

Kia ora Parents and Whanau,

Our Y7/8 classes are enjoying a great week on camp in Rotorua. They have a very active and busy week planned with learning and fun activities. If you wish to see what they are up to you can visit the R7 blog: [www.inquireit.co.nz](http://www.inquireit.co.nz) Camp is a great learning time for students to develop the key competencies and values needed to work with others and manage themselves away from home.

We are looking forward to the Maunga Mayhem event this weekend organised by our PTA with the help of many people in our community. This has been a mammoth task and we would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work the PTA and other members of our community have put in to the organisation and sponsorship. All the best to everyone for the event.

Welcome to the following new pupils and their families to our school: Isla Gibson

### KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

During the last 3 weeks of term our learning focus is based on the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. This is a programme developed with education and police to teach students about personal safety including stranger danger and inappropriate touching. 3 sessions will be taken with each class by the Police Education Officer Constable Toni Bean. Students do learn about body parts and the correct names for these as well as what is and isn't appropriate touching; so if your children are using these words you will know they have been correctly taught as part of the programme. If you have any questions about the programme talk with your child's teacher.

### KEY COMPETENCIES

Our NZ Curriculum document highlights the development of key competencies that allow us to participate in our society both now and in the future. These include managing self, relating to others and participating and contributing in a variety of ways. Teachers put considerable effort into these especially during the first term, setting students up for success in the future. This involves students learning to manage within the rules we have in our school and classrooms, and developing the resilience and can do attitude to meet challenges, learn from mistakes and understanding their learning journey. All our teachers work to develop independence, cooperation, support and respect in students, as well as teaching the academic and creative aspects of the curriculum. Our cooperative learning strategies and emphasis on engaging learners through providing many experiences is part of nurturing confident, capable and connected learners who strive to fly high. We need your support in this by having expectations for your children in relation to their schooling. They will face learning activities they don't like, that are hard, situations they feel to be unfair etc. These situations can be unpacked but are part of learning and it is important that parents value and support the work and effort teachers put in.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our 2018 school councillors have been elected by their classes and are beginning to plan their focus and events for the year. Congratulations to those who were successful in being elected and well done to all those students who applied for the role.

The council is:

**Captain:** Blake Nicholson

**Vice Captain:** Jimbo Remnant

**Secretary:** Macey Guy

**Year 4:** R1—Joe Taylor  
R4—Alice Bell  
R5—Alice Bland

**Year 5/6:** R2—Tayla Ruddell, Casey Worsfold  
R9—Emma Caie, Kody George  
R6—Macey Guy, Tokoaitua Owen

**Year 7/8:** R7—Jimbo Remnant, Blake Nicholson  
R8—Charlie Morgan, Oliver Rippon



### SWIMMING

Our Y4-8 students performed very well at the WPSSA swimming sports at Whangarei Intermediate on Wednesday 14 March. Thank you to those parents who supported the event and helped out with organisation on the day. The following students have been selected in the Whangarei team to swim at the Northland Interschool swimming sports to be held at Dargaville on Tuesday 10 April.

**Backstroke:** Ellie McRae, Sage Wickline, Paige Karl, Andrew Fraser, Awanui Owen

**Freestyle:** Ellie McRae, Awanui Owen, Hayden Shelford, Jimbo Remnant

**Breastroke:** Andrew Fraser, Tokoaitua Owen, Alice Bland, Awanui Owen.

A letter with further information will go home next week.

**Junior Swimming Try-athlon:** Our Y1-4 classes participated in a run, swim, skip try-athlon last Tuesday 20 March. We are aware that some whanau members missed the Y3/4 races and apologise for this. It has been the first time we have run the event and we got through it faster than planned, we also wanted to keep it moving rather than have students getting cold out in the showers that were coming across. The weather was unpredictable unfortunately, but the pool was warm and all the students thoroughly enjoyed the event.

### COMMUNITY USE OF SWIMMING POOL

The school pool is now closed for the community. This allows us to heat the pool and use the cover at night to maintain the temperature so it is warm for swimming lessons over the next few weeks. The pool is heated to 25 degrees to enable students to stay in without getting cold. Please ensure your children have their swimming gear as usual to make the most of swimming lessons.

Please return your pool keys to the school office, there is a \$5 reimbursement.

### HOCKEY SKILLS

We had hockey skills coaching planned for all the school on Monday 12 /Tuesday 13 March but rain has meant one day has been postponed until a later date. Students got the opportunity to learn beginning hockey skills from the hockey coach working with the hockey association.

### REMINDERS

**Saturday Netball:** Intermediate students need to bring shoes for training over the next few weeks as netball starts the week after Easter. Junior netball will begin after the holidays.

**Soccer Practices:** Mangakahia Soccer Club is practising on the school grounds after school 2 days per week. We ask that parents do not park in the staff carpark please. The toilets behind R4/5 are open for use currently.

**EASTER TUESDAY: A REMINDER THAT THE TUESDAY AFTER  
EASTER IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND THE SCHOOL WILL BE  
CLOSED**

## OVERCOMING OUR EDUCATION CRISIS

Last week our teachers attended meetings relating to upcoming award negotiations. The teaching profession early childhood, primary and secondary are all currently struggling to attract and retain our great teachers. Schools across the country are finding it difficult to get relieving teachers and teachers to work in Auckland and more rural areas. There has been a 40% dropped in applicants for training this year. We are in a crisis situation and only a significant pay increase, along with addressing workload issues and creating more time for the many administrative tasks can we get back to being able to provide quality teaching and learning for our students. This is about maintaining a quality public education system that is currently really struggling to meet the needs of students and provide the time to develop the positive relationships so important for learning. We know communities want the best education for their children both now and in the future and we will need to work together to achieve this.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Congratulations to the following winners who received awards for their efforts in the summer reading programme. Barry from Paper Plus came along and presented the prizes at a special assembly. Thank you to Paper Plus for sponsoring the programme and prizes this year. They are keen to continue this in the future also which is great.

