

NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - 1st May 2024

Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | Konnichiwa | Groete | Namaste | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Ni sa bula | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana | Asalam Alykum | Ni Hao |

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone enjoyed the term break and made the most of the sunshine and time to spend with family and friends. The staff and I are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We have a very busy 10 weeks ahead, so please keep yourselves up to date and take note of events ahead. We look forward to working closely alongside you all for another fantastic term!



Welcome

Our Whakamārama School learning community is excited to extend a VERY warm and friendly welcome to our newest learners Detroit and Rico. Welcome to Detroit and Rico's whānau.

WBOP Primary and Zone Swimming Championship

We are incredibly proud of the efforts of Sophie and Ryan. They took their talents and gave 110% effort to achieve great results when competing at the WBOP Swimming Championships - great inspiration to us all!

Congratulations Ryan, placing 1st in the 25m Year 6 boys butterfly at the WBOP Primary Swimming Championships.

Congratulations Sophie, placing 4th in the 25m Year 7 girls butterfly at the WBOP Zone Swimming Championships.



ARGOS Gymnastics Schools' Festival

Mia and Isla took their talents to the ARGOS Gymnastics Schools' Festival at the end of Term 1. Each participant competes against themselves over three sections, and are awarded points and ribbons according to the judge's grading of their performances. Mia and Isla were super ambassadors for our school and performed beautifully on the day. Most importantly, they had a great time!

4 Days to Go! School Sustainability and Resilience Fund Voting

Our school met the criteria of the School Sustainability and Resilience Fund, and our project is LIVE on the BOP Regional Council voting page. Our project seeks the funding of \$1760 to develop a Uru Huarākau - Whakamārama School Orchard. Fruit trees can enrich learning, encourage wildlife and enhance our grounds.

5 minutes of your time could result in a Whakamārama School Orchard 🍌👍😊



You will need to sign in or make an account on the 'participate site' to be able to vote. Scroll down and find our project:

<https://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/vote-now-school-sustainability-and-resilience-fund-2024>

As a voter, you will have up to \$30,000 (virtual money of course) to vote with, and must spend a minimum of \$25,000 on the projects submitted to be able to register your votes.

“Ko te manawa ū, kia rere, kia tīna”

Let's get voting Whakamārama! Share the link on your social media pages. Voting closes on the 10th May 2024 @ 11:59pm!

Access to Free School Counselling Service - Stephen Hall

Stephen is well underway with his counselling practicum at Whakamārama School, and thoroughly enjoying working with our children. He still has space if you think that your child or children would benefit from talking; talking about anything that may be going on for them. It can be for one or two sessions, or more. Stephen is at school every Thursday during the school term (except for the days when he is at campus in Hamilton). If you feel that your child / children would benefit from talking about anything that may be going on for them; contact Natasha (principal).

3 Way Conferences

A notice came home on Monday in regards to our upcoming 3 Way Conferences. Check your calendar, and book a time on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th May 2024.

Online bookings for 3 Way Conferences can be made through the Skool Loop app. You can download the app on the App Store or get it on Google Play.

If you have any questions or require assistance in booking your meeting time(s), do not hesitate in contacting Sharon in the office.



Teacher Only Day Monday - 27th May 2024

We understand the impact that Teacher Only Days have on you, our community. This Teacher Only Day is the first of two allocated to all schools in NZ in 2024. They have been set by the Ministry of Education with each having a two week period in which schools can choose their specific day.

We have committed to Monday 27th May. We appreciate your understanding with this staff professional development opportunity. Please mark your calendar in preparation for this.

Show Day Planning 2024

Show Day has been calendared for **Saturday 19th October 2024**. As plans unfold, we wish to keep you up to date in preparation for our day.

With the support of Dianne, the organisation for visiting animals is well underway. Judges for small animals, ponies and lambs have been sourced. Arising from 2023 consultation, judging criteria is currently being developed to support our learners with their animal visitors to the day.

