



Whakamaru School

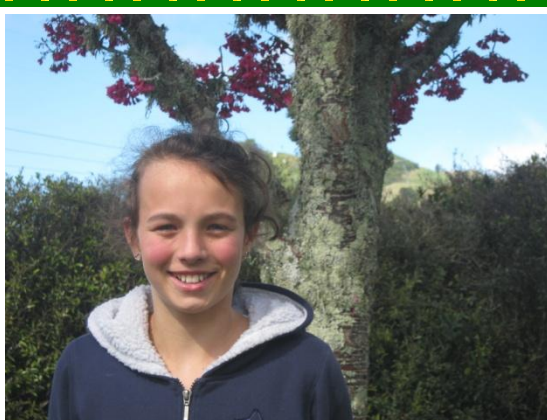
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STARS OF THE WEEK



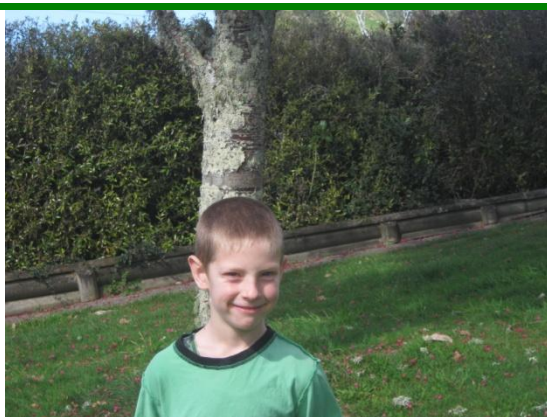
Here are our students who worked hard in their classes last week.



Room 1 - Jodie Hines



Room 2 - Philip de Thierry



Room 3 - Joshua Allen



Room 5 - Havana Kingi




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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Lincoln Campbell



	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Stacia Storer-Tilby and Henry T-Laban	Maia Doig and Blaise	Brooklyn Webber and Skye Hale	Lovey Te Paea and Ruben du Plessis
Duffy Award	Grace Vanner	Antonie Taylor	Nature Davis	Loni Brindle

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community



Firstly, my apologies that the newsletter is a day late this week. As you will read later in the newsletter I have been out at a Ministry presentation today, Monday, on Ultra-Fast Broadband. If I am at a course or teaching on Monday, then the newsletter is published on a Tuesday. If it doesn't emerge from your child's bag by Tuesday afternoon then it may pay to go searching! We had a great week together last week. I enjoyed getting back into the classroom and teaching Room 1 for the week. This class has really settled back down, despite the change in teachers, and show a high degree of maturity. I spend time teaching in each class to 'release' teachers for planning and assessment days but don't usually have the opportunity to teach all week.

At the end of this week we have our annual Pinelands Cross Country. Please note that this is being held at Whakamaru School rather than the golf course this year. We believe we have varied enough terrain that we don't need to travel to the golf course to challenge our runners.

100 KM CHALLENGE



This Wednesday Room 1 is undertaking the second part of this challenge by walking from the 'Stairway to Heaven' to Tramway Road. Thanks to Bridget from Waikato River Trails, Mrs McConaghie (our Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour), Donna Hines, Sophie Vanner, Amanda Taylor, and Mrs Pasco for helping us by providing transport and/or supervising us as we walk. We will be leaving school at 11am returning in time for the end of the school day.

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READING TOGETHER

A reminder that this programme is being run at school for the usual participants tonight at 7pm.

CROSS COUNTRY - FRIDAY 31 AUGUST (timetable included in newsletter)

As mentioned above the Cross Country is being held at Whakamaru School with the first race starting at 10am. We will start with the Senior classes - Year 8 - and work down the age groups. We have included a timetable but please be aware that we will follow this as much as we can but will not hold up races. Please make sure that you are here in plenty of time if you would like to watch your child/ren take part.



Boys and girls will be racing together but will be judged separately. This is because the numbers in each year group has declined over recent years.

We would ask that your child wears their house colour if possible as we will be sitting in house groups for this event. House groups with colours are included in the newsletter below.

DUFFY BOOKS - FATHERS DAY



We are holding a Father's Day competition within the school this week for students to create a photo display of their father or a male role model. We will be judging this on Wednesday afternoon and presenting the winner with a book for their father on Thursday during assembly. Assembly this week will be at 2pm on Thursday due to the Cross Country on Friday.

TE REO/KAPA HAKA/IMMERSION CLASSES



We have employed Hinerangi Hare to teach Te Reo through the school for one day a fortnight. On Mondays she will spend 45 minutes in each class teaching Te Reo. At 1:15 she will be leading the Kapa Haka group, before spending the last 45 minutes teaching an immersion class to those students who are reasonably fluent already in Te Reo.

If your child has not seen me already then could you please let us know if you wish your child to take part in the Immersion lessons?

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ULTRA FAST BROADBAND

I have been to a presentation today, Monday, on Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) in schools within New Zealand. We have had the required network upgrade and have fibre connected to the school. The next step in the process is to arrange for a provider who will check to see if we have the necessary equipment at the exchange to support this at the school.

We are certainly lucky that we have been one of the earlier schools to be connected to fibre - hopefully our luck will continue and we will be able to become fully up and running as soon as possible.

Of course, everything costs - it's twice as expensive to subscribe to UFB in rural areas as it is in urban areas.

PROPERTY DREAMS

We met with the architect last week. Once he has established the condition of the rest of the school - e.g. roof condition, etc. - he will be able to prioritise the other projects that we wish to undertake.



