

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope everyone enjoyed Agriculture Day last Saturday, especially those families new to our school and having their first Ag Day. Thank you to the many members of our school and wider community who contributed to the day in so many ways to make it so successful. This is a special part of our school experience and something our students remember as a great part of their school life. We have families wanting their children to have the same experience they had with Ag Day and rearing an animal. It was great to see the special relationship students had with their animals on the day. Central Day was held at Barge Park today and we hope the students who attended had a successful day.

Welcome to our new pupils and families: Pepper Frecklington, Harley Hood, Zoe Shaw and Dominic Silvester.

### AGRICULTURE DAY

We would like to acknowledge the work our students and families put in to preparing their animals, gardens, garden art and scarecrows and their classroom displays. The rooms looked bright and there was a wide variety of exhibits in each room. A special thank you to Mrs Joanne King for her organisation and work in preparation for the day. There is a con-



siderable amount of preparation with organising the judges, prizes, registrations etc. Our staff all help on the day also and Mr Allan Frost our caretaker spends many hours setting up the rings and other areas. Thank you to all the judges that came along to judge the animals and gardens and to the stewards that helped them. The judges are not paid and give up their time voluntarily to enable our students to have this opportunity.

The parents that helped organise and work in the food tent did a wonderful job, special thanks to Andrea Thompson and Jen Wickline; the food received many compliments this year and raised approximately \$3200 for the Y7/8 camp next year.

Congratulations to the Dads and Granddads who made and decorated some amazing cakes! The cake auction raised \$479 towards school resources.

Congratulations to our cake winners:

**Best Decorated Cake:** Kevin Wood

**Best Tasting Chocolate Cake:** Tony McQuillan



Congratulations to the following students for winning over-all trophies:

### CALVES

**Champion Calf:** Lily-Anna Duffy

**Reserve Champion Calf:** Holly-Grace Duffy

**Champion Leading:** Nicole Ruddell

**Champion Rearing:** Samara Harrison

**LIC Ribbon:** Aaron Gravatt

### LAMBS

**Champion Lamb:** Emma Caie

**Reserve Champion Lamb:** Leah McRae

**Champion Leading:** Mason Brown

**Champion Calling:** Hayden Smith

**Champion Rearing:** Ellie McRae



### GOATS

**Champion Goat:** Sophia Ripley

**Reserve Champion Goat:** Cohen Hope

**Champion Leading:** Cohen Hope

**Champion Calling:** Sophia Ripley

**Champion Rearing:** Riana Lane

### SPORTS NEWS

**Athletics:** Our Y4-8 school athletics day will be held next week on Tuesday 7 November. We have had to bring it forward a week as entries to the interschool event are due the following Monday and this does give us a cancellation day if needed. Athletics skills are continuing to be taught on Wednesdays to all students and the Y0-3 athletics day will be held on Thursday 7 December.

**Rippa Rugby:** Our Y3/4 students had rippa skills teaching yesterday. The Y5/6 rippa tournament at Tauraroa Area School, has been cancelled for tomorrow.

### SCHOOL CONSULTATION

Our second consultation survey is currently online and can be accessed via our school website or this mobile friendly link: <https://goo.gl/forms/DtLaqkxNkkO2aOP22>. Please take the time to respond to the questions. This survey does ask for an email address but the address is not attached to the survey response. It was pointed out to us that to keep the integrity of the survey we needed to ensure it could not be hijacked like the NZ bird survey was!

Our next and final consultation this year will be the sharing of our revised school charter and plan for the next 3 years.

### HAND WASHING TRAINING

Our Public Health Nurse, Anna Thomas, worked with our Y1-2 classes last Monday on hand washing hygiene to teach them how to wash their hands properly to help avoid the spreading of germs.

### VISITING TEACHERS

This evening we have a bus load of Whangarei teachers visiting our school and having dinner here. We will be the final of 4 schools in the Whangarei area visited and teachers will be looking at the work in classrooms, especially at literacy ideas. This is a great opportunity for teachers to share ideas and activities and is also a credit to our school and teaching staff to be asked to participate.

