



# Whareama School

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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

As I write this newsletter I can hardly believe just how fast the past few weeks have gone, let alone the past six months! There are so many activities on at school to keep everyone busy and this will be no different for the next three weeks. What I am really impressed to see is how well the kids are doing at school in and out of the classroom as they really make the most of all the opportunities given to them. They continue to do their absolute best in all the classroom programmes and continue to build strong relationships with each other in the playground. Usually the end of the year we tend to see people get a little bit niggly, but I really hope that everyone can continue this great attitude and standards right through until the end of the year, I know we can all do it!!! Today you will be receiving an extra letter about our new initiative for 2021 that the Board of Trustees have supported and this is the new Forest School venture. Please take the time to read the newsletter about this exciting opportunity and if you have any questions please contact Sandy or myself at school. Have a great week everyone and thanks for your continued support.

## **REGIONAL ATHLETICS EVENT**

What a huge day all our rural team athletes had at the Sports Bowl last week. Well done to Josh Fairbrother, Bella Tua-Davidson and Bayley Williams who all qualified to make the Masterton Cluster team. They will all take part in the Wellington Regional event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December at Newtown Park in Wellington. Great work and good luck to our three athletes.

## **HERO SURVEY**

This year we started to report live to parents and use our new student management system HERO. We want to know how this is working for you as caregivers. We have sent a survey to you, to your email and on our Facebook page, for you to complete for us. We are aware that there are some people that may have not managed to access this yet and we want to support you to connect with your child's learning. Please keep an eye out for this survey and complete for us. Also, if you need support to get onto your child's portal please contact Darren at school to help you with this. It is easy to access and only needs to be done once.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

You will have all received the link in an email and also on our school Facebook page to access our school photos this year. Please make sure you order your photos with Kerri as these will only be available for 1 month.

## **SWIMMING**

It is that time of the year when the weather is on the improve and our school pool is all set to use. We have a focus on water safety and this includes lessons with your teachers, a safety day with the team from Swim NZ and also our Beach Education Day at Riversdale Beach. We will send you a newsletter asking for parent support for our Beach Ed Day soon. So please make sure your children are bringing their togs and towel in a swim bag each day from now on. The pool is open about a month earlier than normal and that is thanks to the solar panels that have been installed on our pool sheds that has increased the temperature by around 6°C.

### **PRIZEGIVING NIGHT**

We are getting very close to the end of the year and this means we are also getting very close to our prizegiving night. Our prizegiving night and dinner this year will be on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 5pm at the Whareama Domain hall. After prizegiving we will head back up to school for our dinner. We ask that if you are on the Town bus you bring a desert to share and if you are on the Homewood or ICA buses you bring a salad to share. The Board of Trustees will be supplying the sausages and steak for the BBQ. Because everyone has had such a great year and what is been a testing year we've arranged for Father Christmas to arrive so please bring a small gift for your children if you would like him to give something to them on the night. Can these please be sent to the office before the day, or given to Diana at prizegiving. Also, please bring your togs if you would like to have a swim that evening as well. We look forward to seeing all family and friends at prizegiving night.

### **YEAR 8 LEAVERS EVENTS**

This year we will be taking the Year 8s for an overnight at Tinui at Sandy Taylor's hut as a final event together. We also will be having dinner with the family members at Apache Jacks in Masterton. We will send out all the details to parents of Year 8s this week.

### **PLASTIC CONTAINERS/BOTTLES PLEASE!!!**

The school is looking to use large plastics containers with lids (10L) or larger bottles in the pool for our water safety lessons. If anyone has anything suitable please could they send them in to school.

### **BOOK CLUB**

*Orders for the last issue of the year will close on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.*

### ***Nga mihi nui The Team at Whareama***



### **Events Calendar**

Tues 1st December	Wellington Regional Athletics
Tues 1st December	BOT Meeting – 5.00pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Water Skills Day – Swim NZ
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Beach Education Day – Riversdale
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Helpers Lunch
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y8 Overnight
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Prizegiving and Dinner – 5pm
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 4, 2020 Final Day – 1pm finish

