

NEWSLETTER NO. 20 - 11th December 2024

Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | ¡Hola! | Hallo | Kumusta | Konichiwa | Groete | Namaste
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Welcome to our final newsletter for 2024. It is hard to believe that another school year has passed. A year that we have worked together towards achieving our vision of 'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving'. We are so proud of everything our learners have accomplished.



Here's to good friends, a loving family and laughter during this Christmas season. Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year everyone.

End of Year Prize Giving Assemblies

It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to our end of year assemblies on Tuesday 10th December. The two assemblies were an opportunity not just to mark the conclusion of another academic year, but to recognise and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our learners and our school community as a whole.

Across 2024, our akonga, our students, have shown resilience, curiosity, and a passion for learning that inspires us all. Each learner has made significant strides in their educational journey. Their hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. They have faced challenges head-on and have emerged stronger and more knowledgeable.

To our leavers, and those who continue to be with us next year, we wish you all the very best on your endeavours across 2025 and beyond. You are amazing young people who have made our school proud. We have no doubt you will continue to shine as you grow.

We extend the deepest gratitude to our parents and whānau. Your unwavering support has been invaluable. Thank you for helping out in so many different ways. Your involvement in our school has made a remarkable difference. Through your actions, you create a wealth of wonderful learning opportunities and possibilities for our students. You have been there for us, whether in the spotlight or quietly in the background. It is through your commitment that our school has continued to grow and flourish. You are valued, appreciated and you truly make a difference.

I would like to acknowledge our staff. At Whakamārama School, we have been very fortunate to have a dedicated, caring and hardworking team of professionals. Brenda, Karen, Theresa, Sarah, Sharon, Colleen, Amber, Christine, Dayle, Alison, Rebekah, Tom and Tumanako. Their relentless passion and commitment to our learners is commendable. Each of them has contributed to creating a nurturing environment where our students can flourish. As we look ahead to the future, I am excited about what lies ahead for our school. We will continue to focus relentlessly on the core purpose of why we are all here - our learners.

Some Junior Assembly Highlights



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Trophy Recipients 2024



Academic progress - Ayda & Reon



The Arts - Natarlya



Bay Conservation Alliance - Kingston



Sports High Achievers - Chad & Taylor



Citizenship - Caitlin & Gemma



The Performing Arts - Ethan K



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Sportsmanship - Chloe & Gemma

Diligence - Jorja

Academic Achievement - Ryan

Some Middle / Senior School Assembly Highlights



Year 8 Tall Poppies Social Dance

The Year 8 Tall Poppies Social Dance was held at Tauranga Girls College on Friday 6th December. Glamorously dressed, our students arrived at the hall for an evening of social dance, followed by a disco. The students spent some of this term learning traditional dances such as Palais Glide, Veleta, Waltz, Ballin' the Jack and more contemporary dances like the Macarena and the Cha Cha Slide. The night helped build confidence and broke down social barriers for our Year 8 students.

The school wishes our Year 8 leavers (David, Cullan, Arama, Eli, Lauren, Jorja, Natarlya and Evan) all the very best as they embark on a new learning journey beyond Whakamārama School. They have all worked so very hard, and we have no doubt that they will continue to do so. They have been a special group and we couldn't have asked for a better group of young people as role models to our younger students. We have no doubt that they will remember our school on the hill; dream big and work hard to achieve their dreams.



Farewell

The school farewells Dayle. Dayle began at Whakamārama School in February 2022 as our specialist Reading Recovery Teacher. Over the years, she has supported students one-to-one strengthening their reading and writing skills through the Reading Recovery Programme. We thank Dayle for her commitment to Whakamārama School. Our staff and tamariki have benefited from her skill and passion, particularly in the area of literacy (reading & writing). Ngā mihi nui Dayle! Wishing you all the very best; you will be missed!



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PTA Efforts

Even in the final stages of the year, our school continues to receive awesome news from the dedication of our PTA 😊 The PTA and Barfoot and Thompson have purchased dual basketball and netball hoops which will be installed early February 2025. How lucky are we!

We have got such an amazingly keen PTA team it's so heartwarming. Whilst there will be some leavers to the team at the end of 2024, the PTA have some new members coming on board for 2025. They are very excited! Let's keep our PTA rolling Whakamārama - together, they are creating lasting improvements for our children and their learning environment at our wonderful school.

Thank You
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**HARD WORK
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& EVERYDAY
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Term 4 Rippa Rugby

Rippa Rugby came to an end on Monday 9th December. Thank you parents and whānau that supported their child / children to play across the season. Thank you parents / whānau that coached our learners while down at Maramatanga Park across the season. Thank you everyone that was involved in supporting our vision of 'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving' come to life.

Thank you to the Board

Our 2025 swimming season is going to be hassle free for cleaning next year with the board's investment of a robotic pool cleaner. Check out our busy little robot to the right. We feel very lucky! 😊



CONGRATULATIONS to students who received an award at our end of year school assemblies on Tuesday 10th December - Mīharo! Awesome!

