

“Progress with confidence”



26-08-2022

Tena Koutou Katoa,

We have a wonderful Support Staff here at Whananaki School, from the office to the classroom to the library. Our support staff play an important role in the school by assisting the classroom teacher who is working with the whole class, small groups of children and also one on one with students who require extra help. At our school we work hard to provide help for children that need it and our support staff play a significant role in helping to achieve these goals. Thank You!



Les Paora

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Matua Les Paora. Matua Les and Honey taught Kapa Haka at Whananaki School for many years. He became a very special part of our school, teaching our students many amazing songs. Our students sung with the passion he shared with us, and performed with the mana he gave us.

Matua Les touched the lives of the students and staff of Whananaki School, his beautiful voice, his gentle nature and warm smile will be missed, but the waiata will always be heard and your memory will always live on.



Student of the Week

Our awesome Students of the Week are:

Rm3: Cody Paewhenua, Rm2: Pita Mita-Warren, Rm1: Iritana Mita Wilson-Hemara

Our Value students:

Rm3: Kapieana Mita Wilson-Hemara, Rm2: Cruz Judge, Rm1: Declan Choat Caught being Good

Alicia Palmer and Iritana Mita Wilson-Hemara.



Basketball

It's all on! Whananaki Kura are rocking the basketball scene. Our students are playing some awesome bball.

Player of the Day:

Year 5 & 6: Dakota Pearce and Tamanui O Te Ra Mita-Warren

Year 7 & 8: Kellan Henry- Hawira

We also now have a Year 1 to 4 team and the younger children are thoroughly enjoying playing the game. Spencer Cox and Kapieana Mita Wilson- Hemara had a great first game!

Health New Zealand

Attached is information pertaining to a mobile ear clinic. This is a new service and is a work in progress.

Random Acts Of Kindness Day

In case you didn't know already, New Zealand is the only country in the world that celebrates a National Random Acts Of Kindness Day on September the 1st. This helps to teach our tamariki about kindness not only to each other but other people as well. This is next Thursday! What could you do . . .

Dog Safety

We were privileged to have the police dog handler Andre come out with his dog Jacks and demonstrate to the children how a police dog works. Jacks is a German Shepard, and is currently being trained as a Police Dog. Here are a few quotes from the children.

"I felt astonished at how he could train the dog and how the dog understood words.

The dog was only 2 ½ years old and he had to be trained for 2 years to qualify as an official police dog," *Henare Mita Waata.*

"The policeman was straight forward and when we asked him questions he knew the answers and was happy to tell us," *Grace Waetford*



“He was fast and listened to the commands the policeman gave him. He was a cool dog!”
Braith Hauraki.

“He chases bad people down, he is cute and he can run fast,” *Gabriel Garratt.*

“He licked me!” *Cody Paewhenua.*

“A really nice police dog. We learned where to pat him, under the chin and chest,” *Julia Paewhenua.*

Whananaki School Cross Country

We will be holding a cross country race next week, weather depending. The children have been practicing for cross country and are looking forward to having one in their own environment.

Ruma Toru

The lovely children in Ruma Toru not only grew their broccoli and harvested their precious crop. They also ate it all, the plates were empty and they were hungry for more. Doesn't that just say it all!

School T-Shirts

There are a number of school T-shirts missing. Can you look for these and return washed to School please.

Bee Club

Our first lesson with the Bee Club was on Wednesday. The children enjoyed scraping the honeycomb off the racks and learning about an empty hive. They commented on the strong aroma of the honey. We have been left with liquid honey



to bottle and this honey will be sold. More information on this after the bottling process. Bee Club meets fortnightly. The next meet is the 7th of September. Please bring appropriate footwear, covered shoes or gumboots.

Halo Anderson, Julia Paewhenua, Tatiana Tito-Taka, Braith Hauraki, Wyatt Kingan, Alicia Palmer, Mavis Marks, Taj Chamley-Smith, Dakota Pearce, Tamanui Mita-Warren, Kaiman Hauraki, Shukria and Samira Samadi.



Head lice

Please check your child/ children for head lice, as there is a bit around. If you require treatment, let Laurel know and we will send a treatment home. It is important to continue combing through your child's hair until the last cycle of eggs has hatched. It can take 2-4 weeks. Also, if your child/children have long hair it is a good practice to tie hair up.

Literacy Quiz

Whananaki School has entered the literacy quiz which is being held on Monday 29th August at Kerikeri Primary School hall. The children who will be attending are Harper Anderson, Grace Waetford, Henare Mita Waata and Teina Caldwell. Congratulations to you all. Enjoy your day. Check out our past participants . . .



School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday the 14th September. You are able to have whanau and sibling photos. All orders will be done online as per usual. More information to come closer to the date.

Disco and End of Term 3

We will be having our disco on the 23rd September with DJ Steve! More info as we get closer to the date. End of term 3 is the 30th September.

Madhatters Tea Party

What a awesome day with lots of great costumes and yummy kai. A big thank you to Grace and Mary Jane for organising the day and to the students in Ruma Rua for setting everything up!

