



# Whakamaru School

20 February 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Jason Te Kani-Huriwai



Room 2 - Joanna Ribabaiti



Room 3 - Ella Hines



Room 5 - Cody Griffiths



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*CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY*

*Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Hamish Cannons*

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Trinity Davis and Erik Pu	Tawhaki Webber and Arden Bentley	Fletcher de Thierry and Will Gordon	To be published next week as Ms Whatarau away.
Duffy Award	Jodie Hines	Philip de Thierry	Kayden Mason	

*Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru*

*Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community*



We had a fantastic opportunity last week to have the Chiefs Rugby team visit us on the way to Taupo. Many thanks to Joshua Standen for co-ordinating this visit for us. We weren't sure until the day that this was going to eventuate so our apologies for those parents who were concerned about the late bus run on that day. It was unavoidable. I'm sure it was more than compensated by the excitement of the children at the time the Chiefs spent - personally greeting every child in the school. Unfortunately we cannot have encouraged them enough as they didn't win in the weekend☺

**TECHNICAL ARTS**

Tech Arts starts this Wednesday for our Year 7 and 8 students. This involves every student in this class travelling to Forest View High School for a day's programme including Electronics, Food Technology, Hard Materials (aka Woodwork/Metalwork) and Computing.

There is a fee for this course and a note has already gone home regarding this - \$30 - after a subsidy by the school.

We also must have every trip permission notice AND bus notice sent back to school before these students can leave the school grounds. If you haven't done so yet, or aren't sure, then please contact the office.

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## SENIOR POOL TRIP



Thumbs up to the Senior classes at AC Baths for their Water Safety Day last Friday. There were numerous positive comments from the instructors about their polite manners and good behaviour.

Many thanks to the parents who provided transport and went in the pools to help supervise - without you these trips would not be possible. Thanks to Sophie Vanner, Donna Hines, Trevor Lockley, and also the teachers - Mrs I, Mrs Sneddon, and Mrs McArthur.

## INCREDIBLE YEARS TRAINING

Today Ms Collins and Ms Whatarau are away for the first in a series of workshops aimed at teachers of students aged up to 8. We have been selected as one of the schools for this behaviour management strategy being promoted by the Government via the Ministry of Education.

## INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD TRAINING DAYS

Just a heads up that all the staff will be attending a training day on the effective use of these boards. It is Ms Collins, Mrs Isaacson, and Mrs McArthur's turn this week. Ms Whatarau and Mrs Sneddon will attend their day in March.

## YEAR 7 AND 8 VACCINATIONS

Shona Pook is our new Public Health Nurse and she will be coming to talk to these students regarding their vaccinations this Thursday. All Year 7s receive information about their vaccinations and Year 8 girls will get information about their HPV injections. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend this session starting at 9:15 for Year 7s and 9:45 for Year 8 girls.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday 28 February - 5 - 7pm. Come along. The pool will be open, the kids can bring their wheels, there will be balls on the field for you to use, the BBQ will be hot - and if we manage to twist arms we may even have sausages on it for you! Come and meet other families, or just spend time with your own, and enjoy!

## ABSENCES

Just a friendly reminder that if your child is away, please ring the office to let us know. We also need a reason for our attendance records. Thanks.

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## CONTACTS

Coming home with this newsletter is a sheet to enable us to update our records. Please make sure that your details are kept up to date in case we need to contact you if your child is sick or for some other reason.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are ready to place another order for School Uniforms. If you wish to place an order for your child for the polo shirt or the polar fleece then please see Elva at the office. When we ordered about a year ago, the cost of the polo shirt was approximately \$35.00 and the sweat shirt approximately \$50.00.

## HOUSE TO RENT

A school family urgently require a house to rent - Whakamaru district.

Phone / text Nyomi 022 047 1003

## GREAT RUGBY ROAD TRIP

A massive, nationwide rugby tour to say 'thank you, New Zealand', and featuring the coveted Webb Ellis Cup will be in Taupo.

Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Tongariro Domain, Taupo

## KEEP this date FREE

Nigel Latta will be appearing at the Great Lake Centre on Monday 19 March 2012 at 7:30pm talking on *The First Decade*. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (no door sales). Tickets on sale now at REAP, 73 Titirapunga Street, Taupo, phone (07) 378 8109

## PGG WRIGHTSON Cash for Communities

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 7<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012, can earn cash for the school.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact 0508 276 556.

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