



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Tena koutou katoa, Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome to those students who have returned this week to build on the 95% of our tamariki we saw back on the first day. As programmes and routines return to normal, our students are settling back into their learning and obviously enjoying catching up with their friends. It is interesting looking back to last year, when we were also at Level 2 at this time. A reminder that if you need to come onto the school grounds please scan your Covid app and sign in if you enter a classroom.

This week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori/Maori Language Week and many classes are using te reo in their learning. Our school gambit/saying this week is 'Ka pai' – good - to acknowledge students doing good mahi and making good choices in class and in the playground.

With only 2 weeks left this term we are building up to our school cross country which will be held Wednesday 29 September. Our new entrant class continues to grow with 5 year olds arriving who have had birthdays over the last few weeks.

Welcome to our new pupils who started in R12 on Monday: Ksenia Coleman, Olivia White, Emme Wood, and Mikaela Matoe

AGRICULTURE DAY

We hope all those animals and gardens are growing well. Remember to take photos as they grow so you will have them for your photo board to display in classrooms. We hope the recycled garden art and pots are starting to take shape and looking good. If you haven't started yet there is time to get your design and continue to work on your project over the term break. This is also a good time to continue to bond with and train your animal.

The Ag Day food tent is run by our Y7/8 students and parent helpers from Y6-8. A letter has gone home requesting parents/whanau to help out during the day on a rotation basis, to enable you to still be part of your children's activities. Please complete and return to school so organisation can be set up. Money raised goes toward the Y7/8 EOTC camp next year.

BUS SAFETY

Unfortunately, just before lockdown we had a student hit by a car crossing the road after getting off the bus. Luckily they have recovered well, but it is a timely reminder about bus safety and crossing the road safely.

Our bus students are told that on leaving the bus they wait at the side of the road until the bus has gone 3 power poles away. Then to check each way before crossing. Parents waiting for children to get off the bus need to wait on the same side of the road as the bus stops – this removes the temptation for children to run across to you. It is also important for all drivers to remember the legal speed for passing a stopped school bus is **20kpm**. As there are quite a few school buses operating in our area, it is important we all remember this. Then if a child does suddenly appear we are hopefully able to stop in time.

DAFFODIL DAY

Our school council had organised for Daffodil Day to support the local cancer society. Because the day was during lockdown they have decided to go ahead with the fundraiser and students can bring a donation to school and receive a yellow ribbon in appreciation. The cancer society will collect at the end of next week.



SHAVE FOR A CURE

3 of our students got together and decided to fundraise for this event and get their heads shaved. Hannah Brown, Ava Neumann and Ella Guity raised over \$6000 via social media and had their heads shaved last weekend. They are now sporting Number 2 haircuts and beanies!



Well done to the 3 girls for their efforts and commitment – something they will definitely remember.

NETBALL PRIZE GIVING

This year because of the limits for numbers it is not possible to hold a netball school prize giving before the term break. Our intermediate teams held a lunchtime prize giving today so trophies can be given out. The junior teams' coaches/managers have organised for photos and certificates to be given out also. We would like to thank all the whanau that supported our students to play netball this year. It is very disjointed with teams at different times during the week, so it can be a big commitment for some families.

A special thanks to our coordinators, coaches and managers who supported teams - coaching, running training and skills sessions and committing their time. Without you our students would not have the opportunity to play. It does not matter what sport students play, it comes down to people giving their time to make it possible –ka pai/ thank you.

TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please put Monday 8 November in your diary as this will be a curriculum day for our school. This will involve staff planning and reviewing our curriculum as well as reporting on it. This is part of the accord days given in the last teachers agreement to help manage curriculum change and reporting, so there will be no school for our students on that day .

MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL WELLBEING MODEL

As part of our wellbeing focus we have developed a model that we are using with students. This fits within our school values of Mana/Pride, Manaakitanga/Respect, Kawenga/Responsibility in our school family/whanaungatanga. The 3 areas of focus are mind, body and people. The people are represented by the rocks in our area – they represent the importance of positive relationships with our whanau and community. Understanding ways to stay connected, show support and communicate. The mind is represented by the leaves on the nikau palm– to understand our identity and emotions and being able to embrace new learning opportunities. The body is represented by the feathers on our kuku-pa – to care for our physical wellbeing, we must be regularly active, eat healthy, sleep well and have good hygiene practises. This is being used with classes to develop their own model together.



SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Cultin Hood Rm14 - For showing increased enthusiasm and determination in his learning

Mason Brown Rm9 - For having a positive attitude to school and supporting his peers.

Sophie Brown Rm4 - For working super hard in reading and writing.

Arya-Rose Ratahi-Bunn Rm12 - For being a caring and kind friend to our newbies in room 12.

Rylee King Rm7- Fantastic time management and self discipline during home learning - 100% complete to the best of her ability.

Patience Moore Rm13 - For showing empathy and kindness to others.

TERM CALENDAR

Wed 29 Sep -	School cross country
Thurs 30 Sep -	Mangakahia Lions Y8 speech contest
Fri 1 Oct -	Last day of term 3
Mon 18 Oct -	Start of term 4
Mon 25 Oct -	Labour Day (no school)
Sat 30 Oct -	Agriculture Day
Mon 8 Nov -	Teacher Only Day

REMINDERS

End of Day Pick Ups and Communication - Please notify the office school office by 1.30pm of any end of day transport changes.

Agriculture Day - A request for parent help with the Ag day food tent went home with Yr6-8 students this week.

Out of Zone Enrolment applications - This information is on our school website and Facebook page for new entrant children wanting to enrol in 2022. Please remember if you are out of zone and have a sibling starting next year you do need to apply, even if you have a child at school currently. You are higher in the criteria but you do need to go through the process. Applications close Wednesday 29 September .

School Lunches - Lunch Online. Lunch orders available on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Board of Trustees Meeting - Next BOT meeting is 7pm Wednesday 20 October.

ROOM 10 DESCRIPTIVE WRITING



The black horse is trotting through the lush green grass with yellow flowers everywhere. Its got a swishing mane with a very swishy tail. Its got beautiful pointy ears with smooth shiny shin and its got a white bit from its nose to its ears.

Lydia Johnston & Kyle Smith

The horse is beautiful and black. It is proud. The horse is smooth and it has pointy ears. On the green grass there are flowers on the grass. It's tail is flowing and there are white bits on its legs.

Ashley Martin & Liam Fitzpatrick

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maunu Tennis Club - Juniors start Tues 21 Sept @ 3.15pm. Queries to Matt - matttrub@gmail.com or Mary - mary.brown.nz@gmail.com

Mid-Western Cricket - Rally day Sat 2 Oct at Maungakarama sports grounds from 11.30am.

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