



Our School Badge 2019: Growing our Learners

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

At Whakarongo School we think developing the skills, attitudes and qualities associated with new challenges, leadership and responsibility is critical to developing self-managing, future-focused and well-rounded learners. When students at Whakarongo School enter Year 5, our students can begin to participate in our school badge system.

Students from Years 5-8 are encouraged to take on responsibilities and opportunities that can earn them school badge points. School badge points are awarded across five different categories:

School *Service*

Academic
Achievement

Sport & *Physical*
Activity

Culture and the
Arts

Whakarongo Kid
Values

These categories have been designed to recognise effort and achievement, as well as encourage students to try new things and persevere with challenges. Once a certain number of points are gained in each domain, students are eligible to receive a silver, and then a gold badge. This is further outlined on the following pages.

Year 6-8 students who attended Whakarongo School up to the end of 2018 have been emailed a summary of their points up to the end of 2018. This update is important as students can see the areas they can work towards during 2019 to achieve the goals they have set for themselves. Teachers will explain how the points run to our new students, and students will need to keep an eye on the daily notices to hear service jobs that they can apply for.

Each term an assembly is held to present the badges to the students that achieve them. This is normally in the last week of school. Parents will be notified by our office administrator if your child is going to be awarded a school badge at these assemblies.

You can contact your child's homeroom teacher, or contact myself as I coordinate the points, should you or your child have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Our School Badges

School *Silver* Badge Award

- Achieve 2 points in each badge point category
- Achieve 20 points altogether

The majority of children during their time at school should be able to achieve their Silver Badge. This is not something that is an expected attainment by the end of year 6: the system is not designed in terms of year groups e.g. silver badge in years 5-6; gold badge in years 7-8. Attaining a Silver Badge is a challenge and therefore students throughout years 5-8 should be proud to receive this.

A Silver Badge will be awarded to any pupil in Years 5-8 who achieves 20 points over the five badge point categories. At least **2 points** are required in each category; the remaining points can be in any area. On the attainment of at least 20 points, a school badge will be awarded by the principal at the end of term School Badge Assembly.

School *Gold* Badge Award

- Complete the Passport to Success
- Achieve 3 points in each badge point category
- Achieve 40 points altogether

The Gold Badge is a supreme award, designed to recognise those students who have achieved to the highest level. There are two parts to the Gold Badge to ensure that the Gold Badge is awarded to those students that have consistently strived to not only participate, but to challenge themselves and achieve to the highest level across all areas.

PART *One*: PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

Students must complete our **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS** programme. This is a programme with a variety of tasks for students to complete that help them develop and demonstrate in a practical manner, the skills, values and good habits of the dimensions of the Whakarongo Kid.

The **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS** is only eligible for Year 7 and 8 students, and is worked on through the intermediate school, the Navigator Centre. Those that complete the **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS**, are recognised for this in our end of term badge assembly. The **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS** must be completed by Week 5 in term 4 in Year 8, in order to be eligible to receive this and their Gold Badge.

PART *Two*: GOLD BADGE

While students are completing their passport to success, they will also need to achieve 40 points over the five school badge point categories in order to achieve their **GOLD BADGE**. At least **4 points** are required in each category; the remaining points can be in any area.

On the attainment of at least 40 points (alongside completion of the **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS** programme), a **GOLD BADGE** will be awarded by the principal at the end of the term at the School Badge Assembly. They will also be acknowledged at the end of year school's prize giving.

School Badge Point Categories

You can achieve points in each category in the following ways...

School <i>Service</i>	<i>Academic</i> Achievement	Sport & <i>Physical</i> Activity	<i>Culture</i> and the Arts	Whakarongo Kid <i>Values</i>
<i>Recognising students consistently undertaking a service within our school...</i>	<i>Recognising academic effort, progress and achievement...</i>	<i>Recognising participation and excellence in physical activities and sports...</i>	<i>Recognising participation and excellence in cultural activities and the arts...</i>	<i>Recognising students displaying our Whakarongo Kid Values and Skills</i>
<p>The following service roles are available each term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish, food waste or recycling • Librarian • PE Shed • Peer Mediators • Sandpit Toys • Lost Property • Pita Pit • Hall Set Up • Staffroom • Enviro Club • <i>Flag</i> • <i>MAK Awards</i> • <i>Assembly Sound</i> <p>NB. Those roles in <i>italics</i> only receive half a point each term.</p> <p>Our school council members and house leaders also receive a point each term.</p>	<p>One point is awarded for any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Award • Pod Award Participation in Mathex. • Participation in the Manawatu Science Fair. • Participation in the Literacy Quiz. • Obtaining a Distinction, Excellence or Merit in the Kiwi or ICAS competitions. • Reaching the finals or placing in the EPro 8 Challenge. • Reaching the finals or placing in Tournament of the Minds. 	<p>One point is awarded for any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in a school sports team for a season (2 terms). • Obtaining an overall top 3 placing at school sport competitions. • Achieving a top 3 placing at interschool sports competitions. • Selection for and participation in Super 10 or Super 6 sports teams. • Selection in Manawatu representative teams (email Ana Matangi to notify of this). • Achieving success at a national level in any physical activity e.g. gymnastics, dance, martial arts (email Ana Matangi to notify of this). 	<p>One point is awarded for consistent participation in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kapa Haka • Dance NZ Made Performance Group • <i>Dance Club (new)</i> • <i>Drama Club (new)</i> • <i>Art Exhibition (new)</i> • <i>Choir (new)</i> • School Production • Lamb & Calf Competition <p>For those students that also participate in our Enviro Club for the whole year, a cultural point will also be awarded in term 4 (in addition to termly service points), in recognition of the commitment and effort these students make to building a great environment.</p>	<p>One point is awarded for receiving either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A values certificate • A postcard home

Principal's *Discretion...*

In the event of a Year 8 finishing their education at Whakarongo, the principal may grant a discretion point in the event that a student is one point away from achieving either of the badges.