



# Whakamaru School

1 August 2011



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Here are our students who worked hard in the last week of Term 2.



Room 1 - Steele McMeekin



Room 2 - Jayders Whatuira-Young



Room 3 - Regan Gent-Standen



Room 5 - Ella Hines




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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 15 JULY

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: SHEARL-LEE TE PAEA



	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Daniel Gilchrist and Kristian Gent-Standen	Grace Vanner and Angelle Kingi	Sulize Osborne and Hinewai Ngatai	Ihaia Ngatai and Oram Davis
Duffy Award	Erik Pu and Angel Ward	Quanita Gent-Standen	Kayden Mason	Sahmara Tauri

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

Welcome back to the start of another school term. Teachers attended a Learning Conference in Auckland last week and we have come to school with new ideas, new challenges, and a further wish to develop our skills and attitudes for life-long learning.

One of the things the conference repeated time and time again was that we need to teach our students to think. Now, this may seem obvious and we have always done this in some form. However, we need to show our students what creative, imaginative, and logical thinking (amongst others) are so they can apply these across different situations in their learning and their everyday life. This is what we have been attempting to do with our skills and attitudes so it is great to have this backed up by further research and 'experts'.

It was great to share with those students who had been recognised by their work and behaviour in receiving 30 vouchers last term. We had the Pizza Party on the last Thursday of term and then we further celebrated with the dance on that night.

THANKS

Thanks to those parents who came along to our dance - particularly those who helped out with supper - much appreciated!

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## POOL PARTY

For those children who have gained 40 vouchers we will be going to Taupo AC Baths this Friday 5 August. Notices will go out today or tomorrow for this trip - we may need one other car for transport.

Congratulations to Sydney Hines, Jodie Hines, Isabelle Noble, Grace Vanner, Kristian Gent-Standen, and Brandon Marino.

## WAKA HOUORA

Excerpt from the Dam City Advertiser:- "The Pouakani Marae Waka Hauora HEHA Team - would like to thank Whakamaru and the MKO Area School for allowing all those tamariki to participate in the Pouakani Marae Waka Ama programme. Many thanks to the teachers and parents who supported and participated in the programme. We hope to deliver a similar programme when the weather gets warmer. Nga mihi nui kia koutou, Many thanks to the Lakes DHB HEHA committee for supporting this project."



## CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTIAN GENT-STANDEN



Kristian has been selected to play for King Country in the Under 45kg Rugby team. It's great to see the commitment and challenge Kristian continues to set himself. Good luck!

## HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

We continue to be involved in this initiative. Not only does this mean that we receive Fruit in Schools but we are actively trying to be a healthy school by what our children eat and drink, what games and activities they participate in, and what our environment is like.

This Wednesday our facilitator is coming to visit and meet with Ms Collins and the Student council to further develop our school along these lines.



In the weekend our school held a Trail Bike Ride in the local area. Many thanks to Ben Gordon who organised this project - I hear that he had been very busy in the lead-up to this event.

We need to appreciate that we have a willing group of helpers who understand that the school needs more money to provide the level of schooling we want for our kids.

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## FAREWELL

At the end of the term we said goodbye to Angel Ward who has left us to attend school in Gisborne.

## AND HELLO AND WELCOME TO:-

Pieter Osborne who has started in Room 5 as a new entrant.

We also welcome Savannah Sutherland who has come to our school from Tokoroa and is in Room 3 with Ms Collins.

## MEASLES EPIDEMIC

This has been forwarded through to us from the Waikato DHB via our Public Health Nurse due to the virus spreading through to the Waikato area:-

"Measles is an acute viral illness which starts non-specifically with fever, cough, running nose and conjunctivitis. A classic red rash appears on the second to seventh day of illness, usually starting on the head and face. The rash normally lasts four to seven days. The person is infectious from two days before the onset of symptoms until four days after the appearance of the rash. Measles is extremely infectious - it is estimated that up to 13 people can be infected from one case of measles.

Suspected measles must be notified immediately to the Medical Officer of Health. Exclude suspected persons from early childhood education centres, school, work or social activities and avoid close contact with previously unexposed persons for at least four days after the appearance of the rash."

## KAPA HAKA TUTOR - PAID POSITION

We are desperately seeking someone skilled to come and lead our Kapa Haka group in preparation for the Tokoroa Polyfest to be held in Putaruru at the end of this term. The kids are keen but we cannot do this without help.

If you are able to help then please come and visit, email, or ring Jill at school.

I am passionate about engaging all our learners, and having our tamariki being proud of, and able to demonstrate their culture. Are we going to let this opportunity pass us by??



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## TERM CALENDAR

The Term Calendar is coming home with today's newsletter. We try to include as many of our events as possible but be aware that events are subject to change.

P.T.A.

Meeting to be held tomorrow (Tuesday), 4:00pm at school. All welcome.

