



# Whakamaru School

18 March 2013

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Here are our fantastic students who worked hard last week!



Room 1 - Kayla Blackmore

Absent today – no picture available.

Room 2 - Kahurangi Mankelow-Pennell



Room 3 - Ratahi Lay



Room 5 - Mason Doig



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NO ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR LAST WEEK DUE TO TEACHER ONLY DAY

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

A REMINDER THAT TOMORROW THE TEACHERS HAVE AN AFTERNOON TO ATTEND A UNION MEETING. WE WILL BE MINIMALLY STAFFED SO IF YOU CHOOSE YOU MAY PICK YOUR CHILD UP AT 12:30. THE BUSES WILL STILL RUN AS USUAL.

*If you are able to help supervise then please be at school at 12:30. We will be running a sports afternoon - weather permitting.*

*Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru*

*Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community*

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to spend learning time together as a staff on Friday. We spent the day with Awhina Wilderness Experience on Mt Titirapunga learning about our Maori history in the area and also the stories behind Te Ao Maori.

This is part of our focus this year on engaging with our Maori learners and making learning meaningful for them. I could share photos of us in the 4 wheel drive heading off up the mountain but I've left my camera at home!

**SWIMMING**

We are still planning on teaching swimming until the weather gets colder so please keep sending your child with togs or a note. We hope to continue up to Easter.

**PINELANDS SWIMMING SPORTS**

Congratulations to those who took part in the swimming sports last week. The results are being processed at the moment so we will publish them as they are available.

**HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS**

A small group of our students will be attending the first hui of this group this Thursday. This will be Senior Students. If you would like your child to be part of this group looking at healthy initiatives through the school then

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please let Jenny Collins know or contact the office. They will be able to attend the next hui after this one.

#### NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter next week due to it being a short week. Please be aware that school is closed over Easter for Good Friday, Easter Monday and the following Tuesday.

#### PTA EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who have supported the raffle to date. We still have a number of books available to sell - if you would like more raffle books please contact the office. We require all books / money / unsold tickets to be returned to the school next Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup>) so the raffle can be drawn on the Thursday - just in time for Easter. All proceeds of the raffle will be going to purchase Art supplies.



#### TISSUES

The weather is turning cooler and so the coughs and colds are coming. We would appreciate it if all families could donate a box of tissues for use in the classrooms.

Children receive a voucher (this includes if more than one child in the family) for every box of tissues received at the office.

#### NZ BOOK MONTH

Celebrate NZ Book Month with *The Three Bears Sort Of* by Yvonne Morrison and Donovan Bixley

Where: Taupo Library

When: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10:00am

Breakfast for all, giveaways, fun activities and storytelling. Free Entry.

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Have you seen our new School Sign?



This was designed by some of our students three years ago - thanks to Shearl-Lee Te Paea and Shania Turuwhenua. As Year 6 students they thought up the concept for a new sign, visited various schools to look at their signs and liked the corrugated iron concept.

They contacted Corrugated Creations in Tirau and they came and visited the girls, helping them out with final design ideas. If you want to see more visit [www.corrugatedcreations.co.nz](http://www.corrugatedcreations.co.nz) - and go to their 'Schools' page - the design story is there.

From there we have been fundraising to make enough money to have the sign installed - and we made it. The Student Council decided last year to contribute the profit from the School Lunches to pay for the sign.

It was installed last week - thanks to Ben Gordon and the Te Paea whanau for coming to help remove the old sign and lift the new one into place.

It looks a lot better in colour! Come and see.

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