



Whareama School

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Term 1, Week 1

WELCOME BACK

Hi everyone and welcome back to the 2018 school year.

We hope you have all had a great break, have managed to recharge the batteries over the holidays, and are set for another big year that has come upon us so quickly.

Our starting roll this year is 38, with 16 in the Junior Room and 22 in the Senior Room and ensures a steady starting roll with 10 more students due to arrive over this year at various times. We pride ourselves on allowing plenty of one on one support for students and also for students to be involved in a wide range of opportunities that everyone can be part of. In many larger schools the numbers dictate

that they need to select certain students for activities, but it is great that we seem to still be able to take everyone to everything. We will be looking at moving into 3 classrooms later this year, if our roll predictions come through and we continue to grow. A decision on this will be made by the end of Term 1.



SCHOOL CHARTER

We have included the strategic aims from our school charter and it is a direct reflection of our and your ambitions and goals for our students. We are currently finalising our annual plan for 2018 and the targets will be made available soon. The staff will meet and look over our beginning year data and decide on the focus for our students so we can continue to strive towards achieving the 3 strategic aims.

Strategic Aim 1: *All students will leave Whareama School at or above their respective curriculum levels in reading, writing and mathematics.*

Strategic Aim 2: *All students at Whareama School will be self-managing, independent learners through emphasis on the Key Competencies and values.*

Strategic Aim 3: *Our students will be worldly 21st century citizens, who are resilient, socially responsible, resourceful and confident in their own identity.*

CURRICULUM

This year we have decided to run a theme called “Toku Wahi – My Place”. In term 1 we are looking at how we can improve our school environment, in term 2 we will be designing projects to improve the wider community environment, in Term 3 we will be building our NZ knowledge for our whole school camp away and in Term 4 there will be an individual passion led project learning space. We are playing a wide range of fun, project based activities that will allow the students to develop their own questions and then to seek answers to questions, problem solve, explain findings and evaluate their learning. We are studying numeracy and measurement and time in our mathematics unit and our literacy focus this

term is guided reading and individualised writing skills. We are doing aquatics and cricket skills for our physical education unit and portraits for art. Our second language programme will focus on Maori greetings and classroom instruction. The students will be taking part in a wide range of activities that will involve activities at school and also many activities out of school.



ZOO TRIP

Please find attached the Zoo Trip information newsletter along with this first newsletter. We need all forms in by Friday and any parents who do not wish for their child to participate to please let us know by the end of the week.

BEACH ED 2018

We are currently planning to go to Riversdale Beach to take part in the Beach Ed programme on Friday the 16th of February. More information about this will come out soon but for now we are planning to be at the beach for the day and welcome any and all parents who want to join us. Please let the school know if you can help out on the day.



HOMEWORK

Both junior and senior rooms will be starting homework in Week 3 and this will consist of reading, spelling, mathematics through Maths Buddy or Mathletics and any work that requires completion from unfinished class work. You will also receive a class newsletter from both rooms today, to outline some of the other bits and pieces of news you may need starting the school year.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This year the Year 7 and 8 students who will be going to Design Technology at Makoura College on Fridays from Week 6 this term. There is a separate letter coming home for each of these students later this term to remind you about this programme. The school van leaves school at 10am each Friday and returns in the afternoon for all students to attend each week. There is a cost of \$20 each term as part of the take home component and this will be billed at the end of term.

STATIONERY

Most of the junior room students have all of their stationery at school however at the end of the year the senior students took home most of their books and stationery. If you would like your child to carry on with any of those books please send them back to school by Friday. Any books that the children are then missing will be supplied to them from our stationery cupboard on Tuesday next week. The extra equipment that needs to be supplied will be billed to your school account. We would like all children to have their own felts and colouring pencils. These are a couple of things that we do not sell through our stationery cupboard at school, so if you could find the time to please go and get these for your children that would be greatly appreciated. If you purchase these from the Warehouse Stationery please nominate our school, it will go towards us getting cash back at the end of the year.

FUNDRAISING- Langdale Horse Sports

A huge thanks needs to go out to Janelle, Mark and Abi who organised and worked at the fundraiser at the Langdale Horse Sports this year. The fundraising committee will be meeting soon and we are going to decide on some major fundraisers for the year, let everyone know what they are, then expect every family to commit to at least 1 event over the year. We look forward to you all supporting these events as much as possible.



SCHOOL TRACKSUITS/ POLO SHIRTS

We will be sending out information about our new polo shirts that will be available to purchase next week. We have upgraded our polo and each parent will need to purchase these for their children. We will buy them from the Uniform Shop and sell onto you for the same price we buy them for. The look much smarter, are lighter and will make us look great on any school trip and event.

SWIMMING

Every child in the school will be part of the regular, daily classroom swimming programme so please remember to send them along with their togs and a towel in a swim bag each day.

KI-O-RAHI COASTAL CLASSIC

On Friday the 2nd of March our school is hosting the first ever Ki-o-rahi sports tournament. This will be at Riversdale Beach and will be run with Whaiora and Kokiri Te Puna from Wellington. We have around 200 students from schools in the Wairarapa coming to this and we will be entering hopefully two teams.

2018 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1: Tuesday 30th January – Friday 13th April (Monday 5th Feb is a Teacher Only Day)

Term 2: Monday 30th April– Friday 6th July

Term 3: Monday 23rd July – Friday 28th September

Term 4: Monday 15th October – Friday 14th December

ALSO IMPORTANT

The weather is hopefully going to get better so please sunscreen your children in the morning and ensure they all have their hats at school.....this is a compulsory requirement. We have sunscreen at school as well however if your child has sensitive skin and requires a different lotion please send some to school with them. Ensure lunchboxes are filled with the appropriate foods, no junk food and lollies please and we will only use the microwave in the winter to heat food. Water bottles are essential as well so we can keep the kids hydrated throughout the day.



PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS – to be held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March and a booking sheet will come out to you shortly. We will use this time to show where your child is at with their learning, provide next steps and how we can support each other to provide the best education for your child.

SCHOOL BUSES

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 2 pick up and drop off points in town and these are Henley Lake and the Colombo Road Alleyway. The phone number contacts for the bus drivers are Janelle 0273532329 for the town bus, Eddie 0210433658 for the Homewood bus and 3723395 for Brent driving the ICA bus. If your child is not on their bus for any reason please let your bus driver know as soon as possible.

SPORTS

Options for sports will be out later this week so please look for this newsletter and once again we will need some parent support to help run these after school opportunities.

FORMS

Here is a quick checklist of the forms that have come home today so you can fill in the appropriate form, return them to school by Friday, so we can tidy up the administrative side of beginning the year:

- School Trip Consent Form
- School Bus Agreement Form
- Zoo Trip Permission Form

Later this week will be the permission forms Term 1 sports.

REMINDER – Monday 5TH FEBRUARY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 6TH FEBRUARY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WAITANGI DAY

Regards
Darren, Heather, Sandy and Diana

Upcoming Events:	
TERM 1:	
Mon 5 th February	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 6 th February	WAITANGI DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 8 th / Fri 9 th February	WELLINGTON ZOO TRIP
Fri 16 th February	Beach Ed @ Riversdale Beach
Weds 21 st February	Rural Schools Swimming Sports
Fri 2 nd March	Ki-o-rahi Coastal Classic
Weds 7 th March	Masterton School Swim Sports
Weds 14 th / Thurs 15 th March	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Weds 14 th March	Wairarapa Swimming Sports
Fri 13 th April	Term 1 Ends