

UP and COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENTs
Thursday 2 nd August	Whanau Rumaki Hui – Puna Reo- Puawai
Thursday 2 nd August	RLHS Roadshow at Mokoia 2-3pm
Sunday 5 th August 1-2pm	Koroneihana Practice – Waiatuhi Marae
Tuesday 7 th August	Rotorua Lakes High School Open Day 9-3pm
Sunday 12 th August 1-2pm	Koroneihana Practice – Te Takinga
Thursday 9 th August	Rotorua Lakes High School Open Evening 4-6pm
Tuesday 14 th August	Sevens Rugby Tournament –Westbrook Rugby
Tuesday 14 th August	Royal NZ Band Performing at kura
Wednesday 15 th August	Teacher Strike – School Closed for instruction
Thursday 16 th August	SHOOT-A-THON – Fundraiser for new sports equipment
Friday 17 th August	Cake Stall for Auraki
Wednesday 22 nd August	BOT Hui 1-3pm (Note change of date)
Monday 17 th September	Parent / Teacher Interviews 3 - 6pm
Tuesday 18 th September	Parent / Teacher Interviews 3-6pm
Friday 28 th September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 15 th October	First day of Term 4

Ngā mihi nui
Whaea Lorraine
PRINCIPAL



Wednesday 1st August 2018

School Motto = *Kia pono ki to mahi kia whai hua ai*

Term 3 / No 2

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 through **Manaakitanga, Aroha and Whanaungatanga***

School Newsletter

Te Panui o Whangamarino

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

Another fantastic week here at Whangamarino school. A warm Whangamarino School welcome to our 4 new students, Rio Taiatini-Taylor, Ethan Taiatini-Taylor, Diesel Taiatini Taylor and Shylayka Henry. We hope you all enjoy your time with us here at the best school in New Zealand! Our school roll now sits at 162. Welcome also to our new student teacher Whaea Jean Jonathon. She is working in Whaea Tracey's room.

This week some children have been completing the National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMS) testing with the Teacher Assessor, Andrea White. Year 4 Students from Hineora were randomly chosen to participate in these assessments. These assessments will give the Ministry of Education a snapshot of where we are at with Mathematics and Social Sciences. The Ministry will use this data for forward planning. Andrea enjoyed working with our tamariki and was very impressed with their perseverance and commitment to completing tasks. Well done tamariki ma!

Last week we attended the Rotorua Lakes High School Production. It was so lovely to see ex Whangamarino School student Anahera Mear perform. We cheered her on and are very proud of her achievements. Ka mau te wehi Anahera.

Duffy Books in Schools Theatre – Last week our tamariki were treated to a Duffy Theatre show called “Duffy and the Cloak Bay Bully”. Our tamariki were able to learn coping strategies when dealing with bullying.

Teacher Strike – Wednesday 15th August – You may have heard this morning on the news that there will be a full day Teachers and Principals **strike** across New Zealand on **Wednesday 15th August**. Primary teachers and Principals have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that we are taking such a step shows the grave concerns we have for the future of public education. **The impact of this strike is that our Board of Trustees have decided to close the school for instruction for the day of the strike as there will not be adequate supervision available for our learners with no primary teacher staff onsite. Therefore children will not be attending kura that day. No buses will be running on this day.** Please contact me here at kura if you need further information. (See flyer attached from NZEI)

Parent – Teacher Interviews – Monday 17th September & Tuesday 18th September. We hope you have all enjoyed reading your child’s mid year report last term. We will be holding parent teacher interviews later this term. Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades and better attendance when their parents show an interest in their learning. That’s why, attending your child’s parent / teacher interview is so important. By attending your child’s parent teacher interview, it sends a positive message to your child that kura is important. I strongly encourage everyone to come along. Our parent / teacher interviews run at 10 minute time slots which will be signaled by a bell during which time you will meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their results and mid-year report. Please contact Whaea Ranui in the school office on 3624879 to organise a time to see your child’s teacher. Please note times will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Koroneihana - Coronation - A reminder that everyone is invited to participate in the kapahaka practices for the Ohau Ngati Pikia roopu going to the Koroneihana. We will be going with this roopu to the Koroneihana at Turangawaewae on Sunday 19th August. The dates for practices are: **Sunday 5th August 1-2pm at (Waiatuhi) and Sunday 12th August 1-3pm at (Te Takinga).** Nau mai, haere mai whānau.

Shoot-a-thon – Thursday 16th August – Thanks to Whaea Teina for organizing our first fundraiser for the term. Attached is your child’s shoot-a-

thon form. It is primarily aimed at our mini-ball and netball players, however we encourage all tamariki to give it a go. All profits will be going towards new sports equipment for all of our tamariki.

School Accounts were sent out last term. Our thanks to all of the families that have paid or have organised payments. These costs cover class consumables, bus fees, sports fees, uniform costs and lots of other incidentals for our tamariki. Your payment of these fees is important and appreciated.

Change of day for newsletter – As of next week our school newsletter will be going out every Thursday. All sports draws will be sent out to families when we receive them.

School Buses – Please Remember – We have over 150 students to safely send home at the end of each day on the buses. It is vital that parents contact the office and notify the school if your child’s travel plans have changed. Please ensure you contact the school office on 3624879 before 12 noon if there are any changes. If you give your child a note please ensure your child gives their note to Whaea Ranui and not their classroom teacher. Whaea Ranui must be notified to ensure bus lists are correct at the end of the day. We thank you for your co-operation.

AWESOME NEWS - Our driveway is getting repaired!

A big thank you to our Board of Trustees for applying for funding to get this job done. Our sincere thanks to Whangamoia Trust for their donation of \$12,000.00, Taheke Paengaroa Trust for \$1,000.00 and Paehinahina Mourea for \$1,000.00. We will let you all know when this project will start a little later.

Just a reminder, when driving into our school please drive slowly as we have lots of fabulous tamariki running around. Also, our school buses have the right of way when coming up and down the drive way. It is expected that any other vehicle will give our buses the right of way. Thank you for your understanding.

Update Parent Contact Information – Thank you to all the parents that sent in their updated contact information last week. You are awesome! It is critical that we have your up to date contact information. Please fill in the attached form and return to school as soon as possible, thank you.

Thank you

- To the Duffy Theatre for their performance last week.
- John Northey for re-wiring our water pump.

Congratulations – To ex Whangamarino School student Hinepukohurangi Gillespie-Robson for being selected for the BOP U13/14 Rugby League Team.



