



WHAKAMARU SCHOOL

Growing Creative Thinkers

NEWSLETTER #01
TI Week 01 2024



Maunga winners 2023
Pureora

Heaviest calf Competition 2023



Jay Arifin - WMI Farm 3
Winner at 198kg
(David & Syifa)
Forth year running



SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

Username: whakamaru

Password: kaahu

- Parent Involvement
- Communicating with Parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- School Planning & Reporting
- Reporting to parents on Student Progress & Achievement

Principals message Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

Whakatauki o te rua wiki - Phrase of the fortnight
Hari tau hou katoa— *Happy new year everyone*

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. We hope you all had a great holiday and you all have enjoyed the hot weather. Good luck to last years Year 8 students and other school leavers, we wish you well at your new schools. We have a very busy term ahead of us and look forward to catching up with you all.

We are holding **Whanaungatanga Paraire** next Friday 9 February from 1pm. This is to share information about the year and questions you may have around our current Education Landscape. Below is a timetable of what will happen on the day.

- 1:00 School direction, parent Q&A (Whanau ruma)
- 1:20—Room 1—class expectations and programmes
- 1:30 —Room 2—class expectations and programmes
- 1:40—Room 3&5 class expectations and programmes
- 2:00—School BBQ for all whanau and students. Supplied by the school.

RSVP's through your child's classdojo page,

. Please check the back page for further information around the school term.

Attached to this newsletter is a **Permission Information Form** to be returned 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, etc so our information is up to date.

As you may be aware, The Ministry of Education has increased their attention towards students' low attendance rates across the country. All schools are now required to closely monitor students attendance and formally contact parents if their children fall into any of the following categories:

- **Chronic attendance** - less than 70% attendance
- **Moderate attendance** - 70 to 80% attendance.
- **Irregular attendance** - between 80 and 90% attendance.

The Ministry of Education goal is for all students to be attending school regularly, which equates to more than 90% of the time. See page 2 for examples of the effects of absences.

Our school constantly reviews our school policies and procedures. We would encourage you to help us to continually improve by going onto our School Docs Website and comment on policies which are currently under review. Use the Username and password (bottom left corner) to access our school site.

Nga mihi nui

James White - principal@whakamaru.school.nz

Some Highlights from 2023



More highlights from 2023



DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then

YES, attendance does matter!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Our Whakatauki

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei.

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





River Hackford
Class Attitude cup Room 1



Pippa Wilkinson
Class Attitude cup Room 2



Nathaniel Aryunda
Class Attitude cup Room 3



Matthew Pinlac
Class Attitude cup Room 5



Tehani-rose Anderson
KAAHU KID CUP winner

2023 Final Assembly



Syifa Mohammad
Year 8 Excellence & Attitude



Logan Brolly
Growth mindset



Syifa Mohammad
Mana Maori Award



Tehani-rose Anderson
Speech Cup



Ardent Perez
FVHS Kindness cup



Sisilia Adicaginitoba
Year 7 Excellence



Tyree Hackford
Swimming Cup



Chelsey Skudder
Mercury Innovation
Trophy



*E huri tō aroaro ki te rā tukuna tō ātaarangi ki muri i a koe.
Turn and face the sun and let your shadow fall behind you.*



Tyree Hackford
Sports cup winner



Term 1 2024 dates of interest

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



Days/ Weeks	Monday Rahina	Tuesday Ratu	Wednesday Raapa	Thursday Rapare	Friday Ramere
One	29/01 Admin open 9am-12pm	30/01 Admin open 9am-12pm	31/01 Last day of School Holi- days Teacher Only Day	01/02 Start of Term 1 Karakia	01/02 Assembly
Two	05/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons	06/02 Waitangi Day	07/02 Karakia	08/02 Karakia	09/02 Assembly KiwiCan Whanaungatanga Paraire
Three	12/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons	13/02 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	14/02 Karakia Ed Immunisation Y7&8 lesson Touch	15/02 Karakia	16/02 Assembly KiwiCan
Four	19/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons Swimwell week	20/02 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons Swimwell week	21/02 Karakia Swimwell week Touch	22/02 Karakia Swimwell week	23/02 Assembly KiwiCan Swimwell week
Five	26/02 Karakia Guitar Lessons	27/02 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	28/02 Karakia Touch	29/02 Karakia Junior Pinelands Swimming Display	01/03 KiwiCan Senior Pinelands Swimming (Mangakino)
Six	04/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons	05/03 Kapa haka Ed Immunisation Y7&8 Guitar Lessons	06/03 Karakia Rm 1 Waihi Camp Touch	07/03 Karakia Rm 1 Waihi Camp	08/03 Assembly KiwiCan Rm 1 Waihi Camp
Seven	11/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons	12/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	13/03 Karakia Touch	14/03 Karakia	15/03 Assembly KiwiCan
Eight	18/03 Karakia School Photos Guitar Lessons	19/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	20/03 Karakia Rm 2 Noho Touch	21/03 Karakia Rm 2 Noho	22/03 Assembly KiwiCan Rm 2 Noho
Nine	25/03 Karakia Guitar Lessons Pedal Safe Rm2 @ school	26/03 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons Pedal Safe Rm2—Taupō	27/03 Karakia Touch	28/03 Karakia	29/03 Good Friday Easter Weekend
Ten	01/04 Easter Monday	02/04 Easter Tuesday	03/04 Karakia Touch	04/04 Karakia	05/04 Assembly KiwiCan
Eleven	08/04 Karakia Guitar Lessons	09/04 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	10/04 Karakia	11/04 Karakia	12/04 Assembly KiwiCan