

NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - 7th May 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

A warm welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a refreshing break. It's wonderful to see everyone back and ready for what promises to be a busy (although shorter) term. Despite the shorter timeframe, we have much to look forward to! We are definitely enjoying the sunny autumn weather that Week 2 has brought ☀️

Welcome to our new students

We welcome Luke, Imogen, Flynn H and Ngapine to Whakamārama School. It is wonderful to have you join us.



Our New Classrooms

It's been a long time waiting, but we are thrilled to now have two new modern learning spaces open for use 😊. Learning spaces designed to provide an inspiring and comfortable learning environment for our students - very modern 😊. The design of the classrooms complements the school environment beautifully, making them feel like a natural extension of our school. We are so excited to have 5 classrooms open until the end of the year. Let's celebrate our small class numbers. Let's celebrate our new learning spaces. Let's celebrate the dedicated teaching team that our learners have in front of them. Let's embrace this exciting chapter! ☀️



To our Year 3-6 learners: These spaces are yours to explore, learn, and grow.

3 Way Conferences

Our 3 way learning conferences provide the opportunity to share information, to dialogue and celebrate learning, and to determine next steps for our learners. They are an opportunity to meet together, with the child's interests and needs at the heart of the meeting.

I would like to acknowledge and thank students, teachers, parents and whānau for making the time to unite this week. Thank you for valuing our vision '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).

Parents, please remember, if you have questions or any points that you would like to discuss about your child, the teachers are always available for you 😊

School Cross County

Day: Thursday 15 May 2025
Where: Whakamārama School
Time: 1:00 pm



The sun is due to shine ☀️ and we are looking forward to celebrating and embracing the efforts of all our learners. We look forward to parents, caregivers and whānau uniting with us.

Yummy Apple Stickers Are you all still munching through apples and collecting the stickers? The more stickers we get, the more FREE sports gear!



PTA Thanks

Have you noticed our new dual basketball / netball hoops installed on our hard court area? Our learners sure have! A massive thanks to the PTA for organising the purchase and install of our dual basketball / netball hoops. We have no doubt that we will be seeing a number of our children busy and active during break times. Thank you Barfoot and Thompson who also contributed funds towards the hoops.

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Last term we received \$1500 from the PTA to go towards the purchasing of library books. Mrs Buchanan, our librarian, has had a lot of fun selecting books for our learners. Picture books, novels and a great selection of junior non-fiction. Lots of books coded and ready for the shelves 😊



From the Presiding Member, Fraser Mills

Do you, or someone you know, have a PASSION for our school community, and for making a difference?

Education in New Zealand seems to be in a constant state of change. With school board elections happening later this year, it is timely to get better informed and consider getting more involved in our kura by standing for the Whakamārama School Board.

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.

Anyone in our community can become a board member. It doesn't matter what you do - it matters that you care about education in our community and you want to make a difference.

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.

 **SCHOOL
TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS**

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

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.

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.



The image below shows our school's provisional attendance figures for Term 1 this year. The Government has set a target: **by 2030, 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.**

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We are a little off that figure, most of our absence reasons (73%) are for either sickness or term time holidays. We do encourage families to avoid taking family holidays outside of school holiday periods, but we also understand that this is not always possible.

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

 Regular Attendance

71%

Compared to 78% in Term 1, 2024

 Irregular Absence 20%

Compared to 17% in Term 1, 2024

 Moderate Absence 7%

Compared to 4% in Term 1, 2024

 Chronic Absence 2%

Compared to 1% in Term 1, 2024

Reasons for absence

If your child is going to be absent or late for school for any reason, please contact the school before 8.50am to advise us of their absence. **If your child is sick, we need more than 'My child is sick' as a response.** It is very important to advise us of the reason for your child's absence otherwise their absence may be recorded as truant, and this information is now shared daily with the Ministry of Education. A medical absence of more than three days requires a medical certificate to be presented to the school office or principal.



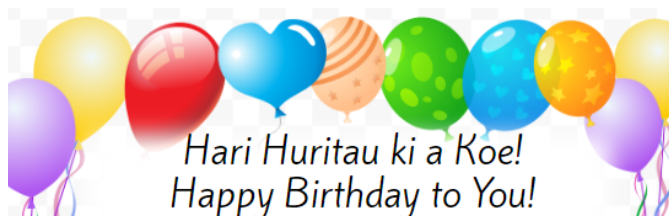
Teacher Only Day

Across the year, our teaching team will be undertaking structured mathematics professional learning development (PLD). Facilitators will be supporting our school and school leaders with the implementation of the revised Mathematics and Statistics area of the NZ curriculum for years 0 – 8.

A gentle reminder that our next day of learning is on **Friday 16th May 2025**. If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendar and make arrangements for your child / children.

Moving forward, our cluster schools (Pāhoia, Ōmokoroa Point and Ōmokoroa No.1) made a decision to complete our 4 days of Mathematics and Statistics PLD across 2025, instead of carrying this into 2026. **Teacher only days have been calendared for Friday 19 September and Friday 14 November 2025. Please mark your calendar.**

These children all have a May (Haratua) birthday!!



