



Whareama School

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CURRICULUM

We have just finished our assessment week and it has been a very positive week of progress. The work that the students have been trying their best in over the 2017 year has seen some real steps forward in our students' achievement. I look forward to reporting to the board and community at the end of the year about this progress. We have always asked the kids to do their possible best and the results will come, 2017 has seen this happen in so many different areas. There are still areas for us to work on with our students and the priorities for 2018 will be finalised at the end of the year, from the data we have, then be reanalysed with our February diagnostic assessment week. The work of the teachers needs to be commended as they really do have the best interest of your children. Along with our teacher aide support, extra adult support staff and the way the seniors support the juniors, we have the kids really humming along. We have 4 weeks left of school and we will continue to bridge the achievement gaps until the end of the year and then we can all enjoy a well-earned break for the summer holidays. Please remember we have many things happening still and the pool is all set so please get your children to bring their togs and towel in a plastic/ swimming bag every day from now on.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Today we had our school photos. We will be sending home an order form at the start of next week and this needs to be returned by Monday the 4th of December. Each child has had an individual, class and whole school photo taken. We have also taken photos of families for you to choose from. Please look through the order form when it is sent home and get your orders in on time. We will have the ordered photos ready to go home by the last day of term.

RURAL CLUSTER ATHLETICS DAY

What a fantastic day we had this year with the weather gods playing their part for us finally!!! We had a fantastic staff on board running all the events and everything seemed to go without any issues on the day. Thanks so much to the parents who helped out at events and especially to Sarah Tatham who donned a rake on the long jump pit for the whole day.

PETS' DAY 2017

The school's Pets Day was another amazing event this year. The Senior Room kids did a great job running their stalls and they raised around \$600. They are going to spend this on some things around the school as their reward for their hard work. Well done to Tessa and her lamb for winning the Motu-Nui grand champion prize. Thanks so much for all the parent and community support on the day and for making the day such a huge success.



MASTERTON ATHLETICS DAY

A huge congratulations to the 15 students from the Senior Room who have qualified for the Masterton athletics event this Wednesday. This is the largest group we have had qualify since I have been at Whareama School and bodes well for the future of athletics in our school. A special mention to Tessa Sandall who qualified for every event this year.....awesome work Tessa! Each student was given a notice about this last week and I look forward to seeing you all there on Wednesday.



TROLLEY DERBY

On Thursday the 23rd of November we will be having our trolley derby on Langdale Road. The event will start at 4pm and we will run all the entries as quickly as possible. Our guest judge will be choosing our grand champion at the conclusion of the event. If you would like us to keep your child at school in the afternoon, please phone the office to let us know. That way, you can bring your trolley out and meet your child at school. We will all meet at school and then head up to Langdale Road for the derby just after 4pm.



TERM 4 SPORTS

Kiwi Cricket: Well done to the Kiwi team who played Red Star this week and had a good win. Everyone seems to be enjoying their cricket and thanks so much to the parents helping out with this team.

Incrediball Cricket: The last two weeks have seen a well fought close win and a tough loss that has seen some good improvement in all the players. The team are playing well and are showing some good improvement in their bowling each week.

Tee Ball: The tee-ball team had another win on Saturday and are really doing well. They are winning their games and everyone is loving being part of the team. Thanks again to Steven and David who are helping manage these guys each weekend.

Tennis: Well done to our tennis team who are playing in a pretty tough competition and are never giving up and battling hard each week. Mathew, Hunter, Bayley and Fontyne should all be very proud of themselves and the effort they are putting in.

FRIENDS OF WHAREAMA FUNDRAISING MEETING

We had our Friends of Whareama meeting on Monday after school and thanks to Nicola Newell who will be taking over the lead of this group. Janelle has been a huge part of this group being so successful and it is fair that she allows someone else to take over the running of our fundraisers. We have had a brainstorm to generate some new ideas and we will be sending these out with a commitment from parents form as well.



PARENT/ TEACHER CALENDAR APP

I have been considering using an app for digital devices that will allow us to send notices, newsletters, allow for you to send in absentees and complete forms online. This will mean that we can produce less paper going between school and home and gives us the capability to get information out even quicker. The question is will parents want to use it??? I will be making some phone calls to parents this week to ask this very question. If there is a large majority of parents who are happy to use this then we will set this up to start in 2018.

PERSONALISED ARTWORK

Your children produced some glorious artwork which was displayed in the classroom on Pets' Day and can be turned into 2018 calendars, cards, diaries and note pads which make perfect Christmas gifts. Order forms have been sent home today and are required back at school by the end of the week Friday 17th November to enable us to have them back at school before we break up. Prices are as follows: calendars - \$13, greeting cards (8) - \$15, diaries - \$17.50, note pads - \$15.00.

Regards

Darren, Heather, Sandy and Diana

Upcoming Events:	
Weds 15 th Nov	Masterton Cluster Athletics
Thurs 23 rd Nov	Trolley Derby Day
Frid 25 th Nov	Book Club order close
Tues 28 th Nov	Nga Tama Toa - Mathew
Tues 5 th Dec	Coastal Cleanup
Thurs 7 th Dec	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Tues 12 th Dec	Final Assembly/ Show/ Prizegiving
Thurs 14 th Dec	Last Day 2017 – 12.30pm finish

Our School Vision

"Empowered Learners - Future Leaders."

Our School Mission

"Whareama School aims to provide a stimulating, supportive and positive learning environment, encouraging children to achieve the best in academic, social, cultural and physical areas"