



WHAKAMARU SCHOOL

Growing Creative Thinkers

NEWSLETTER T1
Week 01-02
2022 #2



Collectively working to set up the whare in R4 with Ms Whatarau.



Jay Arifin (WMI Farm 3)
Heaviest calf Comp 2021
Winner at 193kg
Second year running

Principals message

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

Kīwaha o te wiki - Phrase of the week
Ka mau te wehi! — *That's amazing!*

It was lovely to see our returning students and new faces excited about the new school year. I took great pleasure in hearing about the adventures they all had over the holidays.

I would like to really thank our community for supporting our school community under the COVID-19 RED LIGHT setting. An acceptance of mask wearing inside was outstanding and thank you for helping us follow the directive of the Government and Ministry of Health, this allows us to focus on educating children.

As our current situation evolves, the Ministry of Transport has highlighted they may experience staff shortages on school buses, should this happen they ask for your understanding and patience.

We have decided to delay our scheduled whanau BBQ for next week and look to hold one later in the year. We do however encourage you to contact us, should you have any questions around your child's learning. This can be done by phone, messaging on Clasdojo or face to face discussion (pre-organised) with your child's teacher.

It was great to see our children wearing their uniforms to school. You are able to order Hoodies now. We have a limited supply at school but would encourage you to order them now for term 2 if you would like your child to have one for the cooler months. Please remember hoodies are optional.

Attached to this newsletter is a form to return to school as soon as possible. This gives adult permission for a range of school activities and most importantly ensuring we have your correct contact details, emergency contact etc. These details are important under our current school setting.

We have two Pinelands sporting events this term. Planning is well underway for these events. We will be working within the Ministry of Health and Sport NZ guidelines so these events can go ahead.

Nga mihi nui
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**Day one term one
2022**

**Plenty of outside activities to
minimise mask wearing**





Libby Morris
Class Attitude cup Room 1



Tyree Hackford
Class Attitude cup Room 2



Jessenia Rohman
Class Attitude cup Room 3



Darcy Mackey-Namana
Class Attitude cup Room 5



2021 Final assembly Awards



Ardent Perez
KAAHU KID CUP winner



Estahrn Currie
Mana Maori Award



Ngawaiata Taylor
FVHS Kindness cup



Kaani Trueman
Year 8 Excellence & Attitude



Aotearoa Taylor
Growth mindset



Chika Aryunda
Year 7 Excellence



Braiden Currie
Speech, Swimming & Sports cup winner



Pursue that which is precious and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.

KAAHU KIDS
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

• by working together, showing teamwork for the benefit of all.



Public Health Measures are applied across all CPF settings



Basic hygiene

Basic hygiene measures include good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, avoid touching your face, and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces.



Contact tracing

Schools are required to display QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. They must also have other contact tracing systems in place, including an attendance register and visitor register.



Vaccination

Getting vaccinated is a key step to gain more protection against the virus. From 2 January 2022, only fully vaccinated staff and support people can have contact with children and students.



If you are sick - stay home and get tested

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home. Call your doctor or Healthline on **0800 358 5453** for advice about getting tested. Staff are to observe children on arrival, checking for symptoms. Those presenting as unwell will be asked to go home or arrange for parents or caregivers to come and pick up.



Ventilation

Indoor spaces should be well ventilated, for example by opening windows, doors, and any vents. If mechanical ventilation is used, make sure the ventilation system is regularly maintained.



Case management across all CPF settings



Cases of COVID-19 in a school will continue to be managed across the framework. Schools will work with the Ministry of Education, following public health guidance, to identify who else may need to self-isolate and get tested. Contact tracing systems will support this process. Letter templates and other supports will be provided, to assist with communications to the community.



Closing schools on site is an unlikely option at all colours of the framework. However, it may be considered where there is a high volume of cases in a school.



Cases in school hostels will be managed directly by public health, as there is a greater risk of spread in a hostel, than there is in a school setting.

