



Whareama School

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Term 3, Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a fantastic past two weeks at school and it has been encouraging to hear about how well the classes are operating, how well all the students are working and also the development of many students' skills in reading, writing, maths and our learner qualities. I have just presented to the Board of Trustees our June data report for 2021 and the results are supporting what the teachers are telling me and also what I am seeing whenever I am in the classroom. We are seeing some excellent progress in our students and this is due to the teaching programmes and your support at home that helps us to achieve this. If you are able to read to or with your child regularly, get them to write a letter, diary, shopping list, practice some basic maths basic facts or introduce your children into how maths is all around us, then your child will benefit hugely from this. It does not have to be a lot and all children have work that they can do at home at night sent from their teachers so please check in with them about what they are learning, what they are reading at school and also what are their goals on HERO that we are focussing on. Strong home-school learning relationships has research that show that it does benefit your child. There are many ways you can help with learning at home and on your live HERO report there is an attachment with their report that you can access at any time for Year level appropriate support for reading, writing and maths. Click on the 'about this report' link and on the 6th page of the slideshow is the document for you to access.

I recently spent 3 days at the New Zealand Principals conference in Rotorua. While this was a great time to connect with other Principals from around New Zealand we attended some amazing speakers and have some great new ideas to develop in our schools. The most inspiring speaker was Sir Ian Taylor who created the company Animation Research. Sir Ian's company creates all the animations you see in sports all around the world, whether it is Americas Cup, cricket, golf or baseball their company is leading edge and they have just created an amazing website for schools to use called Maturanga. This website has incredible animated videos and activities on the history of Maori and Polynesian navigation using Maori science, as well as a range of other incredible NZ history learning activities. This is a focus we may well have for 2022 and it is a very exciting unit and ties all learning areas together incredibly well.

Have a great next couple weeks and if you have any questions, comments or feedback for us we are always available for you – just contact us at school!

Nga mihi, Darren Kerr

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 ROTORUA CONFERENCE
2-4 August 2021



WELCOME TO WHAREAMA SCHOOL

Next week we will welcome Dianne Christenson to Whareama School and leading the learning in Whakatutuki. We will have a welcome for Dianne at school and then we intend to have a powhiri at our marae in Term 4 for her and new school families that have not been welcomed onto our marae yet. I will speak to Dianne about a day for her to meet families from Whakatutuki later this term as part of our speech day.

SKI TRIP

All students and parents who are coming on our Year 6-8 ski trip to Tukino, were sent home a newsletter update last Friday and there is a Google form to be filled in for hire gear. Please complete the permission, health and online Google form now, if you have not done so already. We will be in touch soon with final organisation of this event.



SPEECH DAY

On Wednesday, 5 September from 1 pm we will be having our family and a school speech day. All students will be required to do an age-appropriate speech and as we did not have this last year due to Covid, it would be great to have it up and going again. Usually we select students to go to the Wairarapa Speech Competition but this is on before our speech day. We have spoken to the senior students and Emily O'Neale will be representing our Year 8s at this competition and Charlotte Grafton will be representing our Year 7s. In the afternoon, after the speeches, we will have a shared afternoon tea so please bring a plate along to share. We would like all children to have at least one parent come and support their children do their speeches, however if you are stuck and cannot come out please phone school and let us know as we can run a bus to get students home if we need to. If we do not hear from you, we are trusting that at least one adult from your family will be joining us and then taking your children home.



TRIP TO TOWN

Last Wednesday Whanake and Whakatutuki went to town and visited Aratoi, Masterbowl and the town pools. The display at Aratoi was about Maori history in music and performing arts. The kids had sessions on Maori legends, history and poi making. Thanks so much to the parents who came along and helped out on the day.

RURAL KIDS PROGRAMME

Our fourth session is only 3 weeks away on Thursday the 2nd of September. We will remind you about this again in the next newsletter.

VIRTUAL LEARNING NETWORK – EXTENSION PROGRAMME

It has been really positive to see our 8 students lead their learning in this programme each day so far this term. Working with a digital teacher, with a project based programme and mentoring with activities has had some excellent feedback from our kids. We look forward to sharing their learning as it develops in these programmes across the term.

SCHOOL LUNCHESES

This week we are back on the Riversdale Beach Store lunches and then Pita Pit again in Week 4. Please get all orders in each Thursday.

MATHARAPA COMPETITION

A huge thanks to Sarah and Mark who are helping me out with transport for our students to get to Matharapa this week. The Year 5/6 team is on Wednesday and the Year 8 team is on Thursday. All the best to Ollie, Josh, Digby, Charlee, Luke and Logan with their respective competitions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our next meeting is on tonight at 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

BOOK CLUB - Orders for Issue 5 will close this Thursday 12th August.

Regards - The Team at Whareama School.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 3:

Mon 9th August – BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Weds 11th August – Matharapa – Year 5/6
Thurs 12th August – Matharapa – Year 7/8
Tues 24th – Fri 27th August – Ski Trip – Year 6-8
Weds 1st Sept – Whareama Speech Day – 1pm
Thurs 2nd Sept – RURAL KIDS 4 – Year 7/8
Fri 3rd Sept – ONESIE Day Fundraiser
Thurs 16th Sept – RURAL KIDS 5 – Year 7/8
Mon 20th Sept – BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Thurs 23rd Sept – HPV Vaccinations – Year 7
Fri 1st October – Term 3 Ends



THANK YOU

A big thank you to Masterweave Textiles in Masterton who have made lamb coats using their by-products from their Mohair and Alpaca throws and have donated them to rural schools. If your child is rearing a pet lamb, send them to the office to collect one of these beautiful coats.