



Whakamaru School

13 February 2012



STARS OF THE WEEK



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



Room 1 - Sam Totoro



Room 2 - Joanna Ribabaiti



Room 3 - Regan Gent-Standen



Room 5 - Teramarama Follas



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CERTIFICATES - ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Mrs McArthur's Supreme Award: Kimi Ward

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Erik Pu and Lateesha Nathan	Quanita Gent-Standen and Philip de Thierry	Mike Vanner and Mint Petch	Pieter Osborne and Xavier Jamieson
Duffy Award	Trinity Davis	Arden Bentley	Regan Gent-Standen	Ocean Gulde

Tēnā Koutou ngā whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru

Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

This week is our first full school week. Be warned that your children may be more tired by Friday than the last two weeks. We have had a good start to the year in terms of learning and behaviour. We have also been able to recognise students for their efforts and attitude - very positive.

On Saturday we celebrated the wedding of our Miss Kareena Coombe (Room 2 teacher) to Joshua Sneddon. She has two more days leave and then she will be back on Wednesday as Mrs Sneddon. Homework will start for Room 2 next week now everybody has settled down.

SENIOR WATER SAFETY DAY

Last year the Year 1 - 3 students went to AC Baths for a Water Safety Day. This year the Year 4 - 8 students have their turn. This trip is on this Friday and we urgently need helpers who can either go in the pool with the students and/or provide transport.

A notice went home about this trip on Friday and we are eagerly waiting your response. Remember the cost of this trip is just \$5.

SCHOOL PICNIC

Last week I said the School Picnic was likely to be this Friday 17 February. Due to the pool trip being on that date it has been changed to Tuesday 13 March. All parents are warmly welcome to come along for a day of relays, sports, 'sandcastle' competitions, and fun.

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SCHOOL DONATIONS



Thanks to all those parents who have already paid their donations. A friendly reminder that these can be sent to the office in a named envelope so we can give you a receipt.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will be held later in Term 1 and gives you an opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher and share information. The date is in the Term Calendar attached to this newsletter.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Our Family Fun Fiesta night will be happening in two weeks. This is a great chance to come to school one evening and meet other parents. Last year was fantastic - the kids all brought bikes, went in the pool (not with their bikes), and we had a BBQ.

TRIP FEES

Sorry to ask for more money - this one is completely your choice. If you would like to keep some money at school for trips, visits, etc then please come and arrange it at the office.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We had some problems with school lunches last week. Some children ordered Juice and when we went to get it out of the fridge it has disappeared! Where? We don't know. We have a list of names of those children who we owe and they will receive their juice on Friday after delivery day on Wednesday.

VOLUNTEERS

We always have a need for parents to help around the school. At present we need:-

- Gardeners.
- Readers - to listen to children read and read to them.
- Lunch helpers - for half an hour max on Monday and Friday mornings as available to co-ordinate the lunches.
- Book coverers- to help cover and repair library books as the need arises.
- Sportspeople - to come in at lunchtimes and run around with the children - we don't always have the energy.

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If you can spare the time - and I appreciate a lot of you are far too busy working - then please fill out and return the form at the bottom of the newsletter - we would love to have you!! (and so would your kids!)

FOUND

The pounamu necklace which was lost at the swimming pool has now been found - thanks, Kayden Mason for your eagle eyes!

IRONMAN VOLUNTEERS

We have an early opportunity to make money for the school. As part of the Ironman event being held in Taupo on March 3 we would take part in marshalling, etc. If you are able to help and would like a free t-shirt, wristband and volunteers dinner on the following Monday night then please let Jill or Elva know. A lot of the PTA have already volunteered but it's always great to 'spread the load.'

BUS CONTRACT NOTICE

Every child in the school will receive this contract attached to the newsletter. It has to be signed by the child and the parent before being returned to school.

All children will be travelling on the bus at some point during the year and so one of these forms needs to be returned for every child, thanks.

Already this year we have had a regrettable incident on the Sandel Rd bus involving one of our students misbehaving. This will not be tolerated and that child has received his final warning.

Please support the school in ensuring that your child has a safe trip to and from school.

KEEP this date FREE

Nigel Latta will be appearing at the Great Lake Centre on Monday 19 March 2012 at 7:30pm talking on *The First Decade*. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (no door sales). Tickets on sale now at REAP, 73 Titiraupenga Street, Taupo, phone (07) 378 8109.

HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

Anything considered - cutting firewood, pruning, gardening, mowing lawns etc - Whakamaru / Mangakino district.