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## TOKOROA CALF CLUB DAY

*Please return this slip if your child is interested in taking part in Tokoroa Calf Club Day on Friday 30 September. It is just an expression of interest at the moment rather than a definite commitment.*

My Child/ren.....would like to bring a lamb/calf  
(please circle which one) for Tokoroa Calf Club Day.

Signed.....

## **School bus risks need addressing.**

With the weather deteriorating and the cold wet conditions of winter becoming more prevalent Taupō Area Police have a safety message to pass on to motorists travelling on the area's roads - particularly in relation to driving near school buses.

"School buses have an extremely important job to do by providing a safe and efficient service, transporting our children to and from schools and learning institutions around the area".

"The legal speed limit for motorists when passing a school bus that is dropping off or uplifting children is 20 km/h. This limit covers both sides of the road and is a law that is much ignored by a large percentage of motorists", says Acting Senior Sergeant Daniel Peat, Officer in charge of the Taupō Area Road Policing Group.

"With the weather becoming colder and wetter we are receiving more and more complaints of near misses and motorists not slowing for these buses".

"At this time of the year adverse weather can hinder visibility and increase stopping distances. At the same time children making the transition from the bus to the roadside are exposed to the elements and the possibility of them making ill informed decisions and rushing out into traffic increases".

"This is not a problem that can be solved by addressing one component on its own. We need the children to behave safely and take responsibility for keeping themselves safe, we need the bus driver's to alert children to risks approaching and we need parents to, as much as possible, drop off and uplift their children on the same side of the road as the bus".

However Acting Senior Sergeant Peat says the biggest danger comes from other motorists.

"We need them to be aware of their surroundings and to slow for school buses. Even at 20 km/h the injuries to a child hit by a car can be horrific. If motorists fail to slow down at all, a child has little to no chance of survival".

"Please be aware of the dangers posed before and after schools and drive accordingly".

Acting Senior Sergeant Peat says that the Taupō Area Road Policing Group, which covers from the Desert Road through to north of Tīrau, will be enforcing speed limits around school buses over the winter period.

"We make absolutely no apologies for doing so".

He says that motorists that are travelling more than 50 km/h over a temporary speed limit will instantly lose their licence for 28 days and will also have to appear in Court.

"This means travelling at 71 km/h past a school bus offloading children will result in you having to take a bus yourself and explaining your actions before a Judge".

"Be safe, be aware and be observant, this is a tragedy than we can prevent!".

Daniel Peat  
Officer in Charge  
Taupō Area Road Policing Group

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### TERM THREE CALENDAR 2011

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	1 August	2 4pm - PTA Meeting in Room 4	3 *Tom Lind in for Bible in Schools. *Health Promoting Schools visitor.	4	5 *Lunch Orders. *Pool Party for 40 voucher students
Week 2	8 August *Lunch Orders *Speak Up for Success in Education Week	9 * Ms Whatarau to Literacy Course.	10 *Year 7/8s Technology	11 *Mrs McArthur to Maori course.	12 *Lunch Orders. *Sausage sizzle for 100% Term 2
Week 3	15 August *Lunch Orders	16 *Mrs McArthur visiting Taranaki Schools	17 Mrs McArthur visiting Taranaki Schools.	18 Mrs McArthur visiting Taranaki Schools.	19 *Lunch Orders.
Week 4	22 August *Lunch Orders	23 * 5pm - Board of Trustees Meeting	24 *Year 7/8s Technology *Health Promoting Schools Cluster Hui - student council.	25 Pinelands Speech Competition - Year 4 - 8.	26 *Lunch Orders.
Week 5	29 August *Lunch Orders	30 Junior School Parent Interviews.	31	1 September	2 September *Cross Country - no lunch orders.
Week 6	5 September *Lunch Orders.	6 4pm - PTA meeting - Room 4.	7 *Year 7/8s Technology.	8 *Mrs McArthur at Waikato Principals Assn.	9 *Lunch Orders *World of Maths show - here. *World Cup starts.
Week 7	12 September *Lunch Orders.	13	14	15	16 *Lunch Orders *Pinelands Junior Tabloids - Years 1 - 3.
Week 8	19 September *Education Review Office Visit. *Lunch Orders.	20 *Education Review Office visit. *Ms Whatarau at Literacy Leadership course.	21 *Education Review Office visit. *Year 7/8s Technology *5pm - Board of Trustees meeting? To be confirmed.	22 *Mrs Isaacson/Mrs McArthur at Maths course.	23 *Lunch Orders.
Week 9	26 September *Lunch Orders.	27	28	29	30 *Lunch Orders. *Tokoroa Calf Club Day.
Week 10	3 October *Lunch Orders.	4 4pm - PTA meeting in	5 *Year 7/8s Technology.	6	7 *Lunch Orders. *Last Day of

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