



# Te Kura o Whareama Kawerongo

## Whareama Newsletter

To develop and empower engaged RURAL learners.

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### Principal's Pānui

Kia ora e te Whānau o Whareama,

Over the weekend we had a group of students participate in the Wellington Run and Become event. The challenge of running 5.5km seemed daunting at the start line, however all of the children crossed the finish line under 35 minutes. All students beamed with a sense of pride and accomplishment as they celebrated finishing the race and receiving a medal.

Thank you to the parents and caregivers that came along on Monday afternoon to our "Goal Setting Interviews". Setting goals empowers students to take control of their academic journey, cultivates a sense of purpose, and develop the skills necessary to become lifelong learners and succeed.

Our Rural School Swimming Sports is next Friday 1st March, at the Trust House Recreation Centre in Masterton. An outline of the event can be found on page two. I'm looking forward to my first swimming sports as this past week our tamariki have all shown progress in the water with the support of Matt from SplashSave.

### RURAL Values

At Whareama School we all need to be **Respectful** of ourselves, others and our environment, **Unique** to chase our dreams, **Resourceful** in our learning, **Achieving** to our potential and **Leaders** in our learning so that we are confident, connected lifelong learners. This term we are focusing on the value '**Respectful**'. Some of the ways that we may see our tamariki displaying respect at school are by: Listening patiently to someone, asking appropriate questions, sharing your time, ideas or games with someone, or applauding good effort to show you appreciate someone else's contributions, apologising when we make a mistake and accepting someone else's apology.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Nathan Hill



Run and Become

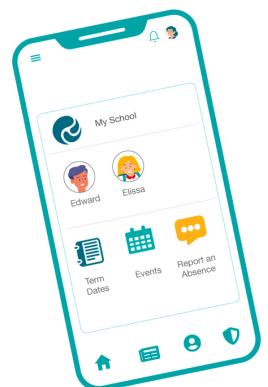


Timatanga splashing about with  
Matt from Splashsave.

**Respectful - Unique - Resourceful - Achievers - Leaders**

### Hero - Communication and Reporting System

Throughout the year staff will be posting progress about student learning using the Hero app. This term in Week Four on Mathematics/Pāngarau, Week Seven on Writing/Tuhituhi and Week Ten on Reading/Pānui. There will be continued regular updates about learning happening in the classroom on the Hero app and our Whareama School Facebook page. Make sure you give it a thumbs up 👍 or comment on your child's post. It means a lot to our teachers.





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## Rural Schools Swimming Sport

Our Rural Schools Swimming sports is next Friday, 1st March. Please read through the following information so your child is well prepared. Wainuioru are the host school for this years Rural Swimming Sports. Students will need to be at Trust House Recreation Centre by 9:15am for 9:45am start. There will be a briefing at 9.30am outlining the event programme. Please make sure that your child has plenty of water to drink and food. Wearing our school polo t-shirt. We will be finished by approximately 1:00pm, at which time you are free to take your child/children home. It is the responsibility of parents to get their children to and from this event as school buses will not be operating. If your child requires a ride please contact Mr Hill and carpooling can be arranged.



### Overview for the day

All qualifying races first, followed by non-qualifying length races and then the width races for each stroke.

#### QUALIFYING EVENTS - LENGTHS

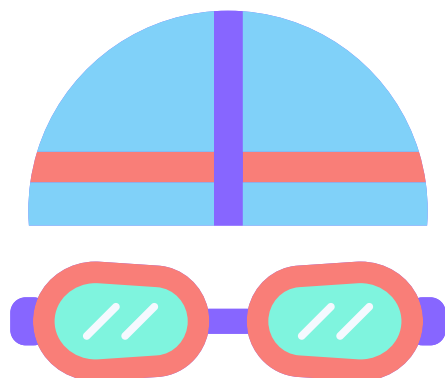
FREESTYLE  
Events 1-12  
BACKSTROKE  
Events 13-22  
BREASTSTROKE  
Events 23-32  
BUTTERFLY  
Events 33-34

#### NON QUALIFYING LENGTH RACES

FREESTYLE  
Events 35-40  
BACKSTROKE  
Events 41-44  
BREASTSTROKE  
Events 45-48  
BUTTERFLY  
Events 49-50

#### NON QUALIFYING WIDTH RACES

FREESTYLE  
Events 51-60  
WIDTHS – BACKSTROKE  
Events 61-70  
WIDTHS – BREASTSTROKE  
Events 71-80  
WIDTHS – FLUTTER BOARD  
Events 81-88



Fun races for 5-7 year olds will take place in the small pool next to the river ride. Any 7 year olds wishing to compete in qualifying events will need to make sure they are seated near the big pool.

If there is time at the end of the events, we will run a staff/parents vs students relay race. If you wish to enter in the event bring along your togs. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Mr Hill.



