



NEWSLETTER
Term 1 Week 10
2019



Term 1 Dates of interest

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

Important date in the holidays.

Easter weekend
Fri 19 April—Good Friday
Mon 22 April—Easter Monday
Thurs 25 April—ANZAC day

TERM 2 important dates

Week 1 Mon 29 April—First day
Week 2—Room 1 Year 6-8 Camp week
Week 3—Year 8 trip to NYLD
Week 4—Leaders Day—Taupo
Week 6—Winter Sports
Week 8—Junior Folk Dance festival.
Week 9—Speech Competition

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Principals message

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

Thank you to those who have completed and returned our “**Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education**” survey. We are aiming to get all surveys in by the end of the term so I can send the survey off to Dr Melinda Webber to look through. Please if you have not completed it, please let us know. I will add a link to the survey that you could fill out online if that makes it easier. This link will be placed on the Skool app, Facebook page and our school website.

Skool Loop app . I am hoping that this app could be our school communities main communication media which would help with easy notification ability to parents and cancellation messages as soon as they come to hand.

Gumboot Friday is this Friday 5 April, we will be encouraging all our students to wear gumboots to school to help raise money for “Mental Health Awareness” and for kiwi kids to get FREE and timely counselling. This is a nation wide fundraiser driven by Mike King. Please help get behind this fundraiser and donate a gold coin by placing it in your child's gumboot.

Lucky book orders are due in by Monday 8 April.

A huge thank you to **Gloria Munro** for donating tissues to the school. We really appreciate your kind gesture.

We have **vision and hearing tests** for a list of students next Monday. More information about this has been added to this newsletter.

However there is a free **hearing clinic service** open for children at Tokoroa Hospital at the Outpatients Department on Wednesday 3 April & Wednesday 17 April. Any queries phone 07 8850640 This is for advice on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks, treatment of discharging ears.

We had a fantastic “**School Disco**” on Friday. We had a number of students from Mangakino supporting our disco. This was run by our Senior Leaders who managed to raise a total of \$341 to help towards the Room 1 camp. Thank you to all those who attended the disco.

I am hoping to run a **Pouakani (Farm) Bus meeting** this week. I will be contact with all those involved once a day has been confirmed.

Regards
James White
principal@whakamaru.school.nz

WEEK 10 Note:

BoT Meeting

Monday night we will be meeting to discuss a range of topics related to the direction of the school. If you would like to be part of this in the future, put your name forward for the Board of Trustees elections this year.

SCHOOL DISCO

Great night had by all. \$341 was raised to go towards the Room 1 camp.

Gumboot Friday

Please encourage your children to wear their gumboots on Friday. So wear your gumboots to school and slip a gold coin into them.

Have you downloaded our school app yet?



Never miss important school information again!

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

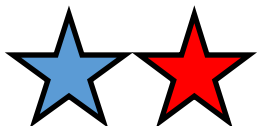


Available on the **App Store**

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 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.

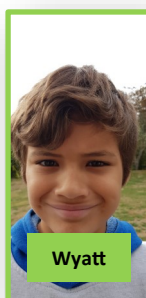
Accountable — for Ourselves, our Actions,
our Words.

High achievers —Excellence, Personal Best,
Perseverance

Unified —Teamwork, Everyone working
together, Kotahitanga.

Maunga	Senior Kaahu Kids
Pureora	Wyatt Unkovich
Titirapenga	Ardent Perez
Tongariro	Simara Jensen-Cridge
Tauhara	Serenity Martin

Maunga	Junior Kaahu Kids
Pureora	RJ Marks
Titirapenga	Hunter Prier
Tongariro	Cooper Burgess
Tauhara	Dakota Traill-Pullen



Wyatt



Ardent



Simara



Serenity



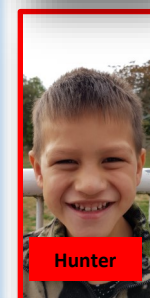
Supreme Kaahu Award

Dana Swann

Term 1 Week 9



RJ



Hunter



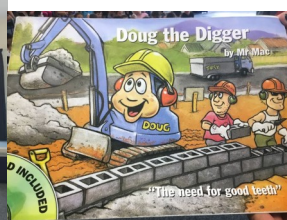
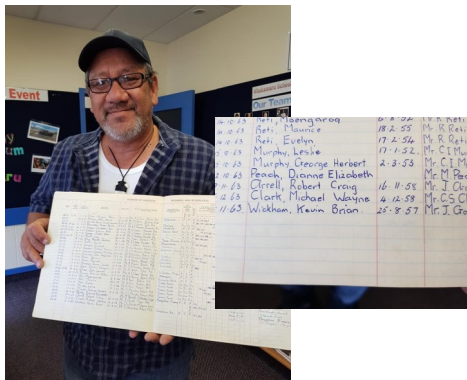
Cooper



