



# Whareama School

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Term 4, Week 3

## *WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS?*

While we all tend to think that term four is the term that we wind down to the end of year activities I can honestly say at this time of the year it is the busiest we have ever been. With all the activities that are on in and out of school and the programs happening in the classrooms, it is definitely making sure that everyone is kept busy and engaged while taking part in amazing experiences. It has been a pleasure to see many students coming out of the classrooms to work with 1 of the amazing 7 support staff members that we have supporting the teacher classroom programmes. We have students receiving support in reading, writing, maths, speech, spelling in a variety of support programmes to help raise achievement. Getting so much support is a special feature of our school that just does not happen in larger schools, due to the high number of students and needs. It is timely to thank Rachel, Kathryn, Diana, Erin, Mrs Alsop, Mrs Cooper, Cathy, Danielle, Debbie and the amazing teachers who all help your children to reach their potential. Many of those people you may not have heard of but they all come along, usually weekly, to run programmes and provide support for our students. This also allows the teachers to then support more students individually in their classrooms, who would not even get a chance in a larger school with large class numbers. I do believe that Whareama is an amazing place for learning and so today is a special thanks to all those who do amazing mahi every day at Whareama.

*Nga mihi, Darren Kerr*

## *PETS' DAY 2021*

Well we did it! It may have been a mini version of our normal Pets Day but what a great afternoon Friday was and how lucky we were to strike it with the weather? I think it was about two minutes after the last parent left that the rain fell from the sky, and not lightly either. Thanks so much to all the parents who came along and followed our Covid rules to make the day a success. Also we want to thank our judge Len French and also our art and writing judges, Sandy and Mrs Walker. There will be a video coming out tonight with photos of all the art and the winning writing entries and a full result sheet to accompany this. A final huge well done to Logan and his lamb Rodney who took out the Motu-nui Rams Grand Champion title for 2021.



## ***SUNSMART SCHOOL***

We are now in Term 4 and ask that all students wear their green school bucket hat when playing outside in break times. If you need to purchase a new hat, please ring Diana because we have some here that can be purchased.



## ***EPRO8 CHALLENGE TEAM***

Good luck to Josh, Digby, Ollie and Nelson who are in our EPro8 Challenge team this Wednesday. I will be taking them to MIS for the morning to take part in this exciting problem solving technology team challenge.

## ***ATHLETICS DAYS***

Unfortunately, the early decision has had to be made Wellington region wide that there will be no Rural Cluster, Masterton or Wellington regional athletics events this year. We will be aiming to have an athletics event for our students later in the term, that we might be able to run as a house competition. The Ministry of Education have made it very clear that the recommendation is to defer any event that brings schools together until we are in Alert Level 1.

## ***SCHOOL LUNCHES***

This Friday we are having lunch from the Riversdale Beach Store.....please get your orders in by Thursday.

| <b>Friday Lunches</b> |             |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Week 3                | 5 November  | Store Lunch |
| Week 4                | 12 November | Pita Pit    |
| Week 5                | 19 November | Store Lunch |
| Week 6                | 26 November | Pita Pit    |
| Week 7                | 3 December  | Store Lunch |
| Week 8                | 5 December  | Outdoor Ed  |

## ***MEDICAL UPDATES***

Please remember to let us know if you have any changes to medical needs for your children. When you enrol your child you give us this information but time changes things and we need any updates ASAP so we can treat any medical emergency effectively. Please ring Diana to update us with any changes that you think may not have been on your enrolment form.

## ***END OF YEAR TROPHIES***

If you have one of these adorning your mantelpiece at home, can you please return these to school now so we can have them sorted for our end of year prizegiving. We have only had 1 returned so far so can you all please chase these up.

## ***SWIMMING***

We are almost ready to start using the school pool for our water safety programme. Students can start bringing their togs and a towel (in a swim bag so other things do not get wet) from next week. Depending on the weather and water temperature we will start to head down to the pool next week.

Regards -The Team at Whareama School.



### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **TERM 4:**

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> November – EPRO8 Challenge Year 5/6 team  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> November – Mountain to Sea Y4-6  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Mountain to Sea Y4-6  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> December – BOT Meeting 5.30pm  
Weds 8 – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> December – Outdoor Education Events  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> December – Prizegiving and Pop up show