

NEWSLETTER NO. 8 - 4th June 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

It's hard to believe we're nearly halfway through the year, with just over three weeks left until the end of Term 2. We've accomplished so much already, and there's still plenty more ahead to look forward to. Let's keep up the momentum and finish the term strong together!

PTA Congratulations

We are thrilled to announce that the Whakamārama School PTA has successfully secured a grant for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be installed outside Whakamārama School.

AEDs are vital, life-saving devices that can make all the difference in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. They are designed to be simple to use - even for those without medical training. Currently, the closest AED is at Ōmokoroa No1 School, 6.8 km (about 8 minutes) away from the school. In a cardiac emergency, every minute counts: the chances of survival decrease by 10% for every minute without defibrillation and CPR. Using an AED within 3-5 minutes can dramatically improve survival rates.



Defibrillators Save Lives

Given that the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a valuable community resource, it's important for us to have collective responsibility for its ongoing costs and maintenance.

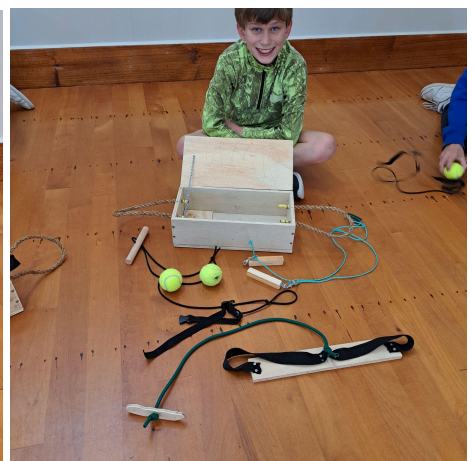
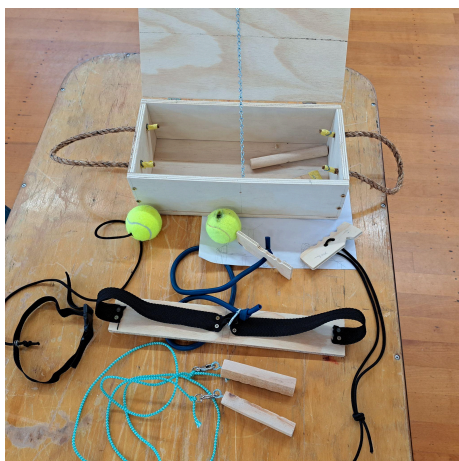
After the AED is installed, we will be reaching out for community donations to help cover ongoing costs and maintenance. Together, we can ensure this life-saving device is always ready when it's needed most - making Whakamārama a safer place for everyone!

Year 7 / 8 Technology Classes

With the dedicated planning and delivery of our Year 7 / 8 technology programme from Alison and Tom, our Year 7 / 8 learners have had a great second term of learning.

In soft technology, sewing machine skills were introduced to our learners - lots of love, engagement and problem solving here! Knot cushions was the first project undertaken, where our learners were introduced to sewing in a straight line 😊 With this skill mastered, they then moved on to producing aprons for the 'Garden To Table' kitchen - great hit! During hard technology with Tom, our learners used a range of skills to create a home gym in a box. Happy indoor exercising during the winter months!

Awesome job Alison and Tom!



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Spotlight on Learning - Visual Art

This term, our school's creative spotlight has been on the fascinating world of collage. Across all classrooms, students have delved into the processes and elements that make collage such a dynamic art form. They have explored the works of renowned collage artists, gaining inspiration and insight into different styles and techniques.

Through hands-on experimentation, students have discovered a variety of paper techniques—cutting, tearing, layering, and arranging—to bring their own imaginative ideas to life. The results have been truly impressive, with vibrant and original artworks now brightening our learning spaces. It's been a wonderful journey of creativity, discovery, and artistic growth for everyone involved!



2025 BOPMCC Inter Schools MX (2025)

Did you know we have two talented Motocross enthusiasts in our midst? Eben and Kingston, with the support of their families, are proudly representing our school at the 2025 BOPMCC Inter Schools MX event.

The first event took place on Friday, 16 May, where Eben achieved 12th place in the Mini 65cc race, and Kingston raced to a 6th place finish in the Pro MX 65cc category.

