



2018

Week: 9 Term: 2

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

We have had a number of great learning events over the last couple of weeks – the seniors noho marae/3 day camp, the Pinelands Speech Competition, and our annual school hangi to name a few. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and caregivers who have been able to help out in a number of ways at these events, whether it be donations of items and food for camp and hangi, being a parent helper for trips and the hangi, or just giving your child or a teacher a pat on the back for a job well done.

It is all well and good teachers organising these activities but we cannot do them without your help. So once again thanks for supporting your children and their school. What a great school community Whakamaru School has.

Jo Burch
(Principal)

Supreme Kaahu Award
(week 8)



Braiden (Pureora)

Supreme Kaahu Award
(week 9)



River (Tauhara)

Kaahu Kids – Week 9

Tongaririo

Pureora

Titiraupenga

Tauhara



Kharleen



Dylan



Sophia



Keenan



Tamara



Syifa



Jacob



Serenity

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ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES - Week 9

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Class Certificates	Anaru Moor Havana Kingi Makaia Trueman Hiria Hancy	Paratene Turuwhenua	Nevaeh Coughlan	Drake Ahipene Phoenix Dwane
Duffy Certificate	Ngariki Brown-Taurima	Ngawaiata Taylor	Isabella Baptist	McKenzie Wereta

Pinelands Interschool Speech Competition

Well done to all our Whakamaru Students who took part in the Pinelands Interschool Speech competition this week, and particularly to LJ Taylor and Anaru Moor who were place getters on the day.

Years 3 and 4 Memorised Poem

1st. Renee-Jensen- Cridge Mangakino 'That Cat'.

2nd Makala Read- Tirohanga 'My Puppy'

3rd L J Taylor Whakamaru "I'm Staying Home from School Today"

HC. Hayley Simpson Marotiri "Mr T Rex".

Years 5 and 6

1st Emma Speedy Kuratau "Why You Should Learn a Second Language"

2nd Caitlyn Read Tirohanga "A Rod, a Reel, a Bait and a Boat"

3rd Georga Samuels Mangakino "Gun Shootings in Schools"

HC. Ella Gordge Mangakino "Dogs or Cats"

Years 7 and 8

1st Anaru Moor Whakamaru 'Single Use Plastic- Convenient or Catastrophic'

2nd. Jasmin McManus Kuratau 'How to Bring Back Gold'.

3rd Rocio Dysart Marotiri "Lunch Boxes"

HC Dillon Clarke Mangakino 'Size Does not Matter'



The winning Year 7/8 speech 'Single Use Plastics - convenient or catastrophic?' by Anaru Moor

We all use single use plastics. Our groceries are packed in them, food we buy is wrapped in them. Have you ever been to the supermarket and grabbed a single use plastic bag to put your bananas in? I have! But why do we do it? Bananas have their own wrapping! America alone uses 100 billion plastic bags in one year. My Mum remembers a time when you could buy meat from the butcher wrapped in paper. Milk came in a glass bottle, delivered to the gate. Her school sandwiches were wrapped in paper (not glad wrap) and she carried groceries home in a paper bag.

So what's so wrong with single use plastics?

- For starters, to make plastic bags you need petroleum and natural gas. Making plastic bags involves burning these fossil fuels which releases carbon into the atmosphere and this speeds up climate change.
- There are mountains of plastic on the planet because most plastics aren't recycled. Around the world we buy about 1 million plastic bottles per minute but, 80 percent of these go to the landfill, and only 0.5 percent of plastic bags are recycled.
- Our oceans are filled with plastic. You may have seen bottles at the beach or plastic bags in the stream but have you heard of the great pacific garbage patch? This is a massive floating island of plastic litter.
- Many marine animals eat this plastic which can be deadly. For example sea turtles eat plastic bags thinking that they are jellyfish. A whale was recently stranded in Thailand. The whale vomited up 5 plastic bags while people tried to rescue it. An Autopsy found out its stomach was full of plastic bags. What makes all these issues even worse is it takes these plastics a thousand years to decompose.

So what can we kids do to reduce the number of single use plastics polluting our environment? Many supermarkets are going to replace plastic bags with compostable bags. However, recently on the news it was suggested that we don't have the facilities to compost these bags effectively, so what can we do?

- When you help with the shopping take your own reusable bags to the supermarket.
- Always carry a reusable water bottle and pack your lunch in reusable containers or did you know we can get reusable lunch wrap- like beeswax wrap.

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- Say no to plastic straws. 500 thousand straws are used around the world daily. We don't need straws at home...so why do we use them?
- I love sushi but it comes with a lot of plastic! I recently found out that shops will let you bring in your own container when you buy sushi.

My parents and grandparents lived without many of the single use plastics we now use. Would it be so hard for us to do this as well? Remember, single use plastics have not been in use for very long, but they will pollute our planet for thousands of years. Many of the reasons for their use has been about convenience. However their existence is now catastrophic to the world we need, to live in. Plastics can be replaced with a more environmentally friendly alternative, it's not that hard to do.

Rooms 1 and 2 Camp – Noho Marae



We headed off early Thursday morning for the Aratiatia Dam. When we arrived the siren was blasting out through the carpark. We watched the water rushing over the giant boulders. Then we walked up through the bush to the first and then second look out points. We found out that Lord of the Rings and Yogi Bear were filmed there. We had morning tea; a delicious variety of homemade goodies from our whanau. After that we headed off to the Huka Prawn Park. We had so much fun hand feeding the baby prawns and jumping over the rocks trying to get to the other side before the buckets tilted down and splashed over our heads. Unfortunately I didn't time it very well and I got wet. We also went prawn fishing. Some people were lucky enough to catch some, but not me.

