher to Maths course in afternoon.	6	7 Kiwi Can. Year 4 - 8 Pinelands Winter Sports
Week 6	10 June Mrs McArthur on literacy planning course.	11 Mrs McArthur on second day of literacy planning.	12 Year 7/8s Technology	13 Health Promoting Schools workshop for Health Team.	14 Kiwi Can.
Week 7	17 June	18	19	20	21 Year 1 - 3 Pinelands Dance Festival Kiwi Can
Week 8	24 June	25	26 Year 7/8s Technology	27	28 Kiwi Can
Week 9	1 July	2	3	4	5 Kiwi Can.
Week 10	6 July William Pike Challenge event - Room 1.	7	8 Year 7/8s Technology	9 Tokoroa Combined Schools Music Festival.	10 Kiwi Can. Last day of Term 2.

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