



Whakamaru School

15 August 2011



STARS OF THE WEEK



Here are our students who worked hard in the last week of school.



Room 1 - Daniel Gilchrist



Room 2 - Sarah Parry



Room 3 - Fletcher de Thierry




Room 5 - Ella Hines



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 12 AUGUST

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: PARIS DAVIS



	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Rihari Bishell and Stacia Storer-Tilby	Jayden Taylor and Philip de Thierry	Waiana Clair-Cairns and Kayden Mason	Ihaia Ngatai and Pieter Osborne
Duffy Award	Trinity Davis	Sarah Parry	Sean Connolly	Ella Hines

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

Greetings from the snow - everyone's very excited but we are thinking of the farmers who have to stay out in it!

I came across this saying recently and thought it was a good one to use. In te ao Māori, people work together. Everyone brings their skills and knowledge to contribute to the group. In the traditional tauparapara (evocation) below, a mātui (messenger bird) urges people to adopt a sense of oneness. So it is with teachers, whanau, and the local community all working to achieve the best outcomes for students - kia tuia te muka tangata (to stitch together a fabric of people).

Ka whakarongo ake au ki te tangi a te manu, a te mātui.

Tui tui tuituia. Tuia i runga, tuia i raro.

Tuia i roto, tuia i waho.

Ka rongo te pō, ka rongo tea o.

Tui tui tuituia

I listen to the cry of the bird, the mātui.

Stitch, stitch, stitching. Stitching above, stitching below.

Stitching within, stitching without.

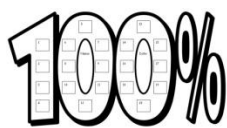
The call is heard at night, the call is heard at the daytime.

Stitch, stitch, stitching.

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TERM 2 100% ATTENDANCE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Last Friday we recognised those students who were at school every day in Term 2. They each had a free sausage and juicie for lunch. Congratulations to Steele McMeekin, Kristian Gent-Standen, Erik Pu, Desmond Hamilton, Sulize Osborne, Tom Gordon, Brandon Marino, Niyah Webber, and Antonie Taylor. Shearl-Lee Te Paea was away so we will catch her up later.

I'm not so sure we are going to have so many this term. We already have high levels of absentees due to the tummy bug (which seems to be settling down now) and flu-like symptoms (which is starting to do the rounds).

CALF CLUB/AG DAY

Thanks for your responses regarding our Calf Club Day. We only had 3 responses so we are staying with our original plan for 2011 which is to go to Tokoroa for the combined schools calf club day on 30 September.

FOREST VIEW HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 8 OPEN DAY

The open day for Forest View High School is on 19 August. This will be until lunchtime.

OPEN DAYS - Year 8 Students

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College	Thursday 1 st September 9:15am - 11:15am
Tauhara College	Wednesday 31 st August 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Please contact the school if you require any further information.

GROCERY RAFFLE

Room 1 grocery raffle has not been drawn as we are still waiting for books and money to be returned.

MONSTER MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

St Pats School, Taupo will be holding this event on Sunday 21 August 2011. If you are interested in participating, we have information at school.

Results of the Parent Survey - completed July 2011

Returns 25 Total/ 50% of families responded

Summary - Generally this is a very positive result for Whakamaru School. The reports are obviously going to take some getting used to - both for us as a staff - and for you as parents to be able to read and gain information from. Obviously, as our school is complying with National Standards part of the new format is in line with the Standards.

Homework is always a contentious issue and opinions differ. For now we will be maintaining the status quo. We can please most people most of the time!

Bullying - we will keep our eyes and ears open for this. I'm unsure whether the question was asked in the right way as I wonder if some responded by ticking down the agree column without realising those particular questions were slanted slightly differently. However, we also need to absorb the fact that this may be a concern for some of you.

Just something to highlight is 4% = 1 respondent rather than 4 people!

Thanks for your time in filling this in and the responses I have had to follow up phone calls so far.

Jill McArthur

Principal

Question	Disagree	Unsure	Agree
This school always aims to improve the quality of the education it provides.		4%	96%
There is good two-way communication between staff and pupils at Whakamaru School.		8%	92%
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with any concerns I might have.			100%
Whakamaru School takes parents concerns seriously.		20%	80%
The teachers at Whakamaru School are dedicated to provide the best for my child's learning.		4%	96%
Teachers motivate my child to want to learn.			100%
I have an opportunity to get involved in planning and deciding things at Whakamaru School if I want to.		12%	88%
Staff manage student behaviour fairly.		12%	88%
My child's report is very helpful and gives me a good understanding of how my child is progressing at school.		24%	76%

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My child's reports cover all the areas of their progress that I need to know about.	Disagree	Unsure 24%	Agree 60%
I enjoy reading my child's portfolio once a term.		12%	88%
The academic standards provide adequate challenge for my child.		8%	88%
The subjects taught at this school meet the needs of my child.		8%	92%
My child is well prepared for the next stage in their education.	4%	40%	56%
Whakamaru School provides a good range of extra activities for the children to do.		12%	80%
My child's homework supports them with their learning.	8%	16%	80%
My child receives the right amount of homework for their age.	8%	8%	80%
My child has been bullied (repeated 'mean' behaviour) recently at school.	64%	24%	12%
Some students are disruptive in class making it hard for my child to learn.	28%	60%	12%
My child gets on well with their peers at school.	4%	4%	92%
My child looks forward to going to school.	4%	4%	92%

SOCCER

What Taupo Fun Football Centre
 Where Tauhara College, Invergarry Road, Taupo
 When Mondays from 22nd August - 26th September
 Time Football Tots (4-6 year olds) 4:10pm - 4:50pm
 Football Stars (7-8 year olds) 5:00pm - 5:50pm

Information / application forms available at the office.

EAR CLINIC

Free ear clinic service for children available at Outpatients Department, Tokoroa Hospital. Please phone 886 7239 for appointment.

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