



Whareama School

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Term 1, Week 3

CURRICULUM – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Just like that we are back into the work for 2021. It has been great to be working in Whakatutuki this week and seeing the writing, in for their first attempt this year, showing so much depth, ideas, sentence structure and personal reflection to improve. They really put some thought into their first piece of writing and this showed when we read the quality of the work amazing for the first piece! In Timatanga the balance between guided group work, individual support programmes and the play based learning activities has seen these students make an outstanding start. The kids in Whanake always love the learning happening in their learning space and seeing the students in that room working with such an enthusiasm is definitely inspiring as the Principal of this awesome RURAL school. Please ask your children what they are up to, keep a check on their HERO goals (all being updated currently) and support our learning where you can. There are great ideas on the PDF attached to your child's HERO page on how you can help at home for reading, writing and maths..... just showing an interest does help as it shows the students we are all on the same page and want to see them do their best. Thanks also for the positivity and comments on posts and in emails



I have been receiving and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

WINGS' OVER WAIRARAPA STEM DAY

On Friday the 26th of February we will be going to the Hood Aerodrome as part of the WOW schools' day. This was a hugely successful day two years ago and we are super excited about going again this year. Transit will be picking us up from school but if you are on the town bus we ask that you meet us at Henley Lake at 9.45am for pick up (rather than kids coming all the way out and then straight back in) and then meet us at Henley Lake at 2pm in the afternoon for pick up. There will be an adult waiting with the kids both ways so you do not need to wait around. Everyone else will come to school and go home as usual on their normal buses. Depending on their timing there may be slight time differences with our bus runs so please

bear with us on that day. We do need some adult helpers and if you would like to join us we have spaces for 3-4 adults on the day. Please ring us at school to let us know if you would like to help.

SCHOOL LUNCHESES

School lunches will start again next Friday with orders from the Riversdale Beach Store (if the Wings Over Wairarapa day is called off). Then every second week we will be having the Pita Pit online order system that we trialled last year. This was hugely successful and parents have commented they are happy to have it back again. The Pita Pit orders will start from Week 5 (Friday 5th March) happening every second week (please add/update your child's details by clicking "members" at lunchonline.co.nz. If the child no longer attends our school then you can make them "inactive" by unticking the box next to their name). More about how to order will come out



nearer the time. The Riversdale Beach Store orders will take place every second week as well from Week 4..... but please hold off ordering that week until we see what happens with Wings Over Wairarapa. There will be an order form sent home for the store orders today.

This Friday we will do a sausage sizzle for anyone who wants a cheap and easy lunch option. \$2 per sausage and bread and please send orders and money to Diana by Thursday.

WHANAU DAY

On Thursday the 11th of March we will be having a whanau day that will include a HERO information korero, intro to Ngahere Ako and a chance for parents to come along and support this as well as a chance to catch up with your teachers and staff. The BBQ will be available if you want to bring a picnic and have a catch up with each other. We were planning the possibility of a triathlon however we will keep the night simple and have sports and the pool open for those who are keen to have a game after the meetings that we will be undertaking. See you all from 5pm in Whakatutuki for our first discussion on HERO.

HOMEWORK

All classrooms will be starting homework in this week and this will consist of reading, spelling, mathematics through Maths Buddy or Mathletics (Years 1 and 2) and any work that requires completion from unfinished class work.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This year the Year 7 and 8 students will be going to Design Technology at Makoura College on Fridays from Week 7 this term. There is a separate letter coming home for each of these students this week 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 no cost for Design



Tech this year as our school is part of the Ministry's new school donations scheme.

SWIMMING – IN SCHOOL AND LESSONS

The school pool is all up and running and there are so many organisations to thank to get our pool up and going again. We will be putting together an appropriate thanks to the respective people in due course but for now please remember to have your children bring their togs, goggles and towels (preferably in a swim bag) each day to school.

KI-O-RAHI COASTAL CLASSIC

On Friday the 5th 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 from Masterton. We have around 200 students from schools in the Wairarapa coming to this and we will be entering a Year 5/6 and a Year 7/8 team into this event.

SPORTS

This will be underway soon and we will have the information out as needed for the students who sent forms back for sports last week.

MUSIC

Hemi will be starting lessons again in Week 3 (guitar, ukulele, keyboard, singing). If your 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. The price is \$12 for a half hour lesson. Hemi will also be taking our kapa haka group lessons for the whole school in 2021.



FORMS

Here is a quick checklist of the forms that have come home so you can fill in the appropriate form, return them to school, so we can tidy up the administrative side of beginning the year. If you have not sent these forms in, then please do so **ASAP**.

- School Trip Consent Form

Regards

The Team at Whareama School.



Upcoming Events:

TERM 1:

Mon 22 nd February	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm staffroom
Fri 26 th February	Wings Over Wairarapa Day
Thurs 4 th March	Enviroschools Silver Reflection Day
Fri 5 th March	Ki-o-rahi Coastal Classic
Mon 8 th March	Rural Cluster Swimming Sports
Thurs 11 th March	Whanau Evening – 5pm
Fri 19 th March	Design Tech Starts – Y7/8
Thurs 1 st April	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs/Fri 7 th /8 th April	Parent/Child Learning Discussions
Fri 16 th April	Term 1 Ends