

UP COMING EVENTS – Term 2 – 2020

DATE	EVENT
Friday 5 th June	SURVEY RE- ONLINE LEARNING CLOSES
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd June	STUDENT WELL-BEING INTERVIEWS
Thursday 11 th June	BOP SPORTS TEACHER IN WORKING WITH OUR TEACHERS AND TAMARIKI
Friday 3 rd July	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Monday 20 th July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

PAJAMA DAY – BEST DRESSED WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS to Konewa Haimona, Sapphire Fiddler and Te Takinga Waaka for winning 1st place in the Senior, Middle and Junior section.

Thank you to our judges – Dental Assistant – Chantelle Martin (left) and Dental Therapist – Kirsty Stowe (right)



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 (Values) Manaakitanga, Aroha and Whanaungatanga

School Newsletter

Alert Level 2 - Week 8 – Term 2

Te Panui o Whangamarino

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

We hope you all had a lovely Queens Birthday weekend and were able to take advantage of the slightly increased freedom level 2 has offered us.

The pajama party theme on Friday was terrific and we had a lovely morning mixed with a serious game of netball – teachers vs seniors in the afternoon. Our students loved taking part in all the fun activities their teachers had planned. Our thanks to our Manukura for coming up with this great theme and also organising hot milo and marshmallows for morning tea. Our thanks also to our new mama Korī Etuata for donating the cool blankets we gave out as prizes on Friday.

A Warm Welcome - to our new students : Makere Hohepa, Sheetal Raj, Manea Brown and Rangiheuea Tahuriorangi. We hope you and your whanau enjoy your time with us here at the BEST School in Aotearoa!

Survey – re: Recent Covid 19 On-line Learning – As a nation and as schools, we went into lockdown with very little warning or time to prepare. Learning from home was not something that we had done before, nor was there any research in the best practice approaches for children, teachers or parents. As a kura we felt we did lots of things really well and other areas could be worked on or done differently. The best thing we can do now is to learn from this time so that if we were ever put in this position again we can respond with more knowledge than what we did in this first instance.

A big mihi to all parents / caregivers who were able to complete our online survey.

Your feedback is highly valued and appreciated. If you haven't had a chance to fill in the survey you still have till the end of the week to complete it. Again, we appreciate your support in helping us learn from this experience.

Devices – If your child has received a Ministry of Education device please return it to kura as soon as possible. If you would like us to pick it up contact either Whaea Tesh at the main office or your child's classroom teacher, thank you.

Anxiety / Changes in Behaviour - If you notice any concerning changes in behaviour or signs of anxiety in your children please make contact with us so that we can provide support needed. Many children might be struggling to adjust to life back at kura, or might feel anxiety about their safety or the safety of loved ones in this COVID 19 climate. Please let us know if your child requires additional support.

UNDER LEVEL 2 School is continuing with as much normality as we can provide. Ministry of Education's guidelines are for us to continue to:

- keep hygiene levels as high as we can, to reinforce hand washing and hand sanitizing
- keep contact tracing records.
- Sick children and staff will not attend kura under any circumstances
- Adults in school kept to a minimum. Visitors, parents/ caregivers do not enter classrooms, cloak bays etc.
- Children are asked to bring their own water bottle and not to share kai.
- Children are being taught to stay out of each others 'moist' talking zones.

Under level 2, our goal is to get all of our tamariki back to school by next week, unless they are ill or vulnerable in some way. If your child is staying home for any reason, please contact the school office so that we can accurately record their reasons for absence.

ATTENDANCE REPORTING – We have been asked to send student attendance data to the Ministry of Education weekly, from 29th May. The purpose is to:

- Report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID 19 period.
- Inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation and,
- evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID 19.

The MOE have asked us to inform you of this change in practice.



INTERVIEWS - [Book in for your Student's Wellbeing Interview on Skool Loop now - Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd June](#) *Click on select Interviews, click on school name, then click on your child's classroom teacher button. Choose your date first and then the time you would prefer. Then book interview.*

SCHOOL PAYMENTS – We encourage families to think of direct credit options to pay off accounts. This has proven to be very popular with parents. When **making payments please put your child's name and the reason for payment under your reference details.** Please make payments to the following bank account: Account Name: Whangamarino School. Account Number: 123155021670700.

Have a look at the beautiful artwork based around our main kaupapa for the term 'Nga Atua' Maori Gods in our newsletter this week.