When we left the prawn park we went to the Huka Falls. The water was moving so fast. I definitely wouldn't want to accidentally fall in.

Our final activity was the A.C. Baths. The water felt so warm and relaxing on my body. We zoomed down the hydra slide like racing cars. We bombed off the bombing zone making giant explosions into the water. But none as explosive as Kerri and Tristan's. They were the bombing champions. We swung off the rope swing like Tarzan. When we'd finished in the pool we got out, got dressed and had burgers, sausages and hot chips for dinner. It was the perfect end to a fantastic day. We headed back to the marae and hopped into our pjs and beds.

That night, even though we were all jam packed into the wharenuī like sardines, I had the best sleep ever, which was good because we had to wake up at 6am and get ready to head down to the Taupo Boat Harbour for our trip out on Lake Taupo on the Cruise Cat. We went out to Mine Bay and saw the carvings on the cliff and rocks.

The noho marae was amazing. I hope we get to go on another one.

By Paratene Turuwhenua

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'Oruanui Marae Trip' By Kharleen Wereta

Whaea Donna came into the wharehau, switched on the light and told us we all had to get up. I so just wanted to lie there in my cosy sleeping bag, but I could tell she wasn't going anywhere until we were all up.

We got dressed, had breakfast and made our lunch. When we'd cleaned up we drove to the boat harbour. Ange and Koni from Kiwican were there too. When Whaea Donna showed us the boat we were going on I was amazed at how big it was.

We all got on and some of us went up the top and some of us went down the bottom. I felt excited and so nervous because I had never been on a boat before.

Then the engine started. That made me even more nervous. We reversed back and headed out onto the lake. I don't know why I was feeling nervous because it was awesome. The weather was perfect and the snow covered mountains looked spectacular. I got to see Tongariro, Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tauhara. Then we arrived at the rock carvings. There was a giant Maori face on the cliff and lots of other smaller ones on the rocks. I felt like touching them. The people on the boat gave us warm blueberry muffins. They were so delicious.

For me it was the highlight of the noho marae.



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

Our Facebook page is:

Whakamaru School Education

Little Printmakers Holiday Workshop

Are you aged 5-8

Come and explore the fabulous world of printmaking during the school holidays.

Have fun making stencils to create your own fabulous artwork



Wednesday July 18th

Taupo Intermediate School

Art Room, Kotare Street

Cost - \$50 (2 siblings \$90) Time - 9 - 3pm

Please bring your own lunch and snacks. WEAR OLD CLOTHES

A minimum of 5 children to run the workshop

Contact Sally Davies

07 3769972 or 0276869993

Email - sallyannartist@gmail.com



Children's Printmaking Workshop

Have fun exploring the fabulous world of printmaking

Ages 9-14

Thursday 19th July

Taupo Intermediate School - Art Room

Cost - \$50 (2 siblings \$90)

Time - 9 - 3pm

Please bring your own lunch and snacks. Wear old clothes
A minimum of 5 students required to run the workshop.
Please book your interest asap.

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Hangi Night Raffle:

Congratulations to the winner:

Tristian Cassin
Ticket: No. 9



GET READY FOR SCHOOL

WORKSHOP WITH MOVING SMART

How Children Learn the ABCs and 123s

Getting ready for school is the natural journey from physical/tangible exploration to symbolic/abstract thinking. Strategies and best practice to develop children's pre-academic skill sets through movement, including language with intent and auditory development, memory, and social/emotional development.

Date: Thursday 5th July
Venue: Tauhara Room REAP, 73 Titirapunga Street, Taupo
Time: 6pm-8pm
Cost: \$15 per person
All attendees must register with reception@reap.org.nz before 3rd July. Please contact Kim Roote eoe@reap.org.nz - 0278119953 for further details

A certificate of completion available on request



This event is for adults only, please make alternative arrangements for your children

WENDY PIRIE MHC

- Co-ordinator of Moves: Play and learn with Smart Steps
- Educator and Curriculum Developer: Moving Smart Ltd
- National Director: New Zealand NZ
- Researcher in Health Sciences, University of Auckland: Physical motor impact on new-entrant learning, behaviour and social confidence
- Presenting at New Zealand

Workshop content available on request, please contact Wendy Piri

Mrs. Burch's powhiri

Wairakei School Tuesday 3rd July 9:15am

Next week will be Mrs. Burch's last week with us at Whakamaru School. She is taking up her new role at Wairakei Primary next term.

Wairakei Primary School is welcoming her onto their school grounds on Tuesday 3rd July (next week) with a powhiri. Some Whakamaru staff, our Maunga ropu leaders, a group of senior students and BOT members will be joining Mrs. Burch for the powhiri.

Wairakei School Staff and BOT would like to invite any whanau/parents/caregiver to attend this powhiri to support Mrs. Burch. You are welcome to attend and to take your child with you if you wish.

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Next week is the last week of the term.
- Monday and Fridays only to purchase school lunches. We can eat lunches from home on these days only. Thanks
- Warm clothes and shoes are needed each day at school please.
- Term 3 starts on Monday 23rd July 8:45am

MEETINGS AND EVENTS



- Monday 2nd July - Whole school Matariki Activity day
- Tuesday 3rd July - No kapa haka today
 - Youthtown sports coaching
 - 9:15 Powhiri at Wairakei School for Mrs. Burch
- Wednesday 4th July - Hearing and Visions testing at school
- Thursday 5th July - Winning Maunga reward afternoon
- Friday 6th July - 8:50am Final assembly of the term – come and join us
 - KiwiCan and Piano lessons
 - Last day of term.