



WHAKAMARU SCHOOL

Growing Creative Thinkers

NEWSLETTER T4
Week 05-06 2021 #3

TERM 4
SUPREME
KAAHU KIDS



Paddy Parkes
from Tongariro
Week 03



Darcy
Mackey-Namana
from Pureora
Week 04

Principals message—

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

Kīwaha o te wiki - Saying of the week

Mā te aha i tēnā whakaaro – *Good on you for that idea*

I would like to reassure our community that all **our staff at school are fully vaccinated** — therefore ensuring our community is safe. Please remember that any visitor that enters the school grounds during school hours must report to the office and will need to be vaccinated.

Big thank you to the parents who helped with the 'Room 1 Napier Camp' I know everyone enjoyed the week. **A special thank you to Dan from Kiwi Can** for spending the week with our students and **thanks to Whaea Lianne** for your organisation of the camp. See pg.5 for photos.

A health warning has been issued for **Lake Whakamaru** after samples taken from the lake by Waikato Regional Council confirmed a bloom of potentially toxic **blue-green algae**. Contact with water affected by blooms of blue-green algae **can cause asthma and hayfever attacks** in some individuals. **Contact** with the blue-green algae can also cause **skin rashes, stomach upsets**, and in some cases **neurological effects such as tingling around the mouth, headaches, breathing difficulties and visual problems**. **Please do not swim in or drink from the lake.**

Due to the current Covid-19 situation in our wider area we have decided to **cancel the Russman's Quiz night** Room 1 had planned for tomorrow.

Huge thank you to the **PTA** for purchasing the **robot to clean our school pool**. This will make maintaining the pool to a high standard so much easier. We are **looking for new members** for our school PTA, take a look at the article on pg 6 an interesting read.

Thank you to all those who have donated to my "Give a little page—Overcoming a fear of heights" on our school Facebook. The staff have nominated me to be involved in the "**Drop your boss**" initiative to do a bungee jump, which I have never done before. This is to help raise funds for the Graeme Dingle Foundation or Kiwi Can programme for schools.

Please keep an eye on our social media sites for further information around the **final assembly**.

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Maunga Ropu
Tatau



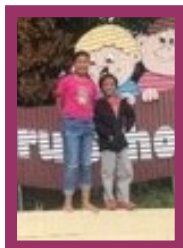


Term 4 2021

Week Three Awards

Maunga	Junior Students
Pureora	Darcy Mackey-Namana
Titiraupenga	Logan Brolly
Tongariro	Kobi Long
Tauhara	Corvo Oka-Smith

Presenters of Assembly
#03 (Term 4)
Ardent & Aotearoa



Maunga	Senior Students
Pureora	Kyran Doig
Titiraupenga	Kahliah-Jane Oka-Smith
Tongariro	Paratene Turuwhenua
Tauhara	Milly Parkes



Darcy (Ar)



Logan (Ar)



Supreme KAAHU KID
Paddy Parkes



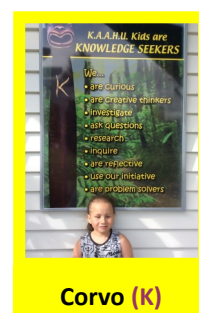
Kyran (K)



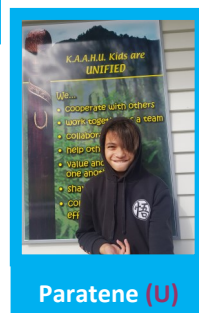
Kahliah-Jane



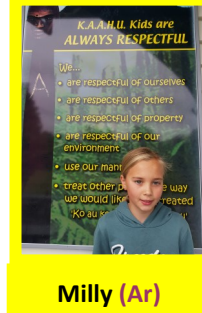
Kobi (H)



Corvo (K)



Paratene (U)



Milly (Ar)



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do not be deterred by anything less
than a lofty mountain.

