



Whakamaru School

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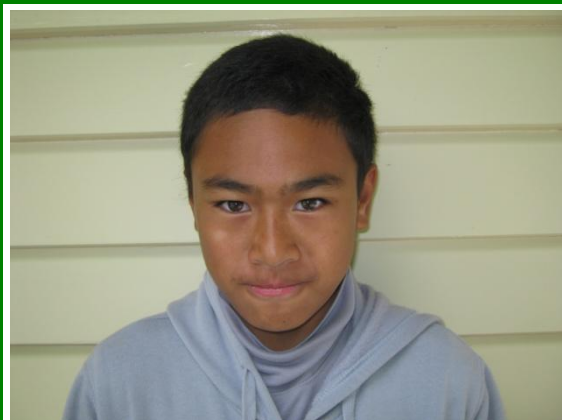
STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Lateesha Nathan



Room 2 - Henry T-Laban



Room 3 - Seth Rae



Room 5 - Kiara Cook-Marsh



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Marshall Cannons/Arden Bentley

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Austin Cortesi and Shearl-Lee Te Paea	Jessie-Rose Lockley and Jayden Taylor	Johnathan Morell and Brandon Marino	Ella Hines and Kiara Cook-Marsh
Duffy Award	Stacia Storer-Tilby	Mikayla Sharp	Seth Rae	Pieter Osborne

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

'Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together.'

We had a great day on Friday at the Pinelands Athletics. The weather was fine - even if a bit windy and cold - and the students showed great participation. This year we selected Senior students to take part - as we do with other Pinelands events. The ones who missed out were helpers with the Juniors on the day and we were very grateful for their assistance also. The Senior results are at the end of this newsletter.

I was pleased with the numbers of parents we had supporting the day and your child/ren. It was fantastic to see so many of you there - feel free to come in on 'normal' days and take part, too.

SILENT AUCTION

We have a hotel voucher to 'auction'. This voucher is for 1 night's accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children at

Millennium Hotel in Rotorua, including full buffet breakfast in the Brasserie Poolside Restaurant. Plus 2 free luge passes at Skyline Rotorua.

If you are interested in bidding then please write the amount of your bid, your name, and phone number on a piece of paper and send it to school in a sealed envelope. Closes Friday 25 November 2011. Winner notified that day. We currently have no bids in for this so it could be a cheap option for someone - remember the highest bidder wins the prize - no reserve!

Please note - the voucher is redeemable before 30 December 2011.

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LIFE EDUCATION



The Life Education Trailer visited our school last week. If you haven't paid a gold coin for your child to attend this yet could you please send it with your child as soon as possible.

SCHOOL MINI - GALA FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

3:30 - 6PM

Come along and have a relaxing afternoon. Children need to pay \$2 to get in which will pay for everything - horse rides, water slide, pool, quad bike towing, etc.



Each class is organising a stall to be held on the afternoon so bring some money to spend! The profit from the stalls will go back to the class teacher to buy resources for their classroom.

FLOWER SHOW

On the same day as the gala the children will be making vegetable creations and flower creations in the morning in classes for show during the gala. This is advance notice that each child will need to bring some flowers and/or veges to make this creation with.

WELCOME

We welcome Cody Griffiths who has started school in Room 5 with Ms Whatarau today. Cody is a brand new school boy and we wish him well with his schooling life.

PRIZEGIVING - MONDAY 12 DECEMBER (11:00am)

Please note that due to other commitments we have changed the end of year prizegiving date from Friday 9 December to Monday 12 December.

This year we are also awarding 'Best in Attitude' awards to one student from each class who has shown attitude and progress through the year. These will be announced at Prizegiving. We will also be awarding the usual Senior class awards.

You are most welcome to attend on the day - the more support we have the more meaningful it is.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

At the last Board meeting Steve Hines tendered his resignation as Board Chair. Steve has been on the Board for the last 9 years so it is with regret that we accept his resignation. He will stay on the Board in the short term. Craig Vanner is the new Board Chair. Lisa De Thierry is the Deputy Chair. Ben Gordon is taking responsibility for Finances, with Marais Osborne taking charge of Property.

