



# Whareama School

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Term 3, Week 5

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Well we all got the news last week that I guess we had all be dreading, but expecting. We have moved into Level 2 and the systems that go in place with being at that level. I sent out a separate newsletter last Friday, which was also emailed, that outlines our procedures around Level 2. Please familiarise yourself with this document and discuss with your children, so that everyone understands how to keep ourselves safe while at school. I do want to comment on how well the students are doing and their understanding around level two and how it works for us in school. Everyone has been super smart with washing hands, using good coughing etiquette and also using the hand sanitiser while getting on the bus and arriving at school. Many students are also discussing social distancing to keep everybody safe. We do hope that this all ends soon but in the meantime keep up the amazing work. Life with Covid, I suspect, will be with us for a while and it is nothing to fear, however just a good opportunity to develop and encourage good hygiene practices to use in everyday life. Please remember that when you visit the school, go straight to the office and fill in the contact register as this is part of our protocols at Level 2 as well and a ministry requirement. We also have the Government Covid tracing app Q code on the window as you enter school. I hope to see you all at our upcoming quiz night. ***Nga mihi nui – Darren Kerr***

## **SKI TRIP 2020**

A huge thanks to the parents and a special thanks to Mike Taylor who helped on our ski trip. This year we had all students make it further up the mountain and out of the beginners area, the first time we have achieved this! The behaviour, attitude and manners of our students was outstanding and it was a hugely successful event this year.

## **QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

At the moment our fundraiser is still going ahead. We really need parents to keep making up teams and also to ensure that they are trying to get prizes for our auction at the end of the quiz. If you have businesses you can get hold of to donate a prize please do this for us and send it to school or to Flick Tatham.

## **MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Can everyone please collect milk bottle tops (especially yellow ones) and send them into school for us. We are doing 3D art this term and have a few cool activities that we need milk bottle tops to complete.....thanks so much.



### **SPORTS IN TERM 3**

Sadly, due to Covid Level 2, all sports for junior has been put on hold. These decisions are not made lightly but each association is making the best decisions they can in light of the current circumstances. Trainings will continue for each code so the students will be getting some sports in over the week.

### **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**

This is going to continue under Level 2 so there are 3 more sessions at Design Tech. We have no Design Tech on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, due to the Teacher Only Professional Development day..

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Next Friday we have a teacher only day as part of our new collective contract professional development days. At the moment we are all part of a large professional development jumbo day in Masterton with all other Masterton schools. If the day has to be called off, due to Covid Level 2, we will still continue with it being a teacher only day and the staff will use this day to update planning, assessment, priority learner programmes and for personal professional development in writing reviews to take place. So no matter what happens with our Masterton wide PD day we will not be at school on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Thank you for your support with this.

### **DRESS UP DAY**

We have a range of different fundraisers coming up like Daffodil day, Wig Wednesday, Onesie day and also the Masterton food bank appeal. To culminate these into one event we have decided to do Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September as a dress up day. Kids can come in onesies, wigs, crazy hair or daffodil colours to help celebrate these combined fundraisers. We ask that each child brings a gold coin donation and also two cans of non-perishable food for the Masterton Foodbank that will be delivered to town once completed.

### **BOT REVIEW**

This term we are asking parents to review the policy of Recognition of Learning Support. This will be open until the end of the term. Please go to our SchoolDocs website <https://whareama.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> and username is 'Whareama' and password 'learnwithpride'

#### **Events Calendar**

#### **TERM 3:**

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> August	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> August.	Whareama School Quiz Night
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> September	DRESSUP Fundraising Day

