



# Whareama School

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Term 2, Week 9

## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

Well, just like that we are getting towards the end of term two and halfway through 2021. By the end of this week all students who have completed 6 months of school will have their mid-year reports completed and ready to be viewed on Hero. You will find the latest updated reading, writing, maths and learner quality graphs that shows where they are working within the NZ curriculum. There will also be a mid-year comment added to the report page. There are also their current and completed goals, as well as an attached document of how you can help at home with reading, writing and maths. Throughout the term the students have been putting samples of their work onto Hero and these are from all the curriculum areas so please make sure your check into Hero regularly. Please share this report with your children and please feel free to phone us at school to discuss any content of the report, or if you need support accessing your child's report please contact me and I will happily help you to do this. With so many things happening at school it has really put the pressure on everyone and we have seen many illness' in students and staff. Please be safe, stay at home if you are sick and please allow your children to make the most of the two week break we have coming up to recharge those batteries and ensure everyone comes back full of fitness for Term 3.

*Nga mihi, Darren Kerr*

## *WELCOME TO WHAREAMA SCHOOL*

There's a great excitement that I want to do introduce to you our new teacher in Whakatutuki from Week 4 next term.

Dianne Christensen comes to us from Korauuni School in Stokes Valley, with a wealth of experience in education and is known for running some pretty incredible programmes with her learners. She has a passion for science, problem based solving I maths and project based learning programmes. We are so looking forward to having her expertise and knowledge in our school and helping develop our kids into even more amazing **RURAL** learners. Here is a link to a recent article about Dianne and the work that she does.



<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/90887102/prize-winning-lower-hutt-teacher-greeted-with-balloons-and-streamers>

## *WELLINGTON REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY*

Unfortunately, the Wellington regional cross country event for next Thursday has been cancelled. This was very premature and I feel very disappointed for Ollie, Bella, Josh and Sasha who all qualified for this event. At least all these kids will get the opportunity to qualify again in 2022.

## **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**

We have only 1 more week of Design Technology this Friday as Makoura have cancelled our final session in the last week of the term due to a Teacher Only Professional development day.



## **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

This week we are back on the Riversdale Beach Store lunches and then Pita Pit again in Week 10. Please get all these orders in by Thursday.

Well done to Zayden McIntyre who has won a free Pita Pit lunch in Week 10.....well done Zayden!

## **HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

This week we are planning to have our inter-house sports and art competitions. On Tuesday, tomorrow, we will have our football tournament and on Thursday we will be doing our art competition. We have asked all the kids to dress in their house colours if they choose to and they can also add colour wigs, hair spray or coloured accessories.... this is for Tuesday only. Please check the photo to see what house colours your child's house wears.



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Our next meeting is on this evening, 5.30pm in the school staffroom. We currently have a review for parents to do and it is on 'Reporting to Parents on Student Learning and Achievement'. Please go to <https://whareama.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> and use the username whareama and password learnwithpride to provide feedback on this topic.

Regards

The Team at Whareama School.

## **Year 8 – College Information**

We have given out a Wairarapa College enrolment pack today to all Year 8 students to take home for your consideration. Also, handed out is a flyer about the Makoura College Open Night and Matariki Market.

## **SchoolPickUP**

Online shopping - 50% of everything purchased will go to Friends of Whareama Fundraising!!! [www.schoolpickup.nz](http://www.schoolpickup.nz)

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **TERM 2:**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June – BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> June – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July – Life Ed Van at Whareama

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July - Term 2 Ends

#### **TERM 3:**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 Starts