

NEWSLETTER NO. 7 - 15th 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 |

It's hard to believe that we are already in Week 3. It's a busy term, with lots on the calendar but we have a super team for the journey: students, teachers, parents, whanau, Board and our community. Please keep yourselves up to date and take note of events ahead.

iSPORT Foundation BOP Active Kids Event with Richie McCaw

On Tuesday 7th May, ten Year 7 / 8 students attended the iSPORT Foundation BOP Active Kids Event. The event was run by iSPORT in collaboration with Richie McCaw at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui.

It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about the value of sport in our lives in a wider context. During the session, our students worked in groups to identify character traits that are beneficial in sports and other facets of life. They also had the opportunity to verse the All-Black great at cricket and turbo touch.

Our students were provided with an opportunity to be impacted, inspired, influenced, and educated about the positive long-term holistic benefits of getting and remaining involved in sport and physical activity. To remove barriers to accessibility and sustain long-term participation, our school received a grant of sports equipment and resources. It was a great learning opportunity, which I have no doubt greatly impacted on those who attended! Huge thanks to Alison and Amber who made this event possible for our learners.



3 Way Conferences

The 3 way learning conference provides the opportunity to share information, to dialogue and celebrate learning, and to determine next steps for our learners. They are an opportunity to meet together, with the child's interests and needs at the heart of the meeting.

I would like to acknowledge and thank students, teachers, parents and whānau for giving up their time to meet. Thank you for valuing our vision 'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving'. 'Ko te manawa ū, kia rere, kia tīna' Manawa ū (student with determination and resilience; supported by whānau) kia rere (to be empowered to thrive) kia tīna (may it be everlasting for generations to come).



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Tackle 5's Rugby 'Friendly' Game

Our tackle rugby team had the opportunity to play a 'friendly' game against Ōtumoetai Primary on Monday 13th May. This was a great warm up in preparation for the North Rugby 5's Qualifying Tournament taking place on Wednesday 12th June, as Ōtumoetai Primary were the winners of last year's tournament. Our team should be extremely proud of their warm up game, as they were only 2 points out from the win. Our team has a goal; can you guess what it is? 😊

The school extends a thank you to Nick, their coach, for bringing his skills and knowledge of the game to coach our team. Our team is lucky to have you!



Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 17th May, Whakamārama School will celebrate Pink Shirt Day and stand together to take action against bullying. Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected. At our kura, we promote kindness and inclusiveness.

Let's stand together to take action against bullying and spread aroha.
DIG OUT ANYTHING PINK TO WEAR

“Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!”

If you can, send along a gold coin donation. 100% of our donations goes towards the Pink Shirt Day kaupapa. Our support enables the Mental Health Foundation to run Pink Shirt Day, raising awareness about bullying.

Road Outside School

The safety of our children is paramount, and the road outside our school, particularly at pick up time, has been a subject that has come to discussion on many occasions over the years. The 2nd May hosted an opportunity for Ashley Hall (WBOPDC), Jolene (Travel Safe) and I (Principal) to conduct an observation of the front of the school during the end of day release of our learners.

Overall, we observed parents / caregivers working hard to do the right thing to ensure the safety of our children. Thank you 😊 Whilst there is no immediate fix to our road outside the school, there are some ways that we can strengthen the safety for our learners at pick up time.

- The hall car park has entry and exit signs - please be patient and avoid exiting the community hall car park via the entry to avoid queueing.
- Parking between the driveway of the school and the kindergarten creates a safety risk, blocking the line of sight for cars in both driveways. Please park at the hall or pick your child up through the bus bay. We will be getting a yellow hatched area in this space to deter people parking.

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- A reminder that the staff car park isn't a pick up point. Our aim is to reduce the number of exit points that vehicles are using at the end of the day. Please park at the hall or pick your child up through the bus bay.
- If you cross the road with your child, this is a great opportunity to role model road safety. Take time to cross safely - find a safe place to cross, stop, look, listen, and cross with care. Verbalise the actions that you are taking so that your child develops an awareness that traffic is dangerous and there are rules that you can follow to stay safe.

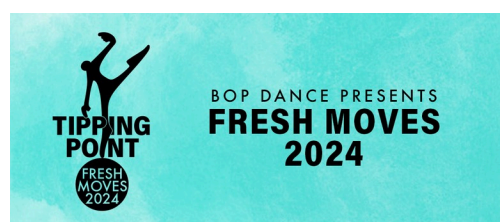
Ashley confirmed that the speed management plan has been passed by the councillors which will see a variable speed limit of 30 km/h put outside our school. The timeline for this is not for another 18-24 months. We also discussed the potential of a kea crossing once the variable speed limit comes into place.

Fresh Moves

This year, our Year 5-8 learners will be participating in the Fresh Moves Dance Festival - a much anticipated and enjoyed part of Term 2. This year's theme is 'Tipping Point'. Whakamārama School is taking part in the Wednesday night show, so make sure you buy tickets for the correct night (5th June).

Tickets are available either through Baycourt or Eventfinda:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/fresh-moves-2024/tauranga>



Often tickets sell out quickly so don't leave it too late to purchase your tickets. Our learners have been working hard to learn all of their routines. It is going to be a great show!

