



Whareama School

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Term 4, Week 5

A HUGE THANKS AND APPRECIATION

As you are possibly aware I was surprised with a phone call on Tuesday last week letting me know that I had won a NEITA (National Excellence in Teaching Award) for 2021. This was the only primary winner in New Zealand this year so it took me by surprise after my Zoom interview with the selection panel a few weeks ago. I must say that it is very humbling and the effort that the team puts in around our school each and every day makes the job so much more enjoyable. Yes it has its moments, as any job does, but it is very reassuring knowing the teaching and support staff are putting in their best, all the time for your kids. There will be a digital presentation this year and not the usual presentations at Parliament house so once that comes through I will share if you are interested in seeing the awards ceremony. Thanks so much again for the wonderful messages, phone calls and support after this was made official.

Nga mihi, Darren Kerr



SIR PETER BLAKE AWARD

It was with great pleasure on Friday that I presented one of our students with the 2021 Sir Peter Blake leadership award. This award recognises one student in our school who goes above and beyond the role of leadership and supporting other students. This year it went to Logan O'Neale and I can't think of a better person to have won it with the work he does around school, in and out of the classrooms and also the way he supports others. Well done Logan and we look forward to seeing your leadership develop through your secondary school education.

PRIZEGIVING 2021

Obviously this year we have to think a lot more carefully about how we are going to have our prizegiving. We are planning to have two options this year and one is to have it at the Whareama hall outside and to have the prize-giving part as normal. We are also making plans on having a live stream to play prizegiving online if the weather does not play its part and we are reduced to being indoors. Unfortunately, we cannot have parents at school if it is indoors due to the restrictions of numbers of no more than 50. If it is able to be had outdoors, we can invite everybody and will ask you to follow the mass gathering rules which includes social distancing and keeping to your family groups. There will be no shared dinner this year and we are aiming to condense the prizegiving this year. All the students are working on some items and it would be great if they could still share these and

then it will be followed by the formal prizegiving ceremony. We will send more information about the final prizegiving in a couple of weeks, once everything is confirmed.

TRIP – MOUNTAINS TO SEA WHITEBAIT CONNECTION

Thanks so much for the parents who came along and helped out on our trip for our Year 4 to 6 students last Friday. Also a special thanks to Whaea Di who organised trip and Kara from Mountains to Sea who have supported organised this programme. It is fantastic learning and to hear the enthusiasm for the students when they came back from the trip was inspiring. I'm sure they are all looking forward to the next trip in a couple of weeks' time down to Wairarapa Moana.



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SUNSMART SCHOOL

Well done to everyone who now has a school hat and is playing their part in being sun smart. If you could also give your child some sunscreen before leaving home each day that would also help fend off the harmful rays from the sun!

EPRO8 CHALLENGE TEAM

Well done to Ollie, Josh, Nelson and Digby who will now go onto the Wellington regional semi-final on Friday the 26th of November at Fergusson Intermediate in Upper Hutt.

SCHOOL LUNCHESES

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



HERO REVIEW

Last week there was a post and email sent out asking you to complete the quick questionnaire about HERO. If you all could, please complete that for us so we can see how well it is engaging and providing information for parents in their child's learning progress.

BOARD REVIEW


This term's review is listed here. Please access our Schooldocs page and complete the review if you feel there needs to be any changes. Username is whareama and the password is learnwithpride

SCHOOL PHOTOS - These will be taken tomorrow morning at 9.00pm. If you want any pre-schoolers to be in a sibling photo, you are welcome to bring them along.

POOL KEYS - Please ring the school office if would like to purchase a Pool key for the 2021/22 swimming season.

Regards - The Team at Whareama School.

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Current review	
Review opens	4 October 2021
Review closes	17 December 2021
Review topics this term	Who reviews 
Harassment	Board and staff
Religious Education/ Religious Instruction	Board, staff, and parents
Māori Educational Success	Board, staff, and parents

Upcoming Events:

Tues 16 November – School Photos
Fri 26th November – EPRO8 Semi Final
Fri 3rd December – Mountain to Sea Y4-6
Mon 6th December – BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Weds 8 – Fri 10th December – Outdoor Education Events
Tues 14th December – Prizegiving and Pop up show 4pm
Weds 15th December – Last Day of 2021 – 1pm finish