

UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 30 th March	KOHANGA TIKITERE MUSICFEST
Monday 1 st - Thursday 4 th April	AROHA HEASLIP (ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING FACILITATOR) OBSERVING TEACHERS.
Tuesday 2 nd April	DUFFY ROLE MODEL IN
Saturday 6 th /Sunday 7 th April	FISHING COMP FUNDRAISER
Wednesday 10 th April	BOT HUI 1.30 PM
Tues 9 th , Wed 10 th , Thurs 11 th April	RUMAKI HAERENGA
Friday 12 th April	ASTHMA SHOW LAST DAY OF KURA
Monday 29 th April	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 ERO IN VISITING OUR KURA

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - TE TOHU TUMUAKI

Week 9	
Ranginui Carlson	<i>Pakari koe i runga i te haerenga ki Maketu.</i>
Hailee Hobson	<i>for an excellent work ethic and manaakitanga</i>
Azariah Tamatinui-Savage	<i>He akonga manawanui koe.</i>
Rakei Curtis	<i>He akonga manawanui koe, kua u koe ki o mahi katoa i tenei wiki.</i>
Mercedes Wineera	<i>For showing positive leadership skills.</i>
Te Kuiamoeawa Tamati	<i>He amorangi koe ki mua.</i>
Kokouri Kingi-Haimona	<i>Mo to u ki nga mahi i nga wa katoa. He akonga manawanui koe.</i>
Mikaylah Walker	<i>For showing excellent manaakitanga by being a great tuakana to her younger classmates.</i>



Thursday 28th March 2019 Term 1 / No 5

Mission Statement

The children at Whangamarino School will stand tall and be caring and honest in all aspects of their life so they may strive to do their personal best

Whakaaro Rangatira - Manaakitanga, Aroha and Whanaungatanga

School Newsletter

Te Panui o Whangamarino

Tena koutou katoa / Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Community Members

As-Salaam-Alaikum, "Peace be with you,"

The recent events in Christchurch have certainly been a shock for us all. It is hard to believe that such an inhumane act could happen in beautiful Aotearoa. We must all feel a great amount of pride in the response of AROHA from our school communities and fellow New Zealanders. To any school whanau personally touched by this tragedy, our Aroha goes out to you. Kia kaha koutou.

[Information from the Ministry of Health](#) - Whanau is the most important part of a child's life. Parents/caregivers give them their security and confidence. What these traumatic events mean to children depends to a large extent on how their parents or caregivers react to it. Often this is more important than what happens to the children themselves. Children think about things a great deal, even when they're not talking about them, but they can only put them in perspective with adults' help.

Parents and caregivers can help their children by sorting out their own reactions and feelings. Don't be surprised if children's reactions seem

out of sorts with their experiences – they may be reacting to family members distress. Children (even infants and toddlers) always know more than adults give them credit for. They are aware of many things they can't put into words for us. Children need to make sense of things that happen. They often don't have all the facts and their thinking is not as mature so they use imagination to fill the gaps.

Ways to help:

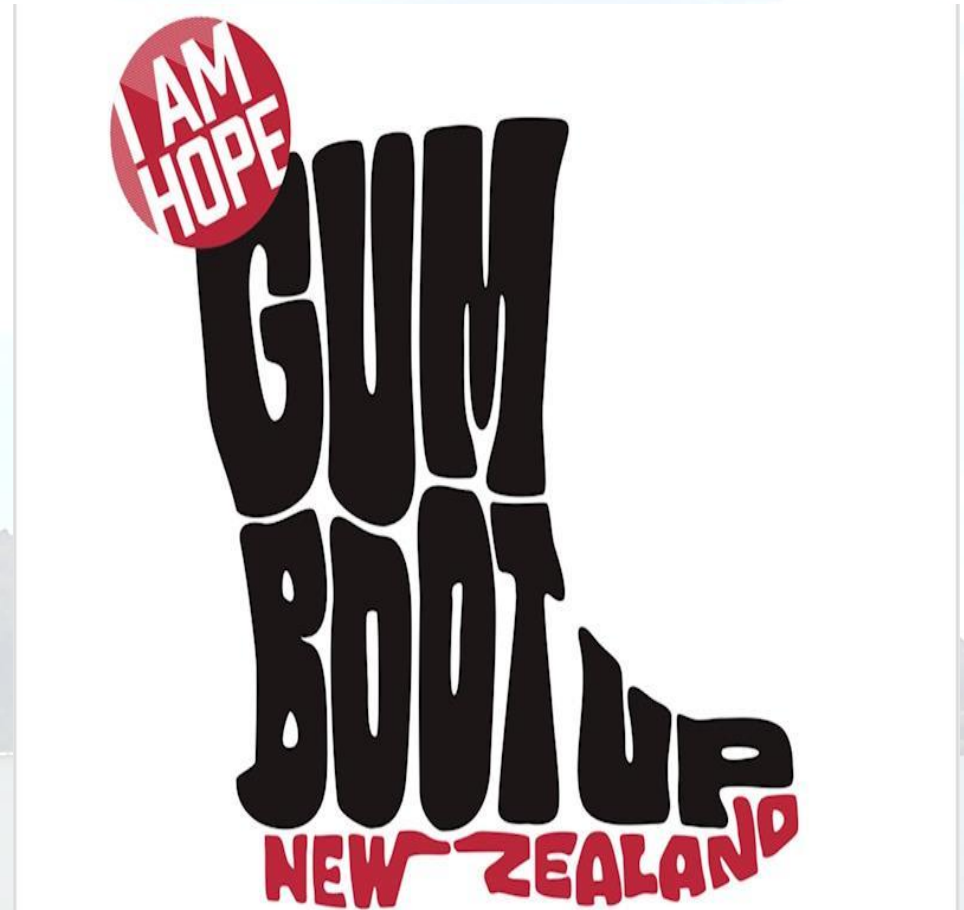
- It's better to tell children what has happened. Giving them the facts (but without unnecessary detail) helps prevent their imagination taking over.
- Encourage them to express emotions.
- Reassure them about the future, especially the small details of life which are such an important part of their world.
- Encourage your children to continue to be children, to play, explore and laugh when they want to.
- Maintain routine and familiarity to help children see that life is secure and predictable.

