



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We had a wonderful turnout of parents, grandparents and other whanau to our sharing/open day on Tuesday 11 October, despite the weather. It was great to see everyone involved with the students in their learning activities and joining in. Feedback from the hangi was excellent also – we hope everyone enjoyed their food. This is our last newsletter for the term with school finishing for the term break on Friday 28 September and Term 4 beginning Monday 15 October. We look forward to our Agricultural Day 27 October - early next term.

It is worth noting that we are having days when we cannot find relievers for teachers who are sick or need to take leave. We have managed to cover classes by teachers on release but that is very dependent on the days staff are absent. We are continuing to let our Government and local MPs know that some action is needed to address the shortage before it impacts on learners.

Enjoy some great family time over the term break.

Welcome back to Ms McKenzie Morgan, University teacher working in R9 until 26 October.

Welcome to the following new pupils and their families: Bella-Diamond Morunga and Makani Bowen-Gamlin.

Hangi and Open Day

Thank you to the many parents and grandparents that worked preparing the hangi with the Y5/6 students. On Monday we had a great team of workers peeling and cutting up vegetables and early Tuesday morning the packs were prepared and put in the kai cookers in good time. A special thank you to the Neumann whanau for their support and cooking the hangi and Barbara Burt for making the stuffing balls. Thank you to all the families that provided food, the hangi packs and for assisting in a variety of ways. Without your support we would not have been able to hold this event. Money raised will help pay for the Y5/6 camp and the Y7/8 EOTC week, both to be held in Term 1 2019.



The hangi was a good way to complete the Y5/6 focus on Matariki and celebrate Maori Language week across the school.

It was good to see the Kapa Haka group, junior school and our senior speech winners sharing their expertise with our community.

Northland School Cross Country

Yesterday our best cross country runners ran against the best from across Northland and can be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to the following students:

8y Boys Joe Taylor 17th, Dylan Broderick 27th; **9y Girls** Ellie McRae 4th, Francesca Provan 8th; **9y Boys** Aza Schimanski 14th; **10y Boys** Josh McRae 5th; **11y Girls** Leah McRae 12th, **11y Boys** Hayden Shelford 17th; **12y Boys** Paddy Ferguson 9th.

Environmental School Activities

We have several classrooms working with local farmers to assist with riparian planting along waterways in our local area. R4 & R9 are planting at the Hales' farm this Friday and R1 & R6 are returning to carry out further planting on the Booth farm at a date to be notified. They will also be able to check out their previous planting success.

The school has received a \$1000 grant from the Northland Regional Council to build a shade house to support their growing of native plants to be planted in our community in the future. R4 and R9 are going to be leading this.

Mangakahia Lions Speech Contest

Y8 students Blake Nicholson and Leah McRae represented our school at the Lions speech contest at the Mangakahia Sports Complex on Tuesday night. They both spoke very well and congratulations to Leah McRae who took out the shield for the winning speech. There were 7 speakers from our valley schools' area present.

Sun Safe Policy

Our school does have sun safe procedures for Term 1 & 4. This requires student to wear a sun hat or cap at play-time and lunchtime and during outdoor activities, to help protect from sun damage. There is also suntan lotion available in classrooms for students, but we do recommend students apply this before coming to school also. Teachers will be talking with students about the reasons they need to wear hats and students will have to remain under the covered area by the hall if they do not have one. **Please make sure hats are named so they can be easily returned.**



Staff Changes T4

Next term we welcome back Mrs Jodi Sparks to R2 and Mr Yaron Overeem to R7.

Thank you to Mrs Sarah Cullen who has been teaching in R2 for the last 4 weeks and to Mrs Nicky Taylor for teaching R7 for the term while Yaron has been on sabbatical. Yaron and Nicky will continue to team teach in R7 as before.

Reminders

Y7/8 Programme: There are still some Y6 students who have not returned their slips about schooling next year. We would appreciate these being returned to assist with school organisation.

School Photos – We have not received the photo order envelopes yet but they will be sent home as soon as we do, hopefully this will be before the holidays.

School Uniform: A reminder to our Y7/8 students about wearing correct school uniform especially school shorts as the warmer weather approaches.

Jewellery: Students should not be wearing jewellery to school including bands, rings, bracelets, earrings etc. This is for safety reasons, as they can be easily caught and cause harm during school activities. Studs or small sleepers are best and a cultural necklace may be worn inside a T shirt.

Reminders (cont)

Fingernails: Teachers have asked if students do not wear long false fingernails when at school. It is the length that causes problems as they inhibit their ability to participate in many learning activities and are a danger to other students in sport and play.

Out of Zone Enrolments: Enrolments for out of zone pupils are currently open with information on the school website. There are spaces for new entrant students only with applications closing 17 October.

