



Whareama School

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Term 1, Week 3

CURRICULUM

It has been great to see all the positive work in all the classrooms right from the start of the school term. Everyone has been working hard to set up their classrooms and learning spaces and the positive environments have been great to see and hear. These environments set up safe spaces to learn so kids feel confident to face challenges, take risks and to thrive in the work they are doing. A huge thanks to all the staff for their amazing mahi to get their classes up and running in such a quick and positive manner. We have heard some amazing writing already in all classrooms and the kids are setting a very high benchmark for themselves for 2019. I am sure this means we will see our kids soar again this year and it will be another very productive year for the Whareama School learning community.



WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

All parents of Year 7/8 students please talk to your kids about what they might like their passion projects to be, they need to work 20 hours on their projects and this can be done at home or at school. It needs to be a new skill or interest for them and may also support them to develop a skill they current have. It is very flexible but through the process they must be learning new knowledge and skills. There will be a book coming home soon to tell you more and between school and home the kids will have their hours signed off and added to the Challenge Hub.

HOMEWORK

All classrooms will be starting homework this week and this will consist of reading, spelling, mathematics through Maths Buddy or Mathletics and any work that requires completion from unfinished class work. You would have received a newsletter about this from you class and this will have reinforced the value of some small amounts of practice of skills at home, without it being onerous or difficult for you to manage at home.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This year the Year 7 and 8 students who will be going to Design Technology at Makoura College on Fridays from Week 8 this term. There is a separate letter coming home for each of these students later this term to remind you about this programme. The school van leaves school at 10am each Friday and returns in the afternoon for all students. There is a cost of \$20 each term as part of the take home component and this will be billed at the end of term.



SWIMMING – IN SCHOOL AND LESSONS

Swimming lessons start with Becks this week and will run Mondays – Thursdays for the next two and a half weeks. Everyone who is having private afterschool lessons received a notice last week.

KI-O-RAHI COASTAL CLASSIC

On Friday the 1st of March our school is hosting the third annual Ki-o-rahi sports tournament. This will be at Riversdale Beach and will be run with Whaiora and Kokiri Te Puna from Wellington. We have around 200 students from schools in the Wairarapa coming to this and we will be entering hopefully two teams.

WINGS OVER WAIRARAPA SCHOOL DAY

We have been very lucky to be accepted to have the whole school visit the Wings Over Wairarapa event on Friday the 22nd of February. We will be taking the whole school and we will be taken on Transit buses for the day. This will be from 9am – 2pm and then the buses will take us back to school. Town kids can be picked up from the Hood Aerodrome and we will contact the parents involved shortly. We also need 4 parents to help out on the day, so please let Darren know as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BUSES

As a friendly reminder please remember if there are any changes to what bus you would like your child on please give us at least 24 hours' notice. There are minimal spaces available on buses at certain times but please ask and we will help where we possibly can. The town bus now has 2 pick up and drop off points in town and these are Henley Lake and the Colombo Road Alleyway. The phone number contacts for the bus drivers are Janelle 0273532329 for the town bus, Eddie 0210441217 for the Homewood bus and 3723395 for Brent driving the ICA bus. If your child is not on their bus for any reason please let your bus driver know as soon as possible.

SPORTS

Best of luck to the kids who signed up for cricket and tennis and these competitions are already underway, with some starting this weekend.

MUSIC

Hemi will be starting lessons again this tomorrow (guitar, ukulele, keyboard, singing). If you child took lessons last year they will automatically continue. If you don't want them to participate or would like any new students added, please ring the office.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 orders close 20 February.

Regards

The Team at Whareama School.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 1:

Tues 12 th February	Music Lessons Start
Weds 20 th February	Chinese Language Assistant Programme
Fri 22 nd February	Wings Over Wairarapa School Day
Thurs 28 th February	RURAL SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS
Weds 6 th March	Masterton Schools Swim Sports
Fri 1 st March	Ki-o-rahi Coastal Classic
Fri 12 th April	Term 1 Ends