



“Our children are able to

progress with confidence”.

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back from your holidays.

Students of Week



Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners:

Kyrin Edge, Ahipene Langman, Grace Waetford, Lachlan Peters, Blaze Nicholas, Amy Pugh, James Heaven, Amba Witehira and Jonny Walters.

Congratulations to our Key Competencies and Values winners:

Kalani Malpas, Vance Lines, Grace Waetford, Rayne Tito/Dayal, Cruz Ogle, Ella Venables, Benjamin Crawford, Mark Waetford and Chico Woods.



Congratulations to our Caught Being Good winner:

Chico Woods, Hunter Hau/ Tito

Estuary Monitoring Group

The Estuary Monitoring Group had a brilliant day looking and learning about our estuary with Sally Carson (researcher from Otago University), Julie Holt (NRC) and Samara Nicholas (EMR).

The group were introduced to different species in the estuary and learnt how to take a meter by meter sample. The children analysed what they found and recorded the information.

After a lot of questions, discussions and muddy hands the children came back to the library and recorded what they had found on the National website.

This was a fantastic experience for the children. A big thank you to Samara Nicholas for organising this opportunity for the Estuary Monitoring Group!

Photo Competition

We had a lovely presentation today with Councilor Joce Yeoman and Julie Holt who presented the GoPro to our school. Thank you to Kahurangi for your warm welcome, Campbell Mosely for your acceptance speech, all the children for your fantastic singing and the parents who came down to support.

Hewlett Packard (HP)

Last year we won the HP Rural Schools Video Competition. This year David from Hewlett Packard has kindly donated 5 brand new Chrome Book computers for our school. Thank you so much David from everyone at Whananaki School!

Phone Books

It's that time of the year again with our annual fundraiser delivering phone books. Your support driving and delivering phone books is hugely appreciated and helps support school activities.

Donna Peters will be in touch soon to organise drivers and runners for the vans.

Swan Plants

At a working bee last year Val Waetford kindly planted our swan plants beside Ruma Tahi. We have had so many Monarchs this year. The children were finding Chrysalis all over the school and looked after them until they became a Monarch.

Sleep

Recently on TV1's Good Morning Programme they discussed the importance of sleep. Research says children between the ages of 5 - 13 need 9- 11 hours of interrupted sleep per night. No screen time an hour before sleep is also recommended. Brain development is vital for the health and well-being of our children.

Queens Birthday

Monday June 5th is a public holiday so the school will not be open.