Before summer, despite the outcome of the above, we will be installing new drinking fountains outside the classrooms. From a different pot of money we have also ordered new shade sails for the front of the school. These will also be installed before summer.

We will let you know what is finally decided. Remember, these projects take place over the next five years.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Philip de Thierry and Grace Vanner who represented Whakamaru School at this hui in Rotorua last week. Grace has been part of the health team since its inception and was able to share her knowledge with other schools. Thanks to Lisa de Thierry who provided transport and supervision for this trip.

CALF CLUB - Friday 19th October

We will be taking part in the Tokoroa Calf Club at Amisfield School again this year. Now is the time to be organising your lamb, goat or calf. Entry forms will be available from the office next week - closing date is Friday 28th September.

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Whakamaru School House Groups

<u>RUAPEHU</u> <i>Mrs McConaghie and Mrs Sneddon</i> BLUE	<u>TARANAKI</u> <i>Mrs Hamilton and Ms Whatarau</i> GREEN	<u>KAAHU</u> <i>Mrs Lorenz and Mrs McArthur</i> YELLOW	<u>NGAURUHOE</u> <i>Mrs Taylor and Mrs Pasco</i> RED	<u>TONGARIRO</u> <i>Ms Collins and Mrs Osborne/Margaret</i> BLACK
<u>Rihari Daniel</u> Niyah Lincoln Nature Fletcher Mason Reef Ella Brad Brandon Jade Deja Manava Antonie Sam Harlem	<u>Isabelle Kimi Steele</u> Josh Elih Leo Philip Piata Tom Varun Alavina Kayden Martin Johnathan Mint Joanna Jayden Makaia	<u>Erik Shearl-Lee</u> Dylan Loni Brooklyn Skye Ruben Will Desmond Xavier Kayden Mason Pieter Bella Lovey Neitana Tawhaki	<u>Zoe Fiamalu</u> Arden William Atarau Conrad Hunter Jestah Angelle Kahurangi Simone Sulize Savannah Grace JessieRose	<u>Jodie Phabeyn Stacia</u> Fiona Ateasha Sean Maia TeRamarama Ocean Falcon Havana Blaise Sarah Jasmine Henry Mike CJ

WELCOME

Welcome to Room 3 Harlem Tuapawa-Karauna. We know you will enjoy your time at Whakamaru School.

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REAP COURSES

REAP have decided that we would like to continue to offer some of our rural communities a chance to participate in community education again on a user pays basis.

Are there a group of people interested in eg art classes, playing ukulele, computer courses, singing, crafts - mosaics, restoring furniture, self defence??

Please let me know if there is something here you may wish to participate in or if you have other ideas.

Phone Marilyn Kidd (07) 3728 383 or email kiddfam@farmside.co.nz

WHAKAMARU SCHOOL PTA

Pinelands Cross Country - 31 August 2012, Whakamaru School

Fundraising for our School

The PTA will be selling

sausages for \$2.00 and ice blocks for \$1.00 on the day.

We are also going to have a cake stall and would like help from our families with supplying baking (one item from each family would be fantastic) any type of cake/slice/muffins/biscuits would be much appreciated.

Please can the baking be dropped off to school office the morning of the 31 August - not before, as we would like your masterpieces as fresh as possible.



Also for sale will be Scented Pencils for \$2.50 each.

These are pencils made from 100% recycled materials.

There are 10 delicious flavours including peppermint, french vanilla and bubble-gum... YUM!

Information will be coming home with your child today on how you can order



other products online and by using our schools unique code you will receive a 5% discount + free delivery, and our school will benefit from a CASH BACK promotion.

Any help on the day with manning the BBQ or stalls would be greatly received.

See you there...

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CLOTHING

There are times during this wet weather when children need a change of clothing - ie slipped over and landed in a puddle. If you have undies and long pants that would suit 5-8 year olds we would be most grateful if they could be sent to school.

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

The senior netball team (Whakamaru Phoenix) have finished for the season, coming 4th in their division. Thank you to all supported both netball teams this season.

Sorry girls - forgot to publish the results from 18th August. Whakamaru played Tokoroa Intermediate and lost 10-12.

Soccer

Erik and Sam play for Marotiri. They played Liverpool on Saturday and drew 0-0. On a penalty shoot-out Marotiri won.

TARGA RALLY

The school was involved with the Targa Rally last year. This year there is a stage up Kaahu Road on Wednesday 24th October from 3:45pm - 7:45pm.

More information will be sent home with parents regarding this event.

The school has been asked to supply at least 4 marshals for the event - if you are interested please contact the school.

PRODUCTION

We require some adult helpers to assist students with prop making for the production. If you are able to assist between 10:45am - 12:30pm any day or Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30pm - 2:30pm please contact the office.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Where: Country Kidz, 1452 Forest Road, Mokai

When: Saturday 1st September 2012

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 couples (meal included)

Contact Simone or Mel at Country Kidz (07) 333 9111 for more information
to book a spot

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Cross Country Run Programme

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Boys and Girls will be running together

Race No.	Year Group	Marshall Time	Start Time	Approx. Distance
1	Year 8	9:55	10:00	3km
2	Year 7	10:10	10:15	2.5km
3	Year 6	10:25	10:30	2.5km
4	Year 5	10:40	10:45	2km
5	Year 4	10:50	10:55	1.5km
6	Year 3	11:00	11:05	1km
7	Year 2	11:10	11:15	1km
8	Year 0-1	11:20	11:25	500m

We recommend spectators arrive at least 15 minutes before the advertised start times.

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