We will once again continue with bucket raffles. For this fundraiser we ask families for the donation of a bucket of goods (bucket provided) e.g. a movie bucket, cleaners bucket, gardeners bucket, kids bucket etc. Remember to watch out for those bargains while out and about.

Since our newsletter in March, have you considered whether your work, business or other people that you may know are able to offer vouchers or items to include in a silent auction? Spread the word and let us know if you source any donations towards our day.

This year, funds raised will be tagged to our new classrooms - deck cover and landscaping are areas that the board will need to strategically plan for. All of which do not come cheap! With ministry cutbacks, verandah cover may also be left for the board to fund.

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Attendance

The school would like to thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance across term 1, ensuring that every day counted towards learning for our students 😊😊. The board's goal, and the Ministry of Education's goal, is ākongā attending school regularly (90% attendance, which means only having one day off every fortnight).



We recently received our Term 4 attendance report from the Ministry, and based on those regular attendees, our school is the only school, out of the 42 school's monitored by Attendance Services, whose data consistently went up each term across 2023. We can also celebrate Whakamārama having the highest percentage of students attending regularly in term 4. Keep up the super effort everyone! The evidence shows that attendance is directly related to how well learners achieve. Attendance is a shared responsibility; we've got this Whakamārama 😊

Hockey

A reminder that the Year 3 / 4 Hockey Hub and Funsticks (Year 1 / 2) starts on Wednesday 15th May. If you have not already done so, please register your child online. Links were sent out to interested parents.

Yummy Apple Stickers

We have until September to collect. The more stickers we collect, the more FREE sports gear. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. There are more sticker sheets in the office if you need them.

Korean Fried Chicken Food Truck

Thursdays, Dylan will be parked up between Gull and Whakamārama Auto from 4.30pm - 7.30pm - mention Whakamārama School and your child's class number and our school will receive a donation of \$2 per portion of k-fried chicken and \$3 per portion of yum yum chicken - a very tasty way to raise funds for our school!

FROM THE PTA

The Whakamārama School PTA has had a very productive and positive start in the 2024 school year, with a number of new members joining, two very successful fundraising events and more really exciting events in the planning for the next few terms. We kicked the year off with a fun car wash event in March, with fantastic sponsorship by Mitre 10 Mega who donated buckets and sponges for our car washing teams. The car wash was well-frequented by those passing by our teams based at Whakamārama Automotive and raised more than \$700.

Our fun Easter-themed disco on 5 April saw more than 100 of our school & local community dance the night away to the tunes by DJ Lady Babz & the light of hundreds of glow sticks lighting up the Whakamārama Community Centre. That event saw more than \$1,300 raised, which was an awesome effort. The PTA is incredibly grateful for the very generous donation from Rhonda and Nick of 2 cubes of firewood that we raffled and raised \$400 from.

The PTA gifted a portion of our recently raised funds for each class teacher to purchase some new fun activities and games for their classrooms and we look forward to seeing what fun new items each classroom has in Term 2. PTA fundraising funds will also soon see a dishwasher installed in the school tech room.

Our next big event is going to be one for the adults, and will be the PTA's biggest event yet. Mark your calendars for Friday 5 July, book the babysitter for the kids and more details will come soon – it'll be an evening you won't want to miss.

'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving'

As always, we welcome any interest in new membership on the PTA. Perhaps you're an event planning extraordinaire, have a flair for creativity or are a whiz in Excel – involvement with the PTA helps make a difference for our school community and is a great way to connect with other parents, teachers, and staff members. The PTA meets once a month and values any level of time commitment that members can offer – whether that be as little as a couple of hours per month, or more. Those curious to know more are welcome to join in on a monthly meeting, with the next one being 7pm on Monday 6 May at the Whakamārama Community Centre.

