



Whakamaru School

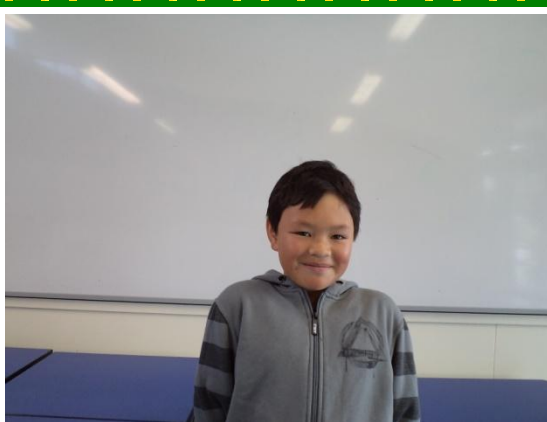
20 August 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Sam Totoro



Room 2 - Kahurangi Mankelow



Room 3 - Kayden Mason



Room 5 - Alavina Latu



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Kimi Ward

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Jodie Hines and Jayden Taylor	Brad Lambert and Elih Brindle	Lincoln Campbell and Kayden Mason	Loni Brindle and Ateasha Campbell
Duffy Award	Grace Vanner	Sarah Parry	Mike Vanner	Jestah Harrison

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

This newsletter will be quite brief as I am teaching in Room 1 this week. This was expected as Mrs Pasco already had a commitment for this week when she took the job. I decided I wanted to go back to teaching and also to minimise the interruption to this class yet again. I'm looking forward to it.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Bella Simmons, Neitana Trueman, and Kahurangi Mankelow who represented our school at the Pinelands Speech Competition last Friday. Special congratulations to Kahurangi who won the Year 4/5 section of this event. We are very proud of you!

100 KM CHALLENGE

Room 1 completed the first part of this challenge last week sneaking out on Wednesday afternoon between showers. We walked from school along to the 'Stairway to Heaven'. Many thanks to our helpers who came along - Nan Munro, Shona Pook (Public Health Nurse), Tracey McConaghie (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour), Sophie Vanner, AJ Munro (Mangakino Police), Mrs Pasco, and Mrs McArthur.



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CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that this event is on next Friday - 31 August. It will be held at school this year - more details will follow.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

This monthly meeting is on again in the staffroom at 5pm tomorrow night - Tuesday.

PROPERTY DREAMS

We are about to come into a 'pot' of money from Ministry of Education. If you have ideas as to how this money can be spent over the next 5 years then please let us know. There are limits on what we are allowed to spend the money on - property rather than learning. We have a couple of ideas including more drinking fountains, and the redevelopment of the back of the classrooms to include more learning spaces for small groups. We would also like to have more covered access along the rear of the classrooms as this area is very wet and slippery.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

A small group of students are going to Rotorua on Wednesday to take part in this hui to discuss and show off to other schools what we have achieved as a Health Promoting School so far.

CALF CLUB - Friday 19th October

We will be taking part in the Tokoroa Calf Club again this year. If your child has a lamb, goat, or calf then they are most welcome to take part and we will be calling for registrations at a later date.

PET DAY

We will also be holding a Pet Day early in Term 4 on November 2nd when other children can bring their pets - cats, dogs, chickens, fish, guinea pigs, etc... This will be combined with the Flower Show.

GALA DAY

This will be held in Term 4 also along the same lines as last year - i.e. each class holding their own mini-stalls. Hopefully it won't rain like it did last year!

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CLOTHING

There are times during this wet weather when children need a change of clothing ie slipped over and landed in a puddle. If you have undies and long pants that would suit 5-8 year olds we would be most grateful if they could be sent to school.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Where: Country Kidz, 1452 Forest Road, Mokai

When: Saturday 1st September 2012

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 couples (meal included)

Contact Simone or Mel at Country Kidz (07) 333 9111 for more information /
to book a spot

REAP COURSES

REAP have decided that we would like to continue to offer some of our rural communities a chance to participate in community education again on a user pays basis.

Are there a group of people interested in eg art classes, playing ukulele, computer courses, singing, crafts - mosaics, restoring furniture, self defence ??

Please let me know if there is something here you may wish to participate in or if you have other ideas.

Phone Marilyn Kidd (07) 3728 383 or email kiddfam@farmside.co.nz

PINELANDS CROSS COUNTRY - Friday 31 August

Fundraising for our School

The PTA will be selling sausages for \$2 and ice blocks for \$1 on the day.

We are also going to have a cake stall and would like help from our families with supplying baking (one item from each family would be fantastic) any type of cake/slice/muffins/biscuits would be much appreciated.

Please can the baking be dropped off to school office the morning of the 31 August - not before, as we would like your masterpieces as fresh as possible. Information in next week's newsletter concerning scented pencils.

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