



# Whakamaru School

11 February 2013

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Here are our fantastic students who worked hard last week!



Room 1 - Grace Vanner



Room 2 - Johnathan Morell



Room 3 - Cheyanne Hirst



Room 5 - Cayden Wilson



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ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS

	<u>Room 1</u>	<u>Room 2</u>	<u>Room 3</u>	<u>Room 5</u>
<u>Class Certificates</u>	Stevie-Ray Tantrum Destiny Tantrum Conrad Fleming Sam Totoro	Johnathan Morell Skye Hale Will Gordon Deja Petch	Krystal Batten Cheyanne Hirst Ratahi Lay Mint Petch Jack Harris	Brooke Hirst Shadae Webber Mason Doig Jaimee Martin
<u>Duffy Books</u>	Arden Bentley & Angelle Kingi	Gary Tantrum & Kahurangi Mankelow- Pennell	Hunter Gray & Ella Hines	Chané Mulder Riley Wilson

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

SCHOOL EVENING BBQ - TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY  
5 - 7pm.



We are holding our annual evening bbq for everyone to come to next week. Children may bring their togs and their wheels. You are invited to come and have a relaxing evening meeting other parents, staff, and Board of Trustees members.

Sausages will be for sale for \$1 each - juice will be provided. Bring your own everything else.

There is no formal agenda - just come along and mix and mingle.  
See you there.

We had a fantastic time at the picnic last week. I worked out we had over half the parents there which was great. It's good for us to have more informal chances to meet you. The teachers also commented how good it was to walk and talk with the children on the way.

My apologies for the heat of the day - I can't control the weather. It was certainly great to have parents take the younger children back, and the

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seniors were pleased to see that bus offering to take them the last stretch up the hill.

We will put a few photos in this newsletter and, as with all events, we will put a display of other photos in the office. Come and have a look when you can.

#### ROOM 1 WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE AWARD LAUNCH

A reminder that this evening is on THIS THURSDAY. We have 50 of you - children and adults - coming so far. Only 4 of you haven't replied as yet.

William will be visiting the students briefly in the afternoon before coming to the evening. He will be speaking for about 40 minutes so the evening should be finished by 8pm.

Please come along so you have an understanding of what we are hoping to achieve as this year's challenge for these year groups.



We welcome two new girls to our school today. Olivia is in Room 1 with Mrs Pasco and Georgina, her sister, is in Room 2 with Mrs Sneddon.

We hope you both enjoy your time with us at Whakamaru School.

#### TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 15 MARCH

We have been able to confirm the date for our Teacher Only Day. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause some of you but we are very excited at the opportunity we will have to learn!

We are visiting, as a whole staff and as many of the Board of Trustees as can attend, the Awhina Wilderness Experience to learn about the significance of Titiraupenga as our Maunga. During the day we will also be sharing the history of the identities of Pouakani and Understanding of Te Ao Maori (The World of Maori).

Please note that the school will be closed on that day with nobody on-site.

#### URGENT!!! 2013 IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS

The 2013 Ironman will be held in Taupo 2nd March 2013. Whakamaru School have stated that we will provide volunteers for the event. We get a donation to the school in return. If you can help on the day, even for an hour or so - please contact the office urgently. It should be lots of fun watching as well.

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### PERMISSION SLIPS

Fantastic to see 99% of these back by Friday. For those of you we had to ring on Friday please make sure you return your slip as soon as possible. More trips are planned in the next two weeks.

Bus contracts and Photo permission slips are also all due back and we have most of these.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the 3 parents who have volunteered so far. A reminder if you are keen to be involved to let either the office or your child's teacher know.

### SPECIAL SWIMMING PROGRAMME



A reminder that we have swimming instructors coming in next week to work with every child teaching them swimming skills. Please make sure that your child has their togs every day - as they should, anyway☺

### HEADLICE

We have been notified that headlice has appeared in the school again - could all children please be checked and treated.

### FOR SALE

A school T/shirt and polo fleece - in very good condition (both size 6) are for sale.

Please contact (07) 216 0610 or 021 1369 832

### WANTED

We are looking for a parent living close to Poihipi Road who would be able to pick up our 2 boys from their farm gate and take to and from Whakamaru School - from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Please contact Jason 022 162 9149 or Sharee 027 819 4252 if you can help and also to discuss payment for this service.

### MANGAKINO CAR POOL

If you are enrolled with us and are interested in a car pool from Mangakino to here and return then please contact the school. We will also need a volunteer to co-ordinate this for us.

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### PGG WRIGHTSON 'Cash for Communities'

The 2013 PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities is now underway. Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 4<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 can earn cash for the school.

The school can be nominated, go to the website [www.pggwrightson.co.nz](http://www.pggwrightson.co.nz).



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*You are invited to hear William Pike speak at Whakamaru School this Thursday 14 February at 7pm.*

*William's presentation gives a detailed account of being critically injured on Mt. Ruapehu when a volcanic eruption occurred in 2007. His legs were badly crushed by rocks, mud and snow. William became severely hypothermic; doctors, nurses and rescue authorities noted his survival as 'a miracle'. Under the cover of darkness and the threat of another eruption, retrieving William was one of NZ's most daring alpine rescues.*

*William will share his journey from that night on the mountain to definitive care at Waikato Hospital and to date. He will highlight personal aspects that have helped in his recovery and enabled him to ensure Every Day's A Good Day. He will leave you wanting to make the most of what you've got, overcome life's challenges, and to be passionate and live life to the max.*

*William is a trained Primary School teacher. Inspired by his passion for the outdoors and education, William will showcase the William Pike Challenge Award – a successful outdoor activity based challenge program for intermediate aged students across 20 schools New Zealand.*

*Whakamaru School's Room 1 will be one of these.*

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