

NEWSLETTER NO. 9 - 25th 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

As we wrap up another fantastic term, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of our school community. The dedication and support from our staff, parents, caregivers, whānau, board members, PTA, and wider community have created a wealth of learning opportunities and possibilities for our students.



It is this collective effort and commitment that truly drives the success of our school. Our learners are incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by a community that is passionate about providing the very best for them. Thank you all for your ongoing support - together, we are shaping actively involved learners, empowered and thriving! 😊



Happy Holidays

Parents and whānau, we hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break over the school holidays with your children. We look forward to hearing the wonderful stories from our tamariki when they return to school on Monday, 14 July. Enjoy the holiday time with family and friends.

To all the staff at Whakamārama School - happy holidays! Thank you for your dedication and hard work throughout the term. Have a well-deserved break - you earned it!

Planned Learning Space Improvements: Ngā Iti Kahurangi Project

Dates: Throughout the school holidays

Locations: Rooms 1, 2, 3 and Block A (main building)



During the upcoming school holidays, we are excited to undertake planned improvements in our learning spaces to enhance comfort, safety, and energy efficiency. The upgrades will include:

- Installation of energy-efficient LED lighting to brighten and modernise our classrooms
- Addition of acoustic panels to improve sound quality and reduce noise distractions
- Installation of thermal insulation in ceilings to better regulate classroom temperatures
- Upgrading electrical safety with residual current devices (RCDs)

These enhancements will bring our older classrooms up to a higher standard, creating a more comfortable and safe learning environment for everyone.

The school will be a busy place while important construction works are taking place. For the safety of everyone, we kindly ask that you remain off the school grounds during this period.

We appreciate your understanding and support as these essential improvements are carried out. Thank you for your cooperation.



Matariki

To deepen some understanding about Matariki, Thursday 19 June hosted a rotation of Matariki activities. Our learners moved around 5 areas of learning in Tuakana-Teina groups (older students and younger students).

Matariki Learning Highlights

- Waiata Fun 🎵: singing together was a beautiful way to celebrate and keep traditions alive.
- Shared Kai & Stories: enjoying pumpkin soup and bread while sharing stories saw our learners embody manaakitanga (hospitality) and bring everyone together.

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- Whakataukī Exploration: learning about proverbs, especially those connected to food, helped deepen our learners' understanding of Māori values and wisdom.
- Collaborative Matariki Feast / Hākari Poster: working together on a creative project strengthened our teamwork and celebrated the togetherness of Matariki.
- Learning About the 9 Stars: Understanding each star's meaning connected our learners to the environment and the deeper significance of Matariki.
- Gratitude Cards: Reflecting on gratitude and aspirations for the future aligned perfectly with the spirit of Matariki for our learners.

What an awesome way to end the week. The relaxed, engaged atmosphere - especially with everyone in their PJ's! - shows how learning can be both fun and meaningful. A huge thank you to parents and whānau who joined in. Your presence and support make these experiences even more special for our tamariki. 😊



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WBOP Cross Country Championship

Congratulations to Eben, Harry and Taylor who proudly represented our school at the WBOP Cross Country Championship held at Waipuna Park on Tuesday, 10th June. Their dedication, perseverance and sportsmanship stood out throughout the event. Their commitment and spirit not only made us proud but also exemplified the values we hold as a school community. Well done to all three for their incredible effort and determination!



WBOP Tackle 5's Rugby

A superb day at the WBOP Rugby Tackle 5s Tournament at Maramatanga Park, Te Puna on Wednesday 11 June. It was a pea soup kind of morning but the event led to our Year 5/6 team (William, Kingston, George, Eben & some extras from Te Puna) putting their bodies on the line and giving it their all. Their commitment and effort was outstanding; and we're sure they slept well after the event! 🌧️



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A huge thank you to Nick for sharing his skills and knowledge with the team. Thank you parents / whānau who were there to support. Your encouragement means so much to our young players - you are the secret ingredient on the sideline 😊 Cheers to Marcus and his team from the Baywide Primary Schools Tackle 5s Tournaments, for organising such a well-run and enjoyable event.



