



**NEWSLETTER**  
**Term 1 Week 7**  
**2019**



**Term 1 Dates of interest**

**Week 7**

**Tues 12 Mar** Kapa Haka  
**Thurs 14 Mar** Whanau Fiesta  
**Fri 15 Mar** School Assembly  
Piano & Guitar lessons  
Pinelands Senior  
Swimming Sports

**Week 8**

**Tues 19 Mar** Kapa Haka  
**Wed 20 Mar** Y7/8 Tech  
**Fri 22 Mar** School Assembly  
Piano & Guitar lessons

**Week 9**

**Mon 25 Mar** BoT Meeting  
**Tues 26 Mar** Kapa Haka  
**Fri 29 Mar** School Assembly  
Piano & Guitar lessons

**Week 10**

**Tues 2 Apr** Kapa Haka  
**Wed 3 Apr** Y7/8 Tech  
**Fri 5 Apr** School Assembly  
Piano & Guitar lessons

**Week 11**

**Tues 9 Apr** Kapa Haka  
**Thurs 11**—Room 1-2 Waouru  
Museum trip  
**Fri 12 Apr** School Assembly  
Piano & Guitar lessons.

**Holidays**

**TERM 2 important dates**

First day—Monday 29 April  
Week 2—Room 1 Year 6-8 Camp  
Week 3—Year 8 trip to NYLD  
Week 4—Leaders Day—Taupo

**Whakamaru School Mission Statement:**

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**Principals message**

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

**Tomorrow Schools Independent Taskforce review** has looked into our current educational system and announced some radical changes through their review. The Tomorrow Schools model has been a self-governing model over the past 30 years with Board of Trustees handed the task of governing the school with the Principal. One of the main talking points of this review is the empowerment of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and giving “Educational Hubs” the task of acting as middlemen between the Government and individual schools. This would not mean the end of BoT’s but the business and governance responsibilities taken by these Hubs while leaving the focus on student achievement, strategic planning, community engagement and local fundraising to the BoT. Currently the taskforce is touring through out the country discussing these changes and giving communities an opportunity to voice their concerns of this review. I am heading to a Tomorrow Taskforce forum in Rotorua on the 18 March at Kaitao Intermediate to find out more about these suggested changes and what they would look like.

Come and join us for our **Whanau Fiesta** this Thursday afternoon from 2-5pm. We are inviting all parents and caregivers to an afternoon of fun games, music, a swim plus a BBQ. This event is for us to all mix and mingle with each other during an afternoon of fun activities. Our Junior School have asked that they run a BBQ to raise some money for some learning resources for Itime. We hope you can come along and maybe even challenge our students to an adult vs student game. Come along for some fun.

**Old playground tower needs dismantling** due to the rotting support poles. I will be working with Roly to come up with a plan to pull it apart. Once we have made a safe plan I will be working with the Year 7-8s to pull it apart. We will be looking into replacing parts of this playground in the future but due to student safety we need it down.

Our school has decided to take part in the “**Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education**” survey. Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking our community to complete individual questionnaires either online or as a hard-copy. See the letter added to this newsletter, complete the permission slip and return it back to school asap.

Regards  
James White  
principal@whakamaru.school.nz

**WEEK 7**

Postponed Senior Swimming Sports 2019, will be held this Friday 15th March at 10am and is the first of the Pinelands Cluster sporting events for the year.

Our students will be representing Whakamaru at the Mangakino Community Pool, competing against, Mangakino, Marotiri and Tirohanga.

We wish all our students all the best for this Fridays event.



Big thank you to Oji Fibre Solutions—Kinleith for the donation of liquid chlorine for our pool.



Also thank you to Miraka dairy company for donating a 1000ltr container to store the liquid chlorine.



**Whakamaru School Newsletter*****Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education***

Tēnā koutou,

Our school has decided to participate in a strengths-based research project about how students learn, succeed and thrive at school. This project is being conducted by Dr Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland and has been funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand, Te Apārangi. Our school would like to invite you and your school aged child/ren to take part in this important research project by completing short questionnaires – either online or in hardcopy.

Completing this survey will help our school to find out more about how our students develop positive attitudes, engagement and aspirations towards school, and who their role-models for success are. Overall the questionnaires will help us to better understand the personal, teacher, whānau and community factors that positively impact our students learning and success at school.

This study involves you:

- Completing a questionnaire about your child's attitude, engagement at school and their future aspirations. It also asks you to nominate and describe a family, tribal or local role-model for your child.
- Giving permission for your child to also complete a questionnaire at school about their attitude, engagement at school and their future aspirations.

