



Whareama School

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Term 2, Week 1



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back everyone to the new term and we can see already that it is going to be a very busy one. Now we are heading into the winter months please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Hopefully when the rain arrives we find the kids are inside playing more so if anyone has old board games, matchbox cars and fun games for students to play inside then please send them to school to donate to the Senior and Junior Rooms. We are working on writing our speeches this term which we will be presenting to the parents on Friday the 16th of June from 1pm.

Our Year 7/8 speech representatives will be selected at school this year to go forward to the Wairarapa Speech contest. Our focus in mathematics is multiplication and division knowledge and strategies in numeracy, as well as some measurement and geometry for Term 2. We are gearing up for the country schools cross country at Tinui on the 7th of June so running is our PE focus to start the term. We are lucky to have Doug from Wairarapa Bush rugby and Katarina from Whaiora coming out this term to work with us in our PE programme. Our "Think Like an Inventor" theme this year moves into the focus of "NZ Inventors" and we will be using our new inquiry project process to create learning of knowledge and skills around New Zealand Inventors. We are also doing 3D construction for art and if anyone has old cardboard boxes and/or kitchen wrap rolls these would be greatly appreciated at school, please send these in over the term. A huge welcome to Whareama School to Bianca, Makayla and Seth who are starting with us from Term 2.....this puts the school roll at 44 with 3 more on the current pre-enrolment schedule. If you have any questions about any of the events coming up please ring us at school. We also welcome Sandy Taylor to the Senior Room and Rachel Eden to work as Junior Room teacher aide.

FAREWELL TO MRS WALKER

Irene has asked me to add this to the newsletter:

Thank you all very much for my fantastic farewell dinner. I felt honoured having it at the Marae and was so pleased I could share my night with so many of you. I was blown away by the kind words, lovely flowers, beautiful picture and travel voucher which we will use very soon. I shall treasure this night along with all the wonderful times and connections I've had with the Whareama community. Thanks so much everyone. Arohanui, Irene

ANZAC DAY

Well done to Tessa and Amy who spoke for our school at the ANZAC service at Tinui in the holidays. There was a big crowd out there and they did a superb job. Also well done to Domanik who was part of the keas' parade.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Please note that Design Tech continues for the next 4 Fridays at Makoura College for all Year 7 and 8 students. We then have no Design Tech until the end of the term and I will remind you of the second rotation starting date later in the term, which is the very last Friday of Term 2.



SPEECH COMPETITION 2017

This year's Masterton Speech finals are being hosted by Masterton Intermediate School on Tuesday 27th of June. Once again we aim to have our Year 7 and Year 8 students make the finals and if they do these will be held at St Teresa's School on Thursday 29th of June. We have had a proud history in this speech competition and this year we are aiming for it to be no different.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Accounts for term 1 were emailed out at the end of term 1. Please look out for them and pay as soon as possible.



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2017

This year all the Year 8 students and one parent with each student, will be going to the annual young leaders’ day in Palmerston North. The date for this year’s presentation is Monday the 15th of May and more details will be out soon to those students going.

RURAL KIDS CROSS COUNTRY

The day for this event this term at Tinui will be on Wednesday the 7th of June. We will be training at school this term for this important event in our annual calendar and we look forward to everyone giving 100% on the day when it arrives. Students need to make sure they have suitable footwear every day for our training.

RURAL KIDS PROGRAMME

The two dates for all year 7 and 8 students this term will be on 18th of May and 29th of June at Opaki School. More information will be coming home soon to all Year 7 and 8 families shortly.

SCHOOL BUS RUNS

With the increase of students to our school and the increased numbers on our school bus runs we need to set some pretty basic rules in place going forward. In the past the school buses have been used for a variety of extra uses for parents however this will not be able to happen anymore. All vans are basically full and therefore unless we have an absentee there is no opportunities for swapping your bus run at any given point. By all means please phone the office to ask if there is a spare seat but you MUST confirm this by speaking to a staff member. We will not swap students from answerphone messages anymore as we just do not have the spare seats to guarantee it. If the phone is not answered you need to phone back to speak to someone to confirm any changes. We have been very lucky in the past however we are not able to be so flexible due to considerable roll growth. This is also an appropriate time to speak to your child about the school rules on the bus and the expectations we have of behaviour. These are very simple - they need to sit quietly, have their bags under their seats, speak appropriately and treat everyone with respect while on our school buses.



WINTER SPORTS

There is so much to talk about in this area with sports practices and games happening most days of the week! We have hockey teams, rugby teams and students in football teams this year as well.

