MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL

Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Term 4
15 November 2018

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Well done to all the students that took their lambs and goats to Whangarei Central Day last Thursday. They achieved some great results and earned enough points to win the overall points trophy again for the 7th year.

As usual there were many different animals performing well on this day.

It was good to see so many parents and whanau supporting our Y4-6 athletics day last Monday, with excellent weather also.

Primary Teachers & Principals Strike Action

A huge thank you to our community for your support of us in our battle to address the issues we are currently facing in our education system. The 'enhanced offer' from the Ministry has been somewhat misleading in the media and came through at a very late time in order to put pressure on teachers and principals. The basic offer remains at 3% per year for 3 years with an extra step at the top of the scale. Unfortunately, this makes very little difference for young teachers starting out on a salary of \$47,980. There is a 9 step progression which is a long time to reach a top salary of \$63,900. This is after 5 years of training. There is no offer on our request for more time to teach – primary teachers get 2 release days per term to undertake planning, assessment etc. Secondary teachers receive non-contact time equivalent to 10 days per term. This is an area that does need to be addressed, though as with everything it can be done over time. We entered facilitation to keep the negotiations going. The 600 extra learning support teachers is not coming in until 2020. What it will look like and the benefit to schools is yet to be decided. The facilitator recommended we accept the offer as it was similar to other state sectors. Groups that have settled - nurses and police have set working hours and get overtime when exceeding these. Teachers do considerable overtime each week, but are not able to be reimbursed for this. Most teachers went home after the meeting yesterday and wrote reports.

The biggest issue for us is attracting people to the profession. Unless salary is addressed this will not happen. Teacher training at Auckland University is being retrenched and the Epsom campus closed, as there are not enough trainees to keep it open. This does not bode well for the future.

Central Day

Thank you to those parents and families that participated in Central Day, including past pupils acting as stewards and helping with the organisation. They had to put up extra judging rings as they had more students than expected bringing lambs. We also had students helping on the BBQ, keeping everyone fed. Unfortunately we don't have the list of results to hand but congratulations to all the prize winners.

Maungatapere War Memorial Church Opening

Well done to our kapa haka group for performing at the church reopening last Sunday. Bailey Shelford also read out the names from the plaque of those that did not return. There were many positive comments from community members present. The kapa haka group are performing at Mangakahia Cultural Festival today at Mangakahia Area School. They will be wearing their new uniforms so we are looking forward to seeing the new look.

Y4-8 Athletic Sports

Monday 12 November was an excellent day, with all our Y4-8 students participating in the school athletic sports. Congratulations to all those that got out there and did their best. As with any sports there are some students with natural talents and some that

find it really hard. Everyone was acknowledged for their effort and participation, which does help build resilience and coping strategies.

Thanks to Mr Dan Tissink and the staff for their organisation and effort to make the day run smoothly.

Students selected to participate in the Y7/8 and Y4-6 WPSSA athletic sports will be notified. These events are on Wednesday 28 November for Y7/8 and Wednesday 5 December for Y4-6.

The winners of each year group and activity were:

High Jump: Y4 Lulu Cullen, Awanui Owen; **Y5** Macey Guy, Lucas Reihana; **Y6** Francesca Provan, Tokoaitua Owen; **Y7** Anya Miller, Matt Parsons; **Y8** Stella Bland, Kieran Froggatt.

Shotput: **Y4** Heidi Shepherd, Carter Iraia; **Y5** Paige Karl, Keelan O'Neill; **Y6** Asha Rose Horan, Tokoaitua Owen; **Y7** Anya Miller, Blake Harvey; **Y8** Caitlin Thompson, Hayden Shelford.

Discus: Y4 Heidi Shepherd, Carter Iraia; Y5 Macey Guy, Lewis Newton; Y6 Asha Rose Horan, Joshua McRae; Y7 Ava Iraia, Jimi Whitehead/Lachie Newman; Y8 Sophina Adams, Regan Cocking. Long Jump: Y4 Heidi Shepherd, Nate Kitchen; Y5 Macey Guy, Keelan O'Neill; Y6 Shae Neumann, Tokoaitua Owen; Y7 Ava Iraia, Jimi Whitehead; Y8 Diara Sketchley/Leah McRae, Hayden Shelford.

