



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

As this is our final newsletter for 2020, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our school community for your support this year – through lockdown, home learning and the various levels of contact we have gone through. Your support of your children and the school programmes has ensured they have all continued to learn – not just academically but also in their key competencies, problem solving and resilience. I would also like to acknowledge the huge job the school staff have undertaken this year. They have managed the considerable changes that were involved in lockdown and the return to school, the support of students back into school and in managing the many other challenges and support that has been required. They have gone the extra mile to provide programmes to meet student needs and ensure they have felt safe and supported to continue learning and challenging themselves.

We are all more than ready for a summer break and hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable time with family and friends over the festive season. Have a great holiday, Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back, including many new families in 2021.

Welcome to Lily and Tom Sommerville and their family who started at school over the last 2 weeks

STAFF CHANGES

Unfortunately we are losing our experienced Admin person, Mrs Paula Yorke at the end of the year. Paula has been with us for 6 years and her experience in school admin goes back beyond that. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her as part of the team and the contribution to our school, including as Board of Trustees secretary has been considerable. Paula is leaving to take on full time employment with the DHB and while we are sorry to see her go, we all wish her the best in her new role.

We are currently advertising for a new admin person to be appointed in the new year. <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/51102306>.

We would also like to farewell Mr Brad Jensen who has done a wonderful job taking on R3 over the lockdown period and then on return to school. Brad fitted in to Maungatapere well in his quiet and calm way and the students have enjoyed their time with him. We thank him for the work he has done and again wish him the best at Kamo Primary next year.

COLOUR FUN RUN

This was held today with all students involved and many parents. Parents had the opportunity to throw colour at the children and also support them through the activities. Activities included image memory, roly-polies, knot tie, 3 legged race, net climb, obstacles and the paint and sponge throw. Congratulations to everyone for raising approx. \$8000 (after expenses) towards EOTC activities next year. Well done to Mr Tim Burke for his organisation of the event. While it does involve an outside provider, the extra exposure with a wider support network made the overall result worthwhile.



COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL & GROUNDS

The Board of Trustees does open the pool to the community over the summer to enable our school families to enjoy a swim. Keys are available to school families only who have paid their school donations. The fee is \$50, including a \$5 key bond. There are rules and guidelines for the use and parents have to sign an agreement and collect the key. Keys will be available from the school office until 14 December. Community use will start on Friday 11 December.

The community is welcome to use the school grounds over the summer break. We do ask our community to look after them, making sure there is no damage, rubbish or graffiti around and everyone takes responsibility. We do have the school grounds covered by security cameras so can follow up on any incidents should they arise. Usually our community do a great job of caring for our school grounds and equipment.

PRIZE GIVING

Our school prize giving will take place on the school field, weather permitting, at 10am on Tuesday 15 December. All family and whanau are welcome to attend, with school finishing at the completion of the event which is about 11.15am. Students will need to be collected at this time as there are no school buses or after school care on this day. Pupils need to come to school as normal and the buses will run in the morning only. All pupils will be participating in the prize giving and class and school awards will be given. Parents are able to park on the school field but we will shut down cars coming onto the field at 9.45am to ensure safety for everyone. You are welcome to bring something to sit on and seats will be put out under the trees. If the weather is not ok, we will use the Maunu School hall. This decision will be made the day before. Please make sure your children have a good breakfast as they will not have morning tea and do not need to bring a school bag on the last day but they will need a hat. If you are not attending prize giving please arrange for your children to be collected from school (or Maunu hall if wet). We expect to be finished about 11.15am.

REPORTS AND 2021 CLASSES

Monday 14 December students will visit their classes for next year and meet their new teacher and classmates. For some students this may create a little anxiety, but please work through this with your child in a positive supportive way. We do consider placement very carefully and once they are settled into their new room they are generally fine.

End of year reports will be sent home on Monday afternoon in an envelope. The end of year report is the normal condensed version of the half year report and gives information about your children's achievement in reading, writing and maths as well as other areas of the curriculum and key competencies. Please share with your children in a positive way.

WPSSA ATHLETICS RESULTS

Well done to the following students on their success at the Whangarei Interschool Athletics events held recently.