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With the Waikato Interschools event coming up in July, we're all cheering for Eben and Kingston as they continue to make the school community proud. Best of luck, Eben and Kingston - keep riding strong and enjoying every moment on the track! 🚩🏍️👏



School Assembly

Whole school assemblies are held every three weeks and are a wonderful opportunity to showcase current classroom learning and celebrate our learners' achievements with class certificates. All parents and whānau are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

Our next assembly will be held this Friday, 6 June. We look forward to seeing you there! 😊



In Zone Enrolments

If you have a child turning five this year or next year, and you have not yet completed an enrolment form, please do so now. Knowing student numbers is crucial for effective school planning and the allocation of resources (classrooms, teachers, and other essentials). Forms can be collected from the school office or digital forms can be sent out at request by contacting the school office: office@whakamarama.school.nz

School Roll 2024

It is the time of the year where we need to start thinking about our school roll for 2026. If you know that your child will not be attending Whakamārama School next year, or even if you may be considering your child moving on, can you please let the office know. To support decisions and organisation, it is important for the board to have an indication of numbers.

From the Presiding Member, Fraser Mills

Get Involved: Whakamārama School Board Elections 2025

Education in New Zealand is always evolving, and so is our kura! With the Whakamārama School Board elections coming up in September, now is the perfect time to get informed and consider playing a more active role in our school community.

Why get involved?

- Joining the Board is a meaningful way to support the school that shapes our tamariki (children). Your involvement helps create a positive, thriving environment for all students.
- Board members play a key role in decision-making. You'll help set the school's vision, priorities, and policies, ensuring Whakamārama School continues to grow and succeed.
- Everyone brings something unique—whether it's financial expertise, governance experience, cultural knowledge, or a passion for education. Your background can make a real difference.
- Education is always evolving. As a Board member, you'll help ensure our kura adapts to new challenges and opportunities, giving our students the best possible start.

Interested? Here's What to Do

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- Contact us: If you'd like to know more, please reach out to myself (Fraser, Presiding Member frenzel@gmail.com), Mrs. Harty (Sharon, our returning officer office@whakamarama.school.nz) or Mrs Williams (Brenda, our staff representative brenda.williams@whakamarama.school.nz)
- Attend a board meeting: Come along and see how the board operates. Meetings are usually held monthly, and it's a great way to learn about the governance of our school. Please let us know if you wish to attend so we can guide you through the attendance procedures.

Get involved—it's not hard, and your contribution will be valued!

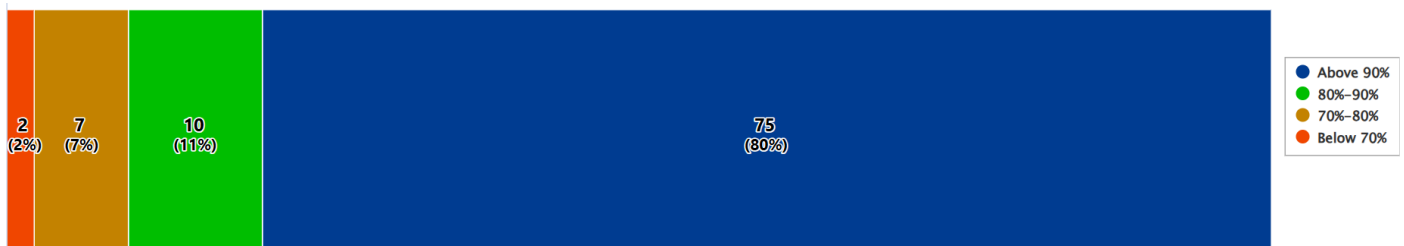
Attendance Matters

The school would like to sincerely thank parents and whānau for fostering the importance of attendance and ensuring that every day counts towards learning.

Thank you for helping us keep accurate attendance records by providing us with a specific reason as to why your child is absent.



Looking at our current attendance below (year to date), you can see that the commitment from parents / whānau to have their child / children at school continues - AWESOME! Please keep it up!



Our Community Conduct Expectations

Whakamārama School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors. Our Code of Conduct policy serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical wellbeing.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sport).

Parents, whānau and caregivers, we thank you, or remind you for:

- ★ treating everyone with respect
- ★ working together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- ★ respecting and adhering to our school values
- ★ setting a good example for students at all times
- ★ following school procedures to handle any concerns or complaints
- ★ adhering to our school policies and procedures and legal requirements

As our school continues to grow and we warmly welcome new families, it's a good time to also share a gentle reminder about our school's procedure regarding parent concerns about behaviour.