Dakota

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Achievement Certificates	Tia-Marie Iwikau	Chika Aryunda Serenity Martin	Kearah Williams, Vaughn Rixon, Pania Tanirau, Dana Swann	Kohineteraupara Taylor
Duffy Certificates	Wiremu Webber	Hannah Burgess	Taerangi Riri	Leyland Unkovich

School Photos



Vision: at Whakamaru School we develop attitudes and skills for life-long learners
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Student work

Room 2 Taniwha stories

In Room 2 we have been learning to use descriptive language to describe a taniwha.

We shared lots of stories about taniwha and then we had to create our own.

We had to give it a name and then write about what it looks like, where it lives, what it eats and any

Jacob

My taniwha's name is Marumaru.

He protects the people at Whakamaru School.

He is enormous. He is so big he can fill the whole school pool.

He can run as fast as a greyhound.

He can breathe fire.

He can fly. He has giant wings.

Simara

My precious taniwha is called Tika.

She is kind and caring. Sometimes other taniwha call her Kaitiaki.

My taniwha has the fluffiest white paws like cotton balls and a fluffy white tail with a long spiral going up it and a little spiral going across it.

Tika has a cute pink sparkle in her eyes like rose quartz.

The spike on top of her body moves from side to side. When it moves it is warning Tika there is danger approaching.

Tika uses camouflage to hide from her prey.

She eats dandelions. The more dandelions she eats, the stronger she becomes.

Kyran

My taniwha's name is Taonga. My taniwha is good.

He lives in the sea and only comes out at night.

He swims fast in the water.

Taonga eats fish that he catches in the sea. His favourite is Kahawai. He uses the fire from his mouth to smoke the fish.

Zahara

My taniwha's name is Whetu Marama.

She has a scaly tail and wings to fly.

At night she turns into a star. She is protector of the sky.

Whetu Marama eats fish and meat. She gets the fish from the lake. Sometimes she catches deer and pigs from the forest.

Estahrn

My taniwha is a protector.

He loves it in the sky which is where he lives. He has wings. He talks to Te Ra sometimes.

He is awesome.

His name is Tikatika.

He lives in the sky.

He dives under water to get fish to eat. He is little. About the size of a fully grown Labrador.

Chika

My taniwha's name is Putiputi. Did you know Putiputi is the Maori name for flower?

She has red, purple, blue and pink on her back. Putiputi has a light brown head, yellow eyes, a red nose, a purple tongue and pink lips.

Putiputi has a tail shaped like a koru.

My taniwha drinks clean water and eats all sorts of meat.

Putiputi doesn't have any teeth because she's only a baby.

Putiputi has a unicorn horn because she is a unicorn taniwha. She lives in the sky near the sun.





Wednesday Summer Touch

No more Touch this term

Touch will resume in Term 4.

Thank you very much everyone for coming along over the term to enjoy playing touch here at Whakamaru School. We constantly had 30 –60 students, parents and caregivers join in.

Look forward to starting up again in Term 4.

Regards James White.

PTA Easter Basket Raffle

Thank you to those who have already sold and returned their raffle tickets.

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



VectorStock

Huge thank you to
**Komal & Ronal
Singh**

for donating the
bread for our
School Disco.

g.a.s.
Petrol Service Stations

**We want the
whole school
wearing Gumboots
ON FRIDAY 5 APRIL**

I AM HOPE GUMBOOT UP NEW ZEALAND

The I Am Hope Gumboot Friday campaign is raising \$2,000,000 for free counselling for any kid who needs help. Show your support by wearing your gumboots to school and giving a gold coin. So Gumboot Up New Zealand and donate at www.iamhope.org.nz

#GumbootUpNZ

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- New Immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.