



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Thank you to our school community for your support of our Teacher Only Day last Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to look in-depth at the new NZ Histories curriculum and what we are currently doing within our school to meet the learning outcomes. It also enabled us to develop our knowledge of these and how to integrate them into our current Economics focus. We will need to design how we develop coverage of the different areas in the future. This is the first of what will be a full NZ Curriculum revamp being undertaken by the Ministry of Education. Mathematics and Statistics is the next area under review.

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend with the unexpected bonus of some lovely warm and sunny days in this part of the country.

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

This week is when we acknowledge the staff that support our school and students in the work we do. This includes our Admin staff, caretaker, librarian and teacher aides. The Admin team of Jane Attwood and Bridget Procter contribute in many ways to the smooth running of our school – with the considerable admin roles around finance, payroll, attendance and MOE requirements. Allan Frost, our caretaker liaises with contractors, cleaners, and health & safety as well as maintaining the general upkeep of our school buildings and grounds. Our teacher aides, Carol Head, Lorraine Perry, Marion Radich, Cassie McDougall and Debbie Godfrey work across the school in a wide range of roles. They support students in their learning - working with groups and individuals in reading, writing, maths, lexia programmes, in class support, speech and other tasks as required. They also look after our school resources.

Support staff are an important part of the school team and our school is privileged to have a highly skilled and capable team.

WELLNESS UPDATE

Currently we have quite a few students off with flu like symptoms but not testing positive to Covid. We guess this is the new round of flu that has been expected, but please keep testing for Covid and if you need testing kits for your children we can provide these. There are still some Covid isolations being reported and we will advise if this changes. In the meantime, monitoring health seems to be something that is now part of our regular programme.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Last week we had a visit from 2 Education Reviewers – Bill Ahern and Robert Minahan. They spent some time talking about our strategic goals to identify a focus area for our ongoing review with them. They looked at how the school and Board meet their legal requirements and went for a guided walk with our school Deputy Principals around the classrooms to look at what was happening and were very impressed with what they saw.

YEAR 3/4 FOOTSTEPS OF KUPE TRIP

Our Y3/4 students had an amazing day visiting Manea Footsteps of Kupe at Opononi and Tane Mahuta in the Waipoua Forest on Friday 27 May. It was a big day out with travel, so thank you to those parents that provided transport. The show was challenging and very interactive and has provided a great start to learning about NZ history.



CELL PHONE USE

To ensure our students are free from online bullying and distraction during the day, our school policy is no cell phones at school. This includes smart watches connected to phones. If your child requires a cell phone for out of school activities, they can bring it to the school office before school and collect it at the end of the day. This rule also applies to Y7/8 tech days at Mangakahia. We are aware of some students bringing cell phones to school recently and posting photos/messages. The majority of online bullying students experience is from cell phone use and this can impact in school also.

Linewise have some really great resources to support students and parents in cyber safety:

maungatapere.onlinesafetyhub.nz/cyber-safety-guides

STAFFING

Next term Ms Tina Hodgson has received a sabbatical to have some time out and look at wellbeing programmes such as Pause, Breathe, Smile, which we are using in our school. We have advertised for a teacher to relieve for the term and are in the process of making an appointment. R3 will be informed of who their teacher will be for the term and hopefully will have an opportunity to meet them before the start of Term 3.

UNIFORMS

Our Y7/8 senior students have generally met these requirements very well this year. It is good to see the new jackets and shirts being worn. During the winter time black or white thermals can be worn under these and the polar fleece remains part of the uniform. Black mid length shorts, long pants, jeans (not ripped) or tights can be worn. However, make up is not necessary at primary school and should be kept for out of school activities if allowed by parents. Our students become adults for a very long time and it is good for them to make the most of being children!

For all students we ask that jewellery is not worn at school to avoid injury or loss. A standard watch (not smart watch) and

Taonga inside a top can be worn. If students have pierced ears, studs are most suitable at school. No other piercings are acceptable. With contact sports, gymnastics etc. jewellery is a hazard and can cause injury.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The Character Dress Up Day organised to help pay for a new trampoline mat was well supported with about \$230 raised. Our trampoline is very well used but the part of the mat that holds in the individual springs has worn through and needs to be replaced. This is about the third time we have replaced the mat since installing it, but it is certainly popular.

TALENT QUEST

The school council has organised a talent quest over the last 2 weeks with the final yesterday.

Congratulations to the following students making the final:

Juniors: Sofia Sole; Connor Boylan; Charlotte Child

Seniors: Holly Grace Duffy; Chantel Muller; Felicity Tautari, Isla Gibson & Isabella Kennedy; Tayla Lambert; Loretta Lambley & Annelise McDonald

Well done to our winners:

1st: Holly-Grace Duffy

2nd: Tayla Lambert

3rd: Felicity Tautari, Isla Gibson and Isabella Kennedy

Most Creative: Sofia Sole

TEACHERS COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the week of June 13th in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement. The meetings will discuss the teachers' Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā campaign, which aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise teachers' work. Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to the many families that have been selling Winter Wellness raffle tickets. The raffle has now closed and will be drawn on Friday 10th June. Next meeting Monday 20 June, 7pm in the school staffroom.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Maungatapere School on Wednesday 29th June, 2022

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Premier Pack \$42.00</p> 	<p>Classic Pack \$37.00</p> 	<p>Single Pack \$30.00</p> 
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<p>Portraits Only \$20.00</p> 		
<p>Class Only \$17.00</p> 		

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

SCHOOL AWARDS:

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

Holley Robertson Rm3 - For believing in her abilities and making excellent progress this term.

Zoe Agnew Rm 9 - For being a very organised and focused learner.

Trent Barrell Rm 7 - An amazing positive student who can be relied upon to fulfil the work commitments, completing these to the best of his ability.

Chantel Muller Rm 13 - For being kind and caring towards others.

Brooklyn Tarawa R11 - For having a settled and positive start to the term. Keep it up!

Annie Cullen Rm 13 - For always working hard and challenging yourself with new learning.

Ben March Rm6 - Showing empathy and being inclusive of others at Winter Sports.

Sheldon Hill Rm 6 - Showing empathy and being inclusive of others at Winter Sports.

Chloe Cliff Rm 7 - Always thinking of others and being helpful in everything we do.

Dilan Brown Rm 6 - Being a conscientious and considerate member of R6.

ROOM 7 ARTWORK



By Loretta Lambly



By Bethany Miller



By Georgie King



By Hunter Anson



By Kyrrah Wilson



By Chloe Cliff

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 - Active Attitudes Gymnastics begins. Every Monday & Tuesday through Term 2

15 June - Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm in school staff room

20 June - PTA Meeting 7pm in school staff room

23 June - Kapa Haka Group visit to Maunu School.

29 June - School Photos

30 June - Hangi (still to be confirmed) and Open Day

8 July - Last day of Term 2

REMINDERS

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

Board of Trustees Meeting: Next meeting Wed 15 June

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