



Whakamaru School

5 November 2012

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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



Room 1 - Grace Vanner



Room 2 - Philip de Thierry



Room 3 - Makaia Trueman



Room 5 - Pieter Osborne



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Desmond Hamilton

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Steele McMeekin and Atarau Doig	Blaise and Maia Doig	Mike Vanner and Mint Petch	Nadine Gibbons and Leo Vermeulen
Duffy Award	Daniel Gilchrist	Reef Gulde	Varun Deo	TeRamarama Follas

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

**HOT NEWS!!!!!!!
FOR THIS WEEK!**

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY - THIS FRIDAY MORNING- 9 NOVEMBER



We had a great Pet Day and Flower Show on Friday. Many thanks to those of you who not only organized pets but also raided the gardens for something for flower show! I know the difficulty this raises for some of you - I, too, remember the days of organizing this for my own boys.

I believe days like these make schools a bit more special. It's great to see the pets come in that are so important in a child's life - it helps build up that picture for us of the child's place and time.

Many thanks to Tui from the Vets for judging the animals (a difficult job when you are comparing a pony to a goldfish!!) She also brought up some pet packs for us - thanks a lot, Tui, and South Waikato Vets. Isabelle Noble with her pony (Seniors) and Mike Vanner with his cat (Juniors) won the most obvious pet prizes.



The Flower Show was held after this and thanks go to two of our relieving teachers who gave up their time to come and judge - thanks, Carol Koberstein and Wendy Green.

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WELCOME

Today we welcome Mya Harrison who has moved here from Dannevirke. Mya turned 5 in April and is in Room 5. We hope you enjoy your school days with us, Mya. We hope you and your family enjoy your change of scene in the Mangakino area.

WEDNESDAY 100KM CHALLENGE

ROOM 1 - THE GUTBUSTER!! 18.8km - it may be a little shorter but don't tell the children!!

This Wednesday's challenge is the big one. We will be travelling by bus to the start near Arapuni and walking through to Waipapa. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered transport from Waipapa back to school in the afternoon. Good luck to the walkers!!

PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS - NEXT TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER - 1PM

The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding a Paid Union Meeting for teachers at Tokoroa on Tuesday 13 November. Accordingly, the majority of the school's teaching staff will be unavailable after 1pm on that date.

I encourage you to either keep your child at home or make some other arrangements for the duration of the meeting.

We will try and arrange the buses to leave school at 12:45. However, if you are keeping your child at school for this time an alternative programme will be provided for her / him for the duration of the meeting. We apologise for any potential disruption to you and your child's routine on the day of the meeting.



Thanks to those parents who are giving up their time on Saturday to help at the Taniwha Running/Mountain Biking event finishing at the Whakamaru Christian Camp. We will see you there, team, at 10am - ready to go through until 4pm (hopefully, at the latest). Thanks go to Hayley Bentley, Francis Osborne, Carlien Mienie, Mel Gibbons, Sophie Vanner, Jill McArthur, Malia Iele, and selected students - Shearl-Lee Te Paea, Jodie Hines, and Grace Vanner.

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FUN FERNS

The group keeps growing. If you would like your child to join the Fun Ferns, the next session will be held at the Mangakino Area School gym next Friday (9th November) starting at 4:15pm.

THURSDAY TOUCH TOURNAMENT

Under 9 Team - won 2 - 0 against Amisfield Scorpions. Dylan and Elih scored one try each. Angelle Kingi was player of the day.

10 - 13 year old Team - played Tokoroa Intermediate Giants. The score was 12 - 1 to the Giants. Daniel scored the try. Erik Pu was player of the day. The Whakamaru team played amazingly for their first game and didn't give up. Well done, guys.

Colleen (Coach).

DIARY DATES

Friday 9 November - School Athletics - fun day.

Tuesday 13 November - Teacher's Paid Union Meeting - Buses at 1pm?

Wednesday 14 November - Junior School Trip to Mangakino Fire Station for Safety Day.

Friday 16 November - Pinelands Athletics - Whakamaru School - 9:30 start.

Monday 19 November - Wednesday 21 November - Life Education Trailer here for their Annual Visit.

SMELLY PENCILS

We have smelly pencils for sale again - cost \$2.50.



CALENDARS FOR SALE

2013 Calendars - Your child's own art!

'Kids Art Works' is a company that turns children's artwork into calendars. The months are well set out and each day has plenty of room to write all your appointments. The calendars make wonderful Christmas gifts and are easy to post at A4 size. There are sample calendars at the office if you wish to look before purchasing. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for Whakamaru School and the calendars are affordable gifts for family and friends at \$12 each. Order forms accompany this newsletter and spares are available at the office. Also available are packs of 8 cards for \$12.50 and 2013 diaries for \$16. You can also view samples of these at the office. The final date for ordering is Friday 16 November.

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LUCKY BOOKS

\$5 Parent Offer and Lucky Book brochures have been distributed. The closing date for both is Wednesday 14 November.

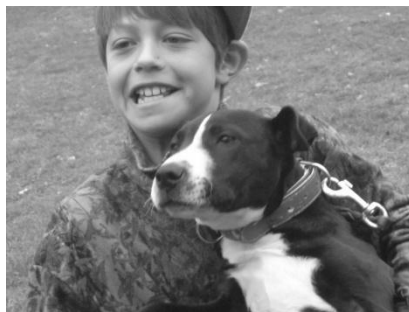
MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

Usually this visits us for children's checkups before the end of the year. We just found out on Friday that they have run out of time to visit us this year!! They will be at Mangakino School on Wednesday 31st October for 4 - 5 weeks. Whakamaru Students are welcome to go to the clinic at Mangakino School if they wish to have their dental check-ups and treatment. The dental therapists can be contacted on 0275120780.

I would have to say this situation concerns me as we have always had an annual visit - I will be following it up with Lakes DHB.

MORE PET DAY PICTURES

We have pictures of nearly every pet from pet day. If you would like a copy of your child's pet then please let us know. A donation would be appreciated for colour copying - 50cents is fine.



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