



Whareorino School Newsletter



Term 1 - 2022 - 14/2/2022

- Stand Tall
- Grow Strong
- Reach High

Our Values: The 3 R's

- Relationships
- Resilience
- Reflection

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Jacqui (office), Lou (Release), Shelley (cleaner), Bryan (caretaker), Chris.

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Week 3

It's Week 3 of Term 1 already. Where does the time go? I swear that as one gets older that old clock seems to run faster.

I hope you are trying to keep cool and dry with all this weather. For the first couple of weeks of the term, I must admit although I didn't need the stove to cook dinner, it was fantastic to have a lot of time being able to teach outside in our makeshift 'Bush Class'. With all the rules of us having to wear masks inside, it was nice to be able to get outside and be able to breathe normally again for a while. Then the rain comes. It doesn't do things by halves does it, although fantastic for our water tanks, and hopefully we'll see a bit more greenery coming through on the paddocks and hills.

I must admit, certainly in relation to school life, teaching in Covid times is a lot different these days, although like everyone else, we are trying to keep it as normal as we can.

Please remember that if you, or someone else in the community you know who needs anything to help during these demanding times, please do get in touch. If we can help, we will certainly try. We're only a phone call or email away.

It's all been go since I arrived and I am having a blast. This newsletter is a bit different from the first newsletter which went out just before school started, which was effectively an email with a few notes. It's nice to be able to write a proper one.

If you do have something you would like to put in the newsletter, (school or community), just flick us an email or give us a call with the details and we'll get it in the next one. The plan is for our newsletters to come out every 2-3 weeks, for Term 1 at this stage anyhow.

Remember to take care, keep smiling, and have a great few weeks.

Mount Messenger Closure

If you don't already know, a reminder that Mount Messenger will be closed daily between 10am-2pm on 14, 15, 16 February, (that's this week). If the weather is unsuitable work will be undertaken from Wednesday 15 February, (so I assume that would then mean Wed-Fri if that happened).



Whitebait Inn - Mōkau

For café meals (sit down and takeaway), groceries, cabins and campground, and selected postal services, in the heart of Mōkau. Phone: 06-7529713.

Email: info@whitebaitinn.co.nz Website: www.whitebaitinn.co.nz

Our Supporters

You'll notice at the top and bottom of most pages, that there are various businesses and people, who have supported Whareorino School. They have simply been put there to say thank you from us, so please support them when you can. My apologies to anyone I have missed out, as there is only so much room. To all our supporters, both big and small, those listed and those not listed, we really do appreciate it, so THANK YOU. If you are listed and any of the details are wrong and/or you want to replace the image with your own, just in touch and we'll get that done.

Cluster Swimming

Unfortunately, due to Mr Covid, and being in the current red traffic light level, the Tainui Cluster Swimming Sports that was due to be held this term, has been cancelled. It was a hard decision to make that call, but I'd rather be safe than sorry, especially when it comes to our children as well as the children from the other schools in the cluster. Many thanks to the other principals who understood and supported my decision to err on the side of caution. For our school, we are going to try and do something swimming wise here at Whareorino for our kids and parents later in the term if we can.

Staff for 2022

Most staff for 2022 remain the same as last year. Jacqui, Lou, Shelley, Bryan are all doing a fantastic job keeping the school running smoothly, so many thanks to you all for a great job in helping me to look as if I know what I am doing. Even though I have only worked with you all for a few weeks, thank you so much for everything you do, and for all your help and support since I arrived. That is appreciated, so thanks for making my job much easier. The one and only change to the staff is me. To those in the community who haven't heard of the new principal, my name is Chris Stevenson, and I have come along as the Acting Principal for Term 1. It is really nice to be back in the sticks with a truly rural school.

Am I Correct?

As this is my first full newsletter, there is a possibility that I have got some details listed, wrong. If I have, please let me know by dropping me an email and I'll get it fixed for the next one.

Thanks for Your Support in Keeping Us all Safe

A massive thank you to all parents (and others), who, when you come to school, for following the Covid rules, such as signing in, wearing masks inside, keeping distances, using handwash, and not coming to school when feeling unwell, (both adults and children). It really is appreciated. I know it's all a pain, but by doing exactly what you are doing, by doing the right thing, you really are helping to keep the school as normal and as safe as we can. Again, thank you all so much for your efforts, and for helping us to keep everyone, including you, as safe as possible. A massive thanks to the kids as well who are doing great with all the safety measures, as well as for reminding me nicely when I forget my mask.



The Naki Butcher - Taranaki Mad Butcher

For all your butchery needs, Beef, Lamb, Pork and Wild Game, in the heart of New Plymouth Central at 215 Courtenay Street. Phone KJ on: 06-7575868.

