



Whareama School

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Term 1, Week 11

END OF TERM 1

It is hard to believe that Term 1 has almost been completed. There have been so many amazing opportunities and learning for our students and I want to use this time to publicly thank the staff for their efforts this term. They really do have the best interest of your children at heart and there has been some brilliant examples of effective practice across the school. I also want to thank all the parents who help out in a range of activities in and out of school because if we do not have you many of these events cannot go ahead. If you can make it, please make the effort to attend the Tinui ANZAC service on Sunday the 25th of April and support Luke and Emily, who will be speaking for our school on the day. Enjoy your time with your children over the next two weeks and we will see you back on Monday the 3rd of May.

LATEST RESEARCH – CONFERENCE/ MASTERTON WIDE PD DAY

Last week school was closed so we could attend the Masterton teachers network PD day. It was the first time in over 17 years that we have had such a day. It was a great opportunity to connect locally with educators and to share good examples of pedagogy and ideas in schools.

I attended Derek Wenmoth's workshop, Derek is regarded as one of NZ education's foremost Future Focused thinkers in education. He works extensively with schools and clusters as they seek to prepare students for their future. It was great to hear him speak about the skills that students need moving into the future and these tied well into our school's learner qualities. This is an area we continue to develop and it is reassuring that this is indeed a focus area and something we should continue to work on with our students. We also had staff take part in workshops in culturally responsive practice and school visions in the community.

Last week I also attended the Te Tai Tokerau Principals conference in Waitangi. It was an absolute privilege to be welcomed onto the lower Te Tii marae and to hear the cultural narratives of the area. It has definitely given myself more clarity in the direction and what we would like to achieve in our Strategic Aim 3 work in developing our own understanding of our Whareama cultural narrative. I now am now even more excited about this work ahead of us and the learning for our students to understand how Whareama came to be and the Maori stories around this.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

A huge well done to the following students:
Josh Fairbrother, Sasha Fairbrother, Bella Tua-Davidson and Keoni Tiley who qualified and took part in the Wairarapa Swimming event 2 weeks ago. All these kids did an amazing job to qualify for this event and swam their hearts out on the night.
Charlee Halewood, along with two friends, who combined to represent Whareama School at the recent



Dannevirke High School Interschool equestrian event. Charlee, Sophie and Kendall won their dressage tests, won or placed second in a variety of other events and took out the champion dressage team and supreme overall champion team!!! What an amazing achievement by the girls and as I know how much time Charlee devotes to this, it is great to see her perseverance and determination once again being rewarded!



TAPU AE TOURNAMENT

Thanks to the parents who went along and supported Mrs Tiley and the students at the recent Tapu Ae tournament. The kids had a great time and I had a report about how our kids were great sports, had smiles on their faces all day so thanks for supporting our tamariki on this day out.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Last week of Design Technology this Friday, which is the last day of the term.

WHAREAMA SCHOOL LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

We hope that you found the learning discussions last week useful. If you could not make a time we would still like to see you to discuss your child's learning. If you feel that you need more time with your teacher, then please feel free to contact us at school to book a time after school.

LEADERSHIP CAMP

We look forward to the first, we hope of many, rural leadership camps at Waimanaaki next week. Well done to Emily, Luke, Kayah, Charlotte, Digby and Ollie who will be attending camp next week. We hope this will teach these students a range of skills for them to take into the leadership of events in and out of school over the rest of the year.



Regards

The Team at Whareama School.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 1:

Tues – Thurs 13-15 th April	Leadership Camp
Fri 16 th April	Design Tech – final day
Fri 16 th April	Term 1 Ends
Mon 3 rd May	Term 2 Starts