

NEWSLETTER NO. 5 - 2nd April 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 9. It surely is hard to believe that we are nearly a quarter of the way through the school year. We have all enjoyed the beautiful start to Autumn, with blue skies, cooler mornings and plenty of warm sunshine.

Parents, caregivers and whānau, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Thank you for working closely with us to achieve our vision of 'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving' / 'Ko te manawa ū, kia rere, kia tīna' Manawa ū (student with determination and resilience - supported by whānau) kia rere (to be empowered to thrive) kia tīna (may it be everlasting for generations to come). By working together in a positive way, we have seen our students continue to thrive and enjoy their learning journey at Whakamārama School - Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa; thank you to you all!



As we draw to the conclusion on the term, we are delighted to see how our learners have flourished and made the most of the learning opportunities offered to them. We eagerly anticipate another engaging term ahead, filled with new possibilities for growth and discovery.



We extend our warmest wishes to all our school families for a safe and enjoyable term break. We look forward to reconnecting with you all in Term 2.



North Cluster Swimming Event

Well done Mia, Taylor, Reon and Armani for demonstrating exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship at the North Cluster Swimming Competition on Thursday 27 March 2025. Our competitors should feel extremely proud of themselves.

Congratulations Mia for achieving 3rd 1 Length Butterfly and 2nd 4 Length Medley (Year 5 Girls). Congratulations Taylor for achieving 3rd 4 Length Medley (Year 6 Girls)

Mia and Taylor will be representing the North Cluster at the WBOP Swimming Championship on the 9th April. We wish them all the very best 🍀



Term 4 Rippa Rugby

Rippa Rugby came to an end on Monday 24 March. 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. Thank you everyone that was involved in supporting our vision of 'Actively involved learners, empowered and thriving' come to life.

Garden to Table

The Garden to Table program is a cornerstone of our school's commitment to hands-on learning, sustainability, and community engagement. By integrating this program into our curriculum, we provide students with invaluable opportunities to connect with nature, understand where their food comes from, and develop essential life skills.

It was great to see Room 1 learners being able to head over to the school garden across the last two weeks to undertake some well needed work (mahi). During the construction of our news classroom, and the garden being unable to access, the weeds certainly decided to make their presence. But under all those weeds, a great harvest was found - watermelon, potatoes, cucumbers and more!

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Lots of learning happened in the kitchen on the 19th March. A range of delicious recipes were on the menu - Asian cucumber salad, new potatoes and a not-so-successful apple cake 😊 The kitchen group had some wonderful reflections on the importance of following the recipe closely and rechecking their measurements.



Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa to our knowledgeable helpers who support our tamariki to thrive in the kitchen and garden.

Our Teacher Only Day: Mathematics Professional Learning Development

On our recent Teacher Only Day, Friday 28 March, our teaching team engaged in professional learning development (PLD) on the Mathematics & Statistics Refreshed Learning Area of the NZ Curriculum. We worked alongside colleagues from Pāhoia, Ōmokoroa Point and Ōmokoroa. This day was an invaluable opportunity for our staff to deepen their understanding of the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum and explore the best ways to support student learning.



Our New Classrooms We continue to be on track for the completion of our classrooms 😊 We are 'sooooo' excited about opening up our new learning spaces!

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From the Presiding Member, Fraser Mills

Elections for our school Board will be happening in September this year. Are you interested in giving back to our amazing school community? If you would like to know more, please contact myself Fraser, or Mrs Harty (Sharon), our returning officer.

Who can become a board member? No experience needed.

Anyone in the community can become a board member (Parents / caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives). It doesn't matter what you do - it matters that you care about education in our community and you want to make a difference. It is also important for our board to reflect the diversity that we have within our community to ensure the bright future for all our children.



Why consider joining a school board?

School board members are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

The school board elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students!

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference." Lorraine Kerr, NZSTA President

Come along to a board meeting. A great opportunity to learn how a school operates with the direction of the board members. It's not hard, get involved. We usually meet monthly. Please let us know if you wish to attend a meeting so that we can direct you to the attendance procedures of the general public.

Concerns, Complaints, Compliments

At Whakamārama School we promote a school culture where it is safe to raise concerns and complaints and where we assess and respond to these with due care. This is in keeping with our responsibility to provide a safe environment for students, staff, and the school community (Education and Training Act 2020; Health and Safety at Work Act 2015). This also enables us to monitor our policies and processes and ensure that the school is operating effectively.

