‘Growing a Positive Learning Attitude’

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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 to Term 4. We hope you all had a wonderful spring break with your families and enjoyed the lovely weather outdoors. After an action-packed Term 3, the final stretch of the year is shaping up to be filled with fantastic learning opportunities and exciting experiences. Together, let’s make it our most memorable term yet 🌟

KidzRock 2026

On Thursday, 24th September, our talented Boyband took to the stage at Ōtūmoetai College for KidzRock - a high-energy concert showcasing primary and intermediate rock bands from across the Bay of Plenty.

Performing on a professional stage equipped with full sound and lighting setups, our musicians brought fantastic energy, creativity, and collaboration to the show.

A special thank you to Mrs Rosoman for bringing this event to life and for her unwavering dedication and passion for the arts. Her guidance in nurturing and encouraging the growth of our school band gives our young musicians the opportunity and confidence to shine.

Huge congratulations to William, Micah, Brayden, Johnny, Maxwell and Max for a phenomenal performance and for representing our school with so much confidence and rock spirit.



Garden to Table



This term, Rūma Kārearea is diving into the Garden to Table programme alongside Maria (garden lead), Alison (kitchen lead), and our fantastic volunteers!

Building on their awesome mahi in Term 1 clearing the garden and preparing for new growth, our Year 6–8 learners are ready to get their hands dirty. They'll also be putting our new compost bays to good use. A massive thank you to Maria and the supporting elves who built these over the holidays!

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Show Day

Show Day is knocking on the door, and we are once again blown away by the incredible generosity of our school community. A huge thank you to all our families for pitching in to help raise extra funds for our school. From buckets brimming with goodies to delicious homemade baking to arrive on the day, your whānau donations are what will make the day such a resounding success!

Get your bidding fingers ready! Thanks to PTA mum Lucy's hard work and the support of our generous local businesses, we have an exciting silent auction lined up. Browsing and bidding on these fantastic items is sure to add extra fun to our morning together - don't miss out on placing a bid for something you love!

FEATURED SILENT AUCTIONS

- Masterlife Experience Vouchers ($150 value each — 3 available)
- Samantha's Beauty Care for Ladies: Relax and unwind with a 30-minute Geothermal Soak and a 75-minute Hot Oil Massage.
- House of Wellness: Enjoy a 6-month pass for online, at-home wellness
- Katikati Animal Feeds
- Webster's Tea Selection: A curated gift box featuring premium organic loose-leaf tea blends
- Marshall's Animal Park: A Family Pass for a fun day out meeting and feeding friendly farm animals.
- The One and a Half Acre Wood: A 1-day holiday programme pass for 2 children.
- Voucher for one round of golf at Ōmokoroa Golf Club
- The Inner Studio Voucher (valued at $1,300) - 'Become the women you trust to lead your life'
- Handcrafted Crochet Throw by Theresa



Show Day is always a highlight of our year - a wonderful opportunity for our students to take pride in their hard work and showcase their amazing talents, while bringing parents, whānau, and neighbours together. We can't wait to see you all there!

Ngamuwahine Lodge Camp - Year 4-8

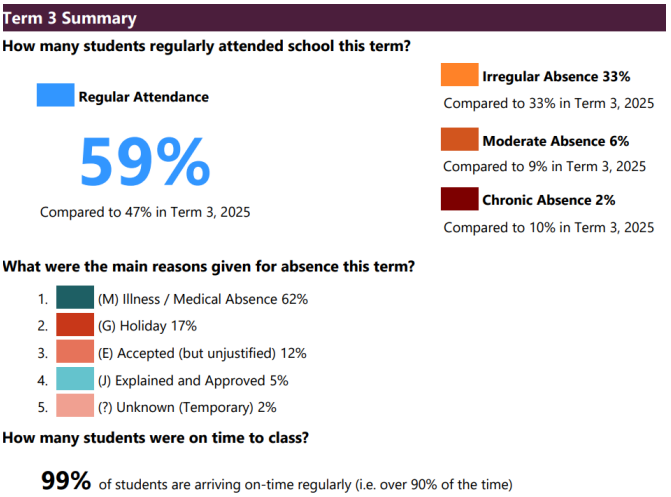
Camp is right around the corner, and our Year 4–8 learners are incredibly excited to be heading away in Week 4.

