



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

The last 2 weeks have been busy with school activities, especially WPSSA Winter Sports days. Students have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools and while the events are about participation, there is always an element of competitiveness involved. We are privileged to have excellent support from our school community for EOTC events, for both transport and supervision. These events do take a lot of organisation to meet guidelines and health and safety requirements, so it is important that parents and whanau helping do follow the school organisation that is sent out. In case of accident or injury we need to know where everyone is and who they are with according to the organisation set for the day.

A reminder to our community about our Curriculum Reporting Day on Tuesday 7 June, after Queen's Birthday. This is a staff only day so please organise alternative arrangements for your children or enjoy a longer weekend away somewhere. Staff will be involved in professional development relating to the New Zealand Histories curriculum, as well as curriculum reporting.

Welcome to our new pupils: Ben and Sam Quinn, Hone Pirini-Paikea and Quinn Wright.

TERM 2 HEALTH AND SAFETY:

We had a spike in Covid notifications during the second week, but this seems to have slowed again. The office are notifying classes where there have been infectious cases at school.

Ministry of Health guidelines are as follows:

- If you are positive for Covid you need to isolate for 7 days. The first day you have symptoms or test positive is Day 0. You can return to school on Day 8. You do not need to have a negative test as long as you are symptom free.
- If a member of your family has Covid and you are isolating, you need to test on day 3 and day 7. If negative you can return on day 8.
- If you have had Covid in the past and another member of the family becomes positive you do not need to isolate (for a period of up to 3 months).
- Some people are testing positive for a second time within that period, so you then need to follow the isolation criteria as before.

The school community appreciates that students who are sick are staying at home. Unfortunately there has been a stomach bug going around also.

Y3/4 KUPE TRIP

Our Y3/4 students are visiting Manea Footsteps of Kupe at Opononi and Tane Mahuta in the Waipoua Forest tomorrow. This should be a great trip! They are leaving at 8.30am so need to be at school by 8.15am, and returning at 3.30pm. They will need to bring food and drink for the day. This will provide some key learning to take into their topic this term and for many parents and whanau also.

WPSSA WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Our Year 7/8 students enjoyed a great range of sporting opportunities last Wednesday at Kensington Park and were very lucky with the weather. Congratulations to the students on their sportsmanship and behaviour during the day; this was appreciated by the many parents who helped manage teams. The school received an email from a teacher taking a KIS soccer team from their special needs unit congratulating one of our teams for their positive, inclusive and supportive approach. Ben March and Sheldon Hill were mentioned in particular, so well done to them and the rest of that team. Thanks to the parents that volunteered to manage teams for both last week and yesterday at the Y4-6 event.

REVIEWS/CONSULTATION

Below are links to 2 reviews asking for community feedback. The school would definitely appreciate support for the changes to speed limits on Mangakahia Rd. This will make it safer, not only for people crossing the road but also for cars turning in and out of the school car park.

Have your say on safer speeds – 17 May to 14 June

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is reviewing speeds at schools and townships on state highways in Northland and north Auckland – to set safer speed limits for everyone.

We're consulting on new proposed speed limits at schools and townships on 11 corridors of state highway. This includes a proposal for:

- a new permanent speed limit of **50km/h** and
- a variable speed limit of **30km/h** in the area surrounding **Maungatapere School**.

Variable speed limit signs are electronic and legally enforceable. They are used to get traffic to slow down during the peak school periods when students are arriving, and at the end of the day when they are going home.

We want to hear your thoughts on this and any of the other proposed new speed limits on state highways in your area. To submit your feedback and/or request a copy of the proposals, visit nzta.govt.nz/naklspeedreviews, call us on 0800 141 777, or write to us at Northland and north Auckland speed reviews, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Private Bag 106602, Auckland
Planning and Reporting: Throughout May 2022 the Ministry of Education is undertaking initial engagement with community to hear what you think the planning and reporting process should look like.

The link to the community information and questionnaire is below: You are able to enter as many as you like and the surveys are not identifiable [Whānau and community survey](#)
Please note the survey closes at 5pm Friday 3rd June

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 27 May – Y3/4 EOTC trip

Wednesday 1 June – Senior talent quest

Friday 3 June – Junior talent quest

Monday 6 June – Queen's Birthday

7 June - Teacher Only Day

29 June - School Photos

30 June - Hangi and Open Day

SCHOOL AWARDS:

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

Juliet Gallagher and Susannah Hovell - Adjusting to a new environment and being great role models.

