



# Whakamaru School

4 March 2013

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Here are our fantastic students who worked hard last week!



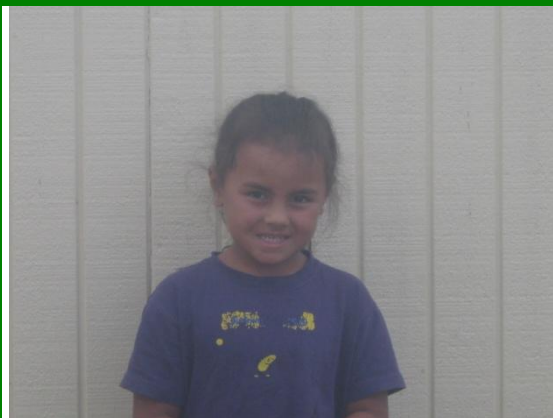
Room 1 - Henry T-Laban



Room 2 - Tawhaki Webber



Room 3 - Ruben Du Plessis



Room 5 - Alavina Latu



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### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR 1 MARCH

	<u>Room 1</u>	<u>Room 2</u>	<u>Room 3</u>	<u>Room 5</u>
<u>Class Certificates</u>	Grace Vanner and Henry T-Laban	Neitana Trueman and Tawhaki Webber	Joshua Allen and Ruben Du Plessis	Kaye Christie and Alavina Latu
<u>Duffy Books</u>	Dylan Beets	Savannah Sutherland	Makaia Trueman	Tiarra Meszaros

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MRS MCARTHUR'S SUPREME AWARD - given to a child who I think has  
made a difference to the school during the week:-

***Tawhaki Webber in Room 2.***

*Each of these children get a certificate, 5 vouchers, and a Whakamaru  
School wristband to show they are part of the 'team'.*

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

Thanks to those parents who came to parent interviews last week. If you missed yours - particularly in the Senior School - then please contact your child's teacher. Remember, we're in this together - it's not just the parents or just the school's responsibility to educate the child and help them to learn.

I realise some of you are confused with our interview system. It all changed with National Standards when it became mandatory to report to parents of younger children at 6 monthly intervals - on their birthday and halfway through the year at 6 months from their birthday. The Junior school therefore have a rolling system of interviews. Rest assured that you will be seen twice a year to discuss your child's progress. This is until they have had 3 years of school when they change to the Senior school system.

We send a slip home so you can request an interview time. If you do not reply we give you a time anyway and a slip is sent back home informing you of your time. If you cannot make it for some reason it would be really helpful if you can please ring the office and let us know. Otherwise the teachers sit here and wait!

Swimming sports was great on Friday - so many parents came. It was a very hot day but it was good to see the spirit of competition that the children showed and the encouragement from parents as well. From the Senior School swimming sports we will be selecting children to attend the Pinelands

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Swimming Competition held next Wednesday 13 March. Notices will go home later this week.

The House points competition was won by Ngauruhoe; Kaahu was second, Taranaki 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tongariro 4<sup>th</sup>, and Ruapehu 5<sup>th</sup>.

House Point totals now stand at:-

Ngauruhoe	3040
Kaahu	2900
Taranaki	2280
Tongariro	2260
Ruapehu	1300.

### TE REO CLASSES

Our Te Reo classes are starting again. Kapai to Noelene Reti who is our tutor. Each class has a turn in the morning to learn Te Reo. In the afternoon we will have kapa haka and then Rumaki Reo. Please let us know if you would like your child to take part in the afternoon programme - they don't always volunteer!

### THANKS

Thanks to those parents who are dropping their children off at school after 8am. Teachers arrive at this time so before then is too early.

### THANKS TO IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS

"A huge thank you from myself on behalf of the Ironman Events Team for your amazing efforts on Saturday. You all did a fantastic job on what ended up a very hot and extremely busy day. Each and every one of you gave 110% and I hope you all enjoyed your day". Leigh Austin - Taupo Co-ordinator.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SALE

We still have some sweatshirts - older style - for sale. Come and make an offer - any reasonable offer accepted.

### BUYING FERT FROM PGG WRIGHTSON?

Keep us in mind when you order your Ballance Agri-nutrients fertiliser through PGG Wrightsons. This also applies to agri-chemicals and seed up until the end of May. [www.pggwrightson.co.nz](http://www.pggwrightson.co.nz).

### TAUPO TIMES -WE'RE FAMOUS

Have a look in the latest Taupo Times for our visit to Transpower - especially if you are a parent of a Junior child.

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## ROOM 1 CHALLENGE

Room 1 are out and about on Thursday and Friday this week - tramping up to Waihaha Hut and back. Good luck and may your packs be ever lighter on your backs - no whining, remember!!

## TWO REMINDERS

1. Teacher Only Day - 15 March - school closed for teaching.
2. Paid Union Meeting - 19 March - afternoon only. Mrs McArthur to supervise. You may pick your child up early if you wish as it will be a sports fun afternoon of some sort! Thanks to the parent who offered to help! Any more?

## SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Age	Freestyle	Backstroke	2 lengths freestyle	Flutterboard	Breaststroke
Year 4 Boys	Fletcher Kayden Mason Skye	Cody Fletcher Will	No entries	Kayden Mason Will Fletcher/Skye	No entries
Year 4 Girls	Simoné Deja	Deja	Deja	Deja	No entries
Year 5 Boys	Reef Antonie Tawhaki	Antonie Johnathan Neitana	Reef Antonie Johnathan	Tawhaki/Tom Elih Neitana	Reef Antonie Johnathan
Year 5 Girls	Joanna Kahurangi Bella	Bella Georgina Kahurangi	Kahurangi Bella Savannah	Niyah Joanna Kahurangi	Niyah
Year 6 Boys	Dylan Stevie Conrad	Dylan Philip Conrad	Dylan Stevie Philip	Dylan Philip Desmond	Dylan Philip Conrad
Year 6 Girls	Maia Sarah Blaise	Sarah Maia Angelle	Maia Arden JessieRose	Arden Maia Sarah	Sarah Arden Maia/Angelle
Year 7 Boys	Sam Jayden Henry	Sam Jayden	Jayden Henry	Sam Jayden	Jayden Sam
Year 7 Girls	Grace Destiny Fiona	Grace Destiny Fiona	Grace Fiona Destiny	Grace Fiona/Destiny	Grace Fiona Destiny
Year 8 Boys	Erik Daniel	Daniel Erik	Erik Daniel	Erik Daniel	Erik Daniel
Year 8 Girls	Atarau Jodie Olivia	Atarau Jodie Olivia	Jodie Atarau Olivia	Atarau	Jodie Olivia Atarau

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