Excerpt taken from our Behaviour Management overarching policy:

Parent Concerns about Student Behaviour

If a parent has a concern about an incident at school, the parent should contact the school and the school will deal with the concern. Parents should not approach other students or parents about school behaviour incidents. 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, while wearing school uniform, or travelling to and from school.

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Teacher Only Day

A gentle reminder that we have **teacher only days** calendared for **Friday 19 September and Friday 14 November 2025**. On these days, school will be closed for students. We kindly ask you to mark these dates in your calendar and make alternative arrangements for your child/children.



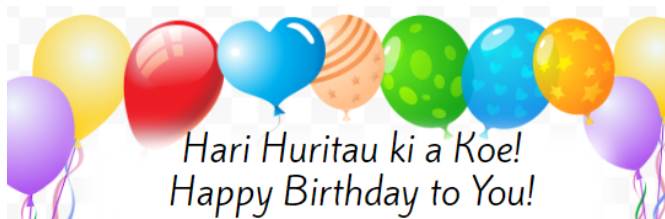
Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to enhance our teaching and learning programmes 😊



Yummy Apple Stickers

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

These children all have a June (Pipiri) birthday!!



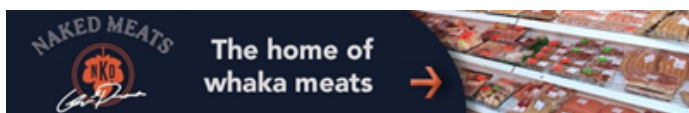
5 Years Imogen
6 Years Olee
8 Years George, Forrest
9 Years Zac
10 Years William, Eva, Mia, Reon, Lexi M
11 Years Lexi H
12 Years Johnathan

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

June / Piripi	
Friday 6th	Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Monday 9th	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Tuesday 10th	WBOP Cross Country Champs
Wednesday 11th	Tackle 5's Rugby Tournament
Friday 20th	Matariki
Tuesday 24th	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
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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Matariki
CELEBRATE AT WESTERN BAY LIBRARIES

Join us for our special Matariki-inspired
story time

Te Puke Library & Service Centre
10:30am Thursday 12 June - Matariki story time

Ōmokoroa Library & Service Centre
10:00am Friday 13 June - Matariki story time

Waihi Beach Library & Service Centre
10:00am Wednesday 18 June - Matariki story time

Katikati Library & Service Centre
10:00am Thursday 19 June - Matariki story time

And drop in between Thursday 12 June - Thursday 19 June
for our Matariki-themed **activities:**
Scavenger Hunt
Colouring Contest
Take & Make Kits

Western Bay of Plenty District Libraries
0800 926 732

In observance of Matariki, our library and Service Centres will be **CLOSED** on Friday 20 June - Saturday 21 June
and will **REOPEN** at 9am on Monday 23 June. Due to construction, Waihi Beach Library & Service Centre will be
CLOSED from Thursday 18 June and will **REOPEN** at 9am on Tuesday 1 July 2023.

HUME Katikati's Kiwifruit Company.

Bringing our community together for over 40 years

Saturday 5th July
8am-12pm

Dress in blue!

Free face painting and sausage sizzle

Open to all ages

Spot prizes to be won

5K & 10K FUN WALK & RUN

Start and finish at War Memorial Hall, Katikati

FREE REGISTRATION
Scan the QR code or visit:
HUMEPACK.CO.NZ/FUN-RUN

STEPS PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DATES: 1 JULY - 3 JULY 2023
TIME: 9.30 AM - 3.30 PM
AGES: 7 - 12 YEARS
COST: \$170
WHERE: TAURANGA CENTRAL

DESCRIPTION: Jan STEPS for a 3 day holiday programme exploring the genres of singing, dance, acting, and performance and gain confidence, have fun and celebrate your uniqueness.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL: No experience necessary just bring your enthusiasm and imagination

BOOKINGS: Essential as the programmes do fill up quickly!

Contact STEPS for a booking form and information sheet
0212 744 116 paulaharrison@stepsperformingarts.com stepsperformingarts

Tauranga Swim School

HOLIDAY TERM 2 INTENSIVE PROGRAM

Week 1
30th June - 4th July

Week 2
7th - 11th July

14th Ave Pool & Toi Oho Mai

From \$100 5x 30, 45 and 60 Min Group Lessons

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