

UP COMING EVENTS – Term 3 – 2020

DATE	EVENT
Date to be confirmed	AURAKI NOHO MARAE – POSTPONED
Wednesday 26 th August	BOT HUI 3.30PM
Wednesday 9 th September	WIGGY WEDNESDAY – KIDS WITH CANCER
Thursday 17 th September	RUMAKI NOHO MARAE (TO BE CONFIRMED)
Monday 21 st September	LIFE EDUCATION AT KURA
Monday 21 st September	PRODUCTION – MATINEE SHOW
Tuesday 22 nd September	PRODUCTION – EVENING SHOW 6PM START
Wednesday 23 rd September	PRODUCTION – EVENING SHOW 6PM START
Thursday 24 th September	PHOTOLIFE AT SCHOOL – BOT HUI 3.30PM REPORTS GO HOME
Friday 25 th September	TEACHER ONLY DAY –LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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 (Values) Manaakitanga, Aroha and Whanaungatanga

School Newsletter

Week 5 – Term 3

Te Panui o Whangamarino

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

It was lovely to see so many of our students happy faces at kura this morning, they really make our day! We are very grateful to be in Level 2 and look forward to carrying on with business as usual here at kura.

Yesterday I watched the TV programme ‘Marae’ and listened to Nathan Mikaere Wallis (Child Development Expert) talk about teaching our tamariki resiliency during this second wave of Covid-19. He made some really good points for all of us:

- Important that we stay positive in the light of this unpredictability. Surround our tamariki with resilient thinking at this time.
- Validate our children’s emotions and explain to them that yes it’s an unpredictable time but we can get through this as a whānau.
- Reminding our tamariki that Aotearoa is leading the world in our response to Covid 19. We have overcome Covid 19 in the past and we can do it again.
- No. 1 thing is Relationships, Relationships, Relationships.
- Monitor media e.g. be cautious, don’t have media on all the time.
- Keep Happy. A happy, well, connected person has a strong immune system.
- Kids won’t remember what you teach them right now, but they will remember how you made them feel.

We do hope these whakaaro (thoughts) from Nathan Mikaere Wallis help you and your whanau at this time.

Noho marae during Level 2 - I met with our kaiako this morning to discuss future noho/trips etc while we are in Level 2. We have decided that while we are in level 2 the upcoming Auraki Noho Marae will be postponed to a later date, however Auraki kaiako will be organising a little haerenga for our Auraki tamariki. The Rumaki noho will continue this term if we are at Level 1 in September. We will keep you updated if anything changes



Thumbs up Waiwaha for keeping Covid 19 safe at kura. Ka rawe tamariki ma!



RUMAKI HAERENGA KI TAHEKE



Rumaki Haerenga ki Taheke/Opatia – Our Whanau Rumaki had a fantastic day out last Friday. They went on their hikoi to Okere and then back to Taheke Marae to hear the korero about Maui. In the afternoon they enjoyed making cupcakes and putting their own designs on them. Our thanks to Uncle Waata for talking to our tamariki about Nga toi o Okere. My thanks to our Rumaki kaiako and kaiwhina for planning such a fun learning experience for our beautiful tamariki.

School Donations – With haerenga coming up and possibly noho marae still taking place (if we are in level 1) I thought it might be a good time to remind everyone of how our School Donation funding works. As many of you may be aware the Government, as part of this year's budget, offered decile 1-7 schools funding of \$150 per student for this year, in lieu of parent donations. Our Board of Trustees considered this Government offer and accepted this funding for this year and next year. As a result of this, Whangamarino School will not be asking parents for school donations this year or in 2021. The funding we received in January this year, will cover all school day trips (transport costs and entry fees) for Whanau Rumaki and Whanau Auraki trips. Entry fee costs for school curriculum activities such as EPRO8 challenge etc will be paid for by this funding. Other school activities that eventuate throughout the school year will be covered by this Government funding as well. All bus costs for inter school sporting events such as our Matawhaura Sporting events, visits and other various senior and junior school activities will be funded by the kura.

