Whareama School

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Term 4, Week 1

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

I hope you all had a great time with your children over the past 2 weeks and their batteries have been recharged for what is going to be another whirlwind term. This term is nine weeks long and we will be ending our school year on Tuesday the 15th of December, at 1pm. Our school prize giving and dinner will be on Monday the 14th of December, starting at 5pm. There is a huge list of events on this term and I have put them all on the timetable at the bottom of this newsletter. Please phone us at school if you have any questions around these events but we aim to send out extra newsletters to the students involved in any of the planned activities, if they are not mentioned in the newsletter. So, let's get into the final term by learning some amazing things, developing our students' knowledge in all curriculum areas and achieving our school and personal goals for 2020. Please keep newsletters and help us out by organising things at your end, when needed, to help make our jobs easier. This term has so much on and you can see from the list below all the things that we have coming up. This term will fly by and so please be ready for many fun events and a wide range of learning this term at Whareama School.

PETS' DAY 2020

Our annual Pets' Day will be on Friday the 16th of October, the first Friday back in Week 1. An extra notice about this was sent home last term and if you do not have this please contact school for another copy. The student stalls will open to the public at 12pm and then Pets' Parades will start at 1.30pm…..we would love to see all family and friends come along on the day. If we do happen to move Covid Levels we do have a plan in place to still run our Pets' Day, with the Year 1-4s in the morning and the Year 5-8s in the afternoon. Hopefully we will be able to run our day as normal with no changes needs…… see you this Friday!

GET SET GO – RUN JUMP THROW

This term we will have Mark Harris from Wairarapa Athletics coming in to take us for eight sessions. These are to help teachers and students develop their athletic skills and prepare for our athletics events on this term. These sessions are $5 per child and will be covered by our donations scheme funding.

NATIONAL SHAKE OUT

This Thursday it is national Shakeout Day at 9:30am and we will be using this day to complete our termly earthquake drill and we encourage you to join in with the rest of the country at 9:30am. This is to ensure you know what to do and to practice an earthquake drill.

SPORTS THIS TERM

This week Mrs Tiley will have a notice out to all sports players to know what teams they are in, when trainings will be and also some information around games. Please keep an eye out for this over this week.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The Year 7 and 8 students will begin their final round of Design Technology at Makoura College on Friday of Week 2. This will run for 4 weeks and the final session will be on Friday 13th of November. All the same organisation will stay on place for the final rotation this term.

CONNECT, INSPIRE, LEARN CONFERENCE

On Thursday the 29th of October all our Year 7 and 8 students will be going to the Connect, Inspire and Learn conference at Douglas Park School. There will be an extra newsletter about this later this week for you all.

TROPHIES

If you have any school trophies from prizegiving last year it would be appreciated if you could return these so we can have them sorted for this year's prizegiving. Please return all academic and sporting trophies as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB

Latest issue is out now. Please have orders in to by Monday 26th October.

LABOUR WEEKEND – MONDAY 26th OCTOBER

Please remember that it is Labour Day and school will be closed for the day.

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

Our school inter-house competition is really starting to heat up and we will be having another two events on this term. We will let you know more once we decide on these events and when they will be.

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2021

Please find below the school dates for 2021 so that you can plan ahead for the upcoming school year.

KIDS ARTWORK

Last term copies of the kids' artwork were sent home for viewing. These can be made into the following:

Premium Calendar	$12.00
Pack of 8 Greeting Cards	$12.00
Diaries	$16.00
Sketch Pads	$12.00
Mouse Pads	$13.00

Any orders are to be into the office by this Friday 16 October. You can email the order through or ask for an order form to be sent home.

Events Calendar

Mon 12th October	TERM 4 STARTS
Fri 16th October	Pets' Day 2020
Mon 19th October	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Fri 23rd October	Design Tech –Y7/8s starts (4 weeks)
Mon 26th October	LABOUR DAY – School closed
Tues 27th October	RURAL Athletics Day 2020
Thurs 29th October	Connect, Inspire. Learn Conference
Tues 3rd November	Matharapa – Y5/6 team
Weds 4th November	Matharapa – Y7/8 team
Mon 30th November	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Tues 1st December	Water Skills Day – Swim NZ
Fri 4th December	Beach Education Day – Riversdale
Mon 14th December	Prizegiving and Dinner – 5pm
Tues 15th December	Term 4, 2020 Final Day – 1pm finish

WHAREAMA SCHOOL

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2021

Term 1: **Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 16th April**

Teacher Only Day 1 Friday 5th February

Waitangi day Observed Monday 8 February

Teacher Only Day 2 Thursday 1st April

Easter Weekend Friday 2 April – Tuesday 6 April

(98 half days)

Term 2: **Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July**

Queen's Birthday Monday 7 June

(98 half days)

Term 3: **Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October**

(100 half days)

Term 4: **Monday 18th October to Wednesday 15th December**

Labour Day Monday 25 October

(84 half days)

Total half days 380 (380 legal requirement)

We also have 3 teacher only days that we can use at our discretion as part of the NZEI contract accord. In 2020 we used 3 days, this year will be 3 days and in 2022 there can be 2 days used…..total 8 days available over the three years.

INSTRUCTION TIME FOR 2021

Period 1	**9.00 am to 10.45 am**	**1 hour 45 minutes**
Morning Interval	**10.45 am to 11.15 am**	**30 minutes**
Period 2	**11.15 am to 1.00 pm**	**1 hour 45 minutes**
Lunch Break	**1.00 pm to 1.45 pm**	**45 minutes**
Period 3	**1.45 pm to 2.45 pm**	**1 hour**
		4 hour 30 minutes