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WE ARE CREATIVE THINKERS WHO ARE.....

Knowledge seekers (K)

He tangata whai matauranga
* are curious, inquiring and reflective

Always respectful (Ar)

He tangata whai manaaki
* To ones self, others and property.

Accountable (Acc)

He tangata whai whakaaro
* Towards ourselves, our actions and our words.

High achievers (H)

He tangata piki ake ki te teitei
• strive to show excellence, personal best and perseverance

Unified (U)

He whānau kotahi



Week 03 Certificates	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Junior
Achievement Certificates	Mahlyia Leatherby	Caitlyn Morris	Paddy Parkes	Nathaniel Aryunda Laike Leatherby Darcy Mackey-Namana
Caught Being Good Duffy Certificates	Grace Harcourt	Ardent Perez	Corvo Oka-Smith	Cody Sillis



Term 4 2021

Week Four Awards

Maunga	Junior Students
Pureora	Lucy Taylor
Titiraupenga	Nevaeh Moss
Tongariro	Nathaniel Aryunda
Tauhara	Cody Sillis

Presenters of Assembly
#04 (Term 4)
Amelia-Jane & Kahliah-Jane



Maunga	Senior Students
Pureora	Kyran Doig
Titiraupenga	Tia-Marie Turfrey
Tongariro	David Kurniawan
Tauhara	Caitlyn Morris



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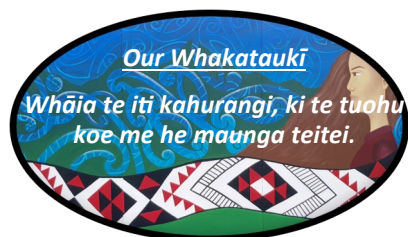
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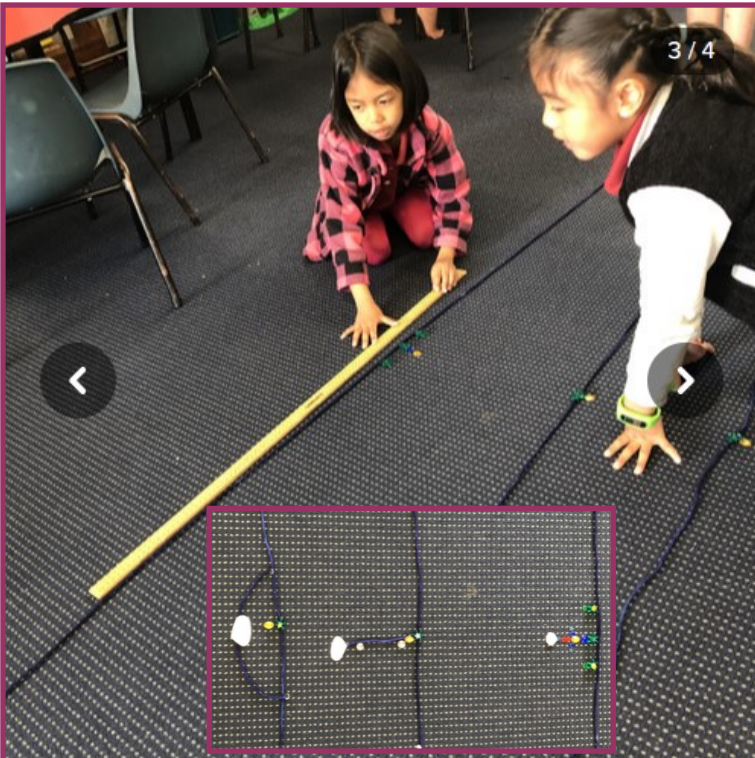


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Week 05 Certificates	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Junior
Achievement Certificates	AWAY ON CAMP	Jahrel Reweti	Kahliah-Jane Oka-Smith	Darcy Mackey-Namana
Caught Being Good Duffy Certificates	AWAY ON CAMP	Millie Parkes	Puti Kingi-Moa	Odin Karauna

What we have been up to at Whakamaru School!