The Ministry of Education has informed us that this funding does not cover overnight noho/camps. Fundraising already takes place at kura for all of these events to assist whanau. Whangamarino School always ensures that all students have the financial opportunity to attend.

The Government funding does not cover individual school stationery and school uniform items. Optional sports activities that happen outside of school hours such as netball and miniball will remain user pays. We are grateful for the assistance this Government funding provides for our tamariki and whanau. If you have any questions about donations please contact me here at kura.

Do you have Devices at home? - Survey A big mihi to the 19 whanau who responded to our online survey. If we go into lockdown at Alert Level 3 we will ensure that devices are sent out to whanau who have notified us. If you did not receive this online survey please contact Whaea Tesh at the office and check with her that we have your correct email address, and we will re-send the survey to you. Thank you.

Get Wiggy – Wednesday 9th September – Get Wiggy for Kids With Cancer. Chemotherapy means some of these tamariki have to face the world with no hair. Wig Wednesday is on Wednesday 9th September, 2020. Just get wiggy for Kids with cancer is this years kaupapa. Tamariki are able to wear a wig or style their hair anyway they wish on this day – a gold coin donation will be much appreciated.

Te Roopu Manaaki – Fundraiser – Batons Up – Has been **postponed**, the new date will be confirmed when we are back in Level 1.

Headlice are back - Nits/ Kutu are a common problem in schools and we have a small amount of tamariki with this problem at the moment. It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. If you need headlice treatment please contact your classroom teacher and they will send home combs and treatment. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking daily for at least three weeks and reminding children to avoid head to head contact with others.

Look at these fabulous young people



It is always lovely to see our ex Whangamarino School students come back to us. Above we have from left to right - Keidon Himiona, Genesis Smith-Huriwai, Jodene Malcolm and Head Boy of Rotorua Lakes High School, Rangiwhakakohu Unuwai. Our thanks to these young people for coming back and leading the Rotorua Lakes High School Road Show here at kura. Our Year 8 students loved listening to them korero about their kura and loved their kapahaka performances. Mauriora!

Have a great week everyone. Ko te mea nui ki a noho tau, ki te aroha, ki te manaakitanga i te whanaungatanga.

Ngā mihi

Lorraine Northey (Principal)



Congratulations to our 'Caught Being Good Tamariki'.
Welcome to our new student teacher Waimiere Taoho

THE DRAGONS WERE TILTING SIDEWAYS, GLIDING THROUGH THE AIR SHOWING OFF THEIR FLIGHT SKILLS AS THEY HEADED TOWARD THE GLOWING ORANGE HORIZON. THEIR LONG EXTENDED WINGS SPREAD OUT IN THE OPEN, THE CLOUDS WERE FLUFFY WHITE AND THE SUNSET REFLECTED LIKE A BEAUTIFUL CRYSTAL DIAMOND.

THEY FLEW ACROSS THE SKY IN HAPPINESS. THEY GOT CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE BURNING BRIGHT SUN. AS THEY WERE FLYING, ALONG CAME A REALLY GIGANTIC HUGE DRAGON. IT JOINED THEM AND SUDDENLY DROPPED DOWN UNDER THE CLOUDS AND THEY FOUND A NEW SECRET UNDERWORLD OF DRAGONS.

THESE DRAGONS HAD SCALY BACKS, SPIKEY NAILS, BIG HORNS AND POINTY EARS WITH PALE RED EYES.

THEY WERE WELCOMED BY THE DRAGONS INTO THE UNDERWORLD OF DRAGONS, THEN THEY SETTLED IN AND FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP.

THE END



Mihiorangi Winiata read me her awesome Dragon story last week... Thank you for sharing Mihiorangi. She hopes you all enjoy reading it.

"We had to write a story using descriptive words and similies."

Mihiorangi Winiata