



Whakamaru School

19 March 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Shearl-Lee Te Paea



Room 2 - Angelle Kingi



Room 3 - Fletcher de Thierry



Room 5 - Havana Kingi



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 16 MARCH

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Ruben du Plessis

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Zoe Brindle and Phabeyn Mankelow	Philip de Thierry and Kahurangi Mankelow-Pennell	Kayd Martin and Regan Gent-Standen	Lovey Te Paea and Oram Davis
Duffy Award	Fiona Bishell	Tommy Davis	Varun Deo	Ateasha Campbell

HOT NEWS!!

TONIGHT – Cancelled - FAMILY FUN NIGHT.

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

We were very proud of our swimming representatives at Pinelands Cluster last Wednesday. They all put in a good effort and achieved good results. Some students didn't want to go so it was great that they stepped up for the challenge - and put themselves outside their comfort zone.

The students who attended were:- Antonie Taylor, Quanita Gent-Standen, Kristian Gent-Standen, Rihari Bishell, Fiamalu Ribabaiti, Isabelle Noble, Jodie Hines, Grace Vanner, Marshall Cannons, Waiana Clair-Cairns, Zoe Brindle, Dylan Beets, Daniel Gilchrist, Arden Bentley, Fiona Bishell, Sam Totoro, Henry T-Laban, Reef Gulde, and Philip de Thierry,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

This is on tomorrow night - Tuesday - at 5pm in the staffroom.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the girls - Atarau, Maia, and Piata Doig who started at Whakamaru School today. Atarau is in Year 7 in Room 1, Maia is in Year 5 and in Room 2, and Piata is a Year 1 in Room 5.

MISS SHAW - NEW TEACHER ROOM 1

We welcome Miss Shaw to our school who will be teaching Room 1 students starting at the beginning of Term 2. She is an experienced teacher who has taught in Wellington, Taupo Intermediate, and even spent time overseas in Qatar and China.

Miss Shaw will be visiting our school on Thursday to meet the Room 1 students. The significant part of her day will be spent meeting with Mrs Isaacson to ensure a smooth and informed transition from one teacher to the next. She will also be attending Parent Interviews next week to meet the parents of students in Room 1. Be there or be ☐.



Half the school - the first half of the alphabet - received their raffle tickets on Friday. The other half will bring them home today. Last year we sold out in record time. This year we have heaps so once you have sold your book and brought your money back you can ask at the office for more. Thanks to the students who have already returned their books and money and asked for more - be quick!!

The prizes are fantastic - all that chocolate!!!!

SCHOOL POOL

This will be closed on Friday 23 March. We have managed to stretch it out for one more week - largely to accommodate the Family Fun Night but with the fall in night time temperatures it is no longer viable to keep it open. All keys can be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CELL PHONE

What a success! Thanks for all your texts to keep us informed about your child's absences, etc.

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BEHAVIOUR

We have a lot of new students this year - about 15%. We have been working really hard at behaviour and enforcing our consequences for behaving well and for making bad choices. We're not there yet (and will never be perfect) but are working very hard to make our school a safe place for our tamariki. If you have a concern, complaint, or compliment then please contact the school to let them know.

KAPA HAKA/TE REO MAORI

We tried really hard to get this off the ground last year and half managed it. This year I thought I'd start working away at you while you are keen and enthusiastic at the beginning of the year.

We would like to dedicate one afternoon a week to teaching our students about their Maori culture and also having some time on Te Reo and possibly a Kapa Haka group.

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te reo

If you can see yourself helping out with some/all of this then Jill would be very excited to hear from you. If you can't help then please think who could. It would be great to keep our young ones connected and confident with their culture.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

A notice is attached to this newsletter about parent interviews which are being held next Tuesday 27 March. This is for all Senior student parents and Junior student parents who have recently had a birthday or a six month anniversary. Juniors will receive named parent interview slips - if you are unsure whether it's your turn then please phone/text the office to ask.

Otherwise, please return your slips promptly to ensure you have the interview time of your choice.

Last week I indicated that Senior reports would be written by then. Sorry, blonde moment! Senior student reports are not produced until the middle of the year in time for Term 2 Portfolios.

Reports are produced continuously in the Junior school on the student's birthday/six month anniversary.

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WORKING BEE - 31 MARCH



Well, it's the talk of the town. People have told me they're coming. Come along and I will even provide morning tea for the workers.

There is such a lot to do around the school so we thought we'd have a working bee. This is a chance for those of you who aren't available to help us during the week to come along and get involved with your school.

Bring your gardening tools, hedgetrimmers, chainsaws, etc. There's a lot to do!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We will be placing an order for these later this week so please pop in and see Elva at the office if you would like to order polo shirts or our popular polar fleece sweatshirt in time for winter.

Polo Shirts (sizes 4/6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) Cost \$36.00 each

Polar Sweatshirts (sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) Cost \$45.50 each

These are the full prices that we pay to the supplier.

We have a size 8 Polo and Sweatshirt in the office if you would like to see if your child needs this size or smaller / bigger.

POSITIVE PARENTING

REAP offers short courses over three evenings to explore ways to relate positively and strengthen your relationship with your children which will bring about change in their behaviour.

Tutor Anna Dawson (Parents as First Teachers)
Parent Educator, parent of 2 adult daughters & grandparent of 4

Term 1 Wednesday 21st March - 4th April

Time 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Venue Phianga Road, REAP

Cost \$10.00 for 3 sessions

Numbers Maximum 15, minimum 6

Register and pay before classes start with REAP, 73 Titiraupenga Street, Taupo or email reception@reap.org.nz or phone (07) 378 8109

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PARENT INTERVIEWS - Tuesday 27th March (Rooms 1 & 2)

Please note: school will close at 1:00pm and buses will leave at this time.

Interviews (15 minute duration) will be held on Tuesday 27th March between 1:30pm - 8:00pm. Please tick the timeframe below with your time preference. We require the information to be returned to school as soon as possible so the time allotted can be sent home with your child on Thursday 29th March

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Name of child

Room 1 / 2 please circle Room No.

(Signed)

A separate notice will be sent home to children in Rooms 3 and 5 who are due an interview.

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