

## UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
<b>Term 2</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	SWIMMING AT AQUATICS YRS 5 – 8 ONLY
May 9 <sup>th</sup> of May – 5:30-pm	RUMAKI HUI MC DONALD'S FENTON STREET
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	AURAKI – SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	BOT HUI 1.30 PM
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	AURAKI CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	TECHNOLOGY WEEK YEAR 8'S
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND – SCHOOL CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	READING TOGETHER STARTS 1.30PM
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki festival of learning Grandparents day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	RUMAKI NOHO MARAE
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	AURAKI NOHO MARAE
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> June	READING TOGETHER WORKSHOPS
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	REPORTS GO HOME
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	PARENT INTERVIEWS
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	BOT HUI 1.30PM
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	LAST DAY OF KURA

### THANK YOU

- Whaea Hilary and Matua Nepia for preparing kai for our ANZAC service.
- To all the support staff for helping our teachers in preparation for the new term.
- Koro Willy and Matua Wayne for tidying up our school grounds over the holiday break.
- Matua Shane for ensuring our classrooms and staffroom were beautifully cleaned over the holidays.
- Whaea Cathy and Matua Jim Schuster for tidying up the flax bushes around our kura.
- All the parents and whanau members that attended our ANZAC service and

provided kai. Nga mihi.



Thursday 2nd May 2019 Term 2 / No 1

### 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*

**Welcome back to Term 2** and all it will bring at Whangamarino School for you and your tamariki. Term 2 promises to be every bit as exciting as Term 1 with lots of wonderful learning experiences to be had. Our major focus for this term is based around *Sustainability- Toitūtanga*. A number of Zero Waste and Matariki activities will give our students an idea of what Sustainability is all about. Ask your children questions about this over the next few weeks and this will help them to clarify any new learning taking place.

For those whānau joining us for the first time, a very special welcome to your new kura, we hope you enjoy your time with us here at Whangamarino School.

Over the holiday break teachers have been working hard preparing for a busy term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and hardworking teachers for all the work they do. We are very lucky to have these dedicated professionals in front of our tamariki.

**ANZAC Day at Whangamarino School.** Congratulations to Matua Lawrence Tamati for organising the special ANZAC service held at our kura last week. Our Head Manukura Rosalyn Patu and Deputy Manukura Rangikawhetiu Gillespie-Robson welcomed the many guests who included army representatives, returned service men, Whangamarino School Staff and Board of Trustees, whānau members and a large number of community members.



We are very proud of our two Manukura. Rosalyn Patu read out the poem 'Flanders Fields' and Rangikawhetiu Gillespie-Robson read out the poem 'Remembrance Day'. Well done korua. It certainly was a beautiful service, finished off with a beautiful hakari (feast). *Lest We Forget.*

**EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT** - This week we are having our school review. It has been a pleasure hosting Paul Moulder, Peter Tahere and Paora Stucki from the Education Review Office. They have been looking at our students action plans, teachers planning, our policies and most importantly how well our tamariki are achieving and finding success in their learning. We look forward to sharing the Education

Review Office's findings with you in the future.

**SPORTS NOTICES**

**Overview for Week 1 & 2.**

**Netball/Miniball**

**There are 5 netball and 3 miniball teams.**

**The start day is as follows.**

**Netball - Saturday 4th May**

**Miniball - Wednesday 2nd May**

**Draws have been sent home with players for this week**

**Swimming**

**The swimming programme starts in Week 2, 6th - 10th May. The programme is provided for our year 5-7 only. Professionally trained swimming instructors will deliver lessons.**

**Purpose:** Teach basic learn to swim and Water Safety NZ's Water Skills for Life.  
**Assessment -** The children will be assessed based on their ability and will provide cards to go home to parents to give them a realistic assessment of their child's ability. We can also provide you with copies of these assessments. We are also working with Water Safety NZ to enter all this information on their national database which the school can then update.

**Answer questions and upskill teachers as we work with the class.**

Year	Time
Year 5	11.45am
Year 6	12.15pm
Year 7	12.45pm

**Include children with disabilities, but may require a parent/caregiver in the water at all times to ensure additional support. Please discuss this with us.**

**Whaea Tracy (Sports Co-ordinator)**

book your place.

