



Whakamaru School

25 February 2013

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Here are our fantastic students who worked hard last week!



Room 1 - Arden Bentley



Room 2 - Defin Akmal



Room 3 - Mint Petch



Room 5 - Riley Watson



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ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR 22 FEBRUARY

	<u>Room 1</u>	<u>Room 2</u>	<u>Room 3</u>	<u>Room 5</u>
<u>Class Certificates</u>	Erik Pu and Blaise	Cody Aylwin and Brandon Marino	Harlem Tuapawa-Karauna and Manava Ribabaiti	Caden Wilson and Mya Pink
<u>Duffy Books</u>	Fiona Bishell	Savannah Sutherland	Zahra Fadhilah	Shadae Webber

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

Riley Watson in Room 5.

Each of these children get a certificate, 5 vouchers, and a Whakamaru School wristband to show they are part of the 'team'.

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

We had a tricky week last week - the pool had to close (due to faecal matter - i.e. poohs in the pool); there was a water leak right down the bottom field; and children's behaviour wasn't always as it should have been!

However, we are in a new week so we will put all that behind us. The pool is now re-open - huge thanks to Grahame Coltman who looks after our pool, and to the Council staff who also assisted. The council also helped us with our water leak. Thanks, too, to Amanda Taylor and Moana Totoro who came in on Friday and water blasted the pool to ensure it was cleaned before refilling☺ In terms of children's behaviour we are setting the standards at the beginning of the year as we mean to go on. Some students struggle with that but we are persevering.



A huge shout out to those students who ignore inappropriate behaviour and carry on with their learning. Also a thanks to those students who support the teachers in controlling others behaviour.

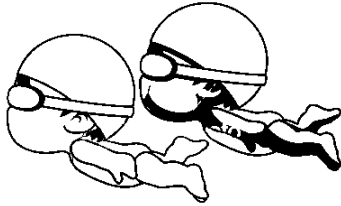
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On a different note it was great to see so many attend the BBQ last week - it's very informal and a chance to catch up with others who you may not have met before. Thanks to the Board for 'manning' the BBQ.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Our school swimming sports is on this Friday - 1 March.



The Seniors will be swimming first starting at 11am. The Juniors will have their sports in the afternoon starting at 1:15. Come along and support your child! On the subject of swimming, last week because of the pool closure we had to cancel our swimming lessons with the instructors. I'm pleased to say they have offered to come back in a few weeks - on the week starting 11 March - to make up this time. Let's hope the weather doesn't turn too cold.

YEAR 7 and 8 VACCINATIONS

A reminder that Shona, our Health Nurse, visited today to see the Year 7s regarding vaccinations, and will visit the Year 8 girls on Wednesday. This is just information giving at the moment. You will receive permission forms home - please sign these and return them asap.

PARENT INTERVIEWS - TOMORROW!

All times have now been sent out to you. Please check your time and if for some reason you are unable to attend contact the office. Otherwise, we'll see you there. We have had to shorten the interview times for Rooms 1 and 2 - now 10 minutes per interview. We apologise for this, but with the numbers in both classes it was impossible to give all students 15 mins each.

OH NO!

As you know we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 15 March. Unfortunately we have just heard that there is going to be a Paid Union Meeting for teachers on Tuesday 19 March.

On that day we must keep the school open for instruction - therefore, I need parent volunteers who will come and help out with a bit of 'crowd control' and we will run a sports afternoon for the whole school. If it's raining we will do indoor activities - DVD, Art, etc. Please let us know if you can help Jill out - or else I'll be sole charge!!



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IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help with this event. If we all have a turn to help the load is lighter for the rest of us.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SALE

We have some school shirts and sweatshirts for sale - \$5-00. These are mostly the old style. We also have one size 12 fleece sweatshirt that is now for sale - \$10. I know it's not that cold yet but the time is coming.

BUYING FERT FROM PGG WRIGHTSON?

The 2013 PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities is now underway. Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 4th February and 31st May 2013 can earn cash for the school.

Last year we were donated \$3500 from this scheme so it is well worthwhile for us.

The school can be nominated, go to the website www.pgqwrightson.co.nz.

ROOM 1 CHALLENGE

A 'forest' of paperwork is coming home to you today regarding next week's trip. I just wanted to say it's great to see so many parents wanting to come - at last count we had 6!!

For the rest of you, if you have spare sleeping bags, dome tents, or packs you are willing to lend these students could you please let us know.

PRICE LIST

Unfortunately we have had to increase the price of 2 items on the school lunch list.

As from Friday 1st March the cost of Fruit Juice is \$1.50 and Popcorn \$1.00.

SCOUTS

If you are in years 1-10 at school and would like to be a Kea (Years 1-3), Cub (Years 4-6), Scout (Years 7-10) then come along to the Mangakino Fire Station on Wednesday 27 February at 5.00pm. Mums and Dads can join in the fun too - become a volunteer and share your skills and time with our youth.

For further information contact Craig Snowball 8828 108

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