

NEWSLETTER NO. 18 - 26th 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 8, everyone! We are enjoying spending time with each other before the big summer holiday break. Our focus at school continues to be keeping routines consistent and learning experiences engaging. Our students' focus on their learning remains excellent, and we are so proud of them!

Dr Seuss

Our Room 2 and 3 learners were invited to see the Tauranga Girls' College junior school show, *Dr Seuss*, on Friday 21 November. What a treat it was! The colourful costumes, catchy rhymes, and quirky characters had everyone smiling from ear to ear. It was a wonderful outing that sparked joy, imagination, and laughter - a true celebration of the fun and creativity that Dr Seuss is known for!



🌱 Garden to Table with Room 1 🌱

Our Garden to Table team once again enjoyed a busy and productive morning in the garden on Wednesday 13 November.

In the kīhini (kitchen), our team of chefs were flat-out preparing three delicious dishes that celebrated the kai of spring. Broad beans and asparagus were combined to create a crisp side dish, a vegetable pasta bake was packed with spinach and silverbeet, and for the grand finale - a strawberry parfait made with strawberries from our local farm.

Out in the māra kai (food garden), our tamariki were hard at work planting carrots, beetroot, runner beans, snow peas, fennel, zucchini, cucumber, artichoke, and tomatoes. They also staked and fertilised the stone fruit trees, and planted marigolds and calendula to help keep unwanted bugs away.

A big thank you to Noah G's whānau for a much-needed supply of horse manure, and to Mrs Rosoman for donating plants (tomatoes, beans, and cucumbers). Your valuable contributions will keep our garden providing kai for the next 3-5 months.

With the ongoing support of our garden expert Maria, kitchen expert Alison, and Garden to Table volunteers Stormie and Darren, Room 1 learners once again experienced a session that empowered them to whanake (grow), hauhake (harvest), whakarite (prepare), and whāngai (share) fresh, seasonal, and affordable kai. It is thanks to our experts and volunteers that this programme continues to thrive.



Sausage Sizzle

Despite our best efforts, our sausage sizzle hit a snag last Friday. However, a simple sandwich saved the day for learners who were expecting a hearty 'sausage in a bread' lunch. With the BBQ out of action, classic bread-and-spread options were offered, and Nutella sandwiches quickly became the surprise favourite. Some learners even said, "This is better than a sausage sizzle".

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'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving'

Lolly bags, chocolate fish, and ice blocks were the hit of the day. When plans had to change, a sprinkle of treats made for the best lunchtime memory.

We are very proud of our learners for responding calmly to our alarm system, showing lots of patience while waiting for the - all clear. With the upgrade of our alarm systems due to the arrival of our new classrooms, we also value moving our school into a secure and updated environment that strengthens the safety of our students.

We will be shouting our senior Kapa Haka group learners to a sausage sizzle while down at the Whakangahau (concert) next week, and arrange a time in Week 10 for the rest of our learners to 😊

Colour Fun Run



Colour fun run

Well done Whakamarama School we have raised \$12,938 of our \$15,000 target!
Thank you to all those that have fundraised! Now is the exciting part for you all.....ordering your prizes!

For all those that have raised a minimum of \$10 you can log into your profile page at www.schoolfundraising.co.nz and click on "ORDER PRIZES" and follow the prompts. Prize ordering closes MIDNIGHT Friday 28th November: this is important to ensure you all get your prizes before Christmas!

For those that were unable to fundraise the PTA will organise a small prize so that everyone receives something before Christmas.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 28th November PRIZE CLOSE DATE
- Monday 15th December 2pm COLOUR FUN RUN

We are so proud of you all!!
Whakamarama School PTA



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To our PTA sponsors - thank you! Your support brings to life one of our most important school values: *manawa-tīna* (family, community, inclusiveness, friendship, togetherness, teamwork, and wellbeing).

The Colour Fun Run is just around the corner, and after seeing all the preparation and organisation for the day, it's clear everyone is going to have so much FUN! 🎉🥳

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, PTA – a huge thank you to you all! 🌸

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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On Monday, Room 1 & 5 learners came home with notices to support our visit to Waimarino Adventure Park on **Thursday 11th December**. It is important that these are returned to school by Friday 28 November. Thank you for your support with this.

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

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

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

download the app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Whakamarama School once installed.

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
- FITTING TOYS
- GAMES, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
- CAMPFIRE LUNCH
- FARM ANIMAL AND EEL FEEDING

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:
 allaboutanimals80@gmail.com

WHAKAMARAMA HALL

Spacious sunny, multipurpose hall suitable for small to large events and gatherings. Commercially designed kitchen perfect for home and small business use.

HALL FOR HIRE
 Just \$20 per hours using discount code SCHOOL

For more information availability and to book scan the QR code or visit spacetoco.com
 Whakamarama Community Centre



Celebrate 50 years of WHAKAMĀRAMA HALL

Open Day

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 10AM TO 2PM

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 DECEMBER AT 06:30 PM

TICKETS \$50 ON SALE NOW AT HUMANITIX.COM
 INCLUDES QUIZ, DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

RAUMATI RAUBMI SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Te Taiao

- Summer Activity Booklet
- Take & Make Kits
- Colouring Contest
- Scavenger Hunt
- Teen Book Bingo!

Visit Kids' Zone through our website for more information and to register online or pop into your local Western Bay library and pick up your Te Taiao booklet from:

Monday 8 December
 All summer competitions close midday Saturday 24 January 2026

For more information visit our website libraries.westernbay.govt.nz
 0800 926 732

Western Bay of Plenty District Libraries
 Phone: 0800 926 732
 Email: libraries@westernbay.govt.nz
 Website: libraries.westernbay.govt.nz

STEPS PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DATES: 14 - 16 JANUARY 2026
 TIME: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
 AGES: 7 - 12 YEARS
 COST: \$170
 WHERE: TAURANGA CENTRAL

DESCRIPTION:
 Join STEPS for a 3 day holiday programme exploring the genres of singing, dance, acting, and performance and gain confidence, have fun and celebrate your uniqueness.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL:
 No experience necessary and bring your enthusiasm and imagination

BOOKINGS:
 Essential as the programmes do fill up quickly!

Contact STEPS for a booking form and information sheet
 0212 744 216 pasal@stps.org.nz stpsperformingarts.org.nz

MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th
 January 2026. Open 10-4pm daily

Tauranga Boys College, Gymnasium
 Parking & Public Entrance off Devonport Road.
 (Opposite 14th Avenue)

Entrance Fees: Adults : \$10 Children: 12 & Under: \$5

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ADVENTURE

Young Explorers Camp

AONGATETE LODGE
 BOOK NOW 19th-23rd January, 2026

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building, confidence activities, dog agility, sports tournaments, swimming, sailing, night activities and much more!

- Bus available from Hamilton, Auckland & Tauranga (limited to 50 spaces)
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Aongatete Lodge is set in the kōwhiri Ranges in the beautiful Bay of Plenty

PRICE \$675 5 days

MORE INFO:
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