'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 |

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 3 of Term 4. The end of the school year is approaching fast, but there is still so much rich learning and celebration ahead. Together, let's make every single week count and finish this year on a high note 🌟

Show Day

What an incredible Show Day morning we had at Whakamārama School on Saturday 17 October. We are overflowing with gratitude for the immense support that made it so special. To our students, staff, parents, whānau, judges, past generations, wider community, and generous sponsors - your collective backing, time, and heart were felt in every corner of our school. The day was a true testament to the power of our community standing together, Manawa-tīna.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Daniel Godfrey & Elina Arnese for taking on the tough task of judging an impressive lineup of lamb entries.
- Roger Harty for returning for his eighth year of judging our small animal visitors.
- Our exhibit judges for recognising the effort involved, understanding the theme, and carefully evaluating every entry (exhibit judging is no easy task).
- Alison & her parent team for seamlessly running the café and keeping everyone fueled throughout the morning.
- Our parents, whānau, and staff for donating bucket raffle goodies, baking delicious treats for the cake auction, and contributing silent auction items.
- Our Year 7 & 8 students for bringing their sharp entrepreneurial skills and enthusiasm to the day.
- Our past pupils who helped support extra activities across the event.
- Parents and whānau who stayed behind to help clean up - your extra hands made light work.

Special thanks to Anton & Elize Terblanche (Bayleys)

Bayleys love being part of our School Show Day - a wonderful celebration of students' learning, creativity, achievement, and community spirit. This special tradition sees students proudly showcase their animals and craft exhibits, creating a day full of excitement and connection.

Since 2023, Bayleys have made a financial contribution and have enjoyed helping on the barbecue. We are grateful for the ongoing support of Anton and Elize, and we look forward to their continued involvement in future Show Days.

Special thanks to our local business sponsors:

⭐Masterlife Experience ⭐Samantha's Beauty Care for Ladies ⭐House of Wellness ⭐Webster's Tea Selection

⭐Marshall's Animal Park ⭐The One and a Half Acre Wood ⭐Ōmokoroa Golf Club ⭐The Inner Studio

⭐King's Seeds ⭐Tharfield Nursery – Incredible Edibles ⭐Farmlands ⭐Katikati Animal Feeds

⭐Out of the Wild

Our Show Day raised an incredible $4,000 (after expenses) to help upgrade our sandpit area. Before we dive in, we have some essential drainage work to complete first.
Watch this space!

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Acknowledgement of Achievement

Lambs - Year 1 **Leading**: 1st Marli; 2nd Izzy **Calling**: 1st equal Marli and Izzy **Rearing**: 1st Izzy; 2nd Marli Champion of Champions: Izzy and Marli	**Lambs - Year 4-8** **Leading**: 1st Forrest; 2nd Zac & Flynn; 3rd Chloe **Calling**: 1st Chloe; 2nd Zac; 3rd Arjun **Rearing**: 1st Forrest; 2nd Chloe; 3rd Zac and Flynn Champion of Champions: Chloe	**Small Animals** 1st Miller & his Ducklings 2nd Luke & Cinderella 3rd Lacey & her Ducks

Marimba Group

Our talented marimba group recently took to the stage at the Baycourt Community & Arts Centre for WONDERSTRUCK, the opening event of the Tauranga Arts Festival 2026. After dedicated practice, our students united with nearly 100 children from across the region under the guidance of Musical Director Jeremy Hantler. Together, the group thrilled the audience with an energetic performance using marimbas, xylophones, glockenspiels, and buckets to officially kick off the festival. We couldn't be prouder of our young musicians!



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Ngā mihi nui ki a koe to our music specialist, Christine. Your passion continuously fosters a love of music in our tamariki and made this event truly special.

Warm thanks to our whānau for all your hands-on support with transport, and cheering from the audience.

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 on Monday 2 November. Keep an eye out for a final notice that will be coming home tomorrow.

Teacher Only Day
Thank you for your support during our recent Teacher Only Day. Our staff spent the day collaborating, planning, and diving into the updates of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. We truly appreciate your flexibility and ongoing partnership in enabling this important day of professional growth for our team 🌻

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)

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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!
Monday 9	STEAM-Ed Forest & Fungi: Rūma Tūī

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Wednesday 11	Te Wao Nui o Tāne: Forest Conservation Field Trip (BCA)
Thursday 12th	Toutouwai & Pīwakawaka Activity Day & School Camp

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