Lock Down Procedures: Last week we reviewed our lock down procedures and will be practising this in the near future. Lock down, fire and earthquake drills are a regular part of Health and Safety drills in our school year.

In the event of an emergency, we will communicate via Facebook, Skool Loop and email. During a lock down, the hardest part will be that, parents and caregivers are asked to keep away until the lock down is over. As hard as it might be to stay away until it is safe, that is the safest option for everyone involved. All school doors will be locked, and we will hide away from view as much as possible. We will not open any doors for anyone until we know it is safe.

Another critical element in our emergency procedures is accounting for all of our tamariki on and off site.

1. We are now asking that all children are signed in and out of kura if they arrive after the morning bell and leave prior to 2.40pm.





Nga Mihi

Bunnings!

This is done via our visitors book in the school office.

2. If your child is away from kura for any reason please notify the kura – by phone 3624879, Skool Loop or email office@whangamarino.school.nz,

School Docs

Our school has been working with School Docs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are still working through the process but when the site is complete we will go live and have it available to our school community and whanau.

The school works on a subscription basis with School Docs to maintain, update and review our policies. School Docs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management and reporting to parents etc.

School docs updates, modifies or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the School Docs team. Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes / additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up online and when they are ready for review and how you can take part in the review.

Board of Trustees - Congratulations to Glenda Gates who was reappointed as our Board Chair at our last meeting. Glenda is a strong advocate for our kura and she is an amazing support to me as tumuaki.

New Gardens A massive thank you to Brody Rangitaawa and her team from Bunnings Rotorua and Bunnings Mt Maunganui for giving our gardens a make over. We love our new flower beds, vege beds and our pot plant holders. Thank you BUNNINGS!

Tamati Coffey's Visit – Thank you Tamati Coffey, Ken Kennedy and Sunny Wikiriwhi for visiting our kura on Monday. Our Year 7 & 8's enjoyed listening to Tamati talk about the exciting jobs he has had over the years. Tamati reminded our tamariki about setting goals and having high expectations for their future. Ka mau te wehi Tamati.



Te Roopu Manaaki (PTA) – A massive thank you to the amazing Whaea Hillary Dewes Green for organising our parent fundraising committee. To all the parents and whanau members who have put their hands up to help with fundraising – NGA MIHI! You have all taken a lot of pressure off our teachers and now they can focus more on teaching and learning instead of fundraising. Our first major fundraising event coming up will be our Fishing Competition (6th-7th April). The Roopu Manaaki will also be holding a sausage sizzle on Gumboot day (information in next few following paragraphs) The cost will be \$2 sausage sizzles and \$1 juices. We will be taking orders on *Thursday 4th of April*.

Rumaki Haerenga to Maketu – Our Rumaki akonga enjoyed their haerenga to Maketu on Wednesday. Our whanau learned about our connection as Ngati Pikia to Maketu, to Te Awhe o te Rangi Marae, and Pukemaire Pa. This was a celebration of our Tangaroa kaupapa we have been doing this term. Thanks to all the parents and whanau that supported this kaupapa.



Breakfast Club Thank you Catherine Kingi for offering to set up our breakfast club for our tamariki.

Whangamarino School Multi-Sports Turf – We are currently applying for funding to have our own Multi-sports turf (astro-turf). We have applied to Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, NZ Grants and all of our local Maori trusts. The total cost for our new turf is over \$110,000.00. We will keep you posted with our progress. To date we have had a number of Trusts grant us funding. A massive thank you to the following trusts for supporting this awesome kaupapa:

Rotoiti 15 - \$10,000.00
Paehinahina Trust - \$1000.00
Tautara Matawhaura \$1000.00

“Gumboot” Sausage sizzle fundraiser Friday 5th April- For many, having depression is like walking through mud everyday. Come and walk in their shoes for a day. Please bring a gold coin koha to help provide ongoing support for kid's in need. We want the whole Kura wearing gumboots!

Nga mihi

Whaea Lorraine (Tumuaki)