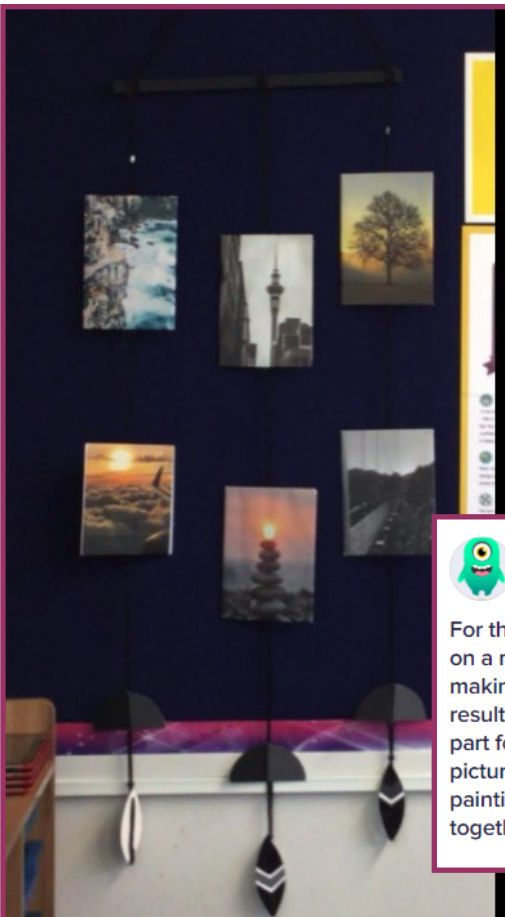
Jessenia and Musica have been designing and making jewellery today. They used measurement to ensure even spacing in the planning of their design. Links to the NZ Curriculum Maths (Geometry & Measurement), Technology (Knowledge & Practice), Arts (Visual).



Lilly Day

Junior Class 2021 - Nov 8

Here is Miss Lilly having her swimming lesson. She looks like she is enjoying herself.



Mahlyia Leatherby

Room 1 2021 - Nov 5

For the past 2 terms I've been working on a mobile. Overall I had a good time making this and I'm very happy with the results of my hard work. The hardest part for me was choosing the right pictures, however the easiest part was painting the stick that holds everything together.



Great to see our students practising for the school athletics days on Thursday & Friday



McQuinn Colipano

Junior Class 2021 - Nov 12

This is my necklace I made it today on the hot glue gun bench



Room 1 Napier Camp photos



An interesting read

Nicola Alpe: When did being in the PTA become a bad thing?

10 Nov, 2021 07:00 AM

© 4 minutes to read



Being on the PTA is more than just hustling for raffle ticket sales, writes Nicola Alpe. Photo / Getty Images

OPINION:

The end of the school year is fast approaching, although somewhat of a misnomer, with so many kids having been out of school for weeks and no end in sight.

Illustrated by the first day of school versus last day of school pictures that flood our socials, albeit mostly children too young to put up the hefty amounts of surly resistance their elders do, kids go through transformations of the physical, intellectual and emotional through the year.

This year, I too have gone through a transformation. I've gone from parent of a child in Year 1 to full-throttle PTA Chair. Correction. Friends of the School Chair. Somewhere between my primary school graduation and now, things got so dire in the PTA universe that a rebrand was undertaken in an attempt to restore brand equity. I should have known something was afoot when relieved faces appointed me at my very first meeting without checking any credentials. When I excitedly told my mum that my husband isn't the only chairman in the household, she laughed her teacher-representative-of-Friends-of-the-School head off at my naivety.

A friend's laughter echoed my mum's, with her convinced I was now Christina Applegate's character in *Bad Moms*. I added it to my must-watch list and forgot about it.

