



Whakamaru School

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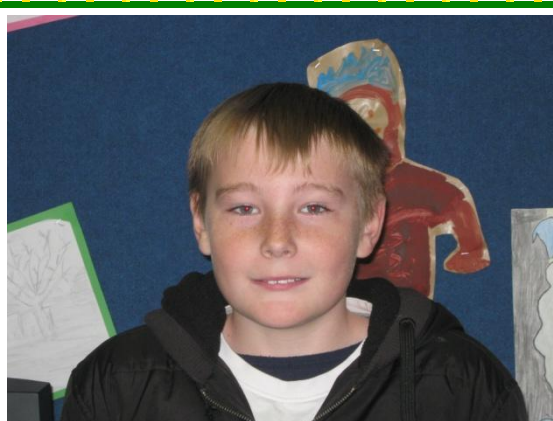
STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Isabelle Noble



Room 2 - Desmond Hamilton



Room 3 - Fletcher deThierry



Room 5 - Ocean Gulde



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 27 JULY
*Mrs McArthur's **Supreme Award** went to Dylan Beets*

| | Room 1 | Room 2 | Room 3 | Room 5 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Class Certificates | Steele McMeekin and Sam Totoro | Philip de Thierry and Johnathan Morell | Joshua Allen and Sulize Osborne | Piata Doig and Lovey Te Paea |
| Duffy Award | Fiona Bishell | Joanna Ribabaiti | Manava Ribabaiti | Pieter Osborne |



Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

Welcome to another week. We are busy practising for Production at the end of the term currently so are managing to keep students occupied even when we are hemmed inside with rain. Behaviour at the moment seems generally settled which is very pleasing considering the weather. As always, feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any compliments or concerns.

Jill McArthur - Principal



STAFF FAREWELL

This week is Miss Fiona Shaw's last week on staff. Fiona took over at the beginning of Term 1 when Melissa Isaacson went on maternity leave. She has won a job teaching in an international school in Sweden so leaves the country next week. We thank Fiona for her hard work with Room 1 while she was on staff.

Taking over in Room 1 will be Melanie Pasco (Mel). Mrs Pasco lives at Tihoi Venture School with her husband (who does the catering there). She has done some day relieving work with us and has a happy bubbly personality that I know Room 1 will love.

I know the situation is not ideal if you have a child in that room but let's work together to make it happen for our kids.

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SICKNESSES

We have a flu bug doing the rounds - particularly in Room 2. If your child complains of feeling unwell then please consider keeping them home for the day. We have even had a few who have needed a whole week to recover.

FAX MACHINE FOR SALE

We have our old fax machine for sale - offers please. This is still in working order but we managed to get a new one as part of a deal with our new photocopier.

SCHOOL HOUSE GROUPS

We have reintroduced School House Groups to foster some good healthy competition. We have 5 houses and I would like to congratulate the House Leaders for being selected.



There are 2 - 3 leaders per House Group. The House Leaders are Rihari Bishell, Daniel Gilchrist, Trinity Davis, Isabelle Noble, Kimi Ward, Lateesha Nathan, Erik Pu, Zoe Brindle, Fiamalu Ribabaiti, Shearl-Lee Te Paea, Steele McMeekin, Jodie Hines, Phabeyn Mankelow-Pennell, and Stacia Storer-Tilby.

I look forward to working with these Leaders and seeing them develop their skills at working with others.

At the students selection the House Groups are going to be named after maunga or mountains. It's a work in progress at the moment so more detail once we have ironed it out with the students.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT INTERVIEWS

Invitations have been sent out to those parents of students who have had their birthday or six month anniversary recently. This is to attend parent interviews which will be held tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday). Interview times were sent home with children on Friday - please contact the school if you cannot make the allotted time.

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PUBERTY TALKS

On Wednesday this week we have arranged for Shona Pook, our Public Health Nurse, to come and discuss pubertal change with our students. At 11:00 she will be talking to the Year 5 and 6 girls about menstruation. After lunch she will be talking to all the Year 7 and 8s about life changes - including menstruation. This is part of the New Zealand Curriculum and is a required teaching area.

If you have any comments then please ring and discuss it with Jill - or I can give you Shona's number to ring to discuss it further.

You are most welcome to come along if you want to.

MANGAKINO AREA SCHOOL VISIT

Also on Wednesday at 10am we have some senior Mangakino Area School students visiting us and presenting about their school to our Year 8 students. All Year 8 students will be attending.

FOREST VIEW HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

This Friday the Year 8 students will be picked up at 8:30am to attend their annual open day at Forest View. The students are out of school for the day. Please ensure that your child is at school promptly to help with the smooth running of the day.

SENIOR CLASS CHALLENGE

Will be revealed shortly - this is a major Education Outside the Classroom challenge which will put the students outside their comfort zone and develop their fortitude. Watch this space. Further details will be revealed when they need to be 😊

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

The Senior team (Whakamaru Phoenix) won by default on Saturday.

Junior team (Whakamaru Stars) played two games and won both - 1st game 6-0 and the 2nd 6-3.

Well done girls for your commitment to the games each week.

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Player of the Day - Savannah Sutherland for showing great determination and attitude.

Rugby League

Teramarama Follas, Mason Doig, Piata Doig and Makaia Trueman play rugby league for Mango Hawks. They played in Tokoroa on Sunday and won their game against Forestland.

Soccer

Erik plays for Marotiri. The team played Chelsea and won 6-1. Congratulations to Erik for being Player of the Day.

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

MANGAKINO COMMUNITY AGENCY - After School Programme

Our after School programme has recommenced - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3.30 - 5.30pm at the Youth Club base. Our numbers have decreased of late, if this continues to do so we will have no option but to either reduce our programme to one day per week or cut it completely. This would be very sad as the children who do attend thoroughly enjoy our after school programme, so parents please encourage your children to come along, we don't want to lose this programme. It's a great place for your children to come do their homework, take part in some fun activities and have a little something to eat. Parents/caregivers are most welcome, we would love some volunteers, 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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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.

MANGAKINO AREA SCHOOL

The school is having an open day on Friday 10 August from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Our Year 8 students will be transported there to see what they have to offer in the senior school.

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have again listed the items that can be purchased on a Monday and Friday for school lunches.

Reminder - popcorn and cookies can be purchased every day.

| 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 | |

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