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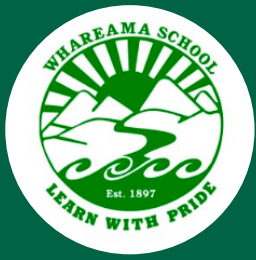
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## Rural Schools Swimming Sport

QUALIFYING EVENTS	NON QUALIFYING LENGTH RACES	
<b>FREESTYLE – Lengths</b>	<b>FREESTYLE</b>	<b>WIDTHS – backstroke</b>
1. 4 lengths open boys Q	35. 10 year old boys length	61. 6 year old boys
2. 4 lengths open girls Q	36. 10 year old girls length	62. 6 year old girls
3. 7 & 8 year old boys lengthQ	37. 11 year old boys length	63. 7 year old boys
4. 7 & 8 year old girls length Q	38. 11 year old girls length	64. 7 year old girls
5. 9 year old boys length Q	39. 12 year old boys length	65. 8 year old boys
6. 9 year old girls length Q	40. 12 year old girls length	66. 8 year old girls
7. 10 year old boys 2 length Q	<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	67. 9 year old boys
8. 10 year old girls 2 length Q	41. 11 year old boys length	68. 9 year old girls
9. 11 year old boys 2 length Q	42. 11 year old girls length	69. 10 year old boys (& older)
10. 11 year old girls 2 length Q	43. 12 year old boys length	70. 10 year old girls (& older)
11. 12 year old boys 2 length Q	44. 12 year old girls length	
12. 12 year old girls 2 length Q	<b>BREASTSTROKE</b>	<b>WIDTHS – breaststroke</b>
	45. 11 year old boys length	71. 6 year old boys
<b>BACKSTROKE – lengths</b>	46. 11 year old girls length	72. 6 year old girls
13. 7 & 8 year old boys lengthQ	47. 12 year old boys length	73. 7 year old boys
14. 7 & 8 year old girls length Q	48. 12 year old girls length	74. 7 year old girls
15. 9 year old boys length Q	<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	75. 8 year old boys
16. 9 year old girls length Q	49. Open boys length	76. 8 year old girls
17. 10 year old boys length Q	50. Open girls length	77. 9 year old boys
18. 10 year old girls length Q		78. 9 year old girls
19. 11 year old boys 2 length Q	<b>NON QUALIFYING WIDTH RACES</b>	79. 10 year old boys (& older)
20. 11 year old girls 2 length Q	<b>WIDTH RACES – FREESTYLE</b>	80. 10 year old girls (& older)
21. 12 year old boys 2 length Q	51. 6 year old boys	
22. 12 year old girls 2 length Q	52. 6 year old girls	<b>WIDTHS – flutterboard</b>
	53. 7 year old boys	81. 6 year old boys
<b>BREASTSTROKE – lengths</b>	54. 7 year old girls	82. 6 year old girls
23. 7 & 8 year old boys lengthQ	55. 8 year old boys	83. 7 year old boys
24. 7 & 8 year old girls length Q	56. 8 year old girls	84. 7 year old girls
25. 9 year old boys length Q	57. 9 year old boys	85. 8 year old boys
26. 9 year old girls length Q	58. 9 year old girls	86. 8 year old girls
27. 10 year old boys length Q	59. 10 year old boys (& older)	87. 9 year old boys
28. 10 year old girls length Q	60. 10 year old girls (& older)	88. 9 year old girls
29. 11 year old boys 2 length Q		
30. 11 year old girls 2 length Q		
31. 12 year old boys 2 length Q		
32. 12 year old girls 2 length Q		
<b>BUTTERFLY</b>		
33. Open boys 2 length Q		
34. Open girls 2 length Q		



Watch the whiteboard at the end of the pool – it will say the event numbers that are coming up next.  
If you are in those races you need to report to the marshalling area on the other side of the pool.  
Q= qualifying event. Top 2 swimmers in these races may go through to the Masterton event.



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## One hour a day



You may have seen reports in the media about the implementation of a new educational policy starting from Term 1 of 2024. Children in Years 0–8 will receive one hour of instruction per day in reading, writing, and mathematics. Research suggests that consistent daily teaching, paired with a well-structured curriculum and effective pedagogical methods, can significantly enhance children's academic growth and success. At Whareama School, we have been already meeting these requirements, so this will not be a big change. We are committed to maintaining a holistic curriculum at Whareama School, ensuring that our students have access to a diverse array of educational opportunities. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive learning experience that nurtures the development of our students across various curriculum areas.

### What will the lessons look like?

The National Curriculum outlines what your child should be able to **understand**, **know** and **do** as they progress through their school years. Teachers will continue to use the curriculum and teach in ways that best suit the learning. This includes using things like active learning opportunities, group work, investigations, practice, and consolidation activities.

### How you can help at home

- having your child read to you, reading to your child and talking about books and stories
- encouraging your child to share what they think about a book (or video game, podcast, or movie), and being positive about the material they are reading, listening, or watching
- letting your child see you enjoy books, audiobooks, podcasts, games, movies, or videos in your first language
- encouraging your child to write, and talking with your child about what they are writing
- showing your child that you write for lots of reasons too, such as replying to an email, filling out a form, or writing an invitation or letter
- involving your child in activities where you use maths (for example playing games with cards or dice, grocery shopping, cooking, and DIY activities)
- encouraging your child to share how they solve mathematics problems (they may use different mental or written strategies to the ones you were taught)
- being positive about your child's reading, writing, and maths experiences, and praising their efforts.