GREEN

Schools and kura are **OPEN** for on site learning for all students.



Face coverings are encouraged but not required.



Children with complex medical needs are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance on site.

ORANGE

Schools and kura are **OPEN** for on site learning for all students.



Face coverings are required on school transport for ākonga aged 12 and up.



Face coverings are encouraged but not required indoors at school. **Children with complex medical needs** are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance on site.



Staff are able to work across more than one group/class of students within the school. Staff such as **itinerant music teachers and relief teachers** will be able to work across different schools.



Curriculum related activities - Large activities with students, if they are to go ahead, should take place in well-ventilated areas or outdoors.



Non-curriculum related events may only go ahead if a vaccination certificate is required. If bringing others on site, including parents and caregivers, any general rules for events applicable at the time will apply.

RED

Schools and kura are **OPEN** for on site learning for all students.



Face coverings are required:

- for all ākonga Years 4 and up when indoors or in close contact with others
- for staff working to provide or support the provisions of education for Years 4 and up
- on school transport for all ākonga aged 12 and up.



Curriculum related activities - Large activities with students should not go ahead unless held outdoors.



Non-curriculum related events should be limited and may only go ahead if a vaccination certificate is required.



No external students on site for non-curriculum related inter-school activities.



Essential support services and agencies such as **learning support service may be on site**. Minimise attendance on site for non-essential services as much as possible.



No non-essential visitors on site.



Children with complex medical needs, can seek advice from their health professional about whether it is appropriate to come to school. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance on site.



Support for off site learning will be provided for those who are advised to remain at home.



Term 1 2022 dates of interest



Please keep up an eye on our communication platforms Clasdojo, Facebook & Skool Loop for any change of dates or cancellations due to our current Traffic Light status.

More dates for 2022 will be added once they are confirmed.

Days/ Weeks	Monday Rahina	Tuesday Ratu	Wednesday Raapa	Thursday Rapare	Friday Ramere
One	31/01 AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY	01/02 TEACHER ONLY DAY	02/02 Karakia First day of school 2022	03/02 Karakia	04/02 Assembly KiwiCan
Two	07/02 WAITANGI DAY	08/02 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	09/02 Karakia	10/02 Karakia R1 Noho @ school Immunisation Ed Y7-8	11/02 Assembly KiwiCan
Three	14/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	15/02 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	16/02 Karakia	17/02 Karakia Tech Y7&8	18/02 Assembly KiwiCan Leader Announcement
Four	21/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	22/02 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	23/02 Karakia Senior Swimming	24/02 Karakia Tech Y7&8	25/02 Assembly KiwiCan
Five	28/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls Swimwell week am	01/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	02/03 Karakia	03/03—Karakia Tech Y7&8 Pinelands Junior Swimming (Whakamaru)	04/03—Assembly KiwiCan Pinelands Senior Swimming (Managkino)
Six	07/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls Y7-8 Immunisations Easter raffle (PTA)	08/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	09/03 Karakia School Bi/Triathlon	10/03 Karakia Tech Y7&8	11/03 Assembly KiwiCan
Seven	14/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	15/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	16/03 Karakia School Triathlon	17/03 Karakia Tech Y7&8	18/03 Assembly KiwiCan
Eight	21/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	22/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	23/03 Karakia TWA noho	24/03 Karakia Tech Y7&8 TWA noho	25/03 Assembly KiwiCan TWA noho
Nine	28/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	29/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	30/03 Karakia Go-Girl Cricket Taupo	31/03 Karakia Tech Y7&8	01/04 Assembly KiwiCan WFPSA Swimming TBC
Ten	04/04 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	05/04 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	06/04 Karakia Taupo Soccer festival	07/04 Karakia Tech Y7&8 School Photos	08/04 Assembly KiwiCan
Eleven	11/04 Karakia Guitar Lessons girls	12/04 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons boys	13/04 Karakia	14/04 Karakia Tech Y7&8 Assembly—Easter raffle draw	15/04 Easter Friday