6 Years Horijames
8 Years Cohen, Cairos, Felix A
10 Years Armani
12 Years Tristan, Jamie

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received an award at our whole school assembly on
Thursday the 4th of April - Mīharo! Awesome!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 9 3rd April	Horijames	Tino pai! A super learning buddy! Thank you - Horijames is a helpful learner.
	Freya	Tino pai Super effort being shown during maths, reading and writing! So fabulous! Keep this

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		focus.
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 9 3rd April	Kurt	For showing Manawa-nui by being open to working alongside and supporting others.
	Willow	For showing Manawa-roa by being focused and persevering when completing work independently.
	Wolf	For showing Manawa-nui by being kind, helpful and supportive of others.
	Maddie	For being an engaged learner and showing confidence in sharing her well thought out ideas.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 9 3rd April	George	For thinking really carefully about your learning and contributing interesting and thoughtful ideas to discussions. Tino pai rawa atu - excellent, George!
	Sam	For striving to produce quality work that is neatly presented. Mahi Pai - Outstanding work, Sam!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 9 3rd April	Noah G	Kei runga noa atu koe! Congratulations to Noah for showing amazing curiosity and reflection in his learning. WOW!
	Taylor	Ka pai tō mahi! Congratulations to Taylor for showing manawa-ū. Your perseverance in maths is amazing. Keep up the great work!
PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES		
Week 9 3rd April	Jack	Jack, I have noticed you working hard in all areas of the classroom. You are asking good questions to develop your knowledge. Never stop! Well done!
	Detroit	Detroit, I have noticed you being a responsible learner. You are trying your best and working hard to achieve your goals. Ka mau te wehi! Fantastic Detroit!
	Terence	Terence, I have enjoyed watching you extend yourself in your learning - especially mathematics. You are making good choices Terence and I look forward to seeing where 2025 takes you.
	Delia	Delia, I have noticed an increased confidence in yourself. It has been fantastic to see you encouraging others and taking on leadership roles. Ka mau te wehi! How terrific Delia!
	Cohen	Cohen, I have noticed great leadership. You are helpful, considerate and caring. You are a role model for your peers and an excellent example of our school values. Miharo! Awesome Cohen!
	Eva	Eva, you consistently show great dedication to your work and everything you do within the school. You are an excellent example of our school values. Miharo! Wonderful Eva!
	Eben	Eben, I have noticed excellent effort in all learning areas - especially reading. You are working hard to achieve your goals - a great example to those around you. Tino pai rawa atu! Excellent!
	Chloe	Chloe, I have noticed great dedication to your work and a willingness to extend yourself. You are showing great leadership qualities. You are an excellent example of our school values. Tino pai rawa atu! Excellent Chloe!

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

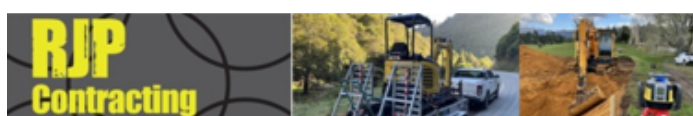
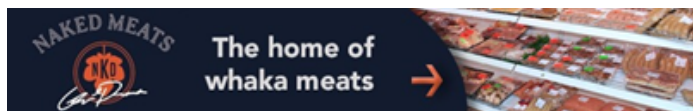
May - Harata	
Wednesday 7	3 Way Conferences
Thursday 8	Year 7 / 8 Technology Classes - Wear covered shoes
Thursday 8	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 12	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Thursday 15	School Cross Country followed by School Assembly - Come join us!
Friday 16	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Monday 19	Dune Habitat Field Trip - Rooms 1 & 5 (Years 5-8)
Tuesday 20	Tall Poppies & North Cluster Cross Country PP: 23 May
Tuesday 20	Board Meeting 6pm
Thursday 22	Year 7 / 8 Technology Classes
Thursday 29	Year 7 / 8 Technology Classes
June / Piripi	
Monday 2nd	Kings Birthday - school closed
Friday 6th	Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Monday 9th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Tuesday 24th	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

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Thursday 26th	Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term 2
July / Hōngongoi	
Monday 14th July	First Day of Term 3
Monday 21st	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre

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Week 1 GET OUT AND PLAY!

Week 2 TRAIN LIKE A PRO

LEVEL UP FOOTBALL X OMOKORO AFC

Register online at www.omokoroafc.co.nz/programmes

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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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
CAVODDLE 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

For more information pickup your
School Holiday Calendar and check out our website:
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Jungle Bungle
Jump area | Slide | Climbing Wall
Calling all Monkeys, Adventure's and Explorers up to 10yrs.
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 3.20m x 2.75m
\$199.00 / day

Ember the Dragon
Jump area | Slide | Ball pit | Ball hoop
Calling all Knights, Princesses and Adventure's up to 10yrs.
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 10yrs | Players on at once: 1-5
Inflated dimensions (LxWxH): 3.50m x 3.50m x 2.45m
\$179.00 / day

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Young Explorers Camp
NGAMUWAHINE LODGE
14th-17th April, 2025

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Mon-Thu

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WEEK ONE OF THE APRIL HOLIDAYS!

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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