

NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - 5th March 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 5. We are now half way through Term 1. We are truly into the school year with many exciting things happening. As I walk through our classrooms, there is a real energy and excitement for learning from our tamariki. As I walk through our classrooms, there is a relentless focus on what is best for our learners 😊

From Our PTA

"The PTA totally rocked it last Friday at their latest fundraising event Mum's Magical Makeover, and would like to thank everyone who came along to support us, making this a fun, fabulous and successful evening. Everyone was able to leave the evening with something 'new' for their wardrobe from the fashion swap and the impressive array of prizes on offer were the catalyst for friendly competition during the games and raffles with lots of laughs along the way.



The PTA especially thank our generous Sponsors for the event:
Curves o Plenty, Scentsy, The Speciality House NZ, Nudo, Contrast Therapy, GDE,
Grayson Dales Electrical, The Rising Tide, Boost Aesthetics, Lifestyle Flowers,
Waste-Ed with Kate.

The PTA will be hosting a **GREEN Disco on Friday 21 March**, at Whakamārama Hall, details and tickets will be available shortly, follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with the details of this and other PTA news."



Meet and Greet Picnic

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our informal family picnic on Thursday 20th February. It was terrific to see our families, staff and board taking advantage of the fine weather to unite with one another. Lots of lovely conversations with students, ex-students, new families and families that have been part of our school community for a long time were had. The presence of our school community on the school grounds was a breath of fresh air! What a super place to belong!

PTA thanks for an ice-block handout to all the children at our picnic. It was a humid afternoon, and there were lots of little red faces after running around and playing with friends. A perfect, and yummy, way to cool down!



Parent / Whānau Connect Meetings

I would like to acknowledge and thank teachers, parents, caregivers and whānau for giving up their time to attend a whanaungatanga hui (connection meeting) across the two days. These meetings provided a great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, discuss your child, ask questions, share with us any potential goals you may have, or simply tell us anything else you may like us to know about your child.

The teaching team are always here to make time for you; do not hesitate in making contact at any time if you wish to discuss your child 😊.

The teachers and I would also like to acknowledge our amazing learners who participated in two afternoons of tabloid games to enable our whānau connect meetings to take place. Led by our Year 8

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students, each afternoon our learners moved around a rotation of 4 games in tuakana-teina groups (older students with younger students).



Year 8 students (left to right): Jamie, Connor, Gemma, Ayda, Terence and Harry

Our learning was not about competition but an opportunity to demonstrate our school values - manawa-nui, manawa-roa and manawa-tīna. Our learners were respectful listeners, they were helpful and kind, they showed courage in giving new things a go and they were supportive of others (teamwork and inclusiveness). Our Year 8 leaders did an amazing job!



Teachers, parents, caregivers, whānau and students, thank you for making our school a wonderful place for learning and growth.

Our New Classrooms

Lots of work has taken place over the last two weeks - completion of an amazing deck area with stadium seating, the walkway canopy is nearly complete and some super work is happening on the retaining wall at the end of the classrooms. We have been very lucky in what we have received in these times of cut backs!

On Monday, I was invited to view the interior of our new classrooms - WOW! Two amazing learning environments awaiting teachers and students. They are going to be loved! Across the next couple of weeks we will have a focus on purchasing furniture and equipment. The completion of our classrooms is on track and we excitedly await their opening at the beginning of Term 2 😊. A separate notice will be coming home to inform parents of classes from the beginning of Term 2.



Friday Freeze #1

Thank you parents / whānau that supported last week's Friday Freeze in support of Meremaraea's achievement of being accepted into Waka o Waiariki Māori Netball. Your support raised \$110.

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Check out Meremāraea (3rd from the right) with her Waiāriki Māori U13 team. Across the weekend they placed 3rd in the U14 Grade of MMC Tournament.

Please Help Us By Keeping Informed

- ★ PLEASE ask your child daily if they have any notices in their bag
- ★ PLEASE take the time to fully read the newsletter
- ★ PLEASE pop into ClassDojo on a Sunday afternoon to see what's install for the upcoming week
- ★ PLEASE keep yourself up-to-date with the school calendar

And most importantly, if you have any questions about anything that may be happening at school, do not hesitate in contacting us.

BE AN ATTENDANCE H.E.R.O

- ★ Here
- ★ Everyday
- ★ Ready
- ★ On Time



Attendance Matters

The school would like to thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance and ensuring that every day counts towards learning. Being engaged in learning matters, right from a child's first days in early learning, throughout primary schooling and secondary schooling. Aotearoa New Zealand's children need every opportunity to learn, participate, and flourish by regularly attending school.

