



# Whareama School

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Term 1, Week 10

## **COMING TO THE END OF THE TERM**

How quickly has this term gone? It only seems like a couple of weeks ago we were starting up school for the New Year and welcoming our new students and staff. The term has certainly flown by and this has seen many fun activities and learning at Whareama School. The kids have been working hard in all areas of school life and the improvement in self-managed learning, reading, writing and maths has been noticed already by the staff. As well as this, we hosted a very successful Ki-o-rahi tournament, we had 11 students at the Kidz Conference, Design Tech for Y7/8 students, Pedal Ready programme, Learning Ambassadors for our leaders, Science Roadshow, Beach Ed programme and the list goes on. So definitely plenty of learning and fun and Term 2 will be no different with many new things being planned. The last day for all students will be Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, with the Thursday being a teacher only day. We welcome everyone back to school on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May for the new term. This will be the last newsletter for Term 1 as next week is a short week so please take a note of all upcoming events in this newsletter.



## **PRINCIPAL'S RELEASE POSITION**

It is with great pleasure that I can now let everyone know officially that Sandy Taylor has accepted the Principal's release position in the Senior Room from Term 2. Sandy comes to us with many years of experience at this level and also being part of the rural school community. We look forward to having Sandy work with us and our students and to helping our students do the best they possibly can.

## **ERO REPORT**

We ended this term on a bit of a high as the staff received the school's latest confirmed ERO report. We have been blessed with a 3 year review and this is thanks to the hard work by the board and staff over the past 2 years. We have areas to continue to develop and aim to do these over the next 3 years before they come back again.



## **NGA TAMA TOA COURSE**

We were lucky enough to be asked to register any Year 7/8 boys for a leadership in Maori haka and waiata at Riversdale this week. Mathew has been chosen to be part of this group at Waimanaki for 2 days. Mathew will be learning about haka, taiaha and Maori tikanga in his 2 days and is an amazing experience for him and the group of boys he will be with.



## **KIDZ CONFERENCE 2017**

The 11 students who went to the Kidz Conference all came back saying what a great day they had. There were so many presentations and activities and my thanks must go out to the organisers of this event. They had over 240 students register and the day seemed to run very smoothly. From rock climbing to cooking to working with animals they seem to have so many great options this year. We look forward to being part of this again in 2018.

## **BOT MEETING**

Our next BOT meeting will be on this Thursday at 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

## **SPORTS**

**Hockey** – information will be out soon with regards to hockey if you have not had it already. Sandy has sent out a list to me and will be in contact soon.

**Rugby** – remember to register your child with East Coast this year and the information for this has been in the past few newsletters.

**Football** – well done to those who have registered for football through Douglas Villa. Your season starts at the end of the first week of school in Term 2.

## **END OF TERM DINNER**

On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April we intend to have a community dinner together. We have many welcomes to Whareama and a farewell for Mrs Walker that we would like everyone to be in attendance for. We are asking that all parents be at the Homewood Marae at 5pm for our presentations and shared dinner. We will be taking all the students to the marae at 3pm and having a powhiri for new students and staff and then would like you there for the dinner and formalities. If any parents would like to join us earlier for the powhiri and welcoming please be at the Marae at 4.00pm at the latest. There will be no vans taking kids home after the dinner for obvious reasons so you will need to pick up your children. We also ask that people on the town bus bring a dessert and those on the Homewood and ICA vans bring a salad to share. The board will supply meat for the BBQ. We look forward to seeing you all that evening and remember the following day is a teacher only professional development day so Wednesday is the last day of the term for our students.



## **VISION AND HEARING SCREENING**

Regional Public Health Wairarapa free vision and hearing screening will take place at school on Wednesday 5 April.

### **They will be screening:**

- Distance Vision for Year 7 students and those Year 8 students who have **not** completed screening at Year 7
- Colour Vision for Year 7 **boys**, to identify colour vision defects
- Hearing and Distance Vision for 5 and 6 year old children who missed or did not complete their B4 School Checks
- Children who have transferred schools, who have not yet completed routine vision and hearing screening

Result slips will be sent home with your child if screened by this service

**This screening is not a full assessment** - near vision used for reading books or hand writing is unable to be screened by this service

*If you have concerns in regards to yours child's vision please arrange an appointment with an Optometrist.*

You will be notified by mail if further assessment is recommended for your child. Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care for vision or hearing and have regular checks will not require screening by our service.

**Please notify your school if you DO NOT agree to your child being screened.**

Regards

Darren, Heather, Irene and Diana



### **Upcoming Events:**

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Vision and Hearing Screening
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Immunisations - Y7+8
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
	Easter Bun delivery
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Community Dinner
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 Ends (teacher only day – no students)