



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

Looking ahead we have a very busy term. There are a number of school events happening both at school and at other venues, so it is really important to keep up to date with what is happening through newsletters, Whakamaru School Facebook page, class notices etc... We now have our new school website up and running so you can see information about events on the calendar on our website (see more information further in the newsletter).

The Dental nurses have worked solidly over the last week to get to all our students – checking their teeth and dental hygiene. They will be at Mangakino Area School next, if you need to contact them further.

If you want to order copies of the school photos, taken this week, please fill in the envelope going home today and return to school by 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Jo Burch  
(Principal)

### Supreme Kaahu Award



Ratahi (Tauhara)

## Kaahu Kids

### Tongaririo



Mason

### Pureora



Te Wharemaru

### Titiraupenga



T'Keyha

### Tauhara



Ngawaiata



Tamara



Kohineteraupara



Honey-Jorjah



Pania

## ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
<b>Class Certificates</b>	Ngariki Brown-Taurima T'Keyha Heta-Haora Havana Kingi	Tylar Andrews	Dylan Andrews	Drake Ahipene
<b>Duffy Certificate</b>	Ratahi Lay	Dominic Dwane	Amarni Simmonds	Selvyiah Marks

### Soccer Teams – REMINDERS



There are two teams entered in the Tokoroa competition this year. **This week's draw:**

**8th Grade (Whakamaru/Mangakino Skulls – Field 4 11am vs Amisfield Stingers**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Whakamaru/Mangakino Storms – Field 17 11am vs Strathmore Stars**

All games are played at Strathmore Park in Tokoroa. Your child is supplied with a team shirt and shorts for the season. Please look after these.

Equipment: You will need to provide football boots, shin pads and long black socks. Fees are \$15 /child or \$30/family of two or more children. Please pay the coaches asap. Thanks

Training:

3:30pm every Thursday afternoon at Whakamaru school.

If you can help with trainings or can ref games please let the coaches know



### Whakamaru School-new website



**Whakamaru School**  
Develop Attitudes and Skills for Life Long Learning



Great news!!! Our new Whakamaru Website is completed and has gone live.

We will be regularly updating and making changes when necessary.

You can access your child's class blog from the website. Remember you need your password to get onto your child's blog. You can get these from your child's teacher. You are able to access all the relevant information you need about the school.

Enjoy reading the website and please give us any feedback around it.

Go to: [www.whakamaru.school.nz](http://www.whakamaru.school.nz)

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### A message from Mrs. Burch

You will be aware, having received the letter from the BOT early this week that I will be leaving Whakamaru School at the end of the term. I have decided to take another step in my leadership journey. I have been given the opportunity to work in a larger school and in a position where I can use my skills in supporting teachers and students to make positive change. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role at Whakamaru School and believe I have had some hand in building the school into a very successful and thriving place of learning. The staff are a great team, who all work collaboratively to do their very best for your children. My leaving the Principal's position is no reflection on the students, staff, BOT or school whanau, whom I have enjoyed working with.

I wish the Whakamaru School students, staff, BOT and whanau the very best for the next chapter in the life of this great wee rural school. Kind Regards. Mrs. Joanne Burch

### ERO 2018 Review

Week 4 of term 1 was our schools 3-yearly ERO (Education Review Office) visit. Thank you to the parents and children who spoke with the ERO team. The BOT and Staff are very pleased with the results of the report which is now out in the public forum. Below I have bullet pointed some of the comments from the report. You can access the full report in the school office or online at:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/whakamaru-school-18-04-2018/>

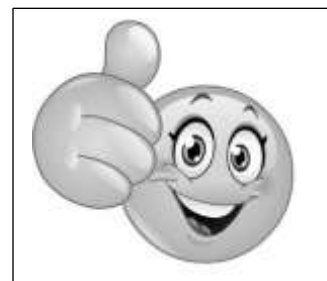
ERO give's 6 reasons why Whakamaru School is an effective learning environment for your children:

- 'Student achievement' is the key focus: 'The majority of students were performing at or above the national expectations in literacy .... In mathematics most students were performing at or above national expectations'.
- An inclusive school: 'effectively accelerating learning for many at risk students'.
- 'The Principal provides strong leadership and guidance in learning and teaching'
- Relationships are important and very effective: 'students benefit from warm, positive and respectful relationships amongst teachers and students that promotes motivation and engagement'.
- Teachers use 'effective teaching strategies'
- There is a 'strong policy framework that guides school practice'.

Next steps:

To continue to:

- strengthen assessment practices and culturally responsive practices
- review curriculum
- evaluate new innovations and interventions
- implement targeted planning to accelerate learners



This report concluded that the next ERO review would be in 3 years' time.



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

Our Facebook page is:  
**Whakamaru School Education**

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### Bully-free week and Pink Shirt day

Well done to everyone that dressed up for PINK Shirt day today – as part of Bully-Free week NZ. Teachers and student have been talking a lot this week about positive talk and being bully-free with our behaviour and language, including the difference between being:

#### **Rude, Mean and Bullying.**

We raised \$71 in donations today, in the coin trail, and the money will go to the Mental Health Foundation.



### School Photo Orders

Your child will be coming home with an envelope today to order their school photos. There is a sample attached to the envelope. When making your order please fill in the areas of the envelope required and return to the school office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The sample photo is yours to keep, compliments of Masterpiece Photography



### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- If you would like your child's lunch heated, this can only be done on Mondays and Fridays (Lunch ordering days). Thanks.
- The dental van leaves next Tuesday. Please contact them asap if you have any concerns about your child or preschools teeth/dental hygiene if you have not done so already.



### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 9am Kapa haka – all welcome  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 3:15pm Te Ataarangi Te reo classes  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - 8:50am – Assembly – all welcome  
     - Leadership Day (group of Y5-8s)  
     - KiwiCan  
     - Piano lessons with Jess Parker  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Bible in Schools  
     - Kapa haka  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Taupo District Council Tree planting day

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