On a Sunday morning with little to do I started watching *Bad Moms* and I saw the similarities. I too have knocked on the driver's window of a car to try and sell a raffle ticket to a parent in the Kiss and Drive lane because they had been studiously avoiding eye contact with me as I made my way down the line, clipboard in one hand and portable Eftpos terminal in the other.

Being involved with the school has given me a completely different perspective on what it takes to make everything work and to keep churning out educated and happy children. With approximately 95 per cent of New Zealand's 766,000+ school-aged children at a state school, education is a significant spend each year for the Government, but it really is a "just enough" system and with the educational side being essentially free to parents, there is little understanding of just how scarce resources actually are. Put simply, for many schools if FOS didn't fundraise and if grants weren't available, children would receive a very stripped back educational experience.

It's a constant battle between funding received and teaching resources required to support learning and development for all students, technology needing to be up to date and enrichments like STEAM labs and such to make education relevant to today's changing requirements. Not to mention the battle of wills between educational philosophies and parents' expectations, those expectations often akin to deliverables of a private school on a public-school budget.

I've had the pleasure of discovering that FOS members are devoted, enthusiastic, talented, great fun to be around and are simply trying to make the school lives of all of our children better. They are also time-poor parents, are juggling work, study and other children, exactly like you. And sometimes they take your refusal to make eye contact with them to heart.

FOS is not all hustling for raffle ticket sales, although that is part of it. It's seeing your kids in their natural habitat as you work the bake sale, getting to know other awesome parents and teachers, and having a fix on what's happening at school. FOS welcomes volunteers with open arms and if you happen to have a chest freezer at home to store excess sausages from the athletics day sausage sizzle, you'll be welcomed with great fanfare.

Heaviest Calf Competition 2021

Current holder
Jay
Farm 3 WMI—194kg



The 2021 Whakamaru School Heaviest calf competition is coming up .
Up for grabs , the Annual 1st Prize Trophy with the Winning farm name engraved onto it to join the list of exceptional farmers .

Contact office for registration form

Must be a Spring born calf . Friesian Bull .
Pick up and weighing in 2nd week of December .



Fundraising for
Room 1's camp
in Napier

QUIZ
NIGHT

Please pay your team's
money into the school
account.

0304 630232529 00
Whakamaru School BOT
Reference: Quiz Night

**CANCELLED DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY
OF THE CURRENT COVID OUTBREAK IN
OUR WIDER TAUPO AREA.**

10 teams only
SO....GET IN
QUICK!!!!

you are entering a
team – there is limited
space!
07 882 8872

At
Russmans



Term 4 2021 dates of interest



Please keep up an eye on our communication platforms Classdojo, Facebook & Skool Loop for any change of dates or cancellations due to our current COVID situation.

Days/ Weeks	Monday Rahina	Tuesday Ratu	Wednesday Raapa	Thursday Rapare	Friday Ramere
Five	15/11 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls BoT meeting	16/11 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	17/11 Karakia Mathzwise Newsletter #3 Te reo Classes 6-8pm	18/11 Karakia Tech Y7&8	19/11 Assembly Piano/ KiwiCan Senior Athletics
Six	22/11 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	23/11 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	24/11 Karakia Mathzwise Te reo Classes 6-8pm	25/11 Karakia Tech Y7&8 TWA Production	26/11 Assembly Piano/ KiwiCan
Seven	29/11 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	30/11 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys Bible in Schools	01/12 Karakia Mathzwise Newsletter #4 Te reo Classes 6-8pm	02/12 Karakia Tech Y7&8 Rippa Rugby Taupo	03/12 Performance Assembly KiwiCan
Eight	06/12 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	07/12 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys Y8 Trip & over -night stay	08/12—Karakia Mathzwise TWA Tongariro Trout trip Te reo Classes 6-8pm	09/12 Karakia	10/12 Final Assembly
Nine	13/12 Karakia Newsletter #5	14/12 Karakia	Start of the Christmas Holidays	Return to school Wednesday 2 February	