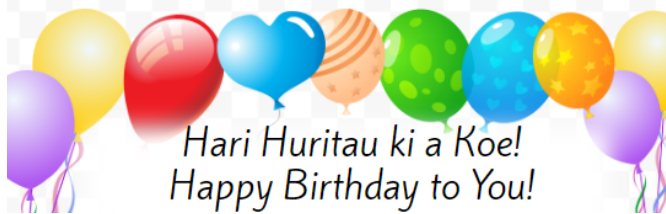
CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award at our whole school assembly on Friday 12th April. Mīharo!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 11 12th April	Lacey	Great! Lacey will 're-read' her writing to check if it makes sense. Lacey is trying to 'sound out' tricky or new words - Ka Rawe!
	Noah B	Fabulous (independent) writing - Super 'sounding out' - Great re-reading! Ka Rawe
	Zikai	Zikai is a kind and helpful class member. Zikai enjoys class discussions. Ka Rawe!
	Oscar	Great! Oscar can 're-read' his writing. He is sounding out words and remembering full stops at the end of sentences. Ka Rawe!
	Jack	Great focus during Maths! Jack enjoys learning about 'numbers'. Ka Rawe!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 11 12th April	Cha-Leigh	For showing Manawa-roa in maths by confidently using your knowledge to solve problems accurately
	Kurt	You are developing into an independent learner by listening carefully to instructions so you know what to do
	Willow	A reading superstar! You think carefully about what you are reading to check if it sounds right and makes sense.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 11 12th April	Lexi	For displaying Manawa-ū. You are an active learner, a problem solver, and your self motivation and perseverance has resulted in quality work. Tino pai rawa atu, Lexi!
	Courtney	For showing continuous improvement in all areas. You are a self motivated, independent and confident learner. Tino pai, Courtney!
	Aaliyah	For displaying Manawa-ū by striving to achieve learning goals and setting high standards for yourself. You are producing some quality work, Aaliyah. Ka rawe!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 11 12th April	Payton	Ka pai tō mahi. For using fantastic rich language in her writing.
	Connor	Ka rawe. For using the senses to create great imagery in his writing
	Ayda	Tau kē tō mahi! Awesome work! For showing Manawa-ū by going the extra mile to complete her work to a high standard.
	Sammy	Ka pai tō mahi. For showing fabulous research skills during our Topic study on ANZAC Day.
PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES		
Week 11 12th April	Indhie	Indhie, I have noticed you role modelling manawa-roa to others around you. You approach learning with courage and a 'can-do' attitude. You approach your goals with confidence. You consistently try your best and never shy away from a challenge - AWESOME INDHIE! Please continue! Miharo; Wonderful :-)
	Isla	Isla, I have noticed you role modelling manawa-u to others around you. I have loved watching your enthusiasm and focus towards your learning. Go you Isla! Please continue! Miharo; Wonderful :-)
	Arjun	Arjun, you love learning! You have a silent eagerness and interest in everything that you do. You are a thinker. A super thinker! You are a reader. A super reader! Never stop! Miharo; Wonderful :-)
	Sammy	Sammy, I have noticed you role modelling manawa-u to others around you. You are a thinker. You are motivated. You love learning. Please continue Sammy! Miharo; Wonderful :-)
	Miller	Miller, I have enjoyed watching you grow as a learner. You are keen to learn. You are persevering. You are taking on your work with a can-do attitude. You love books! Super! Keep up the great work Miller. Miharo; Wonderful :-)

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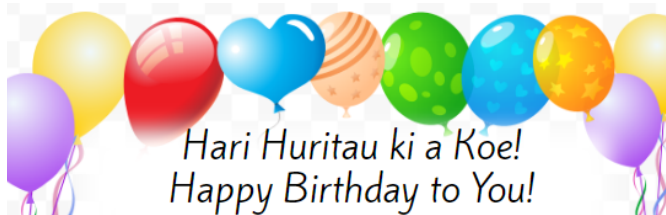
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These children had an April (Paenga-whāwhā) birthday!!



5 Years Rico
6 Years Wolf
12 Years Connor, Tipene

These children all have a May (Haratua) birthday!!



