



Whareama School

www.whareama.school.nz

Newsletter No. 8

2nd May, 2022

Term 2, Week 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. When I reflect back on last term and the changes that took place in the world around us, that also had a major impact on our school programmes, it is definitely nice to have school pretty much back to normal and to see everyone's smiling faces. We look forward to seeing them settle into school life and to make the most out of their learning in our special school environment. The kids all seem well rested and ready to go on all cylinders for another big and busy term. Please note that all the events have been added to the bottom of this newsletter and is updated in each newsletter accordingly, so please keep an eye on that to see any upcoming events that effect your child. Our strand in mathematics this term is measurement and number across all the classrooms. Our writing focus will be integrated into learning that is happening in a wide range of areas so it is authentic and useful writing for a purpose. We continue in the Kia Hakinakina PE programme this term and this will focus on cross country and large ball skills...and there is also some work being done with our leaders to build their skills for our hauora fitness sessions. Music and kapa haka will start in Week 2. Our focus for our school value this term will be Leaders and our learner quality focus is Making Connections. This is to focus on our work and skills in a wide range of areas in our lives, whether it be arts, literacy, maths, sports – making connections is a fine skill to have and is able to be done at many different levels! Also developing leadership in all ages and ensuring students can make these connections in their learning across the curriculum, the connection between learning at school and home and connections to learning around the world. Term 2 is 10 weeks and we have plenty of opportunities for the students to have a good balance across the curriculum. We will keep you as updated as possible through our newsletter and just remember our Facebook group will be continually added to. Please go to our school HERO app or school website, which has our calendar and newsletters added to it. Remember to check your child's HERO page for their new goals for Term 2, the goals they achieved in Term 1 that will be updated by the end of Week 2 and also their learning samples... we also will look forward to having student learning hui nearer to the end of the term – we will look forward to seeing you all then – if not before!

Nga mihi, Darren Kerr

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Well done to Charlotte and Josh who spoke so wonderfully at the recent ANZAC Day service at Tinui. It was awesome to hear the reports and see the online service and hear them both speak so well. Our students speaking at the service is a real privilege and it's great to see the kids take this so seriously and do such a wonderful job.

LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN VISIT

We are very lucky to have the Life Education Van, Laura and Harold visiting us in a couple of weeks' time. The caravan will be



here for all of week 3 and the focus while they are here will be developing relationships and food and nutrition. These topics were selected to align with the bi-annual community survey on what you wanted to see as our health curriculum focus

RURAL KIDS CROSS COUNTRY AT TINUI

We are now able to go ahead with our interschool days and this year the date is set for Wednesday the 25th of May at Tinui School. We all need to be there by 10am. Your children will come to school as usual and we ask that you then pick up your children from us by 9.45am at the latest and meet us at Tinui. There will be warm up walks, morning tea, the events then their fundraising group will be selling lunch at their popular BBQ. We will have a school van available to transport your children if you cannot make this event but this needs to be booked by ringing the school office and booking through Diana.

RURAL KIDS PROGRAMME – YEAR 7/8

We aim to have this programme up and running again in Term 2. The dates for the year 7/8 students will be Tuesdays 14th and 28th of June. More information will come out about this closer to the time.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY – YEAR 7/8

This programme will start up again from this Friday in Week 1 and will run for 5 weeks. All the same organisation will be in place for the Year 7/8 students and if you are picking your children up from Makoura college on these Friday afternoons at 2pm please let us at school know.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

I want to say a huge thanks to Jolene, Reggie and Rachel who have done an amazing job over the holidays getting the school looking incredible. Jolene had to deal with a mass of cluster flies after we had the school treated and I hate to think how many she had to vacuum up from the 1000s I saw when I was in over the break. Thanks team, what a great job you have done!

FUNDRAISER

I attended the Claybird shoot at our marae in the holidays and we had a record turn-out of shooters. The playgroup does an amazing job at this event and I wanted to pass on my thanks to the team of organisers. Also thanks to George Tatham, and Hamish from the Blue Rock Gun Club for their time, resources and set up and Abi Fairbrother and Darleen Rameka from our Board who turned up to help on the day as well.

SCHOOL BUS PICK UPS

Please as a friendly reminder, have your children to your respective buses on time or at

Upcoming Events:	
TERM 2:	
Fri 6 th May	Design Tech – Year 7/8 (5 weeks)
Mon 9 th May	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Mon 16 th – 20 th May	Life Ed Van at Whareama
Mon/ Tues 23 rd /24 th May	Skateboards in Schools
Weds 25 th May	RURAL KIDS CROSS COUNTRY
Mon/ Tues 30 th /31 st May	Skateboards in Schools
Fri 3 rd June	Design Tech – Year 7/8 LAST DAY
Mon 6 th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY – School Closed
Tues 14 th June	RURAL KIDS DAY 3 – Year 7/8
Tues 14 th June	Wairarapa Cross Country Event
Wed 15 th June	Take a Kid Fishing Day
Fri 17 th June	TEACHER PD DAY – School Closed
Fri 24 th June	MATARIKI DAY – School Closed
Mon 27 th June	First Aid Training for kids
Mon 27 th June	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Tues 28 th June	RURAL KIDS DAY 4 – Year 7/8
Fri 8 th July	TERM 2 ENDS


the gate ready to go each morning. Ideally the town bus is leaving the lake at 8.10am at the latest so please be up there by 8.00 – 8.05 at the latest. The other buses all follow the same times each day and if you could also let your own drivers know if your child is not on the bus or you are running late. We are happy for you to let them know if your child is sick or if you prefer to use HERO or phone the office we will leave this at your discretion. Phone numbers for drivers are Kathryn 021440287, Debbie 0274448077, Matthew 0224247013. All buses are back to normal, with normal drivers all in place from Day 1 this term.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

This term we will carry on with Pita Pit on odd weeks and Store bought lunches on even weeks. Please get your order online done by Thursday evening at lunchonline.co.nz. Forms for store lunches will be sent out at the start on next week.

BOOK CLUB - order due in by Friday 13 May.

Regards
The Team at Whareama
School.



WHAREAMA SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU BACK TO TERM 2 AT ORANGE


Masks are encouraged but not required. Keep one in your bag in case of any large events in the future.



Hand washing and sanitising. Elbow coughing and sneezing and safe eating practices will be taught and encouraged.



If your child feels unwell please keep them at home, if they arrive to school unwell they will need to be picked up.



All classrooms will be well ventilated and doors open when possible. CO2 monitors have been installed in all classrooms.



School cleaning is still a priority and cleaning and sanitising occurs daily to keep school clean and tidy.



Parents/ whānau are welcome on the school grounds. Please wear a mask when entering the office and classrooms.



School transport rules means all students over 12 years and drivers are required to wear a mask on the bus, unless they have a mask exemption.