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## School Buses



For those children who use the Henley Lake school bus when seats are available to travel to or from town, and who are normally on the Homewood or Awatoitoi bus, a **charge of \$2 per trip will apply**. This fee will be invoiced to the parents at the end of the term for the trips their child/children have taken. The cost associated with each trip covers maintenance of the bus and diesel expenses.

As a friendly reminder please remember if there are any changes to what bus you would like your child on please give us at least 24 hours' notice. There are minimal spaces available on buses at certain times but please ask and we will help where we possibly can. The town bus now has one pick up and drop off point in town and this will now be only Henley Lake. The phone number contacts for the bus drivers are Tania 0273429952 for the town bus, Deb 0274448077 for the Homewood bus and 0224247013 for Matthew driving the ICA/Blairlogie bus. If your child is not on their bus for any reason please let your bus driver know as soon as possible, preferably by 7.45am

## Communication



### Teacher

Please remember if you wish to get a hold of your classroom teacher that they will be working with your child/ren between 8:30am - 3:00pm. Please contact them for catch ups outside this time. If you need a meeting then phone the school to arrange this with the teacher.

### Principal

If you feel your concern has not been addressed please contact the principal to have a discussion or meeting. These can be scheduled during the day.

### Board of Trustees

If you do not feel that your concern with the principal has been addressed, your next step is to get a hold of the board of trustees - if the concern is in regards to school policy. Please go to our School Docs website for all the school policies and procedures.

Please ensure your conversations are in fair and polite manner where everyone's dignity and feelings are kept in consideration. Please use this guide to help you through the communication process with us.



## Term One Events

Tuesday 30th January - Friday 12th April

### Week Five

Friday 1st Mar - Rural School Swimming Sports

### Week Six

Wednesday 6th - Masterton Schools Swimming Sports

Friday 8th - Ki ō rahi Tournament

- Design Technology begins Yr 7/8

### Week Seven

Tuesday 12th - Rippa Rugby Festival - Yr 7/8

Thursday 14th - Triathlon

Friday 15th - Kiwi Kids Charity School Visit

- Hero Writing Comment

### Week Eight

Tuesday 19th - Cricket Smash Festival Yr 3- 5 (Girls)

Wednesday 20th - Wairarapa Schools Swimming Sports

Thursday 21st - Year 7 Vaccinations

### Week Nine

Monday 25th - Tapu Ae Tournament - Yr 3/4

Friday 29th - Good Friday

### Week Ten

Monday 1st Apr - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd - Easter Tuesday (School closed)

Friday 5th - Hero Reading Comment

### Week Eleven

Monday 8th - Board of Trustees Mtg 5.30pm

Thursday 11th - Grandparents Day

Friday 12th - End of Term One



# Notice Board



**SchoolDocs**  
Policies and Procedures

## Quick Guide to SchoolDocs for the School Community

Staff, students, parents, and whānau

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Your SchoolDocs site contains policies and procedures that are specific to your school and can be accessed by the whole school community.

### Using SchoolDocs

Log in to your SchoolDocs site using these details:

<b>Website</b>	<input type="text" value="www.whareama.schooldocs.co.nz"/>
<b>Username</b>	<input type="text" value="whareama"/>
<b>Password</b>	<input type="text" value="learnwithpride"/>

#### Principal's note:

Fill in this info  
for your school.



Related policies and procedures are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information.

- To find a policy or procedure, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse using the table of contents (click the black arrows to open each section).
- Search for **Quick Links for Staff** and **Quick Links for Parents and Whānau**, which provide links to useful policies and procedures.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, click the **Help** tab at the top of the site.



### Reviews and feedback

#### Start your review

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review schedule to keep information up to date. Each term, you can provide feedback on policies and procedures that are under review.

Use the **review tool** to provide feedback about policies and procedures that are under review.

- **Content feedback** is where you can suggest changes you'd like SchoolDocs to consider.
- **Implementation feedback** is where you can comment on policy implementation at your school.

If you'd like to send a message to your school about a particular topic, use the **feedback button**.

For more information about reviews, click the **Current Review** tab at the top of the site.



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## HILL COUNTRY WALK

**23 MARCH 2024**

**WITH ALFREDTON SCHOOL**

Set in the heart of Alfredton, come along and experience a hill country farm walk featuring spectacular views alongside rural hospitality at its finest.

11 km Short Walk - 15 km Long Walk  
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\$55 per person

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

**REGISTER ONLINE**



[www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

✉ [alfredtonhillcountrywalk@gmail.com](mailto:alfredtonhillcountrywalk@gmail.com)

Checkout **Alfredton School Hill Country Walk** on Facebook for further details and updates!



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