



Whakamaru School

11 March 2013

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

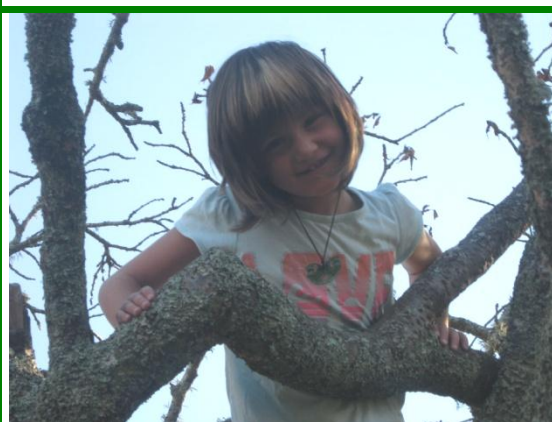
Here are our fantastic students who worked hard last week!



Room 1 - Destiny Tantrum



Room 2 - Defin Akmal



Room 3 - Piata Doig



Room 5 - Shadae Webber



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ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR 8 MARCH

	<u>Room 1</u>	<u>Room 2</u>	<u>Room 3</u>	<u>Room 5</u>
<u>Class Certificates</u>	Everyone for making it to Waihaha Hut	Joanna Ribabaiti and Simone Mulder	Teramarama Follas and Lovey Te Paea	Chanè Mulder and Caden Wilson
<u>Duffy Books</u>	-	Georgina Strachan	Summer Radermacher	Alavina Latu

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

Brad Lambert in Room 1.

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

A FINAL REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY DUE TO TEACHER ONLY DAY. PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME.

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

It was a genuine pleasure to be tramping with Room 1 last Thursday and Friday for their first William Pike Challenge. They tramped up to Waihaha Hut with their packs on the backs - carrying their tents, sleeping bags and food for the night. It wasn't a light load!! I was proud of the way that they kept going (with some complaints, though) and were absolutely stoked when they made it all the way in.

They pitched their tents, had a swim in the freezing river, and cooked their dinner over gas cookers. They were in bed and quiet by 9:30 - although there were a few boys who tried to be noisy in the middle of the night (no-one disturbs my sleep and gets away with it - Eric, Stevie, and Kingston!)

The next day they walked all the way out again - this time they were used to it so not even complaining. They had a stop near the end of the track for a swim in a waterhole - even Sophie and Paula (parents) went in.

Huge thanks to the parents who made it all possible and came along and helped out - Paula Heaslip, Sophie Vanner, Graeme Lambert, Alistair de Thierry, Trevor Lockley, Maurice Doig, and Eleanor De Borst. Thanks, too, to Mel Pasco - not all our country's teachers are prepared to take up the challenge! Incidentally, Mel was the only injury with a twisted ankle.

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SWIMMING

Our swimming instructors from Taupo are doing us a huge favour and catching up with the lessons missed when our pool had to close a couple of weeks ago. Please ensure your child brings their togs for the week as they will learn valuable lessons.

PINELANDS SWIMMING SPORTS

A reminder that Pinelands Swimming Sports is being held on this Wednesday 13 March at Mangakino Pool starting at 9:30. Thanks to those parents who have offered transport. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to attend:- Simonè Mulder, Deja Petch, Fletcher de Thierry, Kayden Mason, Skye Hale, Joanna Ribabaiti, Kahurangi Mankelow-Pennell, Bella Simmons, Reef Gulde, Antonie Taylor, Tawhaki Webber, Johnathan Morell, Maia Doig, Sarah Parry, Blaise, Dylan Beets, Philip de Thierry, Conrad Fleming, Grace Vanner, Fiona Bishell, Sam Totoro, Jayden Taylor, Henry T-Laban, Atarau Doig, Jodie Hines, Olivia Strachan, Erik Pu, and Daniel Gilchrist. Good luck and good sportspersonship!

WELCOME

We welcome two new teacher aides to our school. Arna Grattan and Tineke Martin. Arna is working mostly in Room 1 and Tineke is in Room 3. It's great because neither have children working in those classes - it makes it easier. I'm sure we will appreciate the extra help as those classes are particularly large in number.

NETBALL

Netball is getting underway in early April. Thanks to those of you who have returned their forms. I will be giving these over to the parents who have offered to help - Marama, Lou, and Maggie. Mrs Sneddon will be in charge of netball still when she returns from overseas at the beginning of Term 2.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tomorrow, Tuesday 12 March at 5pm is our Board of Trustees meeting. A reminder also that triennial elections are coming up - consider whether you would like to stand for election.

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TEACHER ONLY DAY

A final reminder that Teacher Only Day is on this Friday. Please don't be the one to send your children to school - there will be no-one here.

TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING

NEXT Tuesday - 19 March. A reminder that this is for the afternoon and school will be staffed by a skeleton staff. If you would prefer to pick your child up please notify the office so we know. You may wish to consider this if your child is likely to be a behaviour issue during this time.

SURF JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION

Saturday 16th March. 10:00am - 12noon Clubrooms, Tokoroa Memorial sports ground.

\$20.00 per player, family subs available - subs to be paid on the day.

Birth certificate required for 12th and 13th grade players (age 11 - 13)

Minimum age 5 on 1st May 2013

Phone 027 6400 022 for more details

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches are ordered on Mondays and Fridays.

Item (Mondays & Fridays)	Cost
Juicies	.90c
Mince Pie (small)	1.50
Mince Pie (large)	2.10
Mince & Cheese Pie (small)	1.60
Mince & Cheese Pie (large)	2.30
Potato Top Pie (small)	1.60
Potato Top Pie (large)	2.30
Sausage Roll	1.30
Volcanoes	2.00
Fruit Juice - Golden Pash	1.50
Sold Daily	
Popcorn	1.00
Cookies (Choc Chip / Fudge)	.80

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