Do you need some help with something that is happening at our school? Do you have a compliment you want to pass on or share? Do you have a concern or question about something? We are always happy to talk about any of these things so that we can work to meet the needs of our learners and their families / whānau in the very best way that we can. We want to hear from you if things are not going well so that we can work together to resolve them. We would also love to hear from you about things that are really making a difference for you and your child/ren!

Excerpt taken from our Behaviour Management overarching policy:

Parent / Caregiver Concerns

If a parent/caregiver has concerns about incidents between students, staff, or other parents/caregivers, they should contact our school directly to voice their concerns through the appropriate channels. We do not encourage parents/caregivers to approach students, their whānau, or other members of the school community to privately discuss behaviour issues. This also applies to incidents that occur out of school time or off school grounds but when students are still connected with the school e.g. at camp or on school trips, and while wearing school uniform, or travelling to and from school.

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School Assembly - Thursday 3rd April (Change of Date)

2:00 pm School Assembly at the Whakamārama Community Centre. This is our final assembly for the term - we look forward to seeing you 😊

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.

Does attendance really matter?

The Ministry of Education has set guidelines that children have an attendance rate of 90% or more per term.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child is missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years...
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Almost 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

If you want your child to be successful at school then Yes! Attendance does matter and Every Day Counts!

Policies and Procedures

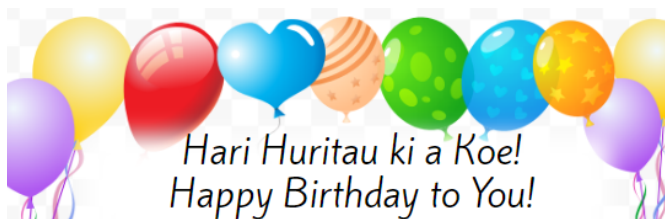
All school policies and procedures can be viewed at our SchoolDocs Site using the username and password below. The SchoolDocs Site contains a search tool allowing you to search for a topic or theme.

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 an April (Paenga-whāwhā) birthday!!



5 Years Define
7 Years Rico, Wolf
12 Years Tipene, Connor

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

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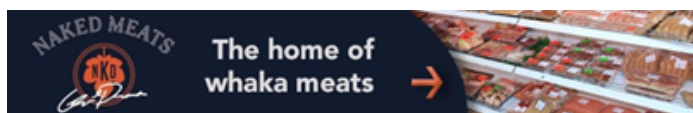
April - Paenga-whāwhā

Thursday 3rd	School Assembly - Come join us!
Monday 7th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Tuesday 8th	Board Meeting 6pm
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
Monday 12th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Thursday 15th	School Cross Country
Thursday 15th	School Assembly - Come join us!
Tuesday 20th May	Tall Poppies & North Cluster Cross Country
Tuesday 20th	Board Meeting 6pm

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MATHS TUTOR

Local maths tutor available for Years 2 to 8.

Reasonable hourly rate.

Please contact Clare 021545452, or email clarehgreen@xtra.co.nz.

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Week 1 GET OUT AND PLAY!

Week 2 TRAIN LIKE A PRO

LEVEL UP FOOTBALL X OMOKORO A

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April 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
AGE 5-13 YRS

Week 1: Mon 14, Tue 15, Wed 16, Thur 17 April
Week 2: Tue 22, Wed 23, Thur 24 April

SPECIAL ATTRACTION WEEK 1 ONLY:
CUDDLES WITH A LITTER OF
CAVODOLE PUPPIES!!

- HORSE-TIME & RIDES
- PETTING ZOO
- GAMES, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
- CAMPFIRE LUNCH
- FARM ANIMAL AND EEL FEEDING

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:
allaboutanimals80@gmail.com

SCHOOL'S OUT APRIL 2025!

Jungle

Competitions available from
3pm Friday 11 April
(competitions close midday Saturday 26 April)

- ✳ Take & Make Kits
- ✳ Scavenger Hunt
- ✳ Colouring Competition
- ✳ Teen Competition

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School Holiday Calendar and check out our website:
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Enter the wild world of adventure with our Jungle Bungle Castle.
Bring our Jungle Bungle Castle home today and watch your monkey's
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 Adventurers 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!
Age: Up to 6yrs | Players on at once: 1-5
Inflated dimensions (LxWxH): 3.50m x 3.50m x 2.45m
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WEEK ONE OF THE APRIL HOLIDAYS!

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4 secret secret secret	5 egg egg ham	6 over over
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Can you solve these Rebus?

A Rebus is all about using images (also known as 'pictographs') to communicate a message. The key to understanding how this works, though, is to remember that it is the sound of the object/person/idea depicted by the image that's being used, not the meaning of the image itself.

Happy solving!

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