



Tēnā Koutou ngā Whānau o Te Kura o Whakamaru  
Greetings to the Whakamaru School Community

We had a great day on Thursday at the Taupo District Council planting day, down by the lake. Thanks to those who were able to join us and help the children with this event (see photos below). Thanks to Mrs Moor for organising this for us.

Because of other events this week we will not be having our assembly on Friday. Next week we will give our 2 lots of certificates and awards.

Come and join us on Tuesday at 8:50am for the opening of our Whanau Room. This has been a long time coming! We look forward to parents/whanau being able to use this room when you drop your children off, or when waiting to pick them up. It will be a comfortable space for the PTA to meet or for you to meet with a teacher about your child. Tea and coffee will be available in the Whanau Room and there will be information displays from classes, BOT and school.

Jo Burch  
(Principal)

Monday is Queen's Birthday holiday – NO SCHOOL

### Building Resilience in our Children

All children are capable of extraordinary things. There is no happiness gene, no success gene, and no 'doer of extraordinary things' gene. The potential for happiness and greatness lies in all of them, and will mean different things to different kids. We can't change that they will face challenges along the way. What we can do is give them the skills so these challenges are never able to break them. We can build their resilience. Resilience is being able to bounce back from stress, challenge, tragedy, trauma or adversity. When children are resilient, they are braver, more curious, more adaptable, and more able to extend their reach into the world. The great news is that resilience is something that can be nurtured in all children.

(<https://www.heysigmund.com/building-resilience-children/> )

### What to Say to Kids Instead of "Be Careful!"

#### Help Your Child Foster Awareness by Saying:

- Notice how... these rocks are slippery, that branch is strong...
- Do you see... the poison ivy, your friends nearby?
- Try moving... your feet carefully, your quickly, strongly.
- Try using your... hands, feet, arms, legs.
- Can you hear... the rushing water, the singing birds, the wind?
- Do you feel... stable on that rock, the heat from the fire?
- Are you feeling... scared, excited, tired, safe?

#### Help Your Child Problem Solve by Saying:

- What's your plan... if you climb that boulder, cross that log?
- What can you use... to get across, for your adventure?
- Where will you... put that rock, climb that tree, dig that hole?
- How will you... get down, go up, get across?
- Who will... be with you, go with you, help you if?



### Play builds resilience

Sometimes people overlook or underrate the value of play. Have you ever had a conversation with someone who dismisses play as not 'proper' learning? Educators know play is essential for all areas of children's learning, development and wellbeing.

#### Play:

- Helps children feel good about themselves
- Builds resilience and confidence by enabling children to engage with the world around them, learning about their abilities and having mastery over experiences.
- Supports children's social and emotional development
- Is a protective factor for mental health
- Influences wellbeing in positive ways
- Develops confidence by providing opportunities for children to have power over what they do and what and how they learn.

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### **Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps**

These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps.

Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more

Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th

Edventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th

- 8-14 yr olds

- OSCAR available

- Pick up/drop off AKL, BOP, Waikato

Book at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or email [mark@edventure.co.nz](mailto:mark@edventure.co.nz)

### **Taupo District Council Tree Planting Day**

What a fantastic morning we had on Thursday! The whole of the school walked down to the riverside to meet up with Taupo District Council workers to plant nearly 1000 trees beside the walkway. When it is grown this will be a beautiful walk and will bring a lot of bird life to the area. Our students worked in the Maunga groups and the seniors were the tuakana to their junior school buddies (teina). We were so impressed by the majority of the student's work ethic, self-management and the way most of the seniors took on the responsibility of helping their teina with enthusiasm and maturity.

A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Moor for making this morning happen for us. Make sure you get your children to take you down to this area and they can show you the trees they have planted.



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- \*Notices
- \*Instant school messages
- \*Absentee
- \*Newsletters
- \*Permission Slips



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**Have you downloaded your free Skool Loop app, to receive the newsletter, notices etc...???**

You can also text, email or call from the app if your child is absent.

It's a great way to always have a quick link to communicate between home and school.

We would like to thank the following local businesses for sponsoring our Whakamaru School app:

**Century 21: Stevens Realty**

**Tokoroa & Districts Veterinary Services**

**Milbud Project Solutions   Ata Rangi Pastoral**

**CD Contracting and Welding Services**

**Lightwire (internet services)**

### Save the date: Annual Whakamaru School Hangi

We are planning our annual Hangi for Thursday June the 28th. This will be a time of celebration to welcome the new families into our school community and a time to socialise and share kai together.

If you are interested in helping then please ring and let the office know. We need helpers with organising firewood, digging of the hangi pit, preparing the kai and serving it on the night.

We will be sending out more information next week, about the food donations needed. Thank you to those who have supported the school so generously in the past and thanks, in anticipation, for those who will be able to help with this year's hangi.

Our 'driving force' for the organisation of this year's hangi is Gene Turuwhenua and Craig Vanner (from our BOT) and Faith Taylor who will be helping Mrs. Burch with the food organisation. They are looking forward to having lots of helpers.

#### School Photo orders

Last minute orders must be in by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to the school office.

You may also order direct with the photography company.

#### Reminder: Toys do not need to come to school

Please remind your children **not to bring their toys** to school. It becomes an issue if they play with them during learning time or misplace them. We will let you know if and when we have a toy day. Thanks for your support with this matter.



REMEMBER to LIKE us on FACEBOOK to keep up-to-date with school happenings, reminders and events

Our Facebook page is:

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## Whanau Room official opening



We are excited to finally be able to open our Whanau Room. This is a room for parents/caregivers to have a space within our school.

**Come and join us for the official opening and blessing of this room.**

**Date:** Tuesday 5th June (Next Tuesday)

**Time:** 8:50 – 9:45am

**Place:** Whakamaru School Whanau room (beside the staffroom)

We look forward to seeing you there 😊

### Heads up – PUM (Paid Union Meeting)

On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, the school will be **closed for instruction from 12:30pm**. The NZEI (teachers Union) is holding a meeting for all teachers to attend regarding the contract negotiations. The Farm bus will leave school at 12:30 to take children home. We ask for all other children to be picked up from school at 12:30 on this day. Thank you for your support.

### Contact and emergency contact details – Health and Safety

We have a number of families changing farms at the moment and others shifting houses - we need to have all contact details updated. So if yours has changed please contact Elva, in the office, with your new details. Thanks



### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Last days for photos orders – Tuesday /Wednesday next week.
- Mondays and Fridays are the only days we can heat food at school for your children (lunch order days)
- No Netball or Soccer games this weekend as it is a long weekend.
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY (Queens Birthday)



### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – No school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June- 8:50am – Opening of Whanau Room  
Kapa haka and Youthtown coaching
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Rueben the Bear visiting juniors
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 2:30 – PTA meeting
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y 7 and 8 TECH at FVHS
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Pinelands Junior school dance festival
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Whakamaru Speech competition finals
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – School open for 1 /2 day (Teachers at Union meetings in the afternoon)

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