Each questionnaire should take between 15-30 minutes to complete. If you agree to participate please complete the hard-copy questionnaire and return it to the school office in the sealed self-addressed envelope which will be attached. Alternatively, you can complete the survey online by logging onto the following Qualtrics link. [https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8FWVPKvHOHmYKTb](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FWVPKvHOHmYKTb)

If you do not wish to participate, please return the questionnaire to the school office. There is a box labelled “*The learning, succeeding, and thriving in education project*” where your child can put the complete/incomplete questionnaires.

Should you agree to your child's participation, please discuss the project with them. They will complete the questionnaire during school hours in a way that causes the least amount of disruption to their learning. Your child may ask for a support person/teacher to help them complete the questionnaire if they wish.

If you do not consent for your child to participate in this research project, please sign the form below and return to your child's school as soon as possible. Your child will be provided with other school work to do while the class completes the questionnaire.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou ko tō whānau. Thank you for taking the time to consider this research.

Nāku iti nei,

Dr Melinda Webber, (Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu)

*Rutherford Discovery Fellow, MRSNZ*

*Associate Professor - Te Puna Wānanga/School of Māori and Indigenous Education*

Email: [m.webber@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.webber@auckland.ac.nz)

I do not give permission for my child to participate in this research project

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Connecting to our Whakamaru community

At Whakamaru School we have a range of options for our community to be able to connect with us. We think this is very important so we can ensure our school runs smoothly and our families do not miss any notices sent out from the school. If you are wanting to get instant messages from the school please add one of these apps to your phone.

We think this is very important so we can get important school notifications out to our community as they happen. Our **School Website** has some of our standard information about the school as well as our weekly newsletters uploaded on it every week.

Our **Facebook** page has a range of photos from the week uploaded onto it plus a range of upcoming events users are invited to.

**Skool Loop** is a new app which helps parents connect with the school by sending texts about absences, receiving of weekly notices, access to the school calendar, instant school notifications, links to our website and also permission slips that can be filled out on the app which sends it directly to the teachers.

Please if you have any questions do not hesitate in contacting Mr White at school.

### School Website Icon to your phone

You are able to add the school website icon to your phone. This will help you to get instant access to our school website.

To do this, find the school website on your Google browser <http://www.whakamaru.school.nz/>

Go to the Parent Information, click the drop down arrow. Find Website Icon for phones. Then follow the instructions to add the school icon to your own mobile phone.

Any changes to any daily activity will be posted on our school page so families know what is happening at school. These changes will come to you as an Alert from our school website.



### Facebook

If you are a user of Facebook make sure you LIKE our school Facebook page—Whakamaru School.

This page is added to weekly and if there are any activities coming up they are loaded onto this page. Also if there are any changes to school activities it is posted on here.



### Skool Loop

Skool Loop is a free app that will help you connect to our school see the advert on this page.

Skool Loop is another app that we have that helps us connect to our community. We are able to give instant messages as they happen through texts to your phone via your Skool Loop app.



## Have you downloaded our school app yet?



### Never miss important school information



again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



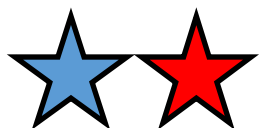
Available on the  
**App Store**

Get it on  
**Google play**

**Simple free download:**  
In the Play Store and App Store search '**Skool Loop**' and choose our school once installed.







# Awards of 6 Week

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## Kaahu Kids

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

KAAHU KIDS are.....

**K**nowledge seekers — Curious, Inquiring,  
Reflective.

**A**lways respectful — Self, Others and  
Property.

**A**ccountable — for Ourselves, our Actions,  
our Words.

**H**igh achievers —Excellence, Personal Best,  
Perseverance

**U**nified —Teamwork, Everyone working  
together, Kotahitanga.

**Supreme Kaahu Award**

**Dominic Dwane**

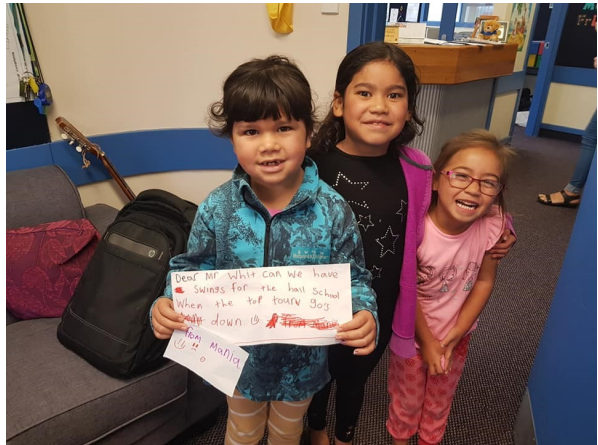


	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
<b>Achievement Certificates</b>	Keilah Colipano	Jacob Pullen	Amelia-Jane Sanft Dakota Pullen	R J Marks
<b>Duffy Certificates</b>	Zara Westerbaan	Amitiel Colipano	Kearah Williams	Keisha Altı

# School Photos



**Slack-line winner—Cooper**



Letter from Manaia, McKenzie, Shevi-Jo  
***Dear Mr White. Can we have swings for the whole school, when the top tower goes down.***  
***From Manaia***



***Kapa haka***



***Fruit for schools***



***Swimming in the rain***



***Write that Essay specialist teacher modelling writing from Paula Walker***



## Dental Therapists

The Dental Therapists will be at school from Monday 18th March for approximately 3 weeks.

