



**NEWSLETTER**  
**Term 1 Week 9**  
**2019**



## **Term 1 Dates of interest**

### **Week 9**

**Tues 26 Mar** Kapa Haka  
**Thurs 28 Mar** PTA Meeting 2:30  
**Fri 29 Mar** School Assembly  
Piano & Guitar lessons  
**School Disco**  
School survey returned

### **Week 10**

**Mon 1 Apr** BoT Meeting  
**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.  
Last day of Term 1

## **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  
Week 5—Junior Folk Dance festival.  
Week 8—Winter Sports  
Week 9—Speech Competition

ko tātou, tātou  
**we are one**



Christchurch  
15.3.19

### **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.

This week we are asking our community to fill out our “**Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education**” survey. I will be handing out our survey on Wednesday so please fill it out and return it back to school by Friday. There will be surveys available at the disco for you to fill out if you haven’t returned it by then.

Our BoT Chairman Craig Vanner and myself attended the **Tomorrow Schools Review** last Monday in Rotorua. This was a very informative and positive meeting about the proposed changes to our education system. The main discussion from this review was around the role a “Hub” would take. Hubs essentially would be in control of property and finance for the schools leaving the learning for the principals to drive. This would take a load off the principal and help them focus on education. I see this as a positive move but still have some reservations to how a hub would look like or work. The comfort is that if these changes were to take place this would be over a period of 3-5 years.

I am encouraging all our parents to join our **Skool Loop app**. This app gives us as a school instant notifications to parents of any event that may be cancelled, it also provides an opportunity for parents to return permission forms from the touch of a finger. Currently we have 32 people on Skool Loop.

Last Friday I met with Thea (Greening Taupo) & Natalie Haines (Mercury Energy) to discuss how our school could get involved in the **Mangakowhiriwhiri Wetlands Restoration in Whakamaru Village**. This was an exciting meeting with loads of opportunities and ideas that we will have to create some educational opportunities with this community project. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!**

Our motivated school leaders have been busy organising our **School disco** for this term. This is to raise money to put towards their camp in term 2. For more information see the **Week 9 note** and check out the student designed **disco poster on page 4**.

Our **Pouakani (Farm) Bus** will be running for the rest of the year and will so into the future. Next week we will be asking all parents whose children take this bus to attend a meeting at school.

Following the **Terror Attacks in Christchurch** we have urged our students to talk about any concerns or worries they have and discussed options for support if they need help. Our country has shown an amazing amount of fortitude and strength through these trying times that makes one proud to be a New Zealander “we are one.”

Regards  
James White  
principal@whakamaru.school.nz

### **WEEK 9 Note:**

#### **PTA Meeting**

Thursday is our PTA meeting in the Whanau Room from 2:30. Please come along and get involved.

#### **SCHOOL DISCO**

This week we have our School Disco on Friday night. Our school leaders will be running the whole event and will be raising funds for their camp in week two of term 2.

Juniors disco (y1-3) 5:00-7:00

Seniors disco (Y4-8) 7:00-9:00

This disco is open to all primary aged students in our area.

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downloaded our  
school app yet?**



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school information  
again!**

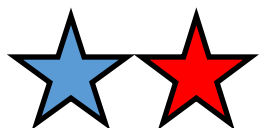
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# Awards of 8 Week

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## Kaahu Kids

### 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.

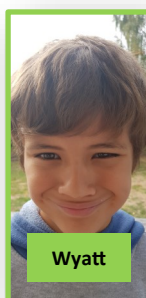
**Accountable** — for Ourselves, our Actions,  
our Words.

