



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

What a great few days our senior students have had on camp.

In the next newsletter I will get some of them to share their highlights of their time at camp with you. A big thank you to Whaea Donna and Whaea Lianne for organising the camp. It takes a lot of time and planning when you are taking a group of children off for EOTC events (Education outside the Classroom), but particularly with camps. I know that the parents who went as helpers had a great time as well. Our junior school also revelled in being the 'big kids' /leaders over these few days. It is great to see our young leaders stepping up, especially when seeing them interacting as playground mentors during break times.

Because we have two classes away at camp we did not have assembly this week. We will have 2 lots of awards presented next assembly, which will be in the following newsletter.

I hope you have put the 28<sup>th</sup> June (next Thursday) in your diaries. This is our annual school hangi night. Please come along with your families. It will be a great evening. There is no charge for the hangi meals, but we would be very grateful for your donations to the food (see below). With everyone helping out in a small way with kai donations, the financial burden does not fall solely on the school to cover the shortfall. We appreciate your support both with food donations, helpers with preparation and your attendance of the night. See you there ☺

Jo Burch  
(Principal)

### Whakamaru School Speech Finals.

Well done to all the children who presented their poems or speeches in class over the last week and those who were selected for the school speech finals held this week. Presenting a poem/speech is part of the Literacy Curriculum. It covers oral language, written language, oral language and presenting. Congratulations to place getters of our school finals who will be presenting us next Thursday at the Pinelands Interschool Speech competition.

Y 3/ 4 poetry:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kharleen Wereta "I took my doggy for a walk"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Burgess "Budgie Rage"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> LJ Taylor "I'm staying home from school today"

Speech Finals Place getters

Y5/6 speeches

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dom Dwane "Child Abuse"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaani Trueman "Bullying"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meihana Smith "Scootering"

Y 7/8 speeches

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anaru Moor "Single-use plastic! Convenient or Catastrophic?"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Makaia Trueman "Save our sea life from plastic!"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Havana Kingi "Why we shouldn't have homework."



**Malcolm Flowers Insurances Taupo Winter Festival 11 – 15 July**

[www.taupowinterfestival.co.nz](http://www.taupowinterfestival.co.nz)

22 events over 5 days      80% of the events are free for the whole family to enjoy

**Highlights that might interest school aged children:**

**Legendary Drive-In Movie**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. 6pm. \$20

Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park

Bring the whole family or a car load of friends and enjoy a night at the movies, drive-in style!

An unforgettable showing of Pete's Dragon (2016) - the adventures of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend, Elliot, who just so happens to be a dragon.

Food and drinks available on site.

**Ebbett Fun Zone & Mt Ruapehu Snow Globe**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Tongariro South Domain. 10am – 4pm. FREE

Come down and enjoy the snow globe, 35m long inflatable obstacle course and lots more fun on the domain.

**Wairakei Estate Firelight Celebration**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. 5pm. FREE

Tongariro South Domain

Come down and enjoy the community opening of the Taupo Winter Festival.

And be the first to see the Unison Light Trail light up the sky!

**Head lice (Nits)**

Please regularly check your child/rens hair. If your child has long hair please have it tied back.

You can go to the Chemist for products. It is about \$20 for a bottle of shampoo or spray.

It's FREE if they are under 13 years when you go to the Doctor and get a script for the whole family.

You then take that to the chemist. Filling the script is also free.



Issue 4 of the Lucky Book Club has gone home. Order forms and slip returned to the school office by 29<sup>th</sup> June, if you wish to make an order.

**Class and student Blogs**

Unfortunately the company that runs the blogger platform for our class and student blogs is closing down. Mrs. Moor has sent out a note about how you can download your child's work from their blog.

The school is looking into other options for our blogs and once sorted we will send you a link to the new blogging platform.

**Wanted – House to rent**

Family of 5 looking for a 3-4 bedroom rental around Whakamaru/ Mangakino area,  
We have 2 working dogs.

We are needing somewhere in the next month.  
Will look at a 2 bedroom house also and slightly further out of the area also.

Contact: Dania Smart  
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*Whakamaru School Vision: At Whakamaru School we develop skills and attitudes for life-long learning*

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## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Lucky Book orders due 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Please help us with Kai donations for the hangi.
- If your child is away please ring or text the school office to ensure we know where they are. This is for your child's safety as well as the school making sure we have the right absence code down with the reason for their absence. This is a Ministry of Education requirement.



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June - Bible in schools, Kapa haka, Youthtown sports coaching

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June - Y 7 and 8 TECH @FVHS

- 3-5pm – hangi kai preparations (all welcome)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Pinelands Speech Competition at Marotiri School

- (am) hangi pit and kai preparation

- 6pm – School hangi (dinner and waiata in the whare manaaki). See you there.

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Our Facebook page is:

**Whakamaru School Education**

## Annual School community Hangi


Thanks to those who have donated already. There is still a number of items we need. Please help out with this event and donate what you can. With everyone helping out we will have enough food to feed everyone.

When: Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Where: whare manaaki at Whakamaru School

We need lots of helpers and kai donations to make this a great social event.

### Hangi Donations gratefully accepted

Vegetables	Meat	Pudding	Other	Wood?
*Potatoes-20kg *Pumpkin- x1 *Kumara- 10 kg *Carrots- 5kg *Cabbage- x6 *Onion- 5kg	*Mutton- x 1 whole *Beef- pieces suitable to hangi.	*Eggs- one tray. *Jam -2 large jars.	* Rolls of tinfoil * Mutton clothx 20 metres	We need wood that burns hot and slow for hangi 

### We also need:

Baskets, hangi stones, pit diggers, food preparers, food servers on the night

I am/we are able to help with the following: (please tick)

Food (kai) items etc...

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Preparing the hangi pit

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Kai preparation (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 3-5pm)

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(Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10 – 12am)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