Joe Taft - For being a helpful and hardworking member of rm 9.

Lavinia Gavin - Your polite attitude towards other children is outstanding.

Lachlan Kelly - Outstanding initiative and being a quality role model in Room 4.

Honor McNab - For your polite and kind attitude towards others.

Harper McDonald - For having a fantastic attitude towards your learning.

Hazel Angus - For really engaging in her learning, going the extra mile especially in maths.

Carter Hansen - For working hard on your learning and your positive attitude, a great start to term 2.

Geva Angus - For being a role model in the classroom and always having a positive attitude.

Khali Shelford - For really engaging in her learning and supporting her team to do so too.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

This term, teachers are taking time to complete a variety of assessment tasks with their students. Some assessments are completed within whole class situations while others are completed individually with the teacher and student working together. Maths and reading assessments are completed this way. Initial beginning of the year assessment shows 53% of students reading above their expected level and 70% of our Y5 - 8 students reading above. At the lower end of the school Y2-3 numbers reading below are greater. Generally, students make good gains during Y3/4 and become competent readers. At the early level we use a variety of reading support programmes such as reading recovery (a1to1 programme for 6yr old students), Lexia – an online phonics programme, and reading mileage. We also have some small group teaching with Judy Jenkins, our reading recovery teacher. Often it is comprehension that holds students back – they can decode but do not understand what the story is telling them. Parents and whanau can help support this at home by asking questions about what students are reading so they are having to interpret and understand.

Spelling levels can also be supported at home with students learning their regular spelling words. Overall spelling levels have decreased from last year with 64% at or above compared with 72% last year. Spelling does help with reading decoding and also with writing independently. The school uses a specific spelling programme – Spelling under Scrutiny – to help address this. However like times tables, spelling does require some memory and rote learning.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAS - open day Fri 5 August registration link <https://forms.gle/YGDyry96dwHxm5QH7>

WBHS - Deans visit to Maungatapere 26th July

Y8 Open Evening: Thursday 4th August - from 4.30pm

Y8 Interviews: Wed 17th and Thurs 18th August - (9am - 5pm)

Y8 Catch Up Interview Day: Wed 26th October - (9am - 5pm)

Pompallier - Applications open Wed 1 June - Close Thurs 1 Sept.

Te Manawa Tahi Community Hub

Thurs 16 June Back 2 Basics Childcare.

Wed 22 June Mangakahia Community Room

REMINDERS

Y7/8 Sports jackets – We are still missing a few sports jackets from camp. Please wash and return to school unless you are using them for school netball.

Sports T-shirts – Please wash and return these after the winter sports.

Board of Trustees Meeting: Next meeting Wed 15 June

Teacher only Day: Curriculum planning day Mon 7 June. There will be no school for students on that day and staff will be involved in professional development relating to curriculum change.

PTA News: Next Meeting is Mon 20 June 7pm in the school staffroom.

Winter Wellness Raffle - This will be drawn on 10 June, please return books to the office by Fri 3 June.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hotshots Y7/8 netball team for making the top section in the Saturday competition. A great opportunity to be challenged and improve their netball skills.

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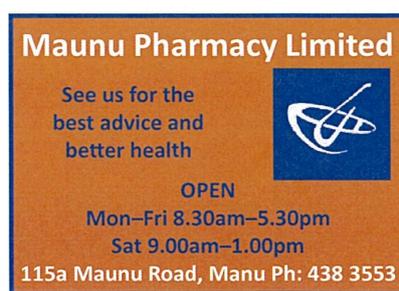
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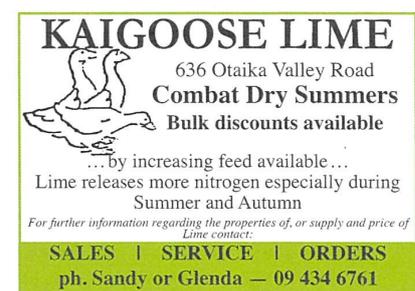
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