Thank you parents that indicated that they were able to make a donation of $180 per child, or another donation amount for this year's camp at Ngamuwahine Lodge. Your donation can be made via internet banking or payment at the office. Donations may be claimed on personal tax returns and a receipt can be obtained from the office**.** Please do not hesitate in contacting Sharon if you require a receipt.

Every Day Counts:
Building Connection and Success Together

Regular attendance saw a dip across Term 3 due to a high number of medical absences.

With the warmer weather arriving and winter illnesses behind us, we look forward to working alongside you in this final term of 2026 to support our tamariki and make every single day count. Daily attendance is about so much more than just turning up for class—it's where your child builds strong friendships, gains confidence through hands-on ako (learning), and feels a real sense of belonging within our school community.



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Teacher Only Day

Have you marked your calendar? School will be closed on **Friday, 23 October 2026.** Our staff will be spending the day preparing for 2027 - exploring the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum (including the updated Science and Social Sciences learning areas) and further embedding the Science of Learning.

We appreciate your support in bringing this great learning opportunity to our staff.

Policies and Procedure

All school policies and procedures can be viewed at our SchoolDocs Site using the username and password below. The SchoolDocs Site contains a search tool allowing you to search for a topic or theme.

How to login:

1. Go to schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school (top, right)
3. Start typing our school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter our community username (whakamarama) and password (unity)

School Docs
Policies and Procedures

These children all have an October (Whiringa-ā-nuku) birthday!!



9 Years Maddie, Ravreet
11 Years Ruby, Sam, Micah, Johnny, Max
12 Years Noah K

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

October / Whiringa-ā-nuku	
Saturday 17th	SHOW DAY
Monday 19th	PTA Meeting 7pm at Whakamārama Community Centre
Tuesday 20th	Board Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Marimba Festival
Friday 23rd	Teacher Only Day
Monday 26th	Labour Day - School Closed
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi	
2nd - 4th	Camp Ngamuwahine
Thursday 5th	School Assembly - Please join us!
Thursday 12th	Toutouwai & Pīwakawaka Activity Day & School Camp

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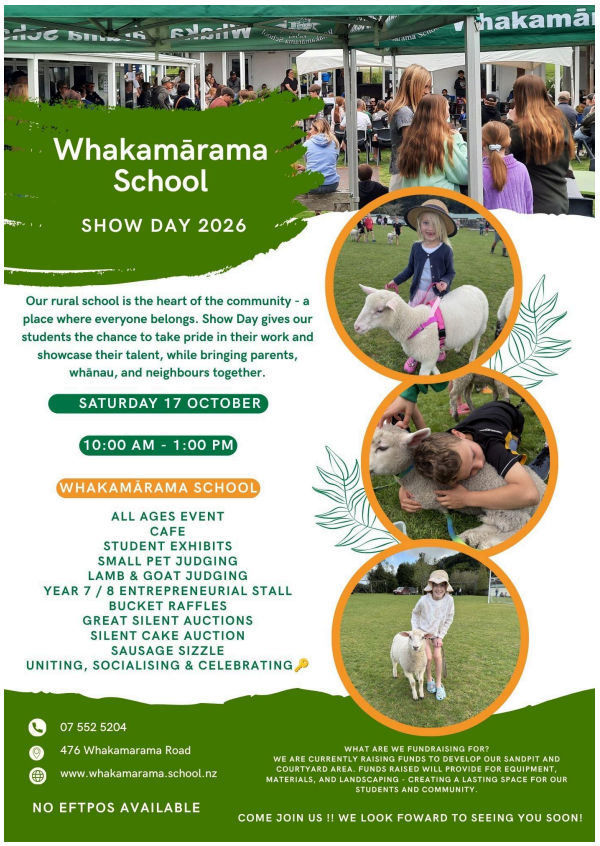
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