Dental Clinic Caravan: This has moved on from our school, so if you require information or dental services please phone 0800 MY TEETH, 0800 6983384.

Best of the Best Rugby League Tournament

Our rugby league team competed last Wednesday at Kaikohe against other Northland schools. They played well and can be proud of their efforts. Thanks to the parents coaching, managing and organising them to enable participation.

Ag Day Information

To reduce the long waits for the younger children on Ag Day, we have decided to judge the Most Creative Pots and all Junior Gardens (Years 1 -3) on the Friday before Ag Day. Therefore, Junior Gardens and Creative Pots will need to be brought to the bottom court outside rooms 13 and 14 by 9.30am on Friday 26 October.

Due to the extra room available from having no calf rings this year, we have decided to have 6 lamb rings. There will be 2 junior, 2 intermediate and 2 senior lamb rings. However only 1st place getters from each ring will go through to compete for champion ribbons.

Central Day - Change of Date. Central Day will be held at Barge Park on Thursday 8th November (not Thursday 1st as previously thought).

PTA Movie Night

This is on tomorrow night, there are three movies starting at 6pm sharp - Trolls, Transylvania 2 and Peter Rabbit. Parents you haven't been forgotten, come watch a movie, have a chat, drink, nibbles or join in a fun quiz. BYO drinks and a plate of food to share amongst the parents. The PTA provide free popcorn for the kids, but they need to bring a small vessel to hold the popcorn. Parents are required to stay, it is not a drop off event. This is a free event.

School Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils:

- * **Isla Wright R5** - For being a positive learner and for all round academic achievement.
- * **Rylee King R2** - For inspiring others with imaginative, detailed narrative writing.
- * **Emily Ritchie R10** - For a great attitude to her learning and for developing good coaching skills.
- * **Daniel Litchfield R6** - For his hard work and great attitude building his bridge.
- * **Ellie McRae R9** - For striving to do her best and being an awesome role model.
- * **Ava Iraia R7** - For outstanding effort and achievement with her speech and for always giving your best effort.

Key Dates/Coming Events - Terms 3 & 4

Mon 10	- PTA Meeting
Fri 21	- R4/9 Planting Day
	- PTA Movie Night
Fri 28 Sept	- Term 3 Ends
Mon 15 Oct	- Term 4 Starts
Sat 27 Oct	- Ag Day

ROOM 6

Popsicle Bridge

The popsicle stick challenge. In this challenge we were given 200 pop-



sicle sticks to build our bridge. We had to make it so it would fit across a gap 50 cm long and be

elevated 5 cm off the ground. The first step is to lay it out and then we used pva glue to make the roof, sides and bottom. Then we used hot glue to glue the roof, floor and sides together. After that we realised our bridge was just short of 50 cm so we had to put bits on either end to make it longer.

By Tayla Southall and Pippi Woolston

Cooper and Carter's Bridge Project

There we were, working side by side with our partly built bridge. We were nearly out of sticks, but we were almost finished our masterpiece. At this point we were still trying to figure out if we were going to make sides, which made us argue for a while, but eventually we agreed to make them. Our favourite part was when we hot glued the triangles to the bottom of the bridge. We also made ramps on the end of the bridges.

By Cooper Knox and
Carter Godfrey



ROOM 6

Community Notices

Mangakahia Rugby AGM - Mangakahia Sports Complex, Tuesday 6 November at 7pm.

Maunu Tennis Club - Juniors Rally Day Tues 16 Oct 3.30pm, coaching for juniors on Tuesdays from 3.30pm. Snrs Open Day Sat 22 Sept 10am start, thereafter 1pm on Saturdays. Twilight tennis 5.30pm Thurs starts Oct 4, Ladies Day Wed 9am starts Oct 17. Queries to Ray or Sue Webb 4346898 or www.sporty.co.nz/maunutennis.

Whangarei Futsal - Sundays 28 Oct - 16 Dec, Kensington Stadium. Jnr mixed U12, Youth mixed U14 & U16, Snr mixed social and mixed semi-social, Mens premier, womens premier. To find out more contact Kezia Singleton 021 0377187, northlandcdo@nff.org.nz.

School Holiday Football Programmes - Sessions for football, girls only football and futsal. More details and registration at nff.org.nz

TaDa Drama! - The roll is now open for our popular TaDa Drama classes for ages 7-10. Tues & Thurs. Info at www.makingascene.co.nz.

Strep Throat & Rheumatic Fever - There have been some cases of strep throat in our school community so please get sore throats checked. Free throat swabbing is available through your GP, Kensington Pharmacy, Otaika Pharmacy or the public health nurse at school (0800 22 33 58, Option 3, 7 or 8).

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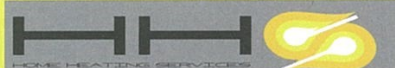
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