

UP COMING EVENTS – Term 3 – 2020

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 22 nd July	COOL BANANAS START
Thursday 23 rd July	PRODUCTION AUDITIONS – KAPAHAKA
Friday 24 th July	PRODUCTION – KAPAHAKA
Thursday 30 th July	TE ROOPU MANAAKI QUIZ NIGHT 7PM START
Wednesday 26 th August	BOT HUI 3.30PM
Monday 21 st September	LIFE EDUCATION AT KURA
Monday 21 st September	PRODUCTION – MATINEE SHOW
Tuesday 22 nd September	PRODUCTION – EVENING SHOW 6PM START
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Nāu māi, hāere māi ki te kura o Whangamarino



Kia Ora, Ko Te Tai Cooper toku ingoa. I was born and raised in Okere and I am now living in Mourea. I love all sports and kapa haka and I am proud to stand for my iwi. I have just finished my Diploma in Bone and Stone Carving and have had previous experience working in our whānau Rumaki. I look forward to incorporating my skills and knowledge in the akomanga here at Whangamarino.



Hi, my name is Gaylene Jefferys and I am from Te Puke. I live with my partner Kevin and have two children Sam age 28 and Seraya age 26. I have a beautiful Jack Russell dog named George who I also consider as one of my babies. I like cycling, squash, soccer and the great outdoors but working in a classroom environment this is my greatest passion. I am very much looking forward to this new adventure and working with our tamariki and kaiako here at Whangamarino.



Kia Ora, my name is Aroha and I am from Waiwhetu in Lower Hutt.

My iwi is Te Atiawa. I have four tamariki of my own and 9 beautiful mokopuna.

My important role here at the kura is to care for Neihana in the Poniponi classroom. I have been caring for Neihana for 2 years now and I look forward to working here at Whangamarino.



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

Week 1 – Term 3

Te Panui o Whangamarino

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

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope as a whanau you had a little time to spend together. We have enrolled two new students today, Neihana Renata and Ocean Haenga Ngamotu. A huge welcome to you both from the rest of us. I am confident within a short period of time you will see just why Whangamarino School is indeed the Best School in Aotearoa.

Today we also welcome our new staff:

1. Gaylene Jefferys is the new teacher of Hineora for Term 3, while Whaea Tiria is released for her SENCO duties.
2. Te Tai Cooper is our new Kaiarahireo. Te Tai will be working in the Teina Akomanga with Whaea Mady. Te Tai will also be teaching some of our tamariki bone carving.
3. Aroha Tapatoru and Marama Renata are our new teacher aides, they will be working in Whaea Teina's akomanga Poniponi.

The new term has started well and I am impressed with the way our tamariki have arrived back and got stuck in to the various opportunities on offer both in their class and around the kura. Those tamariki who look to become really involved in school life both the fun things and generally contributing to their kura tend to enjoy their day far more than those who sit back. I think this is true of life really and seems something that has become more common after the lockdown in relation to our way of life here in Aotearoa. Willingness to give of ourselves and of our time is quite rewarding and beats hands down the thought that we must wait till someone provides things for us.

Our Whangamarino tamariki are known for the way they offer help and assistance and they don't wait around for things to happen. These are amazing qualities that will serve them well in the life especially as they move onto their High School journey whenever that may be.

Digital Technology – Hangarau Matihiko Our teacher only day last term was a fantastic opportunity for all of us to learn about the new Digital Technology and Hangarau Matihiko document. This kaupapa is mainly about teaching our tamariki how technology works and how they can use the knowledge to solve problems.

Our learners need to have an understanding of digital technologies to succeed today and in the future. Even if they don't go into 'tech industry' careers they will need digital technology skills, knowledge and capabilities to fully participate in society. It is about helping students to develop as digitally capable thinkers, producers and creators.

A digitally fluent person can decide when, why and how to use specific digital technologies to perform a task or solve problems. A digitally capable person uses technology to find a solution e.g. checking online before going to a movie rather than arriving at the theatre to find it fully booked.

The *two new areas* to the curriculum are:

Computational thinking – Learning to break down problems, create a set of instructions or steps, trial it and then check for mistakes both digitally and 'unplugged.'

Designing and Developing Digital Outcomes – Students creating digital solutions to solve a problem or need. As well as understanding the role of technology in our lives and how it works.

Some examples of learning here at Whangamarino School are:

- Recording and sorting data
- Creating and researching to make a quiz
- Creating posters online
- Creating Aquabots

Staff will be attending more Professional develop around this document later on in the term.

WHAKAARI MAGIC HAS STARTED... MAUI AND THE GENIE – Whaea Angie Belcher (Director) of our Production spoke to the whole school this morning and told our tamariki about the story and the acting parts that will be up for grabs. Auditions start this Thursday. All tamariki that are interested in auditioning will be taking scripts home tonight. Good luck to all tamariki auditioning.

Winter Sicknesses There seems to be the usual round of winter sicknesses about and it is understandable that if your tamaiti catches something they will need to stay at home. If this is the case please ensure you call/txt either their classroom teacher or phone the office or go onto our Skool Loop app and enter your child's absence online. Nga mihi.

Quiz Night – Two Tables of 8 are still available – Quiz night is going to be one of our major fundraisers for our kura this year. If you would like to participate please contact Te Roopu Manaaki's Chairperson, Whaea Hillary Dewes Green here at kura for your ticket. Come on everyone it's going to be a fun night out for all of us. Don't forget to dress up to win a prize for Best Dressed team.

Thank you :

- Te Roopu Manaaki and our Board of Trustees for organising the recent working bee. Our thanks to the following people: Caroline, Brett, Teimana, Eruera and Joe Newton, Glenda and Manawa Gates, Toro Haimona, Nepia and Hilary Dewes-Green, Mariana, Manaaki and Maioha Te Kanawa-Gage and Piet and Darh Kiel. You are all amazing, thank you.
- Tamaki Tours for allowing us to use their bus again this week for free. We are very grateful for this koha, nga mihi.

Have a great week whanau.

Ngā mihi
Lorraine Northey (Principal)