



# Whakamaru School

3 October 2011



## STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Shearl-Lee Te Paea



Room 2 - Henry T-Laban



Room 3 - Hinewai Ngatai



Room 5 - Joshua Allen



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Zoe Brindle

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Shearl-Lee Te Paea and Sydney Hines	Brad Lambert and Henry T- Laban	Savannah Sutherland and Fletcher de Thierry	Sahmara Tauri and Pieter Osborne
Duffy Award	Kimi Ward	Fiona Bishell	Tawhaki Webber	Varun Deo

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Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

Here we are...the last week of Term 3. We are keeping busy right up to the last day but are counting the sleeps!! Congratulations on the students improved attendance at school. We have less 100%ers this term but only because a lot became sick with our tummy bug/flu earlier in the term. I am noticing, though, that we have had quite a few days where we have everybody here - and those who have had problems with coming to school in the past are now making it!!

**KAPA HAKA**

This hasn't gone away just because the Tokoroa Festival is now over. I still am trying to seek tutors to lead our group and have heard positive things from various directions. Don't be shy to contact me if you would like to help out - we would like to start with simple karanga, and a waiata so we can at least greet visitors to our school appropriately. The kids are very keen - how about some adults come and help us out?

**SPORTS EXCHANGE - TUESDAY**

Tomorrow, weather obliging, we are being visited by Ngakuru School for a rippa rugby tournament. Every child in the school will take part and in the true spirit of competition we are hoping to win the games. For some of us, participation will be the key - no one will be on the sideline fulltime!

As part of this exchange, we are practising the haka for our boys to perform. I would like to thank Erik Pu, Rihari Bishell



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and Kristian Gent-Standen for teaching the boys in the school. I think these three have figured out that teaching is not an easy job!

#### PTA MEETING

A reminder that our next meeting is on tomorrow, Tuesday 4 October, at 4pm - Room 4.

#### PORTFOLIOS

Portfolios are coming home this week for Term 3. Thanks to the parents who praise their children through the Parents Sheet in the portfolio. If you haven't done it yet how about you make a comment this time? It isn't a comment for us so much as reinforcing to your child that you think they are making a good effort!



You may keep the Portfolios over the holidays and return them to school at the beginning of Term 4. Next term, the Seniors will be completing the end of year reports which will hopefully show that your child has made progress over the year. In the Junior school this is done progressively as your child has a birthday or has the six month anniversary of their birthday.

#### BANDANNA DAY - FRIDAY

This Friday we are recognising Bandanna Day to raise money for CanTeen. Bandannas are for sale at the office for \$4 and are selling fast, especially with Room 1. We also have Wristbands for \$2. These change colour in UV light (now we just need some sunshine!)



#### TOKOROA SCHOOLS CALF CLUB DAY

The students who took part in this day last Friday seemed to enjoy the experience.

Kiara Cook-Marsh's lamb was Reserve Champ for Calling, other results were - 1<sup>st</sup> in Calling, 1<sup>st</sup> Most Obvious Pet, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Leading, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rearing and Grooming. Mikayla Sharp's lamb came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Calling, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Leading and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rearing.

Sean Connolly and Johnathan Morell also took part with their calves and although they didn't win places they earned themselves a wicked goodie bag I hear. We're proud of them for participating.

## CHOIR

We are into the last week of practices before the performances in Week 2 of next term. Some students are practising the virtue of perseverance as they want to pull out but we won't let them at this late stage. We have been practising for weeks now so it's too late.

## YUMMY STICKERS

Last chance this week (closing date is Friday) - if you have a collection at home please send them back to school asap for us to collate and send in.

## TARGA RALLY (Car rally)

A reminder that for those of you who have volunteered for marshalling for this event there is training here at school on TOMORROW at 3 - 4pm.

## END OF TERM

Please note that school finishes at the normal time this Friday 7 October and restarts for a very short and intense Term 4 on TUESDAY 25 October (as Monday is Labour Day).

## LUCKY BOOK - Clearance Sale

Closing date is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October and the books will be at school the first week of Term 4.

## FREE STORYBOOKS

### **Help us get free storybooks for our school**

If you're a Telecom customer, you can turn your bill into a storybook for our school. All you have to do is switch to online billing by 24 November 2011 at [telecom.co.nz/billstostorybooks](http://telecom.co.nz/billstostorybooks), and choose our school to receive a storybook. There are 10,000 storybooks to be given away, so the more of you who choose our school, the more books we'll receive!

Talk to everyone (friends / grandparents) about this great offer.

## ARMY VISIT

During the 8<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October the Army Cadet School will be visiting Mangakino, as part of their visit they would like to spend an afternoon with our youth to run some interactive and sports activities. This will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, so on this day we will open our Youth Club Base (rugby clubrooms) from 10.00am - 5.00pm. Send your children down, we will have some activities available in the morning, there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch at 12.00pm and the Army Cadets will take over from 1.00pm. A recruiting officer will be visiting also, if there is anyone interested in this field of work then make sure you come along. *For further information you can contact Nan on 8828555.*

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