



Whakamaru School

26 March 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Paris Davis



Room 2 - Hinewai Ngatai



Room 3 - Lincoln Campbell




Room 5 - Pieter Osborne



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 23 MARCH

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Ocean Gulde



	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Grace Vanner and Rihari Bishell	Quanita Gent- Standen and Cody Durbin	Mike Vanner and William Christofferson	Jestah Harrison and Xavier Jamieson
Duffy Award	Atarau Doig	Maia Doig	Seth Rae	Piata Doig

HOT NEWS!!

A. TOMORROW AFTERNOON – School buses leave at 1pm. Your child has an afternoon off while we catch up with parents. Don't forget, please!!

B. TOMORROW NIGHT – ROOM 1 and 2 – all parent interviews.

ROOM 3 AND 5 – selected parent interviews depending on birthdates.

C. ROOM 1 PARENTS – Miss Shaw, Room 1's new teacher will be at the interviews as well as Mrs I. Come along and say hello to Fiona and goodbye to Melissa at the same time!

WORKING BEE - 31 MARCH - THIS SATURDAY - FROM 8:30 to whenever.

JOBS LIST:-

- ❖ Weeding gardens.
- ❖ On the roof - nailing down iron and clearing the roof and guttering.
- ❖ Water-blasting.
- ❖ Trimming the front gardens - especially around the school sign.
- ❖ Sweeping up.
- ❖ Picking up rubbish - one for the kids??
- ❖ Swinging around the hedge trimmer in the garden by the old dental clinic.
- ❖ Pruning trees.
- ❖ Raking bark in the playground.
- ❖ Having fun while looking after your child's school - priceless!
- ❖ Free feed!

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

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Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

What a pity the Family Fun Night has been cancelled for now. It's not for lack of trying but we don't have any other opportunities before the end of term to fit it in.

This week we have Parent Interviews and would like to stress the importance of you coming along. It's a great chance to meet your child's teacher, touch base, and find out what you can do to help your child at home. We cannot be expected to perform miracles at school without the very important input that you have as parents.

If you are a parent of a Junior school child you may not have your turn this term but, if not, it will be coming up next term instead. Watch out for your invitation to attend.

Please let us know urgently if you cannot make the interview tomorrow.

WELCOME

We welcome back Deja and Mint Petch - both returned to Whakamaru School today.

BYE STEVE



At last week's Board of Trustees meeting Steve Hines resigned as a Board member. He has given 10 hardworking and loyal years to the school in various capacities on the Board, including a substantial number of years as Board Chair. Steve feels he has other commitments now and cannot give the time he would like to the position. During my time at Whakamaru School I have appreciated Steve's support and enthusiasm for our school. He needs a huge vote of thanks from all the parents of the school for caring enough to give up his own time for so long. Thanks, Steve.

With Steve's resignation there arises a casual vacancy on the Board.

WHAKAMARU SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

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Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Whakamaru School
Kaahu Road R D
Mangakino
by Monday 23rd April 2012.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The raffle is selling fast and heaps of people have asked for more tickets. There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize - as well as a prize for the child who sells the most tickets. All that chocolate!!

If you would like more books please return your sold books and money to the office and request more. We are well on the way to our target of \$1800 to go toward school art supplies and Duffy books.

The raffle will be drawn next week (5th). We would appreciate all tickets returned to school by next Monday. If, for any reason, you cannot sell the tickets, please return them to school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOS (3rd April)

Get up early next Tuesday to dress up your child/ren for school photos. Every child will be in their class photo and have an individual photo also taken.

If you would like to have photos with siblings and pre-schoolers please contact the office with the names of the children. This is a request from the photographer, so they can record the correct names.

Pre-schooler photos will be taken first at 9:00am followed by class photos.

Netball photo will also be taken.

Cost of the photos is included in the newsletter.

SCHOOL POOL

The pool has now closed and will not continue to be treated. Many thanks to Grahame Coltman who comes in twice a day over the swimming season to treat and maintain the pool.

Please return your keys as soon as possible to the office - please don't keep them as the lock will be changed again before next summer.

We thank the PTA for their support in giving us money to keep our pool open - an interesting statistic is only 40% of schools still have their school pool.

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TRUANCY

Despite repeated requests for our students to attend school - which incidentally is the law - I have had to make referrals last week to Truancy Services. Some students have had more than 8 days absence this year with no justified excuse. Please make sure that you are not making excuses for your child's absenteeism when they should be at school.

If they are sick, of course, then keeping them at home is always the best course of action. If they are sick for more than 5 days then please provide a medical certificate to the school.

KAPA HAKA/TE REO MAORI

No volunteers yet - once again, it would be a pity if we cannot provide something for our tamariki.

THUMBS UP



A big kapai to all those students who look after others in the playground. It's great to see the older students stepping up and looking after each other - and the younger ones. It's also good that when there's a health and safety concern they let the teachers know (not telling tales or narking - but with a genuine need-to-know).

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

We are a healthy school and we need a bunch of keen kids to keep us toeing the line. If you think your child may be interested then please ask them to let Jenny Collins or myself know.

The first meeting of this group is in Rotorua on this Wednesday. We will be taking the remaining children from last year to this day.

LUCKY BOOKS

Closing date 5th April - books will be available at the beginning of Term 2.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We will be placing an order for these next week so please pop in and see Elva at the office if you would like to order polo shirts or our popular polar fleece sweatshirt in time for winter.

Polo Shirts (sizes 4/6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) cost \$36.00 each

Polar Sweatshirts (sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) cost \$45.50 each

These are the full prices that we pay to the supplier.

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LAKE WHAKAMARU CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

School holidays are nearly here and we have a great solution for keeping the kids happy over the holidays period - *come to Lake Whakamaru Kids Camp!*

Theme: Tintin

J-Force Boys camp 9th to 13th April

J-Force Girls camp 16th to 20th April

Cost \$110.00

We have registration forms available at school. Limited spaces available so be in quick!

WHAKAMARU PLAYCENTRE

Mondays 9:30am - 12 noon

Fridays 9:30am - 12noon

Cnr of Tihoi and Arataki Roads, Whakamaru

Warm welcome to all local children aged 0 - 5 years and their families.

For more information contact Michelle 021 250 9757

or email whakamaru.playcentre@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Today each family received a Whakamaru School fridge magnet. The PTA have sponsored these for you - keep them handy!

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Photo Day: **Tuesday 3rd April**

Pack 1	Pack 2	Pack 3	Pack 4
4 copies of the same photo 6x4 size	3 copies of the same photo 5x7 size	8x10" Portrait Photo 5x7 Enlargement One Postcard print 2 x Wallet size photos	All the Same Photos as pack 3 but with an EXTRA 13 photos of various sizes Trader size through to 5x4 size
\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$26.00

Class Photos \$12.00

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