

NEWSLETTER NO. 4 - 19th 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 7. I want to take a moment to thank you, our school community, for creating such a vibrant and supportive environment for our learners. A place where learning is cherished, where fun and laughter throughout the school day is heard, and where inclusion, unity and a sense of family are at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you students, teachers, staff, families and whānau for contributing to our place. Your dedication, enthusiasm, care and kindness are what makes our school truly special 🌸

Year 5 / 6 Swim Time Trials

Tuesday 18 March hosted an opportunity to send a Year 5 / 6 swim team down to the Ōmokoroa No 1 School pool to participate in a time trial event with Pāhoia School and Matahui School. The aim of the morning was to select a team to represent our Small Schools at the North Cluster swimming event.

Team Whakamārama: Kingston, William, Reon, Mia, Lexi, Armani, Aaliyah and Taylor.

Our learners were truly amazing, giving their all in every event. They maintained a positive and respectful attitude throughout, clearly enjoying themselves.



Whakamārama parents who attended the event were equally impressive, offering unwavering support and stepping in whenever needed. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou (huge gratitude to you all) 😊

Congratulations to Taylor, Mia, Reon and Armani who have moved through to the North Cluster event. We wish you all the very best 🍀

PTA Fundraiser

The PTA is hosting **'A Touch of Green: St. Patrick's Day-Inspired Community Disco'** this upcoming Friday (21 March). Are you ready?

🎵 Awesome tunes from DJ Babz

☀️ Glow-in-the-dark merchandise to light up the night

🍷 Delicious food to keep you energized

🎮 Fun games for everyone to enjoy!

In need of tickets? These can be purchased at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/a-touch-of-green-community-disco>



Our New Classrooms

We are in the final stages of the completion of our new classrooms and the timeline for completion is on track for the opening of the classrooms at the beginning of Term 2. The deck and stadium steps have been completed and a canopy has been installed. The final drainage and electrical works are underway, and the landscaping (earthworks, lawn seeding, rotary hoe, and harrow) are all booked in for the end of March 😊

Our Year 3-6 learners went and had a sneaky peak of their new classrooms. It was magical to see faces of excitement as they moved around their modern space. They will genuinely own their space and turn it into something they call their own.

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Friday Freeze

Meremaraea was so grateful for all the support she received from our school community in raising funds for her as a selected player to Waiariki Māori Netball. A total of \$516 was raised towards her attendance at 2 noho marae and her fees for the Wellington tournament (taking place across Easter). Enabling dreams and inspiring futures sometimes needs a little help and support, and your support was truly valued.

We look forward to hearing from Meremaraea about the Wellington tournament. Ka taea e koe Meremaraea! You can do it!



Structured Literacy

In 2021, our school started their journey with the Better Start Literacy Approach. This structured literacy approach, a systematic and evidence-based teaching approach to ensure early literacy success for all our tamariki is used in Years 1-3. We are certainly seeing the impact of the professional learning development that has supported our teachers to implement this approach in their classrooms.



We recently put in an application to the MOE for funding to extend our professional learning development into Years 4-8, and it is with great enthusiasm from our teachers to hear that our application has been successful. Across Term 2, Miss Wallace, Miss Johnstone, Mrs Settle and Mrs Dassler will be working alongside the University of Canterbury, as they complete their micro-credential on this literacy approach - an integrated classroom literacy approach for fostering oral language, reading and writing success in children.

Swimming

We have had an amazing swimming season for our tamariki, but with the cooler weather, more students arriving without their togs, than with their togs, the swimming season has now come to an end.



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.



Teacher Only Days - A reminder to calendar 😊

Our first teacher only day is just over a week away. Have you 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.



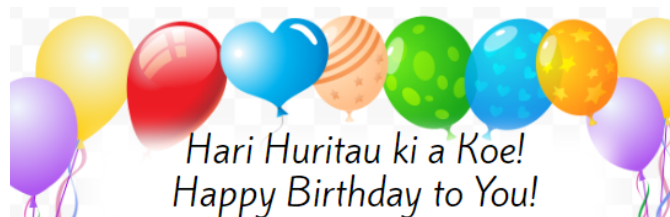
How to login:

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)

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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

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received an award at our whole school assembly on
Thursday the 13th of March - Mīharo! Awesome!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 13th March	Detroit	Superb effort when counting! Detroit is a 'positive' learner. Yay!
	Kieran	A focused reader. Keiran can retell a story with detail. Yahoo!
	Olee	Olee is making a super effort to improve his handwriting...and will reread at writing time - Wow!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 13th March	Ayla	For being an expert helper in Room 2 and using her knowledge to support others.
	Forrest	For showing manawa-roa in maths by having the confidence to try new learning independently.
	Miller	For showing Manawa-tina by being a kind friend and including others
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 13th March	Indhie	You are a hard working, independent and resilient learner who is achieving some amazing results, Indhie. Karawhiua - go for it!
	Isla	For displaying enthusiasm and excitement for learning and striving to produce quality work. Miharo - amazing, Isla!
	Heidi	For displaying a positive attitude, enthusiasm, impeccable manners and striving to produce work of a high standard. Tino pai rawa atu - excellent, Heidi!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 13th March	Mason	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Mason for showing manawa-ū. Amazing focus in writing! Keep it up!
	Tipene	Ka pai tō mahi! Congratulations to Tipene for striving for excellence and challenging himself in visual art.
	Ben	Ka pai tō mahi! Congratulations to Ben for showing manawa-ū in maths. Fabulous problem solving and discussing his ideas. Keep it up!
	Armani	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Armani for confidently sharing her ideas in her groups. A wonderful attitude towards her learning!

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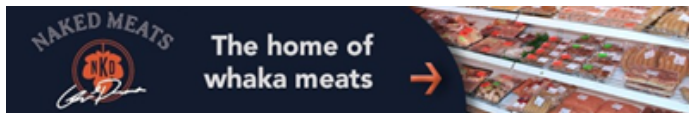
Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the
the school website

March - Poutū-te-rangi	
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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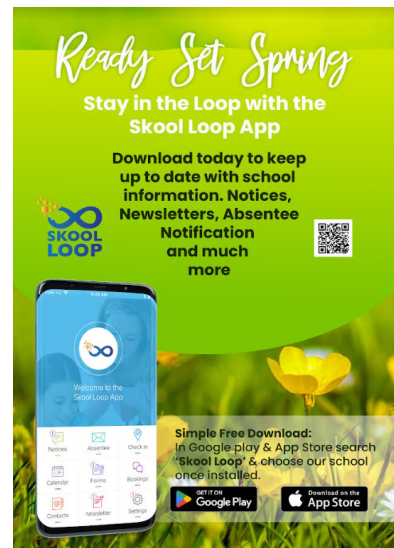
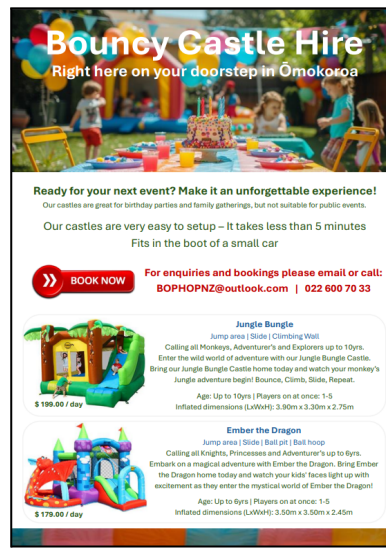
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