



WHATAWHATA NEWS

2024 Term One - Week Two

Kia ora koutou

The school year has started and it is great to have everyone back smiling and happy. The smile on parents' faces especially seem extra large.

There is a great feeling around school and I would like to thank whaanau for preparing your children to start the school year and emphasising the importance of Manaaki - To Care.

Manaaki at its essence is the heart of our school. We invest time in nurturing relationships with each other, whanaungatanga and getting to know and grow respect for our peers and members of our community. Manaaki goes a long way to establishing a sense of belonging and security. At its most simple there is a lot of power in manners and being polite. There is power in looking out for each other and the sharing of a kind word. There is power including others and treating people with respect. In a school where students feel cared for, they will learn.

Recently we had our Whanaungatanga - Meet the Teacher evenings. This was a great opportunity for parents and whaanau to share aspirations for the year and to share with teachers those things that are important to you for your child this year. Learning is a partnership between home and school - supporting your children to grow academically and socially. We thank you for what you have shared. Please also remember, our doors are always open to talk about your child, their learning - both social and academic.

2024 is going to be a great year and we look forward to ensuring that your children succeed.

New School App

Please make sure you have downloaded the new school app. The 'how to' can be found on our school website.

<http://www.whatawhata.school.nz>

It is very important to ensure that you login to the app or website as this is now our main mode of communication.

The new app allows you to :

- choose how you receive notifications - push notifications or email
- Let us know your child will be absent and view your child's attendance
- View your finance account and pay

If you need support in accessing your HERO account please let us know or come in and see us.





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Whats On

- 6 Feb - School Closed - Waitangi Day
- 7 and 8 Feb - Whakawhanaungatanga - Meet the Teacher - book online
- 15-27th Feb - Life Education Truck
- 23 Feb - Cluster Get Set Go Day
- 11 Mar - Whole School Assembly
- 12 Mar - Senior School Swimming Sports (Ngaaruawaahia Pools)
- 13 Mar - Junior Swimming Sports
- 15 Mar - Cluster Swimming Sports
- 26-28th Mar - Year 5-6 Camp
- 29 Mar - 2 April - Easter (**No School on Tuesday 2nd April**)
- 5 April - Cluster Softball
- 8 April - Whole School Assembly
- 10 Apr - EPRO 8 Final - Year 7-8
- 11 Apr - EPRO 8 Final Year 5-6
- 12 Apr - Term 1 Ends

Further info or changes will be notified



Welcome to our School !!

Welcome to our 17 new students who started on the 30th January, we hope your time here is filled with learning, friendships, laughter and lots and lots of fun.

We also welcome three new Teachers to our School,
Trish Katipa - Room 2, teaching Years 5 & 6
Ashlee Walsh - Room 8, teaching Year 2 & 3
Sylvia Sadler Room 1, teaching Years 7 & 8



We also would like to welcome some new part-time release teachers to our team:

Angela Sweeney
Kayte Shaw
Nik Seymour
Elysia Gunn



Pie Friday \$6.00 Combo

We welcome back our Pie Day every Friday

Pie with a Moosie now \$6.00
with the choice of Mince & Cheese
Steak & Cheese, or Bacon & Egg.

Single Pies \$4.00
Moosies \$2.00



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Uniform and Hats

Please remember that our school has a uniform. This is compulsory for all students, including hats.

If you are needing uniform or a hat, please contact Direct Group, you will find them at Latham Court Frankton, or through their website. Hats cost \$10.00 **Navy blue or black only**



Makeup is not part of the school uniform and is not permitted at school.

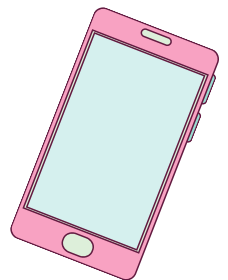
Getting to school on time

Getting to school on time is important for students social development. Nobody likes walking into a room late. **School starts at 8:30am.** Students can be on school grounds from 8am.

However, if being late is unavoidable or you will be absent from school please let the office know.

Ph. 829 8820 or email office@whatawhata.school.nz

Absences can also be informed through the HERO School App



Cellphones

Cellphones should remain at home or if needed they should be handed into the office in the morning and picked up again after school. Smart watches with communication ability should be set to school mode or can be handed into the school office as well

Parent Parking

The end of the school day is busy. Please be mindful of how you park. There is plenty of room opposite the golf course for students to walk down and meet you.

Congratulations to ...

*Hannah Forster (Miss Forster) on
the birth of her baby girl,
Millie Hannah Clasper 5lb 1oz*





As part of our Health Curriculum, Nicky and Harold from Life Education will be visiting our school for two weeks from Thursday 15th February.

Nicky and Harold will be working with kaiako and your children, learning about identity and how special and unique we all are.

You will notice that the classroom (Truck Trailer) will be parked outside our main entrance. Please do not park around the trailer.

Kapa Haka

Last Thursday evening, our senior Kapa Haka group stood confidently and represented our kura proudly as they performed at a national hui, held at the K'aute Pasifika Fale to help whakamana 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi'.

Compliments have flowed in since the stand, so a big massive WELL DONE to our amazing Tamariki and Kaiako who put the effort in during the first week of school, to ensure their performance was a great one!!

Also a thank you to our parents for their amazing support.

