



# Whakamaru School

11 April 2011



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Trinity Davis



Room 2 - Sam Totoro



Room 3 - Skye Hale



Room 5 - Joshua Allen



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 8 APRIL

SUPREME VIRTUES AWARD: - STEPHANIE VAIPO-HOGAN.

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Shearl-Lee Te Paea and Cassandra Thompson	Philip de Thierry and Sam Totoro	Skye Hale and Kayden Mason	Ella Hines and Jasmine Berge
Duffy Award	Fierce Maihi	Fiona Bishell	Antonie Taylor	Kiara Cook-Marsh

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

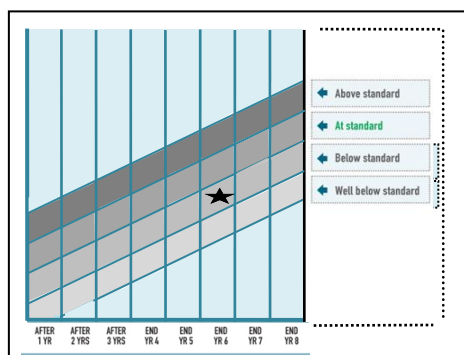
### PORTFOLIOS

All portfolios will go home at the end of this week. Please read them, ask your child to explain them, and be ready with questions at your next parent interview. Teachers will also be ready with further explanation for you.

### SENIOR REPORTS AND NATIONAL STANDARDS

All Room 1 and 2 students' reports will go home in their portfolio this week. They are quite different to last year.

Points to note:-



#### Standards

Please note that students are not expected to be at the standard until the end of the year.

- ★ Beginning of year
- ★ End of year

1. Numeracy, Reading, and Writing each have a graph showing where your child is at compared to National Standards. **It is most important that you realise they do not need to meet the standard until the end of the year.**

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2. Some children are showing as 'below the standard' at this stage who have a chance of being 'at standard' by the end of the year.
3. Your child's report also highlights what they need to learn next, and what you and they can do at home to help them to achieve the standard.
4. At Parent Interviews early next term you can seek further explanation as to what all this means.
5. There are social and behavioural attitudes included on the report also.
6. The same report form will be used at the end of the year so you will be able to make comparisons with the **progress your child has made**.

National Standards are a benchmark for all New Zealand students. It is more important to us as a staff that we are making progress with our students - and we can show you that progress.

### JUNIOR REPORTS

If your child is in Room 3 or Room 5 the report forms will be completed at the end of their first year, their second year, and their third year of school. They will also be completed at each half year. Parent Interviews are being held - in the Junior school only - around your child's birthday and half-year anniversary. It is at these Parent Interviews that your child's report will be discussed with you.

*If you have any questions regarding reports at all - at any level of the school - then please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.*

### WHAKAMARU SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CASUAL VACANCY

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 10 percent or more of the 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. 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 3492

by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

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## 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

We only are waiting on one parent to return books now. As soon as these tickets are returned we will be drawing the raffle. The lucky winner will be contacted by phone and the results published in the next newsletter - Week 1 next term.



## SPORTS REPORTS



**NETBALL:** - *This was the girls first week and they played two games. They lost both games, but played well and scored a goal. Players of the day were Shearl-Lee Te Paea and Sydney Hines.*



**RUGBY LEAGUE:** - *We have several boys playing league this year in Taupo. Kristian and Erik's team - Under 12s - had two losses but Kristian says he scored all the tries and was player of the day. Regan, Tawhaki, and Jayden Nathan-Karauna's team - Under 7s - won all their games. They were all players of the day. Each of the boys scored a try and Regan scored 7 tries.*

## PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations to Sydney Hines, Jodie Hines, Isabelle Noble, Kristian Gent-Standen, Grace Vanner, and Stephanie Vaipo-Hogan who all have 20 vouchers and so qualify for the Pizza Party to be held at school tomorrow. We spend the day baking pizzas, eating, and watching DVDs. A great reward for great behaviour.



## DUFFY ASSEMBLY

Our Duffy Role Model Assembly is on this Friday at 9:30. You are most welcome to come along and hear Tony Williams talk to the students. Tony is a writer for children and adults. As a sports writer and journalist his topics range from New Zealand's most notorious criminals to its most awesome rugby heroes. Tony's titles include the 'Super 12' series and the 'Awesome All Black' series. Tony's novel for young readers is a tale about being careful

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of what you wish for - its hero wants a little adventure and ends up with 'Fizz: The Wildest Boy in the Universe'. Tony has written 30 books and over one million words.

We will be having our usual Friday assembly in the afternoon.

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We finish school at the usual time on Friday. Enjoy your break from routine with your children at home. We will see them all back at school, smiling, on Monday 1 May.

#### SWIMMING POOL KEYS

The pool will be closed at the end of this Term (Friday). We would appreciate receiving pool keys before Friday.

#### 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

Hockey will commence Week 2 (12<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday). We are still looking for a coach. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Notices for interested players will go home this week.

#### SOCCER

Anyone interested in playing soccer this season is welcome to play for the Marotiri Soccer Club. This would involve an after school practice once a week at Marotiri School, and Saturday morning games at Crown Park, Taupo.

Please call Karen Thomas before 15<sup>th</sup> April 027 205 3913

#### 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

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## ***Mangakino Community Agency “Breakaway” School Holiday Programme April 2011***

*Our April School Holiday Programme commences Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Please note: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> there will be no programme due to Easter and ANZAC day.*

*This programme is made possible through funding from Family & Community Services (MYD) for Breakaway Programmes. We would like to reiterate that funding for this programme covers children aged 11 – 17 years of age and attending school. So with this in mind, with all trips, priority will be given to those children in this age bracket. We have however, secured funding for the 5 – 10 year olds so they are able to be part of this programme also. You can register your child/ren at the Community Agency office or at the Youth Club Base from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.*

***This is a FREE!!!*** Programme which begins 10.00am each morning (please not 9.00am or 9.30am).

- Pre-schoolers are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or by a caregiver over the age of 18.*
- All children must be registered to take part in this programme.*

### ***What’s Happening?***

- Trip to Mount Pirongia – Abseiling, Flying Fox & Rock Climbing (11 – 17 yrs).*
- Trip to Buried Village Rotorua & Ten Pin Bowling (all ages).*
- Arts & Crafts, Eater Egg decorating & Hunt, Board Games, Sports skills & Games, Fishing, plus heaps more.*
- A copy of the programme will be available from the Mangakino Community Agency Office and the Youth Club Base from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.*
- We do endeavour to make our programmes fun for all ages.*
- To have continued funding we need to have children attend in the 11 -17 yr age bracket. Parents send your children along we don’t want to lose funding for our holiday programmes.*
- We always welcome helpers, please feel free to come down have a look and see what your children do.*
- Phone Nan 8828555 if you can help in any way.*

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