



Whakamaru School

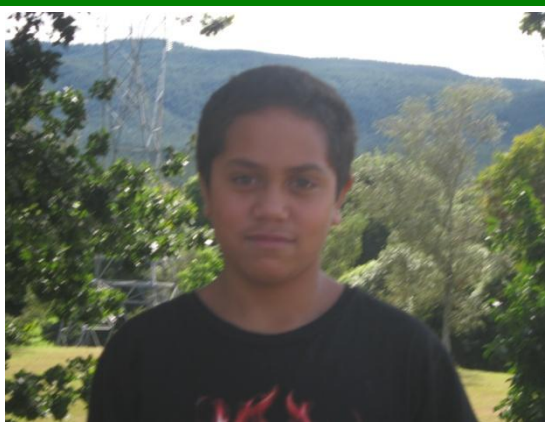
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STARS OF THE WEEK



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



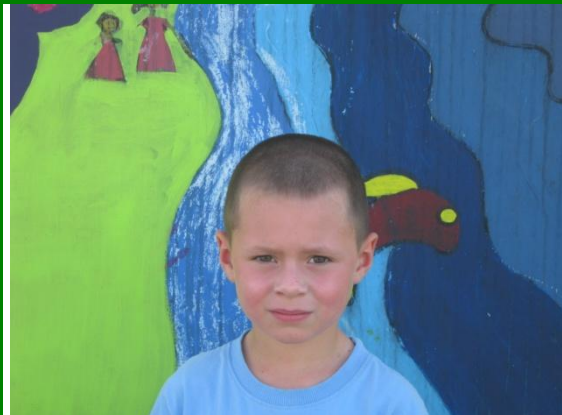
Room 1 - Rihari Bishell



Room 2 - Arden Bentley



Room 3 - Deja Petch



Room 5 - Ruben Du Plessis



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Rihari Bishell

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Jasmine Ribabaiti and Jason Te Kani-Huriwai	Falcon Heaslip, Reef Gulde and Joanna Ribabaiti	Joshua Allen and Manava Ribabaiti	Teramarama Follas-Watene and Jestah Harrison
Duffy Award	Zoe Brindle	Dylan Beets	Sulize Osborne	Ruben Du Plessis

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

Welcome to the start of a new school year - and the first newsletter for the year. Normally our newsletter day is Monday but with the two short weeks we've had it's a bit difficult to do!

We have a starting roll this year of 88 students which we are finding very exciting as it is an increase on the same time last year. We warmly welcome all our new students - they are listed below.

We spent Friday assembly introducing ourselves to the students as teachers. We consider it's really important to build relationships with our students so we can work with them as learners. They seem to really enjoy hearing about our pets, homes, and family (in no particular order)!

WELCOME

We welcome all our new students for the year:-

Room 1 - Jason Te Kani-Huriwai, Jasmine Ribabaiti and Fiamulu Ribabaiti.

Room 2 - Welcome back to Conrad Fleming and welcome to Falcon Heaslip Reef Gulde and Joanna Ribabaiti.

Room 3 - Welcome back to Hunter Gray and welcome to Manava Ribabaiti.

Room 5 - Welcome to New Entrants Teramarama Follas-Watene and Jestah Harrison.

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STAR STUDENTS

We operate a positive culture at Whakamaru School. Each class has a Star of the Day. At the end of the week each class chooses a Star of the Week. That person appears on the front of the School Newsletter and as a reward spends time baking with Mrs McArthur. They then get to eat the 'goods' - they may or may not share it with you at home!!

If your child has been in 'Time Out' in class for misbehaving then they do not qualify for Star of the Week.

MRS MCARTHUR'S SUPREME AWARD

Once a week at assembly I choose one person who I think has made a difference in a positive way at our school. This person is named in the newsletter, gets a colourful certificate and a special pencil to use for the year. As well, they receive 5 vouchers.

VOUCHER SYSTEM

This is like Whakamaru Currency or Money. We recognise good behaviour and children receive 'vouchers'. For every 10 vouchers they can come to me and choose out of my prize box. Once they have 20 vouchers, they attend the school pizza party for the day. 40 vouchers earns them a trip to the AC Baths in Taupo, 60 vouchers is a trip to the movies in Taupo, 80 vouchers - another trip to the AC Baths. Last year those who had received 100 vouchers went rockclimbing at Taupo Events Centre.