Bay of Plenty Primary Schools Representative Rugby Tournament

We are thrilled to celebrate Teama on his outstanding achievement of being selected for the 2025 Tauranga Tai Mitchell North Boys Rugby Team. Teama is on a journey to making history in the world of rugby.

This week, Teama is playing in the Tai Mitchells boys Rugby Tournament, held in Rotorua. Over the course of 4 ½ days, he will be fully focused on playing his best rugby and helping his team achieve their goals. We wish Teama, and his team, all the very best for the tournament 🏉 ✨

Teama extends his thanks to everyone who has supported him along the way. Check him out in his new rugby kit. Here's to memorable moments on and off the field!

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 final assembly for Term 2 will be held Thursday 26th of June. We warmly invite our families to join us 😊 We look forward to seeing you soon. **CHANGE OF VENUE - SEE YOU IN ROOM 1**

School Sustainability and Resilience Fund

We thank all the parents and whānau who voted for our Garden Wellness and Sustainability project with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Although our project did not receive enough votes to secure funding this year, this outcome does not reflect the quality or importance of our proposal. It simply shows that we need even more community support to succeed. We have a strong application that we will resubmit in 2026 and look forward to making our vision a reality with more votes and continued support.

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 2026

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 Matt, Whakamārama School Board Member

Come Join Our School Board Whānau!

Being part of our school is something special — and a rewarding way to get even more involved is by joining our School Board.

I first became involved after being invited to come along and simply see what it was all about. I quickly realised how valuable it is to be part of the team that helps shape the direction of our school, always putting our children's learning and wellbeing at the centre of every decision.

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You don't need any special experience — just a genuine interest in supporting our school. There's plenty of learning available, both online and in person, and a wonderful team of experienced Board members and school staff to guide you along the way.

Throughout the year, the Board works together to set goals, review progress, and ensure our school remains a safe, vibrant, and forward-thinking place for our tamariki. It's a great way to give back, learn new skills, and work alongside others who care deeply about our school family.

If you're curious or even just a little bit interested, come along and have a chat — we'd love to welcome you!

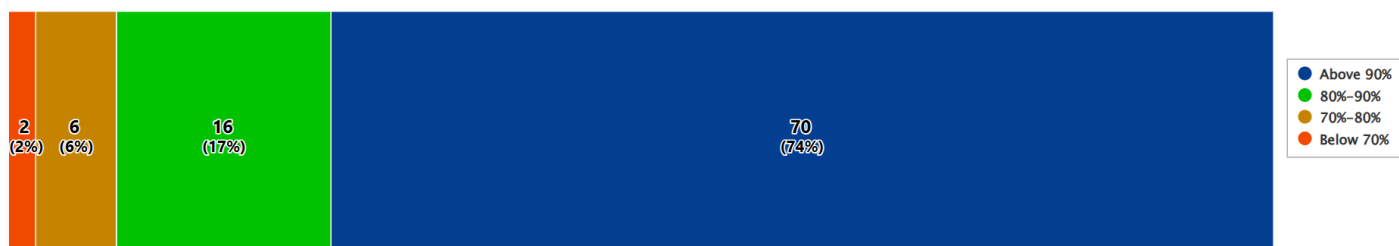
Attendance Matters

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 specific reasons for absences. AWESOME! Please keep up the great work!



Since our last newsletter, there has been a slight dip in the number of students attending above 90% of the time. However, we are confident in the strong commitment of our parents and whānau to support their children's attendance throughout the second half of the year. Together, we can make a positive difference in every student's learning journey.

Attendance figures year to date



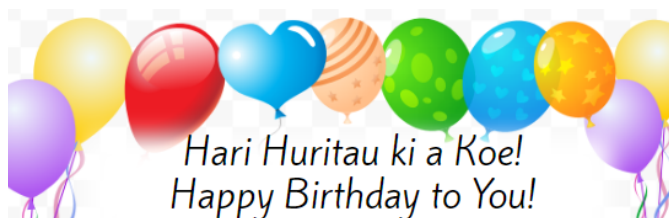
Teacher Only Day

Have you marked your calendar? **Teacher only days** calendared for **Friday 19 September and Friday 14 November 2025**. On these days, school will be closed for students.