WRITING RESULTS 2011

As promised last week we would like to share with you our writing results for 2011. We are really pleased with them and with the progress shown by students over this year. We expect at least 80% of our students to meet the National Standard in Writing so as you can see we have met this goal. We will keep working hard with our Writing and won't sit and enjoy our success too much ☺

Writing Assessment Results

Comparative Data: November 2010- November 2011

	Year 1 - 3	Year 4 - 5	Year 6 - 8
<u>All</u>			
2010	71%	62%	33%
2011	90%	100%	84%
<u>Maori</u>			
2010	89%	72%	25%
2011	86%	100%	80%
<u>Male</u>			
2010	80%	43%	10%
2011	89%	100%	86%
<u>Female</u>			
2010	77%	83%	47%
2011	91%	100%	84%

Pinelands Athletic Sports Results

2011

Shotput:-

1st - Quanita Gent-Standen, Jayders Whatuira-Young, Henry T-Laban, and Lateesha Nathan.

2nd - Grace Vanner, Kristian Gent-Standen.

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3rd - Jodie Hines, Kimi Ward.

High Jump

1st - Grace Vanner, Jodie Hines, Kristian Gent-Standen, Shania Turuwhenua, Sydney Hines.

2nd - Paris Davis.

3rd - Quanita Gent-Standen.

Discus

1st - Henry T-Laban, Kristian Gent-Standen, Kimi Ward.

2nd - Quanita Gent-Standen, Jayders Whatuira-Young, Paris Davis.

3rd - Grace Vanner, Erik Pu.

Long Jump

1st - Grace Vanner, Isabelle Noble, Kristian Gent-Standen.

2nd - Jayders Whatuira-Young, Paris Davis, Henry T-Laban, Shania Turuwhenua.

3rd - Quanita Gent-Standen, Jodie Hines, Kimi Ward.

Sprints

1st - Paris Davis, Henry T-Laban, Kristian Gent-Standen, Shania Turuwhenua.

2nd - Jayders Whatuira-Young, Grace Vanner, Isabelle Noble, Sydney Hines.

3rd - Jodie Hines, Daniel Gilchrist.

Relays

Note - some schools had to leave before the end of the day:-

Year 0 - 1 1st Whakamaru, 2nd Mangakino.

Year 2 1st Whakamaru, 2nd Mangakino.

Year 3 1st Whakamaru, 2nd Mangakino.

Year 4 1st Whakamaru, 2nd Mangakino, 3rd Tirohanga.

Year 5/6 1st Whakamaru, 2nd Tirohanga, 3rd Mangakino.

Year 7/8 1st Mangakino, 2nd Whakamaru.

Flying Squad

Juniors and Seniors 1st Whakamaru, 2nd Mangakino

LUCKY BOOKS

These will be distributed today - closing date for the last issue of the 2011 school year is 1st December.

LAKE WHAKAMARU CHRISTIAN CAMP

January Holiday Camp Prize - 50 year Anniversary

Back in 1962 Mr & Mrs Tom Lind began to clear the land and to build the Youth Camp at Lake Whakamaru so that we could have our own holiday camp for the boys and girls of the schools in the district.

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They have decided to give special opportunities for children of the Bible in School classes to enjoy these holiday camps in this Anniversary year with some FREE sponsored camps to be won and some further subsidised (half price) for those who miss out on the free ones.

If you would like to participate, please contact the office for a form.

DENTAL UNIT

The Dental Unit is situated at the Mangakino Area School for the next 3-4 weeks. If you require their services urgently please ring 027 271 8837.

YUMMY STICKERS

Thank you to all who supported the Yummy Stickers campaign. We received sport equipment to be shared by all classes.

MEDICATION

We are concerned about children at school with medication. Could you please make sure that all medicine is handed into the office with a note giving permission and instructions for its use. Thanks.

STOP YOUTH SUICIDE

Guest speaker: Professor Hatim Omar. Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Kentucky and Chair of the successful 'stop youth suicide' campaign.

Wednesday 23 November 2011. 4:00pm - 6:30pm. The Plaza, Kensington Street, Putaruru.

Free registration is available from:

YMCA, Bridge Street, Tokoroa

South Waikato News office, Tokoroa.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY DAY

Mangakino Fire Station - Wednesday 23 November 10:00am - 1:00pm

Babies and children up to 8 years old bring your parents for a FREE day of learning.

Lots of prizes to be won and sausages to fill your tummy.

Ruben the Bear and lots of his friends will be there to teach you lots about being safe at home and while you are out and about near the road.

Come and learn to be Firewise with Flint and Amber.

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