7 Years Cohen, Felix A, Cairos
9 Years Armani
11 Years Alyssa, Jamie, Tristan
12 Years Sophie

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

Paenga-whāwhā / April	
Monday 29th April	Term 2 starts
Haratua / May	
6 - 11 May	Sign Language Week
6 & 7 May Mon & Tues	3 Way Conferences
Tuesday 7th May	iSPORT 'Active Kids Event' (A group of Year 7 / 8 students)
Friday 10th	School Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us in the Hall!
Tuesday 14th	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
Thursday 16th	Interschools Amazing Race for participating students
Friday 17th	Pink Shirt Day - Gold coin donation
Monday 20th May	Bay Conservation Field Trip to Waihi Beach Rooms 1 & 4
20 - 24th May	Road Safety Week
20 - 24th May	Tech Week
Friday 24th	School Cross Country 1pm followed by Assembly - Come join us!
Monday 27th	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 28th	Small Schools / Tall Poppies Cross Country (PP 31st)
Pipiri / June	
Monday 3rd	King's Birthday - School Closed
Tuesday 4th	North Cluster Cross Country (PP Friday 7th)
Wednesday 5th or Thursday 6th	Fresh Moves (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 12th	North Rugby 5's Qualifying Tournament
Tuesday 18th	WBOP Cross Country
Tuesday 18th	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
Thursday 20th	Technology - Years 7 & 8 - Wear covered shoes
Friday 21st	Technology - Years 7 & 8 - Wear covered shoes
Thursday 27th	Technology - Years 7 & 8 - Wear covered shoes
Friday 21st	School Assembly 2.15pm - Come join us in the Hall!
Friday 28th	Matariki Public Holiday - School Closed
Hōngongoi / July	
Thursday 4th	Technology - Years 7 & 8 - Wear covered shoes
Friday 5th	Pyjama Day

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Friday 5th	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 22nd	Term 3 starts

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QUIZ NIGHT

How many tables are left for the Tauranga Netball Centre Representative Programme Fundraiser Quiz Night?

TICKETS \$150 PER TABLE
TOP PRIZE \$1000
NIBBLES ON ARRIVAL
BAR OPEN
SOCIAL BAR PRICES
R18 EVENT

A 5
B 6
C 2

SATURDAY MAY 11TH
DOORS OPEN 5.30PM, QUIZ STARTS 7PM
PAPAMO A REC CENTRE, GORDON SPRATT, PAPAMO A
Contact Tracy to book your table - manager@tauranganetball.co.nz

Ōmokoroa Football Club

Minis and Junior Football, Girls & Boys
2024 Season (Terms 2 & 3) starts 4-May
Registrations now open (5% discount until 15-Mar)

OMOKOROA FC

www.omokoroafc.co.nz/register/
Minis (5 to 7 years) – Saturday mornings
Contact team@omokoroafc.co.nz or Paul Crimmins for more info

School Fundraiser

K-FRIED CHICKEN

K-FRIED! \$17 | YUM YUM! \$18

NOMINATE YOUR SCHOOL FOR DONATED PROCEEDS

Thursdays in Term 2
4:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: NEXT TO WHAKA AUTOMOTIVE
BUBBLE DRINK AVAILABLE



HUME

Katikati's KiwiRail Company

Celebrating 40 years with our community

Saturday 6th July
8am-12pm

Dress in Blue
Spot prizes to be won

Open to all ages

First 200 registrations receive a goodie bag

5K & 10K FUN WALK & RUN

Start and finish at War Memorial Hall, Katikati

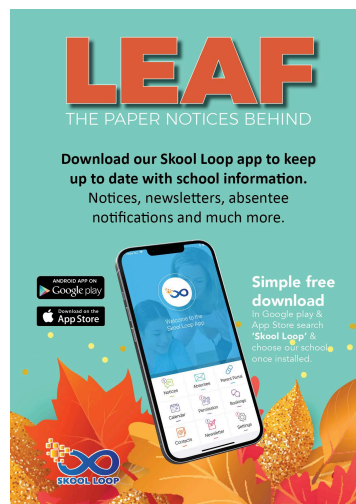
REGISTER FOR FREE
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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ATTENDANCE

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