Have a great week everyone.
Ngā mihi
Lorraine Northey (Principal)

[NEWS FROM OUR DENTAL THERAPIST](#)

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers
Under Level 2 we are required to ask caregivers Covid 19 questions on the day of any appointment. If you would like your child to be seen by us please contact us on 0279735253.
Nga mihi
Kirsty Stowe – Dental Therapist
Chantelle Martin – Dental Assistant

[WARNING ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH](#)

In light of the high number of tamariki diagnosed with Rheumatic Fever during the lockdown period in the Bay of Plenty Region the Ministry of Health has asked us to advise parents/caregivers and whanau of the following:

Rheumatic fever is a serious but preventable illness. It mainly affects Maori and Pacific children and young people (aged 4-19 years), especially if they have other family members who had had rheumatic fever.

Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat that is known as 'strep throat' – a throat infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus. Most sore throats get better on their own after about four days. But if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics it can cause rheumatic fever in at-risk children and young people..

ALL sore throats in Maori and Pacific children and young people (aged 4 – 19 years) who are living in the Bay of Plenty need to be checked.

The Ministry of Health key messages for Rheumatic Fever prevention are:

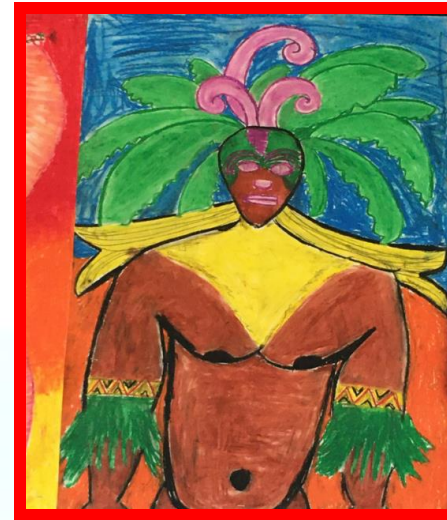
1. A sore throat can lead to Rheumatic Fever if it's left untreated. Rheumatic Fever is very serious and can cause heart damage
2. Every time your child has a sore throat it could be serious. Don't ignore it – take them to the doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Call Healthline on 0800611116 to find out more
3. If your child is given antibiotics, it's important they take them for the whole 10 days, even if they feel better, to stop the sore throat turning into Rheumatic Fever.

Skin infections are also common in tamariki and have links to Rheumatic fever. If left untreated, skin infections can lead to serious health problems. These infections can affect the blood, kidneys, bones, joints, lymph nodes and brain resulting in people needing to be hospitalised for treatment.

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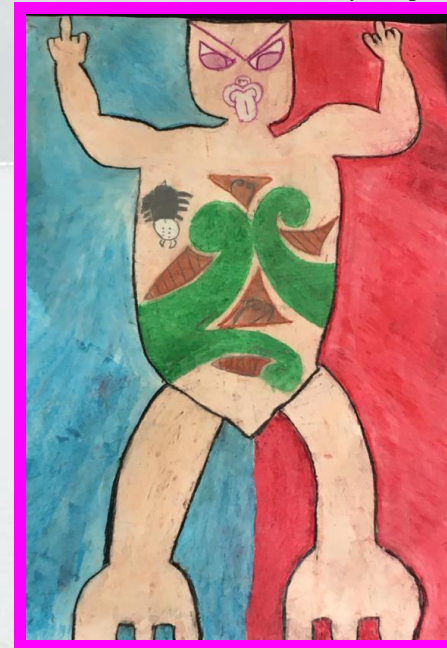
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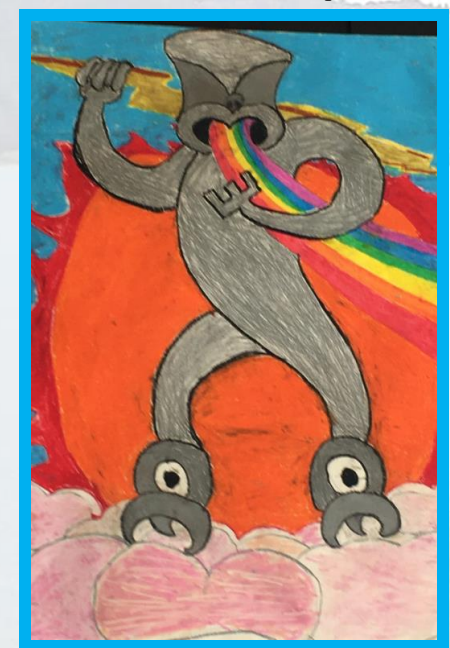
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Na Leo Christie me Terry Teepa



Tangaroa
Na Manawa Gates me Taquila Tarei



Whiro
Na Kathleen Taingahue-Galvin me Marcia Patu



Tawhirimatea
Na Merle Taiatini me Mikaere Fitzell



Ruaumoko
Na Matiu Mear me Wharekura Teepa



Tumatauenga
Na Jahkoby Rowberry and Jah Zion



Rongomatane
Na Konewa Haimona me Niheta Paul