



Whakamaru School

13 August 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Steele McMeekin



Room 2 - Neitana Trueman



Room 3 - Kayden Martin



Room 5 - Ruben Du Plessis



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 10 AUGUST
Mrs McArthur's *Supreme Award* went to Johnathan Morell.

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Trinity Davis and Paris Davis	Tommy Davis and Johnathan Morell	Fletcher de Thierry and Simone Mulder	Leo Vermeulen and Mason Doig
Duffy Award	Stacia Storer-Tilby	Bella Simmons	Ella Hines	Oram Davis

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

Well, the details of the Room 1 100km Challenge have been released. Once a fortnight for the rest of the year, Room 1 will be going out and completing sections of the River Trail. We have invited guests - including the Prime Minister, local MPs, local Mayors, iwi, TV stars - to come and motivate the students on each leg.



For the students it WILL be a challenge! We are concentrating on working together as a team, celebrating achievements, and encouraging each other. I know this class can do it. They have had a 'mucked up' year in terms of teachers coming and going and this will bring them together with each other and staff and build relationships.

We acknowledge and thank Telecom Taupo who have sponsored the major spot prizes awarded to those students who complete the challenge.

If any of you would like to take part then please don't hesitate to let me know - we are keen for all to take part. Transport can be an issue if you do the trails by yourself - we can help you! Go on - be challenged!

Our first day is this Wednesday and we'll be leaving school at 11:45 to walk down to Whakamaru Dam, across the dam, and along the Ongaroto section of the track - hopefully as far as the 'stairway to heaven'.

Jill McArthur - Principal

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ROOM 1

Please return permission slips for the 100km challenge tomorrow. Please note students can now bring cell phones for music and camera - this is at their own responsibility.

PTA Meeting

A reminder that our next PTA meeting is today (Tuesday) in Room 4 at 3:00pm.

Welcome

We welcome Miss Nicole Way who is a student teacher in Room 5 with Ms Whatarau for the next six weeks.

READING TOGETHER - TONIGHT (Tuesday)

It was great to see all the parents taking part in this last week - a reminder that for those invited parents it's your second session - with your children with you - tonight.



CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure we have your correct contact details. This is really important if we need to let you know your child is sick or has had an accident at school.

GOODBYES

On Friday we said goodbye to the Davis family - Trinity, Paris, Tommy, and Oram. They are going to live in Australia and we wish them all the best.

PINELANDS SPEECH COMPETITION



This week, Friday, is the annual Pinelands Speech Competition held at Marotiri School. We will be selecting children to take part in this over the next couple of days and notices will come home to the chosen few on Wednesday afternoon. We have decided Room 1 will not be taking part as they have not been practising with their last teacher.

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DUFFY LEADERS ASSEMBLY

At our Friday assembly we are having two students from Forest View High School visit to talk to our students about the role of reading in their learning. We thank Forest View High for their co-operation in helping us organise this.

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

The Senior team (Whakamaru Phoenix) played Tokoroa Intermediate Mustangs and lost 9-21. Player of the Day - whole team

Junior team (Whakamaru Stars) won their last game on Saturday - 6-4 against David Henry Chiefs. They were also the section winners.

What a wonderful end to their netball season. The girls have improved so much over the season.

Soccer

Sam and Erik play for Marotiri - both were Player of the Day on Saturday. The team played Newcastle and drew 0-0.

Please contact the office if you have any sporting news you would like to be in the newsletter.

ROOM 2 - Speeches / Poems

You are welcome to come along and listen to our speeches / poems

When: Year 5 (Wednesday 15th August) starting at 11:00am

Where: Room 2

YUMMY APPLES

The school has registered for the Yummy Apple promotion. Look for apples with the yummy sticker on them.

The plastic bags are worth 1 voucher - 10 small stickers are worth 1 voucher.

The promotion closes on 28th September.

OPEN DAYS - Year 8 Students

Taupo -nui-a-Tia College - Thursday 16th August from 9:15am - 11:15am.

Tauhara College - Wednesday 15th August from 12:30pm - 2:30pm

If any parent would like to take their Year 8 student to either of the above open days, please let us know at the office.

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NITS

Please do a nit check on your child and take the appropriate action. Thanks.

WANTED

Any farmers who are willing to donate 60l - 100l drums (drench etc) to the school. We are seeking same to use as storage for balls in the P E shed. Please clean thoroughly and drop off to school.

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club night has commenced, every Friday 5.00pm - 9.00pm at the youth base, (old rugby club). This programme is for all youth aged 12 - 24 years; your supervisor will be Nan Munro. This is a Ministry funded programme so there will be some structure around this. Some of the activities available: Interactive Games, Sport, Cooking, Youth Forum, Computers, Arts & Crafts to name just a few (there will be free time). Like all programmes ***WE NEED VOLUNTEERS***, there is a roster available at the Community Agency office; we ***STILL HAVE NO NAMES*** on it. If you want your children to take part in these programmes you need to volunteer some of your time. You don't have to be a parent/caregiver, come down for the night, see what's involved, you never know you might actually enjoy yourself. For further details you can contact Nan at the Community Agency on 8828555.

AFFCO 'Cash for Schools' Bobby Calf scheme

AFFCO NZ Ltd is again running the Cash for Schools bobby calf fundraising programme this season. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate cash for the school. Last year AFFCO NZ Ltd donated more than \$100,000.00 to local schools as a result of the programme. All you have to do is register your bobby calves with AFFCO NZ Ltd for the current season (we have forms at school) and nominate the school for the donation. It does not cost you anything, because AFFCO NZ Ltd pays the donation over and above normal supplier payments. If you do not have a dairy farm, then sign up your neighbours, friends and whanau. So get in behind the school, and register your bobby calves today.

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RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE 2012

The Mangakino Community Agency has organized a First Aid course for Thursday 20th & Friday 21st September. This will take place at the Youth Club Base (old rugby club).

- **Comprehensive:** Day One Start; 8.30am - 5.00pm, Day Two Start; 9.00am - 3.30pm, cost is **\$190.00**.
- **Refresher:** Attend on Day Two; 9.00am - 3.30pm, cost is **\$100.00**. *Please bring with you your current comprehensive certificate this must be no more than 2 - 3 months expired.*
- BYO Lunch, tea & coffee provided, Lunch will be from 12.30 - 1.00pm, 2 x 15min breaks.
- You can book and pay your fee at the Mangakino Community Agency office.
- There will be no crèche available, so if you have pre-schoolers you will need to find someone to care for them on these days.
- Please be on time our tutor has to travel and we don't want to keep her waiting.
- For further information phone Nan at the Community Agency on 8828555.

Keep this on your fridge to remind you of the start times & dates.

This course has been made possible with the help from REAP Taupō and the Mangakino Community Agency.

TOKOROA BLUELIGHT

Rainbow's end fun day - 26th August 2012. \$30.00 each. Age group 8 - 12 years. Limited seats

For more information contact - Kylie 021 042 4642

Please accept our apologies for the newsletter being late this week - we have a new photocopier and the printer codes were not installed in time for the deadline on Monday.

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