



NEWSLETTER
Term 4 Week 8
2018



Dates of interest (Week 9)

Week 9

Mon 10 Dec

Otewa School visit
Year 8 Special trip

Tues 11 Dec

Water Day

Wed 12 Dec

Maunga Treat

Thurs 13 Dec

Last Assembly
Reports go home
School closes at 12:30pm

School Holidays



School year 2019

Term 1 (11 weeks)

Tuesday 29 January
Friday 12 April

Term 2 (10 weeks)

Monday 29 April
Friday 5 July

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 22 July
Friday 27 September

Term 4 (9 weeks)

Monday 14 October

****Thursday 12 December**

Primary Schools must be open for **390 half days a year so the last day of the school year may change due to some additions to our school calendar.

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 has been a very busy term

Last week

Friday morning we held our **Performance Assembly**. We saw a range of musical items, Kapa Haka (junior and senior) and some class items as well as an item from the whole staff. This was a very impressive display of talent, huge thank you to the large number of parents and caregivers who came along to watch.

In the afternoon Koni and Sione ran the **Dingle Games** to wrap up the Kiwi Can programme. Students were placed in their maunga groups and had to complete an "Amazing Race". This activity gave us (the staff) a chance to see who the potential school leaders could be for 2019. Congratulations to the P.T.A for running another successful fundraiser with the **Mix Mingle Movie night**. We had a good number of caregivers, parents and students attend on the night.

This Week.

Today we are making a special trip for our **year 8s to Kinloch**. This is for us to celebrate their year as school leaders and give them an opportunity to share and reflect on their time at Whakamaru School over lunch.

On Monday morning we will be welcoming **Otewa School** from the Otorohanga area to our school. They wanted to come and visit us before they head to the Whakamaru Camp for the upcoming week.

Water Day is on tomorrow afternoon so please ensure your child brings their togs and a towel to school. We will have a water slide and a water fight so if students have water guns at home they can bring them along to school tomorrow.

Maunga awards afternoon is on Wednesday for the winning Maunga for term 4. Students from the winning maunga will be given a prize, ice-creams etc. Our last day is Thursday and we will hold our **Final Assembly** at 11:00. You are all more than welcome to come along as we reflect on 2018 and help us wish our year 8s all the best for their future endeavours.

Regards
James White

Week 9

Wow this is our final week of 2018.

Reminder that our last day of the year is this Thursday.

On Thursday we will start our **Final Assembly in the Whare Manaaki at 11:00.**

After the Assembly our students will be given their reports and portfolios to take home to look at over the holidays.

Buses will be leaving school at 12:30 so please ensure you collect them from their bus stop early.

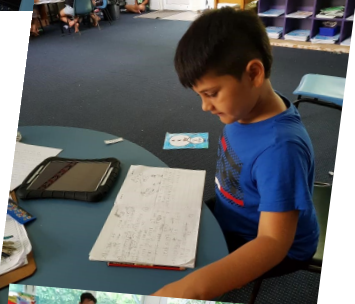
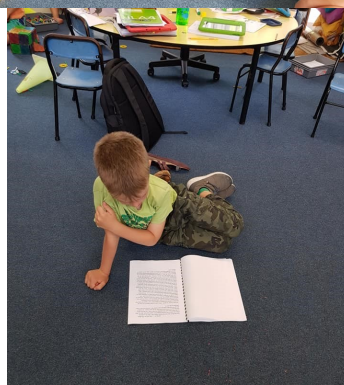
If you are not able to make it to our final assembly and you pick up your child from school please make sure you are at school by 12:30 to collect them.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday break!

Roll for 2019

To help us achieve a smooth transition in Term 1 of the new year, we would be grateful if parents could advise us of any changes in our roll, or if you know of any families planning to attend Whakamaru School next year, please contact Elva in the office to obtain an enrolment pack.

School Photo Page



Vision: at Whakamaru School we develop attitudes and skills for life-long learners
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g.a.s.

We would like to congratulate the Singh family of Whakamaru Food Supplies for being the new owners of G.A.S. Whakamaru as from 18 December 2018. All parents are welcome to go down to 2 Tihoi Rd and say "hello"

Te Pōturi Kōwhiri **THE AMAZING READ**

2018/19
Summer Reading Programme!
@
Taupō District Libraries
Taupō - Turangi

It is well recognised that children's reading levels can slip over the summer break. To combat this, Taupō District Libraries offer fun reading programmes over the holidays with great reading incentives and a fantastic finale.

Ages 5-11yrs

Call in to your local library today for more information.

 **LIMITED NUMBERS - DON'T MISS OUT!**

12 January 2019

Summer SIZZLER
Waikato River Trails

NEW EVENT!

FUN RUN / WALK EVENT
22km/11km/6km

Enter online now!
www.wrtsummersizzler.com

 **Summer Holiday Kids Surf Programme**

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the summer school holidays at Mount Maunganui.

Fun, Active & Healthy
7-15yr olds | Mon-Fri | \$150 week | \$35 per session
10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm | 17-21 Dec | 14-18 Jan | 21-25 Jan | 28 Jan-1 Feb

Suitable for beginner & intermediate surfers – developing beach safety, surfing skills and water confidence in a safe and fun environment

Limited spaces | Please email to book
surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz
www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz



Whakamaru Playcentre

A FREE parent-run programme for children aged 0-5 years.

Lots of fun activities including a sandpit, playground, carpentry shed, arts and crafts, dress-ups, puzzles, playdough, toys, bikes and more.

Come along and play!

MON & FRI | 9.30AM - 12NOON
CRN TIHOI AND ARATAKI RDS

Kiwi Steps 
Preschool

42 Tihoi Road, Whakamaru
Open 8.00am – 3.30pm
and during school holidays.

FREE! 20 hours of childcare for 3 & 4 yr olds
WINZ subsidies available

Come see our TREEHUT, animals, big sandpit, mud kitchen, mini Whare Kiwi, BIKES, Tractors, a cool bike track, swings, slide, climbing cubes, gardens, CARPENTRY BENCH...

Learn, Laugh, Play, the Kiwi Steps Way

Call 8828 234 or 027 933 0368
Nau Mai, Haere Mai

**Have a safe and enjoyable
holiday everyone.**

School will resume for Term 1, 2019 at
8:45 on Tuesday 29 January.

Our office will be open for new enrolments
on Thursday 24 & Friday 25 January
between 10am—2pm.