The Therapists request that any outstanding consent forms be returned to school before next Monday.



## Whanau Fiesta

Come and join us for our **Whanau Fiesta** this Thursday afternoon from 2-5pm. Junior BBQ—items for sale. Come along for some fun.



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Big thank you to:

Leanda, Andrew, Joy, Elva, Julie, Bill and Zipora for volunteering at the NZ Ironman (Taupo) on Sat 2nd March

## MANGAKINO JUNIOR HAWKS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB NOTICE

Kia Ora Everyone,

Our family orientated rugby league club are looking for players to join our junior league teams. Everyone is welcome- Girls (til age of 12), boys, experienced or beginners.

We train once a week in Mangakino (time/day TBC) and play in Rotorua, Taupo, Tokoroa or Mangakino on Sunday's.

This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your child/ren to the amazing game of Rugby League.

If you are interested please contact our facebook page "Mango Hawks" or Kristen on 0273072909.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



If you have not already filled this form out, for your child, please indicate if your child is interested in playing sport this coming Winter indicate below which sport they want to play and return this page to school. I am working with Kirsten Karauna to organise teams for the winter.

I (name) ..... (Year).....would like to play winter sport. (Tick the sport below)

- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Netball
- ☐ Rugby League (Sunday)

Dear Parents/Caregivers



If your child is interested playing netball this year could you please fill in and return the permission slip attached.

We are looking for teams -Years 3 & 4, 5 & 6 and 7&8s.

(boys can also play up to year 8)

We train once a week (day/time TBC) and play every Saturday afternoon in Tokoroa (years 7&8 in the mornings).

Also please state if you can help with transport/managing/coaching.

For more information please contact Kristen Karauna On 0273072909 or the school office.

Name.....

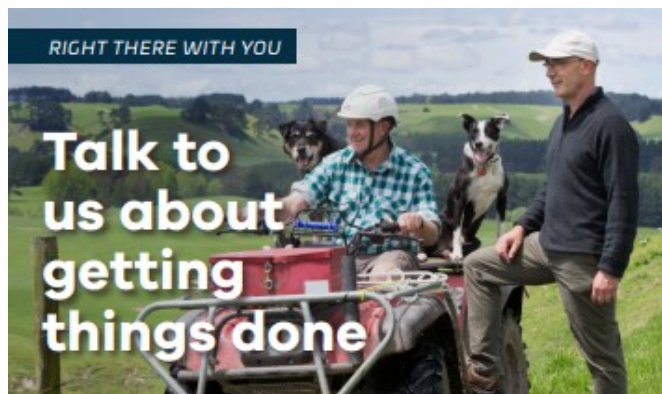
School year.....AGE.....

Allergies.....

Can help with transport/coaching/managing.....

Parent/Caregiver Name.....

Contact phone number.....



What you do on your land can affect rivers and streams.

**Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora:**  
Proposed Plan Change 1 has been developed to reduce the impact of land use on water quality.

- Talk to our staff about the proposed new rules.
- Get advice on starting your Farm Environment Plan.
- Find out what funding is available to you.

**South Waikato Veterinary Services**  
109 SH30, Whakamaru  
10am-2pm

**Monthly on Wednesdays**

- 20 March
- 17 April
- 15 May
- 12 June

[waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers](http://waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers)  
0800 800 401



## Wednesday Summer Touch

Touch Rugby night this Wednesday from 6pm-7pm. If you are interested in taking part come along for a run. Don't worry if you have never played before the night is open to all ages and abilities.

Regards James White.

# Kiwi Steps Preschool



42 Tihoi Road  
Whakamaru

Open 8am - 3.30pm  
and during school holidays.  
Van Service daily from Mangakino

**Quality Education and  
Specialist Teachers.**



**FREE 20 hours of childcare for 3 & 4 year olds**  
WINZ subsidies available



Kiwi Steps has a TREEHUT, woodland area, mudpit, waterplay areas, sandpit, outdoor kitchens, playhouse and a mini Whare Kiwi, balls, BIKES, a cool bike track, trucks, TRACTORS, scooters, swings, rope ladders, SLIDES, climbing cubes, CARPENTRY BENCH, gardens, and the Kaahu Kids Transition to School Programme etc...

**To Enrol** Phone 8828 234 or 027 933 0368  
Nau mai Haere mai – All Welcome!

# 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