



Whareama School

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Term 1, Week 1



WELCOME BACK

Hi everyone and welcome back to the 2019 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 50.....yes 50!!!!. A huge welcome to Harvey Fairbrother who starts his learning journey with us in Timatanga. We are excited to be in three learning spaces this year and this is due to our increasing roll, ministry funding and from your Board of Trustees future planning and support of our school programmes. Leading the learning in Timatanga will be Heather Stevens and 13 Year 0-2 students, in Whanake will be Jane Tiley with 16 Year 2 – 4 students and in Whakatutuki will be Sandy Taylor and myself with our 21 amazing Year 5-8 learners. 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 take part in. In many larger schools the numbers dictate the need to select certain students for activities, but it is great that we seem to still be able to take everyone to everything. We have a wide range of new initiatives this year and we will attempt to give you a heads-up and brief description of the upcoming events over the next couple of weeks.

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 2019 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. The Board of Trustees will also be heavily involved in the design of our strategic and annual plan.

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 ‘Culture Club’. We have a huge variety of tasks that we will be working on with the kids and there will be a major focus on arts, drama, dance and cultures from around the world. We are playing a wide range of fun, project based activities that will allow the students to develop their own questions and then seek answers to questions, problem solve, explain findings and evaluate their learning. We are studying numeracy, 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. In Term 3 we will be having our bi-annual production and more information will be out about this next term.

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

A new initiative for our Year 7 and 8 students will have them taking part in the William Pike Challenge over 2019. We will be doing this alongside the Year 7/8 students from Wainuioru School and it is a very cool and exciting programme. Please check out what your child is going to be in for by going to the WPC website. <https://williampike.co.nz/wpca/three-elements/>

MARAE VISIT

We are planning a visit and noho for our students later this term. More information will be out about this trip later this term.

HOMEWORK

All classrooms 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 your classrooms this week, 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 8 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. 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. Any books that the children are missing will be supplied to from our stationery cupboard on Monday next week. We foresee most students only needing the odd book here and there and this will be a minimal cost added to your 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.

SWIMMING – IN SCHOOL AND LESSONS

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. We also have Rebecca O’Neale back on board this year to take swimming lessons after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost will be \$10 per lesson and it will run over 5 weeks from Weeks 3-7. Each child will be ability grouped and then have a 30 minute lesson after school each day, in our school pool. This is not for pre-schoolers and if you are interested please return the form attached with this newsletter by Friday this week.

KI-O-RAHI COASTAL CLASSIC

On Friday the 1st of March our school is hosting the third annual 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.

2019 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 29th January – Friday 12th April (Tuesday 5th Feb is a Teacher Only Day)

Term 2: Monday 29th April– Friday 5th July

Term 3: Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

Term 4: Monday 14th October – Friday 13th 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.



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 0210441217 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 are out with this newsletter and once again we will need some parent support to help run these after school opportunities. Please complete the forms and return to school by Friday.

MUSIC

Hemi will be starting lessons again in Week 3 (guitar, ukulele, keyboard, singing). If you child took lessons last year they will automatically continue. If you don't want them to participate or would like any new students added, please ring the office. Darren is currently in discussion with Hemi re prices and we will let you know by the end of the week.

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
- Swimming Lessons Form
- Term 1 Sports Form

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

Wednesday 6TH FEBRUARY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WAITANGI DAY

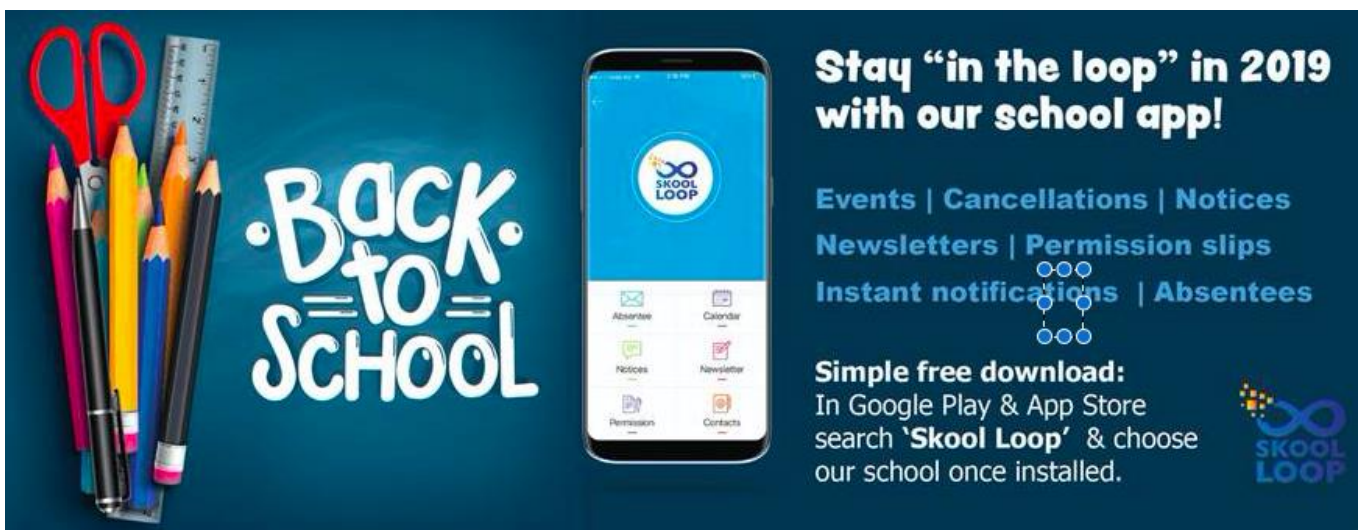
BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 orders close 20 February.

Regards

The Team at Whareama School.

Upcoming Events:	
TERM 1:	
Tues 5 th February	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Weds 6 th February	WAITANGI DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 12 th February	Music Lessons Start
Weds 20 th February	Chinese Language Assistant Programme
Fri 1 st March	Ki-o-rahi Coastal Classic
Fri 12 th April	Term 1 Ends



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