



Whakamaru School

6 May 2013



STARS OF THE WEEK



Here are our students who have worked hard in their classes.



Room 1 - Conrad Fleming



Room 2 - Kayden Mason - I like the t-shirt.



Room 3 - Ocean Gulde



Room 5 - Riley Watson



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HOT NEWS!!

The Big Walk which was planned for last term has been rescheduled for THIS FRIDAY 10 MAY. If you are able to come and help then please let us know. However, the forecast for Friday is not good at this stage. We will let you know if the event is cancelled.

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

We are back into the thick of it again. It was lovely to see the smiley faces come in the school gate this morning and the classes are straight back into work.

This is a shorter term than last term but often it is this time of the year when we have coughs, sneezes, etc. Please make sure that your children are fit and healthy ready for school. Thanks to all of you who let us know when your child is away and why. It's important for us to know why as well as this is our legal requirement.

PHOTOS

A reminder that photo orders need to be back to us by Wednesday 15 May. This is only just over a week away. We were really pleased with the quality of the photos this year. Let us know what you think.

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE AWARD

There are brilliant photos up in the office from these challenges. Come and have a look if your child is involved. You may wish to have a copy of some of them - just let us know.

NETBALL REPORTS

I went to watch the two younger teams in the first weekend of the holidays. I was really impressed with their sportsman'ship, and their game skills. The younger team played a team who were twice their height but never gave up. Well done, girls.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

The promotion has commenced for 2013 - start collecting yummy apple stickers and the cut-out labels on the 1.5kg apple bags.

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TERM DATES

We will be sending home the term calendar next Monday. We have an extremely busy term with staff attending training to make sure we keep up with latest thinking about learning. We also have other events planned. See below for the first of these.

We also have the Tokoroa Music festival this term so will be calling for all interested children in the next week or so. Kids for Kids choir is coming up early next term so we will be practising for two things at once with our choir!!

OLYMPIC SPORTS STAR VISITS WHAKAMARU



This Thursday at 1:30, Mike Dawson, our New Zealand Whitewater Kayaker will be visiting to talk to all the children about what it means to represent our country as part of the Olympic Ambassador programme. We are very excited to be welcoming him and invite you to come and hear him speak. Visit www.mikedawson.co.nz to

read more about him - he will be a really dynamic speaker for the kids to hear.

FRIDAY 17 MAY - WACKY HAIR DAY



To raise funds for the Rescue Helicopter we are holding a Wacky Hair Day on Friday 17 May. Encourage your children to gel/spike/TEMPORARILY colour their hair to take part. Please don't forget to bring a gold coin so we can send this donation to the Rescue Helicopter Trust. We MAY even receive a visit from the helicopter as we have in previous years - IF enough of us donate money!

KIWI CAN

Every Friday, our Kiwi Can facilitators - Mainz and Jay - come and teach our kids about values. They are very vibrant and excited about what they do and the kids love them. If you find your child talks about this programme encourage them to share more. Mainz and Jay stay with us all day and take an enthusiastic part in our programme.

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BRAINY BABIES AND THE DEVELOPING BRAIN

This Workshop is being held HERE next Monday (13th May) from 1 - 2:30pm. This is for a \$2 gold coin donation and is being run for parents and caregivers with Deb Rewiri in association with REAP. For further information contact Gloria, Taupo VIN co-ordinator on 07 3788019 extn 8, tvinn@reap.org.nz.

Our staff will be attending the workshop that follows about the developing brain. If you are an educator and are interested this runs from 4:30 - 7pm.

FAMILY FUN DAY - Celebrating Youth Week

Saturday 11th May. This will be held in the Tongariro Domain, Taupo from 10am - 1pm. Free entry.

Music, dances, sausage sizzles and food, Kapa Haka, giveaways and prizes, displays from emergency services.

WHAKAMARU SCHOOL - Board of Trustees Elections

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations have been posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Thursday 16th May 2013** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at **noon on Thursday 30th May 2013**.

Elva Lorenz

Returning Officer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations forms (as advised above) were posted the last week of Term 1. If you did not receive your nomination form please contact me.

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