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

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

Maunga	Senior Kaahu Kids
Pureora	Wyatt Unkovich
Titirapenga	Wiremu Webber
Tongariro	Paratene Turuwhenua
Tauhara	Kaani Trueman

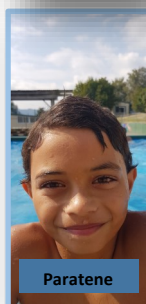
Maunga	Junior Kaahu Kids
Pureora	Kohineteraupara Taylor
Titirapenga	Teatairehia Tanirau
Tongariro	Glow Webber
Tauhara	Selvyiah Marks



Wyatt



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Paratene



Kaani



**Supreme Kaahu Award**

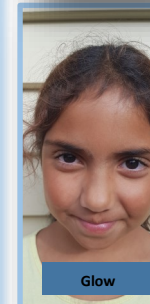
**Ella Gorge**



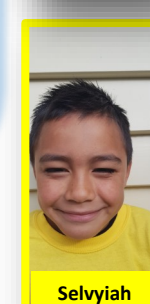
Kohineteraupara



Teatairehia



Glow



Selvyiah

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
<b>Achievement Certificates</b>	Huntah Riri	Karlos Rixon Layla Rixon	Cooper Burgess, Pania Tanirau, Bentley Rixon, Selvyiah Marks, Kearah Williams, Dana Swann, Stella Hazledine	Kohineteraupara Taylor
<b>Duffy Certificates</b>	Dominic Dwane	Estahrn Currie, Karlos Rixon	Miriama Bullen	Leyland Unkovich



# School Photos



## Student work

### **The 3 Goats, The Goblin and the Dragon**

Once upon a time there were three goats named Kaani, Braiden and Michael who were going up to the hillside to celebrate Michael the goats birthday,

On the way up there was a bridge over a really strong stream they had to cross and under the bridge lived a great Scary Dragon, with red glowing eyes.

So first came Michael the goat to cross the bridge.  
 "Trip, trap, trip, trap! " went Michael crossing the bridge.  
 "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" roared the Dragon.  
 "Oh, it is only me, Michael the goat and I'm going up to the hillside to celebrate my birthday," said Michael the goat,  
 "Now, I'm coming to gobble you up," said the Dragon.  
 "Oh, no! Please don't gobble me up I'm too little, said Michael the goat. "Wait a bit till Braiden comes. He's much bigger."  
 "Well, be off with you," said the Dragon.  
 A little while after came Braiden the goat to cross the bridge.  
 Trip, trap, trip, trap, trip, trap, went Braiden the goat.  
 "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" roared the Dragon.  
 "Oh, it's me Braiden the goat, and I'm going up to the hillside to celebrate my friend Michael the goats birthday," said Bradin the goat,

"Now I'm coming to gobble you up," said the Dragon with an evil laugh.

"Oh, no! Don't take me. Wait a little till Kaani the Goat comes. He's much bigger."

"Very well! Be off with you," said the Dragon.

But just then up came Kaani the goat. Trip, trap, trip, trap, trip, trap! went Kaani across the bridge, "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" roared the Dragon.

"It's I! "Kaani the goat," said Kaani the goat,

"Now I 'm coming to gobble you up," roared the Dragon.

"Well not unless I use the almighty goblin battle cry WAAHOO HAALAA" hollered Kaani the goat.


Then 8 goblins came out of the 4 caves, then the 3 goats got on a goblin and chased the dragon, then the dragon got so scared that he flew away, and after that they went up to the hillside.

Then the 3 goats celebrated Michael the goats birthday, and made themselves so fat that they couldn't walk home so the asked the goblins if they could give them a piggy-back home.

By Michael.Swann



# SENIORS

7:00 - 

9:00

Hot food, Lollies, drinks for sale....

SCHOOL DISCO - FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP...

Dress 2 impress!!

FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019

GOLD COIN ENTRY

\$2

\$2

\$2

Parents are invited. (FREE)

VENUE: Whare Manaaki

Juniors 5:30 - 7:00

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2				




Huge thank you to

**Kerley Brothers**

**Transport Ltd**

for donating a load of sand for our school sand-pit.

**Book Club** 

Lucky Books

Issue 2 Lucky Books forms have been distributed — Closing date 8 April.



**Wednesday Summer Touch**

**Final Night**

Touch Rugby night this Wednesday from 6pm-7pm, will be our last night due to the end of day-light savings.

If you are interested 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.





### PTA Easter Basket Raffle

This is always a great fundraiser for the PTA. All children will bring home a raffle book this week to sell.

If you are able to donate any Easter eggs towards the Easter basket prize the PTA would appreciate your support.



Huge thank you to  
Noel Bennett &  
Wayne Reardon  
for donating water  
bottles to all of our  
students.





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**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**