

UP and COMING EVENTS

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| 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 | Flora & Fauna Trip (Auraki) BOT Hui 1-3pm (Note change of date) |
| Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st August | Tech Arts at Mokoia Intermediate |
| Tuesday – Friday 4-7 th Sept | Life Education |
| Friday 7 th September | Hangi Fundraiser (Auraki) |
| Monday 17 th September | Parent / Teacher Interviews 3 - 6pm |
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| 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 |
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Have a great week

Ngā mihi nui
Whaea Lorraine
PRINCIPAL



Thursday 9th August 2018

Term 3 / No 3

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 - Welcome to week three, thank you to our parents, whānau and community members who attended our recent Rumaki and Auraki Whānau Hui. Well done to all teachers and supports staff for their input into these evenings. We hope you all gained a better understanding of the exciting things that will be happening in our kura this term.

NZEI – Last Friday, teachers and students at Whangamarino School connected and engaged with parent and whānau as part of the ‘NZEI Community Action Day’ with a HIKOI around our kura. It was great to hear that the parents and family that we spoke to support our cause and encouraged us to go for it. Thank you Whaea Teina our NZEI representative for organising this awesome event.



These students were acknowledged at our school assembly today. They were presented with special certificates to acknowledge their great attendance.

Teacher Strike/ School Closure 15 August– A reminder that primary teachers and Principals have voted in favour of a full day work stoppage on Wednesday 15 August, and the Board of Trustees has decided to close the school for instruction on that day. **Please make alternative arrangements for your children that day as the teachers will not be available and no buses will be running.** We appreciate your support with this.

Attendance – I would ask you to think closely about your child’s absences from school. It is understandable if your tamariki are sick they need to be home (especially vomiting as this bug stays in the system for 48 hours). But days off can build up and turn into a pattern. Our school has a legal responsibility to ensure all students are at school on a regular basis and must take action where unexplained or unjustified patterns occur. As an example, if your child attended school for 90% of the school year which sounds like a pretty good number then they would in fact have had approximately 19 days away from school or nearly four weeks off school time. At 80% attendance this increases to an alarming nearly 8 weeks away.

Congratulations to: the eight students in our school who have achieved 100% attendance this year. They are: Saraya Mareikura, Jahkoby Rowberry, Maraea King, Kahurangi King, Rosalyn Patu, Wild Wiseman, Lydia Renati- Tahuri and Jonelle Renati –Tahuri.

Review of Education System - The government have recently begun a review of most areas in our education system. The real major reform was ‘Tomorrow’s Schools’ back in 1989. It was met with much fanfare at the time and signaled the introduction of Boards’ of Trustees and a more localized school operation. The terms of reference for the review are as stated below. The primary purpose of the review of Tomorrows Schools will be to consider if the governance, management and administration of the schooling system is fit for purpose to ensure that every learner achieves educational success. This review will assist the current government to achieve its five main objectives in education. Meeting these will help realise the vision they have for education in New Zealand. The five areas are: *Learners At The Centre, Barrier Free Access, Quality Teaching, Quality Public Education and 21st Century Learning.* There has been a taskforce set up to research this further. The task force will report back to the Minister in November of this year and the work will determine direction beginning as early as 2019. I will continue to give you feedback on this as it comes to hand.

Kapahaka – Thanks to Matua Rehua, Whaea Teina and Whaea Rose for taking our tamariki to kapahaka practice at Waituhi Marae on Friday. Our tamariki are training for the Primary Schools Regionals. They will continue to practice every Friday at Waituhi Marae.

No more mufti days – Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest in our Wednesday mufti days, we have decided not to continue with these this year. However, we will continue to have Mufti Days occasionally for the main purpose of raising money for charities or fundraising for our school. The money raised this term will be used for sports equipment.

Developmental play equipment needed. – Our two junior classes are in desperate need of any of the following items please for their developmental / play based learning time: lego, puzzles, toys, blocks, dress up clothes, wendy house furniture, cars, dolls, clocks, trucks, kitchen utensils, cookie cutters etc. Thank you.

School Uniform - - Wow, it's great to see so many tamariki with full uniform on. Thank you to all the parents and whanau for getting your children organised for school every day. They look awesome! Our aim is to encourage our tamariki to wear full uniform which includes black covered shoes in winter. Way smarter! On that note, we have decided that no gumboots or caps are permitted to be worn at school.

Thank you and welcome

- To the Cool Bananas team for talking to our students about values and attitude.
- Alla Thomson, dental therapist and Kamani Kingi our dental assistant for helping our children with their dental needs.

