

MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Term 3
4 August 2022

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope everyone had a good break despite the weather; which did not improve with the start of the new term. This week has allowed our grounds to dry out a little so students can get out on the fields again.

It is good to see many of our students back at school after the high number away last term. While every term is busy, this term we are leading up to our school production, so it is challenging to cover everything we want to do. Those students with Agriculture Day animals will also be busy caring for them or preparing their projects as the term goes on.

Welcome to Mrs Maxine McClenaghan who is teaching in R3 this term. We really appreciate her work and R3 are doing a wonderful job of getting on with their learning so the transition is smooth for everyone.

Welcome to our new pupils Robert Parata and Noah Kennedy.

WELLNESS UPDATE

The number of pupils off sick this term has reduced considerably, however the numbers isolating because of Covid is higher than it was at the end of last term. The Ministry of Education has asked schools to reintroduce the wearing of masks for senior students for the first 4 weeks of the term. Thank you to everyone who has supported this and made sure their children have a mask. We do have masks available in the classrooms for those that do not have them (unless exempt). Hopefully this will help prevent the spread of all flu and viruses especially over this winter term. Usual practices will continue and please notify us if your children are isolating or have Covid.

We will post some resources on our Facebook page that may be helpful in keeping your whānau well.

SCHOOL AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who have received school awards for their achievement and attitude especially in relation to our school values:

Hannah Booth - For having a positive 'can do' attitude towards her learning.

Arya-Rose Ratahi-Bunn - For being so kind and welcoming to our new students.

Isaiah Birchall - Including others in his learning and having the confidence to try new things.

Ava Imms - Attention to detail - A focused and diligent learner always giving her best.

Blake Railton - Outstanding progress in reading. Keep being awesome!

Larissa Jansen - For her efforts to focus and be organised for her learning.

AGRICULTURE DAY:

Thank you to those families who have returned their Ag Day notices saying what they will be entering this year. We have our Lamby Daycare up and running with 3 lambs visiting currently.

We know some families are looking for lambs so if you do have any contacts to share please notify the school office.



PARENT STUDENT CONFERENCES

We have had an excellent turnout for parent/whānau conferences this year – over 80% over the 2 days with others happening at different times. We hope that the conferences provided you with the information about your child/children that you wanted and they have a clear idea of next learning steps and goals required to develop themselves. We know some families have not made appointments because of sickness – please contact teachers and make another appointment when you are able. It is really important that children know family/whānau are actively involved in their learning and development so they feel supported. Please remember that if you have questions or concerns at any time, it is best to contact the teacher and clarify these.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These are all on line this year and information has been sent home with regard to ordering.

<https://www.schoolmemories.co.nz/>

PRODUCTION

We have begun rehearsing the main parts and singers for our school production in Week 9. Classes are now starting their item practices and most of the costumes are completed. At the moment practices are in isolation and we then put everything together from week 5 on, with whole school performances twice a week. Those with main parts need to practice and memorise their lines and have everything learnt by week 5 also.

Can You Help? We have a part that needs a children's kimono and wonder if anyone had one that we could borrow for the production performances. Please contact the school office if you can help.

BOT NEWS

Nominations for the School Board of Trustees election closed yesterday at noon. We had 5 vacancies and received 5 nominations so we have a non-elected election and this process has now been closed.

The parent members of the Board of Trustees going forward are: **Fraser Chapman, Hagen Taylor, David Hovell, Kim Brown and Carina Dickson**. The staff representative is **Carolyn Goodison**.

Next BOT meeting is Wednesday 17 August 7pm.

PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting is next Monday 8 August 7pm in the school staffroom.



HEALTH & PE PROGRAMME

Over the year our physical education programme covers a range of skills with focus varying over a two-year cycle. This term our PE focus includes our cross country running and dance. Cross country training at school is Monday, Wednesday and Friday leading up to our school cross country on Wednesday 24 August and the interschool event the following week for our top runners. We also have a full week of dance in week 4 (15-19 August) where all classes will have a daily session learning a range of dance moves. This is a great build up to the dance items in our school production and is really enjoyed by all the students. In term 1 our focus is swimming, with small and large ball skills also part of the programme. Ball skills along with games continue into Term 2. Gymnastics was taken weekly by all classes with Active Attitude coming in to teach at each level. Gymnastics is biannual. Term 4 brings an athletics focus with run, jump, throw skills taught until we start swimming in the later part of the term. We often have sports code specialists come in and work with classes, for example cricket, rugby, to teach relevant game skills also.

This term, students need to have suitable gear and shoes for cross country practice, particularly Y4-8. The juniors also have practices for their shortened course around the school area. A reminder our focus for cross country is about doing our best and improving our ability. Training groups are levelled and supported. As part of our well-being programme we are working to develop resilience and working to improve our cross country is a great way to build this.

Y7/8 Girls Rippa Tournament: Next Tuesday the Y7/8 girls have an opportunity to participate against other local schools in Rippa. Miss Kimberly Ruth is taking 3 teams and those interested have taken home a notice with information, permission slips etc. They do need some parent help with transport and supervision. Please return these by tomorrow so we can finalise organisation.

Hearing and Vision Testing: The hearing and vision nurses are visiting the school next Thursday to check some students who have missed before school checks.

PTA NEWS:

The next PTA meeting is Monday 8 August 7pm in the school staffroom.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:

The council held a fun pajama day last Friday as this is the most requested fun day they get. On Monday, they organised a community clean up and went out to surrounding areas along Mangakahia Road and SH 14 to collect rubbish from along the footpath and grass edges. Our juniors covered the school areas while seniors went outside the school grounds.

They are hosting Daffodil Day on Friday 26 August for the Cancer Society. Yellow ribbons will be available from the school office for a donation and students can come to school dressed in Yellow on the day, but must bring a gold coin donation. This will be added to the collection for the Cancer society.



ROOM 10 ARTWORK



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4 August** – Parent/student conferences 1.15-7pm
- 4 August** – WBHS open evening 4.30pm
- 5 August** – Tauraroa Open Day
- 8 August** - PTA Meeting
- 9 August** - Yr 7/8 Rippa Tournament
- 10 August** - WGHS Open Night
- 17 August** - BOT Meeting
- 17 August** - WBHS Interviews (see WBHS website for booking details)
- 23 August** - WGHS Interviews (at Maungatapere School, call office for appointment time)
- 24 August** - School Cross Country
- 26 August** - Daffodil Day
- 31 August** - WPSSA Cross Country



OPEN EVENING 2022 WHANGAREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday 10th August 5.30 - 7.30pm approx

Starts in the Manawahine Gym followed by guided tours with specialist staff on hand to answer any questions. A great opportunity to see our extensive range of curricular and extra curricular activities. Come and get a feel for our special learning environment.

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