School Sustainability and Resilience Fund Voting

Our school met the criteria with our application to the School Sustainability and Resilience Fund, and voting is now closed. Our project sought funds of \$1760 to develop a Uru Huarākau - Whakamārama School Orchard. Fruit trees can enrich learning, encourage wildlife and enhance our grounds.

The second round of voting will be decided by the BOP Regional Council Youth Panel. A remarkable group of young people aged 13 to 24 from across the Bay of Plenty. Over the next two weeks they will be working together to review the applications received and allocate an additional \$25,000 in funding to their chosen projects. All successful applicants will be announced on Friday 31st of May.

Did you vote? Here's to a successful outcome for our application 🍌.

Modular Classrooms

We continue to make progress with the planning of our new classrooms. All going well, our project will be discussed and reviewed at the end of the month. Reviews look at cost efficiencies, need and timing for delivery of projects. With the changes in government, Ministry led projects are being reviewed to ensure projects are achieving value for money. Some projects across the country will need a deep dive during the review process while others will need a lighter touch, depending on the stage the project is at. Here's to a positive outcome during the review process.

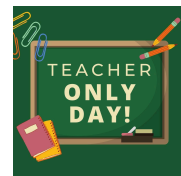
Access to Free School Counselling Service - Stephen Hall

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).

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Teacher Only Day Monday - 27th May 2024

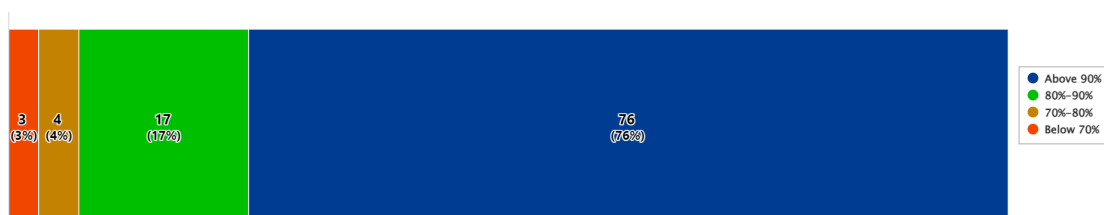
We understand the impact that Teacher Only Days have on you, our community. This Teacher Only Day is the first of two allocated to all schools in NZ in 2024. They have been set by the Ministry of Education with each having a two week period in which schools can choose their specific day.



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.

Attendance

Our school would like to continue to thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance, ensuring that every day counts towards learning for our students 😊👏. The board's goal is ākongā attending school regularly (90% attendance, which means only having one day off every fortnight). Whole school attendance data (4 Point Scale) Year to Date:



Attendance: Refreshed health guidance available

Refreshed health guidance, released by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora, is now available to support parents decide if their child is well enough to attend school | kura, including learners experiencing anxiety.

A guide for parents and caregivers can be found at:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/>

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!

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

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 2 10th May	Miller	Super duper! Miller is showing super effort with his learning , especially reading. Great work!
	Louie	Fabulous! Louie is using his maths brain - Wow! Great doubles learning.
	Chloe	Super duper! Big effort shown. Chloe is listening and thinking. Chloe enjoys practising her reading, writing and maths - Yay
	Isabella	Yay! Yay! Yay! Isabella is showing much effort with her learning. Mrs W is enjoying her enthusiasm for reading, writing and completing maths tasks.
	Lyla	Super duper Learner! Lyla is showing super effort when completing reading, writing and maths tasks - Fabulous! Go Lyla!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
	Delia	For thinking carefully during reading and sharing ideas about what you have read.

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Week 2 10th May	Heidi	For showing Manawa-roa in Maths - you confidently share your thinking about how you solve problems.
	Felix S	For focusing during writing to make sure your work shows new learning.
	Maddie	For thinking carefully about the sounds in words during spelling time

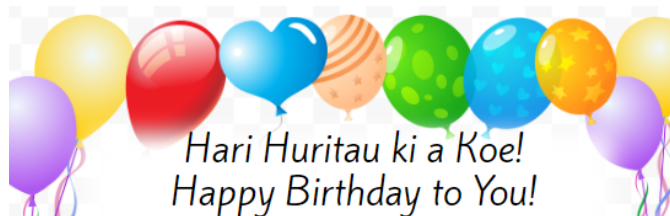
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 2 10th May	Indhie	For showing manawa-ū by problem solving to improve your learning.
	Noah G	For showing manawa-tina by ensuring our class community makes new teachers feel included.
	Noah K	For showing manawa-roa. You have shown great resilience by being an active learner while there have been lots of changes in teachers this week.

ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 2 10th May	Jorja	Ka rawe! Awesome! For showing manawa-ū by being a focused and curious learner in maths.
	Arama	Ka pai tō mahi! Good work! For having a fantastic 'can do' attitude in maths. Keep it up!
	Jamie	He whetū koe. You're a star! For being confident and enthusiastic when sharing his fabulous writing.

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

Haratua / May

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	Fresh Moves
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
Wednesday 3rd	Matariki Stargazing and Breakfast
Friday 5th	Pyjama Day

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

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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
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