

NEWSLETTER NO. 17 - 12th November 2025

Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | ¡Hola! | Hallo | Kumusta | Konichiwa | Groete | Namaste | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Ni sa bula | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana

Welcome to Week 6! It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the term and fast approaching the end of 2025. This year has flown by, and yet, when we take a moment to reflect, there is so much to be proud of. Here's to the final weeks of 2025 being filled with learning, laughter, and those special moments that remind us why our school community is so special.

Marimba Festival

Our marimba group had an inspiring time at the Tauranga Marimba Festival 2025, showcasing their rhythm and teamwork through vibrant performances on Friday 31 October. The festival provided an excellent opportunity for our tamariki to develop their musical skills, build confidence, and celebrate creativity alongside other schools in the region. We are so proud of their dedication and enthusiasm, which truly shone on stage!

Whakamārama School is very lucky to have a board-funded music specialist. A music teacher that brings an array of experience to our team and who fosters the love of music for our tamariki. Christine, we love you and our learners love the passion that you bring to our curriculum; and the passion that you brought to this event - Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.

A heartfelt thank you to our parents/ whānau for helping make this event possible - encouragement, support attending the rehearsal, transporting our musical instruments, and being there on the night 🌸😊



St Johns in Schools

On Monday 3 November, Room 1 learners were lucky to have Annette from the St John in Schools programme visit for the afternoon to work with our tamariki. They went over the DRS ABCS steps for responding to an emergency and discussed appropriate actions in a range of first aid situations. It was wonderful to see our students developing such valuable life skills. The St John in Schools programme will be delivered to our other classes on 27 November.



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Small Schools Athletics

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 5-6 students challenging themselves by trialling for the athletics field events held at school and the sprints events held at Western Ave Sportsground alongside Pāhoia School and Matahui.

To select a team to represent our Small Schools' cluster (Whakamārama, Pāhoia & Matahui), students took part in trials for shot put, discus, tennis ball throw, high jump, 60m sprint, 100m sprint, and 800m sprint. And what fantastic results we had — eleven of our Year 5 and 6 students qualified for the North Cluster athletics event!

🎉🎊 CONGRATULATIONS 🎉🎊

Shot Put: Year 5 Girls: 1st Mia | Year 6 Boys: 1st Teama

Discus: Year 5 Girls: 2nd Ruby | Year 6 Girls: 1st Lexi H, 2nd Reon, 3rd Taylor | Year 6 Boys: 1st Teama, 2nd Kingston

Tennis Ball Throw: Year 5 Girls: 1st Mia, 2nd Ruby | Year 5 Boys: 2nd William | Year 6 Girls: 1st Taylor, 2nd Aaliyah, 3rd Lexi H | Year 6 Boys: 1st Teama, 2nd Kingston

High Jump: Year 6 Boys: 1st Kingston

60m Sprints: Year 5 Girls: 2nd Isla B, 3rd Heidi | Year 6 Girls: 3rd Lexi H | Year 6 Boys: 1st Kingston, 2nd Teama

100m Sprints: Year 5 Girls: 2nd Isla B, 3rd Heidi | Year 6 Girls: 2nd Lexi H | Year 6 Boys: 1st Kingston, 2nd Teama

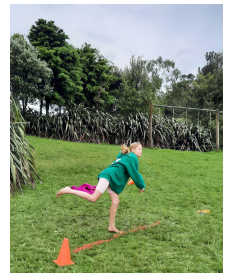
800m Sprints: Year 6 Boys: 1st Kingston

North Cluster Athletics

Our Year 5 / 6 Small Schools' clutter athletics team had an amazing day at the North Cluster Athletics held at Bethlehem College on Tuesday 11 November 2025.

The event was filled with energy, determination, and school pride as our students took on events they qualified for through the Small Schools' competition. Our learners gave their best effort, encouraged one another, and celebrated personal achievements. Days like these highlight the value of perseverance, teamwork, and active participation - well done to all our athletes for representing our school so proudly!

We're eagerly waiting on the results from the day's events to see if any of our athletes have made it through to the WBOP Zone Athletics Championships 🙌



🌱 Garden to Table with Room 1 🌱

Thursday 30 October hosted another green-thumbbed, taste-bud-tickling, Garden to Table session for our Room 1 learners.

In the kīhini (kitchen), the kitchen team whipped up lemon loaf, risotto, and fennel salad - sweet, zingy, herby, creamy, crunchy, and wonderfully fragrant!

Out in the māra (garden), our garden team began growing kūmara slips. They popped kūmara into jars of water with toothpicks, and now they're sitting in the class windowsill, soaking up the sunshine. They are watching closely to see if we can grow enough kūmara to fill two

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whole bathtubs. They also refreshed the compost - layering browns (cardboard) with greens (vege scraps and weeds), adding water, and giving it a good flip for air. It's now working hard!



