



Whareama School

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Term 4, Week 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is crazy that I now write what will be the final newsletter for 2020, one of the strangest years we have had to memory. We have managed to have some amazing learning and experiences for our students, even with all the disruptions and uncertainty. At the end of this year we say farewell to Rane, Oscar, Fontyne, Bayley and Harrison – our Year 8 leavers.....we wish them all the best for their next steps in their educational journey. They have had a great final year with us, they have had so many different opportunities and they now leave us at the end of the year to move into their colleges for the next few years of education. I also want to thank the staff, board and you parents for all your support over the past year. We certainly cannot provide all the opportunities that we give our kids without your help and support. You will see that your child's live reporting graphs have been updated and the end of year comments will be live from tomorrow as well, please read through these with your child and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Once again thanks for all your support over this year and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and safe New Year. We will see you all again on Wednesday the 3rd of February.

PRIZEGIVING AND DINNER

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 14th 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.

For the night please remember:

- Secret Santa gift and togs if swimming
- Food for sharing (salad or desert)
- Plate/ bowl and utensils
- Drinks
- We aim to start at 5pm in the hall

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.



END OF YEAR EVENTS

On Tuesday and Thursday this week we have two inter house events that will end up quite likely deciding the house competition for 2020. We have a cricket competition on Tuesday and a quiz on Thursday. These may swap around if the weather does not play its part tomorrow. Also, on Friday we have a wheels and water war day. We will have the opportunity to bring scooters and skateboards on the buses, but no bikes sorry.....these will need to be dropped off and picked up. Each day kids will bring their togs anyway but please make sure they remember them for Friday. They can also bring a water gun to join in the fun.



YEAR 8 LEAVERS EVENTS

A couple of events for our Year 8 leavers this week as we have the leavers dinner on Tuesday night at Apache Jacks and we have an overnight at Castle Range on Thursday night. There have been newsletters about both of these events and please send back any forms that you need to have in for permission purposes.

LAST DAY FOR 2020

Please remember our last half day for 2020 will be on Tuesday the 15th of December. We will end school at 1pm that day and all the normal buses will be running to pick up and return your child home. We will be doing a tidy up at school and would like all children at school to assist us on that day.

FAREWELL TO OUR DRIVERS

On Tuesday next week will be the final day of work for two of our long standing bus drivers. Brent and Janelle have been driving our children safely to school for over 12 years combined and their services to school will be missed. Janelle also did an amazing job leading Friends of Whareama for a long time and Brent was also maintaining our pool for us as well. We all want to say a huge thanks for all the time and energy you both put into our school and students and wish you all the best for the future endeavours that you will now no doubt take up.

Have a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year

The Team at Whareama

Events Calendar

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| Tues 8 th December | Helpers Lunch |
| Thurs 10 th December | Y8 Overnight |
| Mon 14 th December | Prizegiving and Dinner – 5pm |
| Tues 15 th December | Term 4, 2020 Final Day – 1pm finish |
| Weds 3 rd February | 2021 School Year begins |

OUR 2020 YEAR 8 GRADUATES