Yr4 boys 60m - 1st Jake Butel, 3rd Lachlan Livigston
Yr4 boys 80m - 1st Jake Butel, 2nd Lachlan Livingston
Yr4 boys High jump - 2nd Selwyn Watson
Yr6 girls High jump - 3rd Stella McConachie
Yr4 girls Long jump - 1st Millie Taylor
Yr4 girls Discus - 1st Millie Taylor
Yr8 girls High jump - 1st Lilly Jameson
Yr7 girls 200m - 2nd Ally McIvor,
Yr7 boys 200m - 2nd Keelan O'Neill

WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO

The end of year disco for the whole school is on Friday 11 December. It runs from 5.30-7.30pm. Pizza, sausages, ice blocks, water are for sale during the disco. The theme reflects our topic this term of 'under the water', so students can come along dressed to the theme and enjoy the evening. Entry is a gold coin donation. Parents are welcome to drop off and collect students from the field at the back of R7/8 as well as the school carpark. Pick up can be from 7pm on. The council have organised some competitions and prizes along with decorations for the event. Thanks to the PTA and staff for their support with the food, drinks and supervision.

2020 STATIONERY

Stationery for 2020 will again be available through the OfficeMax MySchool website from Mon 14 Dec through until Feb 2020. Go to www.myschool.co.nz and search for Maungatapere Primary School. OfficeMax offer three payment and delivery time frame options, so check the enclosed brochure or head to their website for more information. School donations can also be paid through the MySchool site. If you prefer to shop in-store then the Stationery Lists for each Room will be posted on the school website from next Monday, or there will be copies at Office Product and Warehouse Stationery. Stationery will be available from the school office next year also.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Junior Y0-2 Beach trip - Rooms 4,5,10,11,12 are off to Whangau Bay tomorrow for a fun day at the beach. Students need to bring a drink, food for the day, their togs & towel plus something warm to put on if needed. Students will be travelling by bus and parents are able to car pool as required.

Y7/8 End of year Fun Day - Friday 11 December. Students will need togs and a change of clothes for the day.

Council Wheels Day - Tomorrow is the senior wheels day - Y5-8 only. Bring along your wheels and safety gear, thanks.

Year 8 Graduation - Our Y8 graduation dinner is Monday 14 December at Sherwood Park Golf Course starting at 6pm. We wish all our year 8 students moving on to high school all the best and hope they will all strive to fly high and be the best they can be.

Y7/8 had a great day at Goat Island Marine Reserve, seeing some very large fish. The Marine centre was also excellent, with students having the opportunity to do a lot of learning.

Y3/4 enjoyed a large group of parents supporting their sailing events. It was great to see our students sailing independently in stable sailing dinghies and spending time out on the water in larger craft. They had a brilliant day out, amazing their parents with the way they picked it up. In between, students spent time studying the rocky shore. There was a great team of parents sailing and encouraging the students at Parua Bay on all three days.

Y5/6 Adrenaline Park visit - Our Y5/6 students were well challenged with the activities open to them at the park. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to spend the day in the water supporting students.

Rippa Rugby - Y5/6 attended a tournament at Hora Hora School on 26 November and enjoyed a great day out. Thank you to the parents that supported and managed the teams and Mr Dan Tissink for his training and organising.

Junior athletics - were held on Friday 27 November in what was a lovely afternoon. The students enjoyed the range of run, jump, throw activities and were well supported by family and whānau.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have had many past Maungatapere School pupils receive junior school awards at secondary prize giving's this last week. Well done to the many Y9 & 10 students on their achievements - always great to hear they are striving to fly high!

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

James MacDonald R7 - For his improved attitude towards completing learning activities. He has persevered with more challenging tasks. Kapai

Leah Carroll R2 - For her consistent hard work across all learning areas, with a smile on her dial too!

REMINDERS

School sports uniforms - Please return these ASAP.

BOT Account Details - 12 3099 0836089 00

Quick dry polo orders - please return ASAP

PTA Calendar orders - These will be sent home by week end.

TERM CALENDAR

Fri 11 Dec	-	Y0-2 Beach Trip
	-	Y7/8 Fun Day
	-	School Disco
	-	Y5-8 Wheels day
Mon 14 Dec	-	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Tues 15 Dec	-	Prize Giving - Early finish

2021 Start Date: Term 1 2021 will start Tuesday 9 February

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