The school would like to thank Mrs Rosoman and Noah G's whānau who kindly donated topsoil. This valuable contribution will enrich our vegetable garden, helping to improve soil quality, support healthy plant growth, and boost our future harvests 😊

With support from our garden expert Maria, kitchen expert Alison, and Garden to Table volunteers Stormie and Darren, Room 1 learners once again experienced a Garden to Table session that empowered them to whanake (grow), hauhake (harvest), whakarite (prepare), and whāngai (share) fresh, seasonal, and affordable kai.

If you enjoy gardening, spending time in the kitchen, and working alongside young people, we'd love to have you join us as a Garden to Table volunteer.

Colour Fun Run

Our PTA has worked hard to secure generous sponsors for the upcoming Colour Fun Run. Thanks to their support, this sponsorship goes towards ensuring that every learner in our school gets a white T-Shirt, every learner receives a prize, every learner gets to be involved in an afternoon packed with laughter and energy.

To our PTA sponsors – thank you. Your support brings our most important school value to life: manawa-tīna. Family, community, inclusiveness, friends, togetherness, teamwork, and wellbeing. What is the most important thing in this world? It is people, it is people, it is people!



The PTA can't wait for all students to join in, get involved, and most importantly — have fun!

HAVE YOU LOCKED IN THE KEY DATES

Fundraising period starts **27th October 2025** with the creation of online profiles

Fundraising competitions from **27th October- 21st November**

Students pick prizes online based on how much they fundraised **November 24th-28th**

🎉🎊 **School Colour Fun Run Monday 15th December 2pm** 🎉🎊

End of Year Prizegiving Assemblies

End of Year school prizegiving assemblies will take place on Tuesday 9 December. We warmly invite parents, caregivers, and whānau to join us and come together to celebrate our students' learning, achievements, and growth throughout the year.

For families who are new to our school, please note that we hold two separate assemblies, as the capacity at the Whakamārama Community Centre is limited. Both assemblies will take place at the Whakamārama Community Centre. Mark your calendar - we look forward to seeing you and celebrating the achievements of our learners together!



Year 0 - 4 Assembly 9.30 to 11.30am

Year 5 - 8 Assembly 12.30 to 2.30pm

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Health Curriculum Consultation 2025

Thank you parents / whānau that have taken the time to provide feedback on our Health Curriculum guiding statement and the programmes we use to deliver this at Whakamārama School. Consultation on the Health Curriculum is conducted by the board every two years in line with legal requirements.

If you haven't already done so, you have until Friday 21st November to share your input and help shape this important learning area.

We are keen to know:

- Your level of agreement with our draft Health Education delivery statement.
- What you consider to be the strengths or highlights of our Health Curriculum.
- If you partly or do not agree with the draft delivery statement, then what do you think needs to change or what questions do you have OR what further information do you need to be able to respond?

Follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D38RVRD> or you can request a hardcopy of the survey from the office.



HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR?

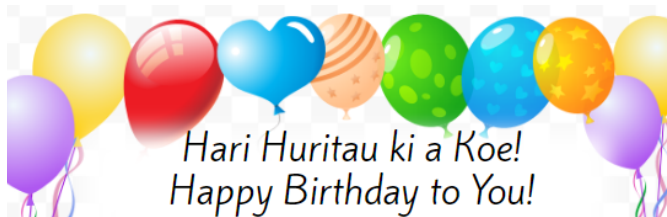
On **Thursday 11th December**, Rooms 1 and 5 will enjoy a full day of water-based fun at **Waimarino Adventure Park**. In preparation for this event, notices will soon be coming home with your child - please keep an eye out for these 😊

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance plays a huge part in helping our learners succeed and feel connected at school. When tamariki are here each day, they build strong relationships, take part in new learning, and grow in confidence. Thank you to the families who support consistent attendance - every day really does count! If your child needs time away for any reason, please keep communication open with the school so we can work together to support their progress and wellbeing.



These children all have a November (Whiringa-ā-rangi) birthday!!



7 Years Chloe C
8 Years Willow, Delia
10 Years Isla B,
11 Years Ben, Oliver, Aaliyah, Ollie
12 Years Charley, Chloe
13 Years Harry S

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received an award at our whole school assembly on **Thursday 30th of October - Mīharo! Awesome!**

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 30th October	Arya	Fabulous 'focus' during our 'kindness' and 'tracing' learning. Well done ... Mrs W liked the way you sounded out the words during reading today!
	Olee	Big focus during maths - Yay! Super 'maths checking'.
	Ngapine	Super focus ... and completion of learning tasks! Ka Rawe!

ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 30th October	Thomas	For being a thoughtful writer - you choose interesting words and you check that your writing makes sense.
	James	For showing manawa-roa - confidence - in your learning - you are not afraid to take risks and try new things.
	Frankie	For super writing - you think carefully about your ideas and check that your writing makes sense.

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ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 30th October	Maddie	For displaying Manawa-nui by being a caring and considerate Whakamārama kid who is always willing to lend a hand. Tino pai - great work, Maddie!
	Willow	For working hard to continuously improve in all areas all while keeping a smile on your face. Tino pai rawa atu - excellent, Willow!
	Claudia	For displaying Manawa-ū by being a self motivated and actively engaged learner. Keep striving to achieve your goals, Claudia! Ka pai tō mahi!
	Kurt	For maintaining a positive attitude and persevering when learning gets tricky. Keep striving for continuous improvement, Kurt!

ROOM 5 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 4 30th October	William	Showing Manawa-u throughout the school day. Always willing to try new things and persevering when it gets tricky.
	Reon	Showing Manawa-u throughout the school day. Always willing to try new things and persevering when it gets tricky.

ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

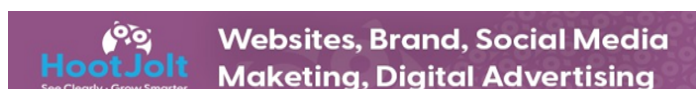
Week 4 30th October	Ollie	Star award presented to Ollie for demonstrating Manawa-ū. You shared fabulous ideas during our discussions about earthquakes. Great use of scientific language!
	Falcon	Star award presented to Falcon. For sharing his new knowledge in class discussions. Amazing contributions and understanding in science!
	Mia	Star award presented to Mia. For showing excellent initiative in maths. You ask great questions and value a challenge. Mahi pai!
	Noah K	Ka pai tō mahi! Congratulations to Noah Klem for being an active participant in discussions and being reflective about others' ideas. Mahi pai!

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

November / Whiringa-ā-rangi	
Monday 10th	Technology Year 7 & 8 - Covered shoes to be worn
Tuesday 11th	Year 5 & 6 North Cluster Athletics
Friday 14th	Teacher Only Day - Maths PLD
Monday 17th	Technology Year 7 & 8 - Covered shoes to be worn
Thursday 20th	Technology Year 7 & 8 - Covered shoes to be worn
Thursday 20th	Assembly 2pm - Come join us!!
Friday 21st	Rooms 2 & 3 Trip to TGC Production
Monday 24th	Technology Year 7 & 8 - Covered shoes to be worn
Tuesday 25th	Board Meeting 6pm
December / Hakihea	
Monday 1st	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Wednesday 3rd	Whakangahau @ Omokoroa No 1
Friday 5th	Tall Poppies Social Dance
Tuesday 9th	Junior Prizegiving 9.30am / Senior Prizegiving 12.30pm
Monday 15th	PTA Colour Fun Run
Wednesday 17th	Last Day of Term 4 (school closes at 1:00 pm)

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app Skool Loop:



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If you would like to advertise on the Whakamārama School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Yoga Classes

Slow Flow Yoga Class
Whakamārama Hall
Tuesdays, 9am

Casual Class \$20 pp
10x Class Pass \$170
to be redeemed within 12 weeks



Leaves your body feeling longer, your mind more peaceful, and energy uplifted.

thepeacefulpausecollective@gmail.com

Events & Workshops
Planning a special day? I offer personalised yoga classes for events like hen's parties, weddings, birthdays and baby showers.



Alice Certified with Shiva Rea in Prana Vinyasa Flow.



September 2025 Holiday Programme

at The One and a Half Acre Wood
80 Odey Rd, Whakamarama, Tauranga

9AM - 3PM
\$75 PER DAY PER CHILD
LUNCH PROVIDED

AGES 5-13 YRS
Mon 22 Sep - Fri 26 Sep

- HORSE-TIME & RIDES
- PETTING ZOO
- GAMES, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
- CAMPFIRE LUNCH
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Celebrate 50 years of WHAKAMĀRAMA HALL Open Day

SATURDAY 6 10AM TO 2PM
DECEMBER

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI E TE WHĀNAU
Join us and celebrate 50 years of shared memories and community life and help shape the future of our community Hall

Kids Market Pop-up Cafe
Local Trade Fair
Community Emergency Hub consultation in conjunction with WBOPDC



Let's celebrate WHAKAMARAMA HALL 50TH BIRTHDAY party

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI E TE WHĀNAU
JOIN US AND CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SHARED MEMORIES AND COMMUNITY LIFE

SATURDAY 6 AT 06:30 PM
DECEMBER

**TICKETS \$50 ON SALE NOW
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HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR NEW COVER OF THE NEWSLETTER?

MEET OUR LEARNERS SHOWCASING SOME OF OUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS WHOSE SUPPORT MAKES OUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER POSSIBLE

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