Year 1	
Oscar	Certificate of Excellence - A super, conscientious learner - He gives much thought to all that he applies himself to - Wonderful! Oscar displays an 'amazing' learning attitude. He listens and questions... and has fun! Super progress and achievement! Karawhiua!
Millie	Certificate of Merit - Millie is a curious and very conscientious learner - Fabulous! She makes thoughtful observations. Millie has a super learning attitude... a wonderful enthusiasm for learning. Go Millie - Wow!
Noah	Highly Commended - Noah makes thoughtful observations and asks great questions. Go Noah! He is a curious learner, who will persevere. Super!
Jack	Highly Commended - A reflective thinker. A conscientious learner, with a positive attitude. Jack is very interested in the world around him. Jack loves a 'maths challenge'. Super! Go for it, Jack.
Year 2	
Kurt	Certificate of Excellence - Kurt, you are an engaged, curious and conscientious learner. You set high standards for yourself and work hard to achieve them. Congratulations on a successful year of learning!
Harry	Certificate of Merit - Harry, you are a focused and thoughtful learner. You have persevered in your learning this year and have seen great success in mathematics. Congratulations on a super year of learning.
Delia	Highly Commended - Delia, you are a focused and engaged learner. You take what you can from every learning experience. You take risks and try new things, with great results. Congratulations on a successful year of learning!
Forrest	Highly Commended - Forrest, you have an enthusiastic approach to learning and readily take risks and try new things. Your determination has seen great progress in your learning across all areas. Congratulations Forrest! You should feel proud of all that you have achieved this year!
Year 3	
Benjamin	Certificate of Excellence - Benjamin, you are a diligent learner - you ask questions, you take risks, you continuously look for ways to improve and better yourself. You set very high standards and work hard to achieve these. Be very proud of your achievements. Congratulations on a very successful year of learning!
Flynn	Certificate of Merit - Flynn, you are an interested and engaged learner. You make the most of every learning opportunity presented to you. You take risks and try new things in your learning and reap the rewards. You have had a successful year of learning. Congratulations!

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Claudia	Highly Commended - Claudia, you are a conscientious learner and work hard to consistently produce work to a high standard. Your open mind and desire to learn has ensured you have had another successful year of learning. Congratulations Claudia!
Year 4	
Mia	Certificate of Excellence - Mia, your self motivation, attitude, focus, and perseverance have been outstanding this year. You have excelled in reading, writing and mathematics. Congratulations!
Brayden	Certificate of Merit - Brayden, you think outside the box, you are a problem solver and you step towards challenges with an open mind and a 'can do' attitude. You have excelled in reading, writing and mathematics this year. Congratulations!
Eva	Certificate of Merit - Eva, the attitude, diligence, hard work and resilience that you arrive with every morning has resulted in a highly successful year of learning. You have worked hard for everything that you have achieved this year.
Isla B	Highly Commended - Isla, you have risen to challenges that you have been faced with this year and have come out the other side successful and confident. You should feel proud of your achievements this year.
Year 5	
Ollie	Certificate of Excellence - Ollie, your open mind, creativity, thirst for knowledge, and courage to approach challenges without fear of failure have seen you excel in reading, writing and mathematics this year.
Noah K	Certificate of Excellence - Noah, your inquiring mind, thirst for knowledge and questioning attitude have seen you achieve exceptional results this year. You have excelled in reading, writing and mathematics.
Taylor	Certificate of Merit - Taylor, your enthusiasm, perseverance and resilience have resulted in a highly successful year of learning. You have excelled in reading, writing and mathematics. Congratulations!
Aaliyah	Highly Commended - Aaliyah - your courage, self motivation and determination have resulted in outstanding progress and achievement. Congratulations on a highly successful year of learning!
Lexi	Highly Commended - Lexi, you show incredible courage. Your hard work, resilience and quiet determination to achieve your goal of excellence has not gone unnoticed. Congratulations on a highly successful year!
Year 6	
Caitlin	Certificate of Excellence - Caitlin, you've demonstrated that perseverance, a readiness to learn, and valuing mistakes as learning opportunities are the key ingredients to success. You strive to do your best in everything you do. Congratulations on an excellent year of learning.
Ryan	Certificate of Excellence - Ryan, your sharp mind and eagerness to learn are what propels you forward. Keep seizing every opportunity to expand your knowledge each day. Congratulations on an excellent.
Sammy	Certificate of Merit - Sammy, you have worked hard this year and have achieved outstanding results. Your perseverance when faced with challenges is a credit to you. A year to be extremely proud of.
Year 7	
Connor	Certificate of Excellence - Connor, you are a focused learner who works towards meaningful goals. Your curiosity and desire to learn are a credit to you. Congratulations on a successful year of learning.
Ethan K	Certificate of Merit - Ethan, your drive to succeed is a testament to you. You understand that mistakes are not the end, but a valuable stepping stone on the path to growth and success. Congratulations!
Year 8	
David	Certificate of Excellence - David, your eagerness to learn is a role model to those around you. Continue to reflect on where you've been and let it guide you on the journey you are destined to travel. Congratulations on all your accomplishments this year!
Evan	Certificate of Merit - Evan, congratulations on your achievements this year! Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have truly paid off. Remember, the knowledge you have gained is a treasure that will guide you to even greater heights.

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Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

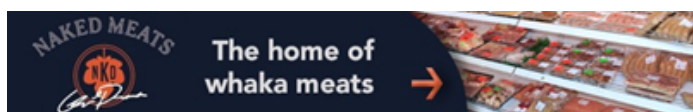
Hakihea / December

Thursday 12th	Tech - Years 7 & 8 - Wear covered shoes
Tuesday 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Hui-tanguru / February

Monday 3rd February 2025	TERM 1 STARTS - Back to School!
Monday 17th	PTA Meeting 7pm Whakamārama Community Centre

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