Phone Lyndsey 8828 852 or 021 136 9443

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GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS

There will be biscuits available at Palmers Garden Centre and United Video, Taupo from the last weekend in February.

Plain biscuits	\$3.00 packet	or carton of 15	- \$45.00
Chocolate biscuits	\$3.50 packet	or carton of 18	- \$63.00
Mini Chocolate	\$3.50 packet	or carton of 16	- \$56.00

PGG WRIGHTSON Cash for Communities

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 7th February and 31st May 2012, can earn cash for the school.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact 0508 276 556.

GREAT RUGBY ROAD TRIP

A massive nationwide rugby tour to say 'thank you, New Zealand', and featuring the coveted Webb Ellis Cup will call on 41 New Zealand towns and cities over the next two months, this started last Wednesday 8th February.

Dates for our area -

Rotorua	Village Green	Tuesday 21 February	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Taupo	Tongariro Domain	Thursday 23 February	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Tokoroa	Tokoroa Centre	Friday 24 th February	3:00pm - 6:00pm

JUNIOR TENNIS, TOKOROA

Junior tennis has resumed on Friday afternoons at the Tokoroa Tennis courts 5:00pm - 7:00pm, aged 8 - 16 years. All welcome.

Any queries please phone Graham or Denis Farrar 886 9146

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Parent volunteers:.....

I am ready and willing to be a volunteer at Whakamaru School and would most like to:-

NAME:-.....

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Garden

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Help with Lunches

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Help with Reading

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Play Sport

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TERM ONE CALENDAR 2012

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3	13 February Mrs Sneddon away	14 Mrs Sneddon away.	15 Mrs Sneddon Back!	16	17 Room 1 and 2 Pool Day - AC Baths.
Week 4	20 February Ms Whatarau and Ms Collins at Incredible Years Training. Bible - Tom Lind.	21 Year 7/8 - Immunisations Video. Mrs Green in Room 2. 12:00 - Student Bus Behaviour Talk with Police 5pm - Board of Trustees Meeting.	22 Year 7/8 Technology at Forest View High School.	23 Mrs McArthur in Hamilton for training.	24 Interactive Whiteboard Training - Ms Collins, Mrs Isaacson, and Mrs McArthur.
Week 5	27 February State Kiwi Swim Safe programme starts - school.	28 State Kiwi Swim Safe programme 5pm - Family Fun Night at school.	29 State Kiwi Swim Safe programme	1 March State Kiwi Swim Safe programme. Reliever in Room 1. Mrs Green in Room 2.	2 State Kiwi Swim Safe programme.
Week 6	5 March School Swimming Sports.	6 March Year 7/8 Camp. Year 6s Day Visit.	7 Year 7/8 Camp.	8 Year 7/8 Camp.	9 Year 7/8 Camp.
Week 7	12 March Pinelands Swimming Sports - selected students.	13 School Picnic - Whakamaru 'Beach'.	14 Ms Whatarau and Ms Collins at Incredible Years Training.	15 Mrs I away - Mrs Potter in Room 1. Interactive Whiteboard Training - Mrs Sneddon and Ms Whatarau.	16
Week 8	19 March Immunisations - Year 7/8	20	21 Year 7/8s Technology.	22	23 Mrs McArthur to Wellington for Principals Meeting.
Week 9	26 March	27 Parent Interviews.	28 Parent Interviews if necessary.	29 Mrs Green in Room 2.	30
Week 10	2 April	3	4 Year 7/8s Technology	5 Last Day of Term 1.	NO SCHOOL - GOOD FRIDAY.

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CODE of CONDUCT

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

The rules on the bus are:-

- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the bus operator at all times (eg refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver, the teacher/s responsible for bus duty and the bus wardens at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

If this Code of Conduct is Broken:

- Parents will be notified and students reminded of school expectations.
- The student's right to use the bus may be withdrawn for a week. When students have their right to use the bus withdrawn this includes all bus services.
- If there is no improvement the withdrawal period may be extended.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus will be withdrawn immediately.

NB When a student's right to use the bus is withdrawn parents will need to make alternative travel arrangements to ensure they are meeting their legal obligations to get their child to school.

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Please return this page to school. Keep the front page for your information.

This Code of Conduct is between

.....,
(student's name)

.....
(caregiver's name)

Go-Bus (bus operator), and **Whakamaru School**.

The caregivers and the student should ensure they have read and understood the document, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the bus driver and all students travelling on the school bus.

Agreement

I agree to abide by the conditions of this 'contract' and understand the consequences if I do not.

.....
(student's signature) (caregiver's signature)

.....
(bus operator) (Principal)

Date:

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