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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received an award at our whole school assembly on **Thursday the 6th of June - Mīharo! Awesome!**

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Week 6 6th June	Dior	Ka rawe! Dior is making a focused effort to improve her writing! Super!
	Imogen	Wow! Wow! Imogen is a super learner, who has settled into school 'so' well. Yay!
	Flynn	Super duper Flynn! A great start to school - Yahoo!

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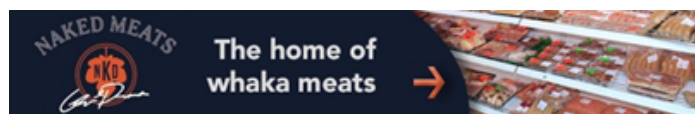
	Luke	Yay! Luke can be 'so' focused. A great start to school - Yahoo!
	Ngapine	Ngapine is learning to keep his focus - Good on you! Keep smiling.
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 6th June	Thomas	You are a super reader - you know how to use your letter sound knowledge to work out new words.
	Lacey	For showing manawa-roa in maths by always giving new learning a try.
	Jack	For being a great listener - you know it's important to listen to instructions so you know what to do.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 6th June	Cairos	For showing Manawa-ū by being actively engaged in all of your learning, sharing your ideas and striving to improve. Mahi pai - Cairos!
	Forrest	You are a hard working and focused learner. Your positive attitude and enthusiasm is a delight to have in Room 4. Mahi pai - great work, Forrest!
	Flynn	Your positive attitude, focus and drive to produce quality work is commendable. You set a fine example for others to follow. Tino pai rawa atu - excellent, Flynn!
	Zac	For showing Manawa-ū by being a diligent and focused learner who strives to produce quality work. Ka pai tō mahi, Zac!
ROOM 5 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 6th June	Oliver	Tino pai tō mahi! For thinking carefully in science
	Maxwell	Tino pai tō mahi! For comparing and contrasting in reading. Great job!
	Cha-Leigh	Tino pai tō mahi! For her enthusiasm towards learning - all day long!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 6th June	Jamie	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Jamie for showing manawa-ū in maths. Excellent problem solving and checking your calculations!
	Connor	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Connor for showing manawa-ū. You are an excellent thinker and shared fabulous ideas in science.
	Aaliyah	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Aaliyah for showing manawa-nui. You are respectful and hard working, a fantastic role model for others!

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 20th	Matariki - School Closed - Public Holiday
Tuesday 24th	Board 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	School Photos
Monday 21st	PTA Meeting 7pm at the Whakamārama Community Centre
Tuesday 22nd	Board Meeting 6pm
August / Here-turi-kōkā	
Friday 1st	Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Tuesday / Wednesday 12th & 13th	3 Way Conferences
Thursday 14th	Year 7 Boostrix
Friday 21st	Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Tuesday 26th	Board Meeting 6pm

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

July 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
Mon 30 June to Friday 4 July

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

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Whakamarama Community Centre

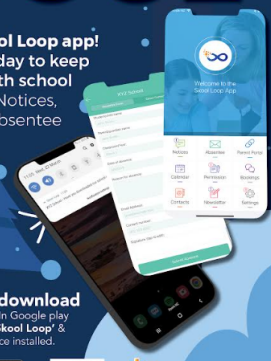


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SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAMS
Tauranga Hockey Association | July 2025

Holiday Program

Dates: 30 June, 1 July, 7 July & 8 July
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Years: 1-8
Focus: Skills, teamwork & fun!

Hockey 5s

Dates: 3 July, 4 July & 10 July
- 3 & 10 July: Years 5-8
- 4 July: Years 7-10
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Format: 5-a-side. Players register individually and can name up to two friends they'd like to be placed with. Teams will be balanced by organisers to ensure fair, competitive matchups.

Pricing (applies to both programs):

- 1 day - \$50 (base fee)
- 2 days - \$90 total (\$50 + \$40 add-on)
- 3 days - \$180 total (\$90 + \$90 add-on)
- 4 days - \$165 total (Holiday Program only)

Choose the days that suit you best when registering.

To register, visit the Tauranga Hockey website and click on the "Community Programmes" tab.
All sessions are held at the Tauranga Hockey Centre.
Questions? Get in touch with Lachie at officiating@tauragahockey.co.nz for more info.