**Awanui Owen**—for an impressive 45 hours of reading logged.

**Nate Kitchen**—for finding a variety of ways to include reading while travelling.

**Harry Turner/Kaleb Cameron/Joshua Ware**—for exceeding their reading goal and participating in the photo challenge.

**Daniel MacDonald**—for exceeding his reading goal.

**Isla Beattie & Joseph Parsons**—for improving their reading habits—on the road to becoming life long readers.

**Xander Tissink/Nate Barrell/Nathan Watts/**

**Dylan Broderick**—for a good effort in fulfilling their reading goal.



## ANZ OLYMPIC AMBASSADOR VISIT

Last week we had a visit from Rebecca Brothers, Athens Olympic swimmer who talked about setting goals, working hard and the need to practice. She reiterated it didn't matter what part of New Zealand you come from you can be a success.

## SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Francesca Provan R6** - For having a great attitude towards her learning.

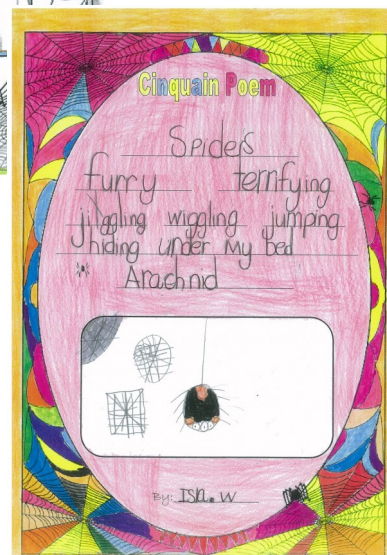
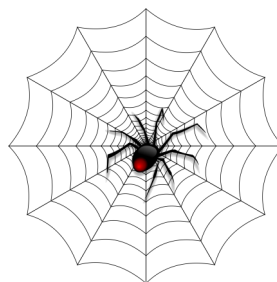
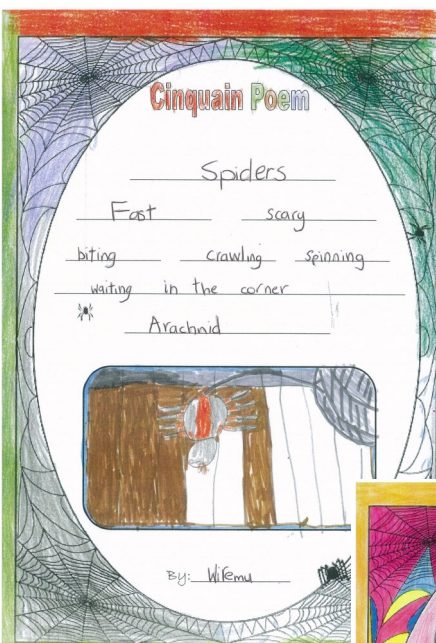
**Milla Workman R12** - For a fantastic work ethic during reading and writing and making her learning happen.

**Lily-Anna Duffy R2** - For her focus during language and thinking carefully about the task.

**Lilly Jameson R6** - Setting a good example for others during writing.

**Tyler Mills R5** - For listening carefully and following instructions.

**Jack Herbert R11** - For trying new things and having a positive attitude.



## Room 5 Spider Poems



**MAUNGATAPERE OBSTACLE ADVENTURE RACE  
24 MARCH : 2018**

Tickets sales have now closed off for our Maunga Mayhem Obstacle Adventure Race this Saturday 24 March. We will be holding a pre-registration afternoon on Friday from 2-4pm for our school community, at

Maungatapere School held opposite the library by RM 3. You will need to bring either your paper copy tickets or have them downloaded on your phone. You will receive your wristband then **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THIS WITH YOU** or you will not be able to compete on Saturday. You can also register from 8.30am Saturday morning at the event.

## KEY DATES / COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 2018

Mon 19-Fri 23	- Y7/8 Rotorua Camp
Sat 24	- <b>MAUNGA MAYHEM</b>
Wed 28	- Y5/6 Tutukaka Surf
Fri 30	- Easter Friday - School Closed
Mon 2 Apr	- Easter Monday - School Closed
Tues 3	- <b>Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Fri 13	- End of Term

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME**—Netherland Dwarf Rabbit, 1 1/2 years old, comes with a hutch and walking harness. Phone 4346639

**Mangakahia Junior Soccer** - Invite boys and girls aged 5-12 who would like to play soccer this year and who have not already registered to ph Susan 022 152 4175.

**Guilty By Confection** - Take-away flame grill pizzas will be open at the Old Dairy Factory every Friday & Sunday night from 4.30pm. Pizza list available on website [www.guiltybyconfection.co.nz](http://www.guiltybyconfection.co.nz) or pick up a flyer from the Office Café.



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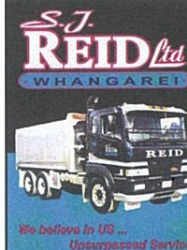
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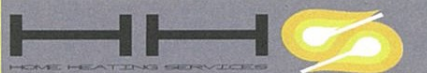
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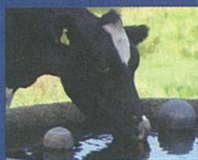
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