



Whakamaru School

2 May 2011



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Cassandra Thompson



Room 2 - Sam Totoro



Room 3 - Regan Gent-Standen



Room 5 - Brooklyn Webber



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 8 APRIL

SUPREME VIRTUES AWARD: - BRANDON MARINO.

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Jake Durbin and Jodie Hines	Jayders Whatuira- Young and Guiano Punzalan	Brandon Marino and Tom Gordon	Hamish Cannons and Trinesh Chand
Duffy Award	Steele McMeekin	Fiona Bishell	Johvana Vaipo-Hogan	Joshua Allen

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

Welcome back to the beginning of a new term. It is another long term of 11 weeks but keep up the good work of our excellent school attendance of last term. We are finalising our dates for the term and next week will be sending home our term calendar.

Hopefully you all enjoyed reading your child's portfolio at the end of last term. These can be returned to school as soon as you have finished reading them - please include a comment as this can be a real connection between home and school.

Parent interviews for the senior children will be in the first few weeks of this term. We aim to have everyone attend and welcome this as a way of you talking to us - not just us talking at you.

PTA MEETING - TUESDAY 3 MAY 4PM

The AGM of the PTA will be held on Tuesday 3 May followed by our usual monthly meeting. We will provide afternoon tea for you as well. Please consider whether you would be interested in being Chair, Deputy, Secretary, or Treasurer of the PTA.

SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE

Desmond Hamilton from Room 2 won the Easter raffle. I'm not sure how many he ate but he was good at sharing as well, I'm told. Many thanks to the

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PTA for organising this raffle and to AJ Munro who was the Police Supervisor for the draw.

Sahmara Te Tauri won the student raffle prize for the children who sold at least one raffle book.

Thank you all for supporting the raffle. The \$800.00 profit from the raffle will go towards Art at Whakamaru School.

100% ATTENDANCE TERM 1

We had a long list of students who attended school every day in Term 1. These students will be rewarded with a free sausage and drink this Friday 6 May - Stephanie Vaipo-Hogan, Erik Pu, Kristian Gent-Standen, Steele McMeekin, Philip de Thierry, Daytona Vaipo-Hogan, Aalia Nathan-Karauna, Tom Gordon, Brandon Marino, Sean Connolly, Johnathan Morell, Will Gordon, Kayden Mason, Jayden Nathan-Karauna, Niyah Ahipene-Webber, Johvana Vaipo-Hogan.

SPORTS REPORTS



NETBALL:-The girls played two games at the beginning of the holidays. They lost both games but seem to be struggling to remember the details! Players of the day were Lateesha Nathan and Grace Vanner.

RUGBY LEAGUE:- There were no games in the holidays.

DUFFY ASSEMBLY



Tony Williams and Lateesha Nathan

Tony Williams was our role model for our latest Duffy Assembly at the end of last term. He spent time talking to the children about his writing and included the children in his presentation.

HOLIDAY PROBLEMS

Over the holidays we did have a couple of things go wrong. The huge shade-sail over the sandpit has been torn. This will be a costly repair and was done deliberately. Three children were seen to be swinging on it. This will be followed through and the police will be notified as it is willful damage to property.

We also had bottles filled with sand thrown into the school pool. If your children are visiting the school in the holidays then please make sure they are supervised. We love to make them feel as though it is their school but won't tolerate vandalism.

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SWIMMING POOL KEYS

The school pool has now been closed after a very successful season. Please return all keys as soon as possible.

AFFCO - Bobby Calf Fundraiser

AFFCO is again running the Cash for Schools bobby calf fundraising programme this season. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate cash for the school. Last year AFFCO donated more than \$80,000.00 to local schools as a result of the programme. All you have to do is register your bobby calves with AFFCO for the current season (forms are available at school), and nominate our school for the donation. It doesn't cost you anything, because AFFCO pays the donation over and above normal supplier payments. If you don't have a dairy farm sign up your neighbours, friends and whanau. So get in behind the school, and register your bobby calves today.

HOCKEY

Unfortunately we do not have enough students interested to form a hockey team this year. I have let the organizers know.

PHOTOS

These were all distributed the last week of Term 1. The closing date is Friday 6th May if you would like to order.

WHAKAMARU PLAYCENTRE

We welcome all local children aged newborn - 5 years. Mondays and Fridays 9:30am - 12noon. Cnr. Tihoi & Arataki Roads. Gold coin donation per family.

Contact Michelle (07) 3728 833 for more information.