On that note, we would like to acknowledge that you are your child's first and best teachers. You have the skills and knowledge to help your child learn and grow. Your wonderful language and experiences are taonga (gifts) you share. Helping your child learn at home has benefited your child, your whanau and our kura, nga mihi.

**BOT ELECTIONS 2019** - The Board of Trustees is accountable for student achievement. The BOT sets the vision for our school and they ensure our school complies with legal and policy requirements. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee for our school, please visit [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz) or talk to Glenda Gates our BOT Chairperson or myself on (ph 3624879).

Please be sure to let us know if your child is going to be absent from school and the reason why. The Ministry of Education ensure schools take school attendance seriously and unexplained absence from school must be recorded and information passed on should a pattern emerge.

Have a great fortnight.  
Nga mihi  
Lorraine Northey  
Tumuaki

**NZEI STOP WORK MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY – HALF DAY OF KURA** The NZEI will be holding Paid Union Meetings in school time next week – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Our teachers will be attending the meeting, so that teachers can discuss progress of negotiations and decide next steps. Children will be sent home at lunch time on this day. School is finishing at 12.30pm. Buses will be leaving school at this time and children will be arriving home early on this day. We can provide a skeleton staff at school to care for any students who are not able to go home early, however you will need to pick them up from school at 2.40pm. Please contact Letitia at the school office to let us know. We thank you for your support with this and apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

**‘MATARIKI FESTIVAL OF LEARNING** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. In Māori culture the dawn of a new year aligns with the rise of the Pleiades Constellation, otherwise known as **MATARIKI**. Appearing in late May through June, the constellation was once used for navigation and timing the seasons. Now it is recognised as a time to honour Aotearoa's Māori identity, to reflect, look forward and connect with friends and whanau.

In the past our kura have celebrated Matariki with a fabulous Matariki Ball, but this year we have decided to do something focussed more around learning, so to mark this special occasion we will be holding our own MATARIKI FESTIVAL OF LEARNING. Children will be inviting their Grandparents or Special Friends to come along and take part in our learning. We will also be having a shared hangi on the day. Invitations will be going out in a couple of weeks time.

**WHANGAMARINO SCHOOL VALUES (Aroha, Manaakitanga and Whakawhanaungatanga)**– Last term we talked to our children about what our school values meant to them. We have had their student voice put onto our new amazing VALUES boards in both Te Reo Maori and English. Our AROHA graphics represent nature and the bush that sits behind our kura. The MANAAKITANGA graphics represent Lake Rotoiti, with our little Toitoi (cockabilly) and koura.

The Whakawhanaungatanga graphics represent our maunga 'Matawhaura'. Our tamariki love them and so do we! You can see these boards displayed in classrooms, our main office and around our kura.



**TERM 2 ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE** – This term we will be holding whole school assemblies every Friday afternoon at 1.45pm. If your child is receiving a Principal’s Award, teachers will be contacting you in the hope that you may be able to attend to watch your child receive their award. If you are attending whole school assemblies you will need to be seated by 1.45pm. Assemblies will be led by our Manukura. Nau mai, haere mai koutou.

Week / Date	Class Item By
1. Friday 3rd May	Teina
2. Friday 10th May	Waiwaha
3. Friday 17th May	Potiki
4. Friday 24th May (No Assembly)	Matawhaura Cross Country Cluster
5. Friday 31st May	Tuakana
6. Friday 7th June - NO Assembly Matariki Festival of Learning	
7. Friday 14th June	Hineora
8. Friday 21st June	Kohungahunga
9. Friday 28th June	Poniponi
10. Friday 5th July	Hinetapaturangi

**READING TOGETHER** – We have managed to secure a ‘Reading Together’ Facilitator this term and we would like to invite parents / or whānau members to take part in our ‘Reading Together’ Workshops. The workshops will run over 4 weeks (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm) here at kura.

‘Reading Together is a gold standard, research based workshop programme which helps parents to provide effective support for your children’s reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes). The programme has been shown to raise children’s reading achievement in a significant and sustained manner, and to improve relationships between children and parents, and between parents and teachers. At the end of the programme you will be given a Certificate and a *Reading Together* booklet with all the information. If you are interested in attending please contact Whaea Tesh at the office to

