

Term 3 – WEEK 5



WHITIKAHU SCHOOL

‘Me tiro whakamuri, kia anga whakamua’

Look back to move forward

Understanding history, both good and bad, to build a stronger, more informed perspective for the future.

Kia ora Whitikahu School Community,

What an absolute banger of a week it's been!

We're officially halfway through Term 3, and this week we've celebrated our students' hard work with our **Arts Celebration**. The Multipurpose room is bursting with bright, vibrant, and creative artwork – a true feast for the eyes! The display will be up in the Multipurpose room until next Wednesday the 20th of August.

Well done to all our students for the drive, effort, and commitment you showed in creating your pieces. Your creativity and passion truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder. You are all superstars! 🌟

This week, we sent representatives from our school to the Eastern Waikato Technology Challenge held at Ohinewai Hall.

A big thank you to Morrinsville Ebbett Toyota for generously allowing us to use the Moover Community Van to transport our students to and from the event – your support is greatly appreciated!

To the students who participated in the demanding challenges: you all represented our school with pride, commitment, and outstanding teamwork. We are incredibly proud of your efforts, resilience, and the way you supported one another throughout the day.

Finally, our students have been painstakingly preparing their speeches – and what a wonderful job they've done!

Next week, they'll be sharing their speeches in class with their peers. Then, in the following week, those selected to represent our school at the Eastern Waikato and Waikato Full Primary speech competitions will have the opportunity to present their speeches to the wider community.

We warmly invite you to join us for this special evening of student voice and talent on Wednesday, 27th August, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Whitikahu Community Hall.

Come along and support our young speakers – they've worked hard and would love to share their mahi with you!

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Eastern Waikato Tech Challenge CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Years 3–4

Team 1: Hayley Hodel, Cameron Going, Beauden Stewart, Luke Clark

Team 2: Natalia Devlin, Madison–Rose Henry, Kyle McDonald, Hunter Ward

Years 5–6

Team 1: Petra Do Vale, Callum Ward, Fletcher Fulton, Harper Pallesen

Team 2: Navtej Sekhon, Stella Gofton, Harry Norton, Dylan Smith

Years 7–8

Team 1: Liam Gofton, Sophia Do Vale, Hannah Husband, Flynn Hodges, Hunter Fulton

Team 2: Leah Hodel, Haswell Weston, Ella Giles, Carter McDonald



**Year 5 & 6
3rd place getters**



**Year 5 & 6
2nd place getters**

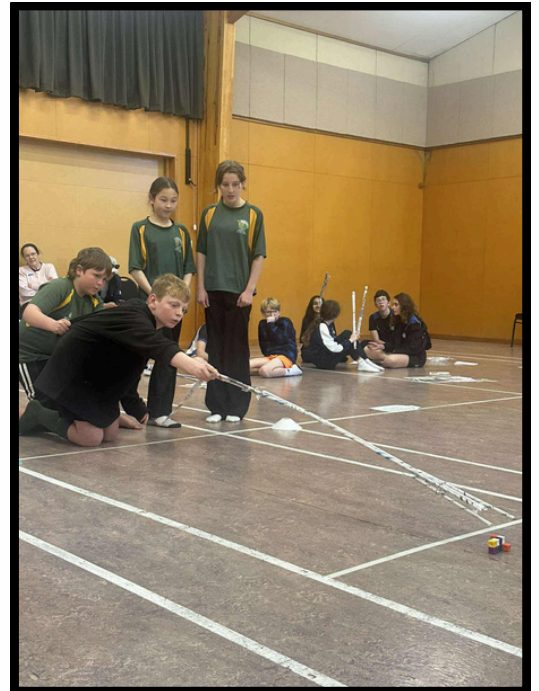


**Year 7 & 8
1st place - 2025 Champions!!**



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Eastern Waikato Tech Challenge





Students of the Week

Week 5

Koohanga (Our Nest ~ Years 0-3)

Delaney Gasnier For amazing progress in Mathseeds and Reading Eggs.

Piirere (Our Fledglings ~ Years 4-5)

Addilyn Gasnier For putting time, care and thought into creating pieces of art.

Luke Clark For putting time, care and thought into creating pieces of art.

Ayla-Skyla Wade For putting time, care and thought into creating pieces of art.

Kaahu Pango (Our Senior Hub ~ Years 6-8)

Ben Fletcher For settling into Kaahu Pango well and for his inquisitive mathematics skills.

Liam Gofton For thinking outside of the box during Technology Challenge and leading his team to victory.

Deputy Principal Award

Michael Gillum-Long – for choosing a growth mindset and believing in his own capabilities.

Caught Being Good – Duffy Awards

Louise Norton – for always being inclusive and respectful with her peers.

Dylan Smith – for showing leadership and always lending a helping hand.

Hannah Going – for being a great role model to our Junior students.





Dates To Remember

27th August: Whitikahu School Speech Night

28th August: Piako Festival Kai-a-te-Mata Marae – Morrinsville

31st August: Kaahu Pango Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Te Rapa

4th September: Whitikahu School FIFA Tournament

11th September: Whitikahu Young Farmers

18th September: WFPSA Speech Finals – Ohaupo School

19th September: Terms 3 Finish