Email: taranakimadbutcher@gmail.com Website: www.thenakibutcher.com



GB & DL Calvert Partnership Waikawau Whopper Trail Ride



Updated Information List (school families only)

For our parents, attached to this hard copy of the newsletter, is a parent update form. Not only does this have the normal questions, but there are also some questions in relation to home learning as well. These have been included so we can better be prepared and know what you need and what we can do to help support your child/ren, (as well as you), should we ever end up having to revert back to home learning for a period, whether that be individual children/families, or as a whole school. We do have plans in place to deal with future scenarios which may become a reality, and we are just trying to be even more prepared so we can move fast should we have to. If families could please fill out the form, (it's double sided), and return it back to school. You are welcome to send it back with your child, scan and email it, or just pass it over at the beginning /end of the day when we see each other. I do try to get out to say hi to both you as well as the kids both at the start and end of day, so I am usually around. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

Our Covid Plan @ School

We have plans in place at school to move quickly should a suspected or confirmed case arrive on our doorstep. Basically, if we can keep the school open safely, and we have enough staff to do so then we will do so. If we had a scenario where that was not possible, then we would revert back to home learning for a period. This would likely only happen if I was affected myself, and was unable to get a replacement while I was out of action. As long as I don't get caught up in it personally, then the school is able to run as normal no matter how many other staff are affected, as I can cover all other staff if need be. So, please be reassured that no matter what happens, know that the kids and staff are the top priority over everything else. Also be reassured that if we ever did end up with a confirmed or suspected case here, then the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health processes would be followed, and you as parents would be notified immediately. Our Covid Action Plan would then be able to immediately be put into action as are prepared for that possibility. So as was mentioned in a previous point, thank you for keeping us safe by following the rules.

Wanted: Home to Rent for a Whareorino School Family of 3.

Will, and his two boys who currently go to Whareorino School, are looking for a place in the area to rent. If you have a property coming up or know someone who could have a place to rent coming up, then please get in touch. As we all know, there is no cellphone coverage out here, so if you have something available or coming up, feel free to phone or email me at school, and we'll make sure Will gets the message. Alternatively, if you know Will, feel free to go and have a kōrero with him.

Congratulations Mrs Wycherley

Congratulations to Lou who recently won a 0.3 position, (1.5 days per week), at Piripiri School. Lou will now jump between both Whareorino and Piripiri Schools'. Congratulations again Lou 😊.



Mōkau School Mighty Mōkau Bike Trail Bike Ride

For details on the next upcoming trail ride, please contact us.

Mark & Wendy Smyth (Piri Piri Station). Ph: 06-7529015.

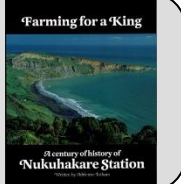
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Nukuhakari Station - Waikawau

Author of 'Farming for a King - A century of history of Nukuhakare Station', available from Mōkau Museum.



Our Visit to Tokoroa (via Zoom)

Last week the kids and I had a Zoom meeting with a Year 3/4 class in Tokoroa. The plan is to do more with them via Zoom during the term. Many thanks to Mrs Broman and Room 3 at David Henry School, in allowing us to be a part of their classroom, albeit via technology at the moment. Zoom is something I am still learning about, so we won't mention how I was talking to the tv only to find out that I didn't have the camera part on, so they couldn't see us to start with, (no laughing!). Delas came to the rescue and sorted me out, so I now know who my IT guy is now, (thanks Delas 😊).


A Great Start

Congratulations to Piyper (our youngest), Tai, Ruby, Bradlee, Charlotte, and Delas (our oldest), for all the work you have done so far. It is great to see how you are independent, know how to work hard and look after each other, (including the teacher 😊). It is really nice to have a great bunch of kids who know how to do the right thing, can work hard, as well as being able to have a good laugh and lots of fun along the way. They have a great sense of humour, and even laugh at times at the teacher and his quirks. Keep up the great work, effort, kindness and resilience. You are all doing



just great!




 Until next time, stay safe and thanks for your continued support in making Whareorino School a great place to be. Take care.
The Whareorino School Children, Staff and Board.
 ▶ End Term 1: Thursday 14 April. ▶ Start Term 2: Mon 2 May.

The Kids

Delas,
Charlotte,
Bradlee,
Ruby, Tai,
Piyper

Roll: 6

Just to say thanks...

To all those involved in getting the pool ready for the start of the term, and for all the work done on the playground so it could be used by the kids again. To have both of these, which we are all loving, is fantastic, so thank you all very much.



Mōkau Boys' & Girls' Brigade

Held in the Mōkau Community Hall. For further details, please contact one of us below.

For the Boys' Brigade: Contact Shane Lowry on 06-7529124.
For the Girls' Brigade. Contact Dorothy Lowry on 06-7529123.

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Whareorino School Website

The school now has a new current website (www.whareorinoschool.weebly.com). Not only does it have some general information about the school and gives us an online presence, but it will eventually have a number of school documents on it, so you will be able to access and read those documents. It will also allow us to highlight upcoming events in our community, so remember if you do have an upcoming community event, let us know so we can highlight it. Newsletters will also be uploaded to it so you can view all newsletters (from 2022), as well as be able to share newsletters with friends and family who live out of the area.

Homework

This started last week for our seniors. I've been a bit behind so haven't got to the juniors yet. Touch wood, I will have that started this week. One of the major things, (especially with the seniors, but still with a lesser degree with the juniors), is for them to get used to time management, and for them to remember, that it is up to them to push themselves rather than adults having to do the pushing at home. For my senior group (3 children), homework tasks are given out on Monday and although they can bring it back sooner, they do not have to hand it in until Friday morning.

Juniors are to bring theirs back every day.

This way, with homework only done during weekdays, it allows the kids, (and their family), to do kids/family things over the weekend.

Kids, we have spoken about what I expect, so rise to the challenge with your homework. Remember that your homework is YOUR homework, and is not for someone else in your family to have to do, so your parent/s should not have to run after you to get it done. Parents, if it is a struggle for your child/ren to get their homework done and you are having to fight them to get it done, please do not hesitate to let me know.



Maxwell's Farm - Waikawau



Waikawau / Whareorino Horse Treks



Mangapapa Farms

Jeff Littin - Waikawau - 06-7529069