There is no cost to children for these days - they are sponsored. Ask your child how they are doing.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Isaacson - Obviously Room 1 parents will be aware that Mrs Isaacson is expecting her first child in May and will be going on maternity leave at the end of Term 1. Congratulations Mrs I!!

The Year 6 - 8 teaching job has been advertised as a fixed term position for one year (according to the laws around maternity leave positions). The job closes on 2 March and we will be appointing the best person for the job. I have been really pleased with the interest in application packs we have received to date.



Miss Coombe - Room 2 parents also know that Miss Coombe is getting married on Saturday. She is on leave this week and will return to school on Wednesday 15 February. She will then be Mrs Sneddon (Mrs S - if the kids get confused)!



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Mrs McArthur - I have been awarded a term's leave (sabbatical) in Term 2. This is to study Maori and Aboriginal engagement in education and will mean I will be in Australia for 10 weeks. I am really looking forward to it and feel confident to leave Ms Whatarau as Acting Principal for the term. My appreciation to the Board of Trustees, Ministry of Education and New Zealand Education Institute for giving me this opportunity.

Ms Collins and Ms Whatarau - are business as usual, thank goodness!

SCHOOL PICNIC

Last year we started the year with a picnic and after that successful day we are planning another one this year. The likely day is next Friday 17 February. We will be confirming this date at staff meeting this afternoon and will be letting you know. Everyone is invited to attend this just down the road at the lake.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

 This year we are requesting each family to pay the school a donation of \$20. This is to cover the cost of photocopying and general running of the school which cannot be met by the money we receive from the government. We would appreciate all families paying this amount as soon as possible. This is tax deductible with a receipt.

This can be sent to school with your child in a marked envelope and we will send the receipt straight back to you.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will be held later in Term 1 and gives you an opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher and share information.

TERM CALENDAR

This will be circulated with the newsletter next week. We have many events happening this term. As well as the school picnic, the Seniors will be going to the AC Baths to take part in the water safety day the Juniors had at the end of last year.

We also have swimming instructors coming to the school in a couple of weeks. These instructors are part of the Contact Energy Swim Safe programme which also operated in our school last year.

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We have School Swimming Sports as well as Pinelands Swimming Sports this term.

Our Family Fun Fiesta night will be happening in a few weeks. This is a great chance to come to school one evening and meet other parents. Last year was fantastic - the kids all brought bikes, went in the pool, and we had a BBQ. Watch out for the date!!

TRIP FEES

On occasion we have trips out of school or visiting performers which need to be paid for. If you would like, it works really well if you pay \$20 per child (Junior and Senior) to the school at the beginning of the year. We keep this money and have a spreadsheet to say how it's being used as your child goes on trips or needs stationery. It means you don't need to send bits and pieces of money to school, and can request it is taken from 'Trip Fees'. We let you know when the supply is running low. Come and see Elva if you would like to take this option.

This money cannot be used for school lunches as this needs to be paid for from a separate account.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder that these are for sale on Monday and Friday only. Cookies and popcorn are available every day at morning tea time. Coming home with this newsletter will be a pricelist.

SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOK

With this newsletter is also a copy of the School Information Book. This tells you everything you need to know about our school. Read and learn!

LOST

Last week at the swimming pool a student lost a greenstone necklace. We would like this returned no questions asked.

PTA

Meeting tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday) 4:00pm, Room 4. All welcome. Your children can play outside while we meet.

TRIAL BIKE RIDE

Where: Koromiko Grazing Ltd, Waipa Valley, Te Kuiti

When: 12th February

More Details: Phone (07) 878 7972

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KEEP this date FREE

Nigel Latta will be appearing at the Great Lake Centre on Monday 19th 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 Titiraupenga Street, Taupo, phone (07) 378 8109

SCHOOL LUNCHEES

Name of Child Room

Item (Mondays & Fridays)	Cost	Number
Juicies	.90c	
Mince Pie (small)	1.50	
Mince Pie (large)	2.10	
Mince & Cheese Pie (small)	1.60	
Mince & Cheese Pie (large)	2.30	
Potato Top Pie (small)	1.60	
Potato Top Pie (large)	2.30	
Sausage Roll	1.30	
Volcanoes	2.00	
Fruit Juice – Golden Pash	1.40	
Sold Daily		
Popcorn	.70	
Cookies (Choc Chip / Fudge)	.80	

Total

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