Rugby - East Coast JAB training starts this Wednesday 3rd May after school at the Whareama Domain. First games Saturday 13th May - U6 Ripper (played at Pioneer) U8 tackle (at Masterton Red Star), and U10 tackle (at Marist grounds). Saturday 13th May is also East Coast RFC Old

Timers and Club Day at the Domain - there will be the WBS bouncy castle and the famous helicopter lolly scramble, all welcome for a fun day at the Club. Any queries contact Rico Fairbrother awatoitoi@gmail.com

Hockey- All practice times and games will be sent out once we have heard from Richard at Tinui School. Uniforms will be provided- Sticks, mouth guards, shin pads and Coasties socks must be provided by parents. Any enquiries please ring Richard Lennox (3726878) otherwise coaches will be in touch with players shortly.

Football – those players playing in the Tornadoes 9th grade team your trainings will be Wednesdays, 4pm at Douglas Villa. Coach is Darren Kerr.

HEAD LICE

There were a few students who have had head lice over the holidays and have been treated so if everyone could check their children tonight and treat accordingly, that would be appreciated. If you need some shampoo we do have some for sale (at cost), so please phone Diana to have some sent home.

BOT MEETING

Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday the 18th of May in the school staffroom at 5.30pm

Regards

Darren, Katz, Sandy and Diana

Upcoming Events:	
TERM 2:	
Fri 5 th May	Design Tech Starts – Yr 7/8 students (next 4 weeks)
Mon 15 th May	NYLD 2017 – Year 8 students
Thurs 18 th May	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Mon 5 th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Weds 7 th June	Rural Kids Cross Country at Tinui
Weds 14 th June	Wairarapa Cross Country
Fri 16 th June	Whareama School Speech Day
Thurs/ Fri 22 nd -23 rd June	Life Ed Van at School
Tues 27 th June	Y7/8 Masterton Speech Finals
Thurs 29 th June	Wai Speech Finals Event
Tues 4 th July	Wellington Regional Cross Country
Thurs 6 th July	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Fri 7 th July	Design Tech and Term 2 Ends

NOTICES

Lost - On the night of the East Coast rugby Hoe Down a pink material polo bag was left in the red coast van. Inside the bag was a new long grey midi cardigan with splits up the side and a hood on it. If any-one has the cardigan and bag can they contact Sue Gibson on 3723533. The owner of the cardigan is keen to get it back!

East Coast Rugby Club has its 'Old Timers' and Sponsors Day on the 13th May at the Whareama Domain. Past players and sponsors are invited for lunch from 11.30 onwards, followed by two games of rugby. The Senior B's play at 1pm followed by the A's. It's a fun family day out with lolly scramble and bouncy castle for the kids. All welcome!

Apache Jacks Wairarapa Kids Cross Country

Dates for are as follows:-

5th June 2017 = Red Star Grounds, Colombo Road, Masterton - Series 1 - [Map](#) - Results - Photos

18th June 2017 = Clareville Showgrounds, Carterton - Series 2 - [Map](#) - Results - Photos

23rd July 2017 = Soldiers Memorial Park, Greytown - Series 3 [Map](#) - Results - Photos

Please note that the 5th June is the Monday because of Queens Birthday weekend.

The aim is to support the Schools Cross Country coming up on 14th June and then the Inter Regional on the 4th July while fitting around the Wellington Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series 2017 dates being:-

Sunday 14 May at Trentham Memorial Park

Sunday 28 May at Karori Park

Sunday 25 June at Mt Victoria

Sunday 9 July at Grenada North Park - combined with Wellington Cross Country Champs

Sunday 13 August at Petone

If you can advertise this to schools, that would be appreciated. The web link is <http://www.sporty.co.nz/wtf/Apache-Jacks-Wairarapa-Kids-XC-1/About-Results>

Wild Eyes

Wild Eyes is a new website aiming to get Kiwi kids off screens and connected with NZ nature, conservation and science ... using screens! Wild Eyes provides awesome digital incentives to kids for completing fun nature missions. Wild Eyes missions are curriculum-friendly, designed to be completed in or outside the classroom or at home, and are perfect for individual or group inquiry learning, particularly with a focus on environment, science or sustainability topics.

To launch the site Wild Eyes is running competitions throughout April in partnership with What Now and Forest and Bird's Kiwi Conservation Club for kids.

For details check out the website at www.wildeyes.co.nz

Check out the 'Backyard Spy' mission (and make sure you watch the instructional video):

<https://www.wildeyes.co.nz/missions/backyard-spy/>

Help change Kiwi kids' square eyes into wild eyes!

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