



“Our children are able to

progress with confidence”.

23-06-2017

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,



### Dance

At assembly we were privileged to watch two amazing dance routines by our very own, Abbi Witehira, Ruby Bell, Rayne Tito/ Dayal, Uru Waetford and Tiana Ogle! We were treated to a well choreographed, strength, balance, grace and flexible routine!! The girls have been busy during break times

developing their routine. We all thought they were amazing and were impressed by their teamwork, determination and fun they have!!



### Students of Week



**Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners:**

Joseph Donaldson, Kalani Malpas, Brody Wyatt, Grace Heaven, Raemyn-Jay Rata, Tiana Ogle, Savana Stairmand, Aidan Donaldson, Aaria Tong, Dajsean Tepania & Jacob Read.

**Congratulations to our Key Competencies and Values winners:**

Isaac Mengelberg, Vance Lines, Bailey McClennan, Harper Anderson, Blaze Nicholas, Rayne Tito-Dayal, Aidan Donaldson, Frazina Morunga & Alex Wyatt



**Congratulations to our Caught Being Good winner:**

Rehua Barua, Grace Heaven, Grace Waetford & Atawhai Walters

## **Basketball Tournaments**

Two Whananaki School Basketball teams entered the Whangarei Winter Sports competition. The Year 7 & 8 team played 5 other school teams. They all played hard and fair, were very committed and had heaps of fun. They won all their games, with a top performance from Aidan Donaldson and Hunter Tito.



The Year 4-6 team played brilliantly, supporting each other, with great defence and offence! They also won all their games and thoroughly enjoyed their day, with the two top performers, Mark Waetford and Dajsean Tepania scoring a 3 pointer as time just ran out on the clock!

## **Maromaku Rugby/ Netball Day**

On Friday the 30th June all Year 3 to 8 children will travel to Maromaku to play Rugby or Netball. The children have been practicing Netball with Emily and Shyella Crawford and rugby with Gerard and Mr T. If possible we will travel by car so can you please fill in the attached form. If we do not have enough transport we will need to take a bus.

## **School Work**

A big thank you to Richard Chilcott for bringing his tractor to school and helping fill an old septic tank and moving the mulch around the trees along the seawall. Thanks to Willy Bell, Martin Edge and Charles Waetford for the help moving the mulch!

## **Beanies**

As the weather gets cooler remember you can purchase Whananaki beanies from school. They are only \$12 from the office.

## **Symphony Maths, Reading Plus & Lexia Core5**

Your children can access these programmes free from the internet as we have purchased the licenses. To log into Lexia Core5 you may need the principal email address to log in for the first time

( [principal@whananaki.school.nz](mailto:principal@whananaki.school.nz)).



All children have a Symphony Maths username and password, and the children know if they are on Reading Plus or Lexia Core5.

It is up to you how you encourage the use of these programmes at home. Here are some ways parents are supporting the programme.

- I make my daughter read one story on Reading Plus every week day.
- As soon as my son gets home they spend 20m on Symphony Maths.
- 25m on Lexia before any free time!
- No Minecraft or Youtube until they have spent 20m on the two programmes!
- Chores! Homework! Play time!

Remember not to give your children the answers.

### **Absenteeism**

*"I wish it was the weekend", "Dad I don't feel well . . .", "Mum can I come with you". "Mum, Dad, get out of bed I've got school",* and the list goes on . . . But the days mount up unfortunately, and before you know it your child has missed a lot of school. Yes there are times when your children are sick, there are tangi, and/ or special events, but there are times that we need to be the parent and ensure our children get the best possible educational opportunities. Routines and boundaries are what our children need. The routine of school can help develop a good work ethic in life.

In Northland we have the lowest attendance rates in New Zealand at just 55.9% This is terribly disappointing and something we need to change.

If your child is sick they need to stay at home, if they think they are sick they come to school.

Also if your child/ children will be away can you please notify the classroom teacher.

### **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 uninterrupted 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.

### **Matariki**

Thank you to all the parents/ caregivers who have sent in their forms. At this stage these are adults supporting overnight. Mr T, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bell, Ms McInnes, Jo Hawira, Pamela Barnaby, Nicole Tua, Holly Anderson, Samara Nicholas, Vicki & Arron Ogle, Lisa Mengelberg, Fiona Scott, Caroline Waetford, Raymond Lawton, Cherie Lawton, Jill Shuttleworth, Martin Edge. If you did not send in the Police Vetting form and still want to come please contact me at school.

## **Whananaki Surf Academy**

Here is an article Ruby Bell developed for the Sport Northland website, enjoy!

### Whananāki School Surfing Academy

Whananāki School have established their very own Surf Academy. They have up to 20 keen children from 5 to 13 years of age participating in this awesome education outside the classroom activity. The Whananāki School Surf Academy also has a qualified surf instructor Jill Shuttleworth guiding the students.

Fonterra Grassroots funded the school, boards and wetsuits and the Academy also got sponsored by a North American company (Fusion Surf Gear), with the owner providing the school with rash shirts which help Jill and the parent helpers know who is a part of the academy while they are in the water. The Surf Academy has not only benefited the children but has also given mothers an opportunity to learn how to surf too with Jill coordinating a Mother's Surf Event.

Year three student Kyrin Edge says "I really enjoy going along the wave" meanwhile fellow classmate Tiana Ogle goes on to say "it is so much fun, Jill is an amazing teacher, and it is fun working with other people".

"This is special to us because it allows all our children the opportunity to utilise our unique environment. To learn how to surf, read surf reports, be safe and to have heaps of fun. It is amazing to watch people standing up on a board for the first time, watching the joy on their face as they pop up, it's like time just stops" says Principal Tepania.

Ruby Bell Year 6 Whananāki School Student Representative finishes off with saying "it is a great way to end a Friday afternoon from school, pack up all the surfboards and go down to Moureeses beach and surf. I think this Surf Academy is a great way to embrace the beautiful nature of Whananāki, that's why I love to surf at the Whananāki School Surf Academy".



## **P.T.A News**

### **Polynesian Dinner**

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In term 1 next year 2018 Whananaki School has been selected to participate in the Experiencing Marine Reserves Programme, which will involve a trip to the Poor Knights. The polynesian dinner proceeds will support the boat charter costs. Please support this community event. For tickets and more information contact the school office on 09 4338231. Doors will open at 6.00pm, first course is Entree, which will be served at 6.30pm.

There will be raffle tickets being sold and if you have any items to contribute eg homemade goods/firewood etc we would appreciate this. Also if anyone has any ideas or items for an auction please let the school know.

We are also looking for 2 extra kitchen helpers for food prep on Friday and Saturday. If you can help please contact Maria Lawton on 09 4337240.

Tickets are selling fast, please purchase tickets before Thursday the 29th June. There will be No door sales, contact the school for information.

#### Phone Books

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents, grand parents, family and community members that helped make this a great success. To the team that organised the event Thank You. We appreciate the effort that goes into fundraising events.

Kind regards The P.T.A Whananaki School

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I can provide transport to and from Maromaku School for the Rugby/ Netball day on Friday the 30th of June

Yes/ No      How many students \_\_\_\_\_