



Whareama School

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Term 3, Week 8

Nau mai, mai i te tumuaki (Welcome from the Principal)

Pehea whakaongaonga, he wiki reo māori tenei (How exciting.....it is Maori Language Week)

While we encourage and use te reo māori across the year at Whareama School, we do want you to make an extra effort this week to help nurture and grow the other one of our three official languages in New Zealand. We will be adding posts to Facebook and Hero daily to support and encourage you to do just that! Have fun with it and if it helps you understand and use a few more words of this beautiful language then that is ka rawe (awesome!).

I start this week with the challenge for you to go to our school Facebook page, watch the video created by Debbie, practice with your children and learn some of the classroom objects language we are using. Thanks so much to Debbie for making this video for our home learning Google classrooms and then allowing us to use it for you to all learn from. We will be posting a new activity each day on our school Facebook page so please keep an eye out and have fun with te reo māori this week!

Kia pai to wiki, kia ora koe. (Have a great week and stay safe)

Nga mihi, Darren Kerr

MUFTI DAY – FOODBANK APPEAL

This Friday we will be joining all other Masterton schools and helping support the Masterton food bank. We had an inquiry from our students asking if we could have a dress up day so this is the perfect thing to tie it together. We have decided to dress up as a famous person. It may be a sports star, character from a book or movie or celebrity, so we will let you use your imagination. What we do ask is that everyone brings one (or more) non-perishable food items for the food bank on Friday. I know that they sent out hundreds of packages over lockdown so their supplies are low.

With us heading towards the holiday period now is the time they are asking for our help to replenish their shelves. We have also been asked if we can have a Wheels Day -so let's do that as well on Friday. Please only scooters, skateboards and skates on the buses – no bikes, but you can drop these off to school if you like. I look forward to seeing your costumes and wheels (and helmets) this Friday!



SKI TRIP – Year 6-8 students

It is with great excitement that I can confirm that our ski trip will be going ahead next week. The new dates are Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th of September. The team at Tukino have done a great job to set up systems and protocols for us at Level 2 that will ensure that everyone is safe and we have procedure in place to be on the mountain and enjoy this trip as planned. There was an extra letter given to your children on Friday so please ensure you read this and are well organised and ready to go next Tuesday morning.

SPEECH DAY

Unfortunately, due to restrictions for events inside, with families wanting to come to watch the speeches we will have to regrettably call off this event for 2021. We will be able to work on speeches with our students and they still will be able to share these in our school assemblies.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY – Year 7/8

This rotation of Design Technology was called off and we will be going back to Design Technology for the first 7 weeks of Term 4. The second Friday of the term will be our annual Pets' Day so we will miss that session.

RURAL KIDS PROGRAMME – Year 7/8

The final session will be going again ahead this Thursday the 16th of September. We have the same organisation in place and we will let your children know what events they will be in this week. Students are due at Opaki by 9.45am and pick up is 2pm. We will have a van leaving and returning from school as normal.

SENIOR SWIM PROGRAMME - Whakatutuki

Sadly, we lost this event this term due to lockdown but we are aiming to have these take part in Term 4 and are working on some possible dates with the team at the pools.

WHAREAMA SCHOOL 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Yes, we are turning 125 years old next year. To celebrate this amazing milestone in our school's history we are planning a celebration weekend. Please lock into your calendars Friday the 8th April and Saturday the 9th April next year for this celebration. More details will be out soon and a huge thanks to Pip Fairbrother who is leading the organisation of this weekend for us. To register interest please contact Scott Andrew on scott.andrew@outlook.co.nz

Regards - The Team at Whareama School.

Upcoming Events:**TERM 3:**

Thurs 16th Sept – RURAL KIDS 5 – Year 7/8

Mon 20th Sept – BOT Meeting – 5.30pm

Tues 21st – Fri 24th Sept – Ski Trip

Fri 1st October – Term 3 Ends

Mon 18th October Term 4 Starts

Fri 22nd October – Design Tech Starts – Year 7/8s

Fri 29th October Pets' Day 2021