STEPS PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DATES: 1 JULY - 3 JULY 2025
TIME: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
AGES: 7 - 12 YEARS
COST: \$170
WHERE: TAURANGA CENTRAL

DESCRIPTION:
Join 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
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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

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AOEC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$60 Per day

- Tuesday 1st July
- Wednesday 2nd July
- Tuesday 8th July
- Wednesday 9th July

9am-3.30pm

FOREST DISCOVERY - ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION - ARCHERY - HEAPS OF FUN LIMITED SPACES!

Inquire & book by emailing **TEAM@AOEC.ORG.NZ**



Tauranga Swim School

HOLIDAY TERM 1 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

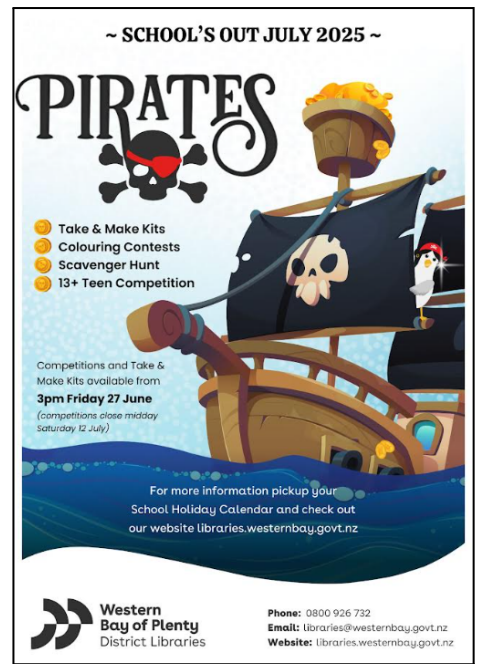
From **\$275** 5x 30, 45 and 60 Min Private Lessons

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ALL AGES

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~ SCHOOL'S OUT JULY 2025 ~

PIRATES

- Take & Make Kits
- Colouring Contests
- Scavenger Hunt
- 13+ Teen Competition

Competitions and Take & Make Kits available from **3pm Friday 27 June** (competitions close midday Saturday 12 July)

For more information pickup your School Holiday Calendar and check out our website libraries.westernbay.govt.nz

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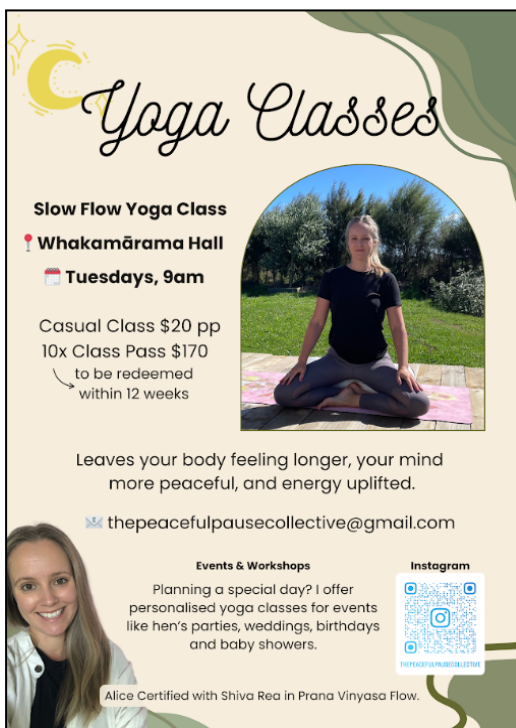
BAYLEYS

Bayleys

The school extends a heartfelt thank you to Anton and Elize for their support of Cluster Cross Country 2025. Their \$300 donation towards cafe expenses was both valued and hugely appreciated by our school.

Anton from Bayleys, is a dedicated sponsor of our school. We are grateful for his ongoing commitment and look forward to his continued involvement in our future events.

Thank you, Anton, for making a difference!



Yoga Classes

Slow Flow Yoga Class

Whakamārama Hall

Tuesdays, 9am

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Term 3 Registration OPEN

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We focus on developing real skill, speed, and game intelligence through fast-paced, technical sessions that challenge and inspire. If your child loves football and wants to take their game to the next level, Two Touch is the place to be.

Based in Omokoroa

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