Please remember, if we don't hear from you, if we are unable to contact you, or if we do not have the correct information from you by 6:00 pm, your child is considered as unjustified or truant on our reports.

Is Your Child Going to be Absent Today?

If your child is going to be absent, it is important that you notify the school, along with a reason (you must specify the reason, simply saying that they are away is not sufficient). This can be done:

- Through the school website absence form
- Calling the school on 552 5204
- Emailing the school office on office@whakamarama.school.nz
- Using the Skoolloop App on your phone

Teacher Only Days - A reminder to calendar 😊

Our first teacher only day is less than 4 weeks away. Have you



MILD RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS

If a child tests negative for COVID-19 and they do not have any symptoms of concern it is okay for them to be at school if all of these apply.

- They do not have a fever and they do not need medicine to reduce a fever, like paracetamol or ibuprofen.
- They only have mild symptoms such as a mild cough, headache, or runny or blocked nose.
- They appear well - they are happy, eating and drinking normally, and can easily focus on learning.



Hay Fever and Allergy Symptoms

If your child has a history of hay fever or allergies and experiences their usual symptoms like sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, or coughing, they can still go to school. It's also okay if they sneeze due to changes in temperature or environmental factors like dust or sunlight.



Non-Infectious Skin Problems

Your child can attend school with non-infectious skin issues, such as:

- insect bites
- cuts
- scratches
- grazes
- eczema

These conditions are not contagious



When An Unwell Child Should Stay Home

Your child should stay home from school if:

- They've tested positive for COVID-19.
- They have a concerning symptom.
- They seem very unwell, upset, or unsettled.
- Public health or their doctor has advised them to stay home due to a contagious illness like measles.

If your child is experiencing anxiety at school, discuss with their parent or caregiver the best steps to manage it while ensuring they receive support to attend school.



Symptoms of Concern

If your child develops any of the following symptoms at school, contact their parent or caregiver for them to be picked up and for at home:

- Fever: Temperature higher than 38°C.
- Vomiting or diarrhea.
- School sores or other untreated sores.
- Sore throat requiring pain relief.
- New rash that could signal a serious illness.
- Wheezing or difficulty breathing.

Head lice (nits) is another issue to be aware of.



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marked your calendar and made arrangements for your child / children on Friday 28th March?

Policies and Procedures

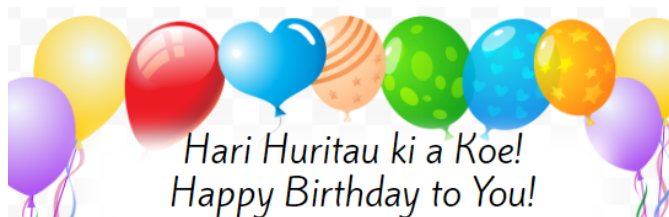
All school policies and procedures can be viewed at our SchoolDocs Site using the username and password below. The SchoolDocs Site contains a search tool allowing you to search for a topic or theme.



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)

These children all have a March (Poutū-te-rangi) birthday!!



5 Years Arya
6 Years Isabella, Lacey
8 Years Leo
10 Years Taylor
12 Years Shalomey

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

March - Poutū-te-rangi	
3 - 7th March	Sea Week
Wednesday 5th	Year 5 - 8 Bay Conservation Alliance trip to Katikati
Thursday 6th	Technology for Years 7 & 8 - Remember your shoes!
Monday 10th	Technology for Years 7 & 8 - Remember your shoes!
Monday 10th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Thursday 13th	Top Schools Competition for Years 7 & 8
Thursday 13th	School Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Friday 14th	Top Schools Competition for Years 5 & 6
Friday 21st	PTA Disco 5.30pm
Friday 28th	TEACHER ONLY DAY - School Closed
April - Paenga-whāwhā	
Friday 4th	School Assembly - Come join us!
Monday 7th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Friday 11th	PTA School Lunch
Friday 11th	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28th	TERM 2 Starts
May - Harata	
Tuesday 6th	3 Way Conferences
Wednesday 7th	3 Way Conferences
Thursday 8th	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Friday 9th	School Cross Country
Monday 12th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre

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Jungle adventure begin! Bounce, Climb, Slide, Repeat.
Age: Up to 10yrs | Players on at once: 1-5
Inflated dimensions (LxWxH): 3.90m x 3.30m x 2.75m
\$199.00 / day

Ember the Dragon
Jump area | Slide | Ball pit | Ball hoop
Calling all Knights, Princesses and Adventurer's up to 6yrs.
Embark on a magical adventure with Ember the Dragon. Bring Ember
the Dragon home today and watch your kids' faces light up with
excitement as they enter the mystical world of Ember the Dragon!
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