

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 3 2018

# Thakamaru School

# Dates of interest (Weeks 4-7)

WEEK 4

Start of end of year testing.

**Tues 6 Nov** 

R.D.A

**Thurs 8 Nov** 

Junior Athletics Y0-3

(Marotiri)

Fri 9 Nov

School Assembly (Rm5)

WEEK 5

**Tues 13 Nov** 

Teachers strike

\*\*R.D.A

Wednes 14 Nov

Tech (Y7&8) Fri 16 Nov

Pinelands Athletics Y4-8 held at Whakamaru.

he WEEK 6

Tues 20 Nov

R.D.A

Thurs 22 Nov

Life Education

Fri 23 Nov

School Assembly (Mr White)

Life Education

WEEK 7

Mon 26 Nov

Life Education

**Tues 27 Nov** 

R.D.A

Life Education

Wednes 28 Nov

Tech (Y7&8)

Fri 30 Nov

Maunga Leaders Assembly

W.O.W fashion + Flower Spectacular.

See Week 8 -9 page 4

## **School Newsletters**

School Newsletters will be circulated every Monday afternoon from this term onwards.

# **Whakamaru School Mission Statement:**

To educate all children to become life-long learners which develops and celebrates talents and abilities.

## Principals message

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

It was a busy week of meetings.

Monday we had our Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting discussing a range of topics relating to the direction of the school. This was a very productive and positive meeting, if you would like to come along and sit in on our meetings you are more than welcome to do so. Next meeting will be held on Monday 26 November 6pm.

Senior leaders have started to use their 'Common Room' cleaning it up and setting the room to their own style.

As part of the executive committee, I attended the Waikato Full Primary Schools Association (WFPSA) meeting on Thursday in Hamilton, where we discussed a range of opportunities for our Year 7-8 students to be part of. For our outstanding athletes we will look to give them an opportunity to compete against students from all over the Waikato, Thames Valley and Bay of Plenty at the WFPSA Athletics held on 28 November at Porritt Stadium—Hamilton.

Junior Athletics day at Marotiri, unfortunately I am not able to attend this as I am committed to a "First-time Principals hui" in Rotorua. This is an important all day meeting where we will be covering school budgets and school charters.

Regards

James White

# Pinelands Junior Athletics—Thursday 8 November

This event is for Year 0—3s. Please ensure your child has returned their permission slip.

Plan for the day.

9:50-10:10 Morning tea on arrival.

**10:10**—Assemble in year groups on tennis court.

**10:15**— start of the 15 minute rounds, there are seven in total, finishing at 12:00.

12:00 - Depart

Events on the day are file relay, sprints, high jump, long jump, vortex throw, shotput, hurdles. We are in charge of running shotput and sprints so would love to have some help on the day.

Good luck to all of our students going to Marotiri School.

# Week 4.

We look forward to a week where our Junior School will head off to Marotiri for Junior Pinelands Athletics.

If anyone is keen to come to school on Thursday evening for a run around playing Touch Rugby come along. All ages are welcome between 6-7pm.

# **Roll for 2019**

We are currently looking into our school roll for 2019. If you have a child or children or know of a family that are going to enrol into Whakamaru School during 2019, can you please let us know, by phone or email (below) This will help us confirm our staffing for 2019.

Thank you in advance.

## **Pinelands Senior Athletics**

This event will take place next Friday (16th) here at Whakamaru school. On the day the PTA will be running a sausage sizzle and cake bake stall. This is a fundraiser for next year's senior camp so will be asking all year 6-7s of 2018 to donate some baking to sell on the day. We will also be asking parents to help throughout the day on the sausage sizzle and bake stall and help to run a couple of events (sprints & high jump) we are in charge of.

Our staff and students are looking forward to hosting all the Pineland Schools on this day.

# **Awards of the Week**

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KAAHU KID BEHAVIOUR EXPECTAIONS—EFFECTIVE THINKERS AND LEARNERS AT WHAKAMURU SCHOOL:

KAAHU KIDS are......

**Knowledge seekers** — Curious, Inquiring, Reflective.

Always respectful — Self, Others and Property.

Accountable — for Ourselves, our Actions, our Words.

**High achievers** —Excellence, Personal Best,
Perseverance

**Unified** —Teamwork, Everyone working together, Kotahitanga.

Maunga	Senior Kaahu Kids		
Tauhara	Keilah Colipano		
Tongariro	Te Wherowhero Tanirau		
Titiraupenga	Michael Swann		
Pureora	Ngäriki Brown		

Maunga	Junior Kaahu Kids		
Tauhara	Harlem Taylor		
Tongariro	Vaughan Rixon		
Titiraupenga	Teatairehia Tanirau		
Pureora	RJ Marks		

**SENIORS** 





Tauhara







Pureora

**Kaahu Kids** 









Atairehia

# **ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Achievement Certificates	T'Keyha Heta-Haora Ngariki Brown Michael Swann Khassyus Heta-Haora	Mason Doig	Kessidra Cassin	McKenzie Wereta
Duffy Certificates	Khassyus Heta-Haora	Karlos Rixon	Serenity Martin	Selvyiah Marks



# STEM Challenge — Room 2







**STEM**—STEM challenges are a combination of **S**cience **T**echnology **E**ngineering **M**athematics.

# STEM CHALLENGE-'Wings Wanted'

In Room 2 this week our STEM challenge was to design a new set of wings for a bat.

The wings had to enable the bat to fly the longest possible distance when we threw them. We could choose to work independently or with a buddy.

We were allowed to use two pieces of paper and a cardboard roll. The head and body of the bat also had to be visible.

First we came up with a plan which included a list of the materials we were going to use and a simple design.

After that we made our bat wings.

The final step was to go outside and test our designs.

## **Results**

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Karlos Rixon (4.57m)

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Alex and Hannah Burgess (4.59m)

1<sup>st</sup> place- Te Wharemaru Taylor (5.43m)

When we returned to class we looked at and discussed the winning 'bat wing' design features and made modifications to improve our initial designs.

Written by Mason Doig and Ngahere Webber



Dates of interest (Week 8-9)

Week 8

Tues 4 Dec

R.D.A

Fri 7 Dec

Performance Assembly.
Movie Night—PTA

Week 9

Mon 10 Dec

Year 8 Special trip (TBC)

Tues 11 Dec

R.D.A

Wed 12 Dec

Maunga Treat

Thurs 13 Dec

Last Assembly Reports go home

Keep an eye on these dates as some events may be added in throughout the term.



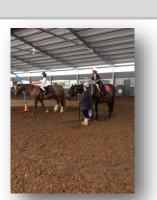






Issue 7 has been distributed— closing date Friday 9 November.

\$5 Summer Reading offer brochure distributed with the newsletter, Closing date Friday 16 November.





# **Whanau Room**

Please use our **Whanau Room.** This is a space anyone can use at anytime when you are visiting school or waiting for your child after school.

You can even make yourself a coffee or cup of tea while you are waiting. There is also access to a laptop which you can use as well. Come and make yourself at home!!