### WHANAU MEETING

Next week, Tuesday 7 November at 7pm in the staffroom, will be our final Whanau meeting for the year. We are hoping to share our goals for Maori language development across the school as part of our new strategic plan and look at next year. Please come along to share your ideas.



### SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

There will be tips and quotes in each newsletter this term aimed at helping parents to avoid their children's summer slide (when reading gains are lost over the holidays).



- Read recipes to cook/bake
- Put subtitles on TV when watching a movie.
- Visit a museum - real or online (Smithsonian institute kids site)
- Follow instructions to build/create something crafty



*Books are not just words. They are filled with places to visit and people to meet.*

### ASB GET WISE FINANCIAL PROGRAMME

At the end of next week our classes will be involved in the ASB school financial programme. This aims to teach children about earning, managing and spending money and is tailored for each age group. We have used the programme previously and it is very engaging as well as educational.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE COSTS

We have been looking at budgets for next year and the Board of Trustees have decided to increase the cost of After School Care in 2018. It has been a while since there has been any increase and the costs are still within the subsidy from WINZ. The new hourly rate will increase to \$4 from the beginning of next year (currently \$3.75). The Board wanted to give the ASC users plenty of warning also.

### REMINDERS & COMING EVENTS

**School Photos** - Orders have been sent away and delivery is expected in three to four weeks time.

**PTA Calendar/Diary Artworks Fundraiser** - Hopefully everyone had a chance to view their child/ren's calendar artwork on Ag Day. Order forms have gone home today and orders need to be back in by next Friday 10 November.

**Board of Trustees** - Next meeting Wednesday 15 November, 7pm.



Room 12



By Rylan Crompton



Look at our Eric Carle inspired art.

By Leah Carroll



By Kevin Grant

### KEY DATES / COMING EVENTS - TERM 4 2017

Thur 2	-	Central Calf Club Day - Barge Park
Fri 3	-	Y5/6 Ripa Tournament cancelled
Tues 7	-	Y4-8 School Athletics pp 8 <sup>th</sup> (date changed)
	-	Whanau meeting 7pm
Wed 15	-	BOT meeting 7pm
Thur 16	-	Mangakahia Cultural Festival
Fri 17	-	WGHS Orientation Day
Mon 20	-	WBHS Orientation Day
Tues 21	-	Y7/8 WPSSA Athletics
Thur 23	-	Community Arts Sharing afternoon
Thur 30 Nov	-	Y4-6 WPSSA Athletics
Thur 7 Dec	-	Junior School Athletics
Tues 19 Dec	-	Prizegiving/Early closing/Last day of term.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following pupils:**

**Hayden Smith R8** - For being an excellent role model for our younger students and for enjoying his last term at Maungatapere School.

**Rosa Wilkinson R9** - For your fantastic attitude to learning.

**Joshua Ware R11** - You are really focusing on your work and making your learning happen.

**Lachie Newman R6** - For taking his learning into his own hands and having a great start to the term.

**Stella McConachie R5** - For consistently working hard in all curriculum areas.

**Kaleb Cameron R3** - For great improvement in reading and a better attitude towards learning.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Hospice House Tour** - 11 & 12 November tickets \$50, order online at girlsclub.org.nz or from Forum North Eventfinda. A special cause and a weekend dedicated to discovering beautiful homes.

**Mangakahia Country Meal** - The next country meal is on 10 November, meals from 6pm. Hosted by the Mangakahia Lions Club.

**Lions Clubs of Whg Fireworks Display** - Sat 4 November at Okara Park. Gates open 6pm, costs \$25 family (2ad/2ch), \$10 single, \$5 school kids. Wet reserve day is Sunday 5 Nov. This year the fireworks will be done in conjunction with music.

**Stop Sore Throats Hurting Hearts** - Free throat swabs can be done at Otaika & Kensington Pharmacy, Whitecross Pharmacy, at your GP or through your child's schools Public Health Nurse. Get sore throats checked - prevent rheumatic fever.

**Mountains and Memories Book** - Local stories and memories told by local people. Copies available from the School Office, \$45.

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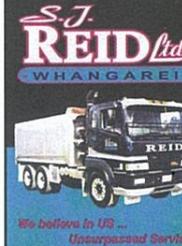
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