60m Sprint: Y4 Heidi Shepherd, Finlay Anderson.

80m Sprint: Y4 Heidi Shepherd, Carter Iraia; **Y5** Macey Guy, Keelan O'Neill; **Y6** Francesca Provan, James MacDonald.

100m Sprint: Y5 Macey Guy, Keelan O'Neill; **Y6** Pippi Woolston, James MacDonald; **Y7** Anya Miller, Jimi Whitehead; **Y8** Stella Bland, Hayden Shelford.

200m Sprint: Y7 Hannah Adams, Connor O'Neill; **Y8** Leah McRae, Hayden Shelford.

Transport Relay: Whatitiri Bus Line

Class Relays: Y4 Room 5; **Y5/6** Room 2; **Y7/8** Room 7

Thank You: To S J Reid Ltd at Maungatapere for their donation of sawdust for our long jump pit, we appreciate their support.

End of Year Information and Activities

Swimming: We are getting the swimming pool ready for swimming and will notify when classes begin their swimming programmes. The pool will be heated until the end of the year so children do not get cold.

Pool keys will be available for the school community with information about this in the next newsletter.

Y7/8 Final tech days: Final days for Y7/8 technology classes at Mangakahia are R8 on Friday 23 November. R8 will also have a tech day on Monday of that week so there will be 2 in the one week. R7's last tech day is Friday 30 November. If you have not paid your tech fees yet please do so direct to Mangakahia Area School.

Y8 Graduation: At the end of each year we hold a special dinner

for our Y8 leavers and their families to celebrate their transition to secondary school. This year it will be held at A'Fare on Friday 14 December. Students will bring home a notice early next week which outlines the evening and cost for dinner. Please return the slip attached with payment by Monday 3 December.

Trip Week: During the week of 10-14 December classes will be participating in end of year fun activities at school or trips. Notification will be sent home from each class with the relevant information. The room 1, 4 and 5 trip is earlier on 28 November.

This year our PTA has donated some funding toward the cost of these events to keep the costs down for our community. Thank you to the PTA team.

School Disco: Our end of year school disco will be held on Thursday 13 December. This is for all students from new entrants to Y8 and is a fun event organised by the school council. The theme this year is 'sports'. The disco will run from 6.00 - 7.30pm and the PTA will sell food and drink – sausages, pizza etc. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

2019 Classes: On Tuesday 18 December all students will be given their 2019 classes and visit their new rooms. This will give them time to meet their teacher and find out a little about who will be in their class next year. For some students this can create some anxiety, but we ask that you work through this with your children and be positive about the year ahead. Once they settle into their new room they are fine and get to make new connections with other children as well as those they have been with previously. We do consider placement very carefully to ensure students are

We do consider placement very carefully to ensure students are put into a class that best suits their needs and they can make the most of their learning next year.

Portfolio Reports: These will go home on Tuesday 18 December. The end of year report is a condensed version of the half year report and gives you information about how your children are achieving in reading, writing and maths as well as other areas of the curriculum and key competencies. Please enjoy reading and sharing these with your children.

Prize Giving: Prize giving is on the last day of school, Wednesday 19 December at 10am. Our prize giving is held on the school field, weather permitting. School finishes at the end of prize giving at around 11.15am, so children need to be collected at that time. There are no end of school buses or after school care on that day.

Reminders

TIMSS Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study:

This will happen next week for our Y5 students. Parents have been sent home information about the process and a questionnaire to complete and return before the end of the term.

Spud Growing competition: Your potatoes should be growing well and will be judged in the next 2 - 3 weeks. Keep them watered with these windy, sunny days.

BOT Meeting: Our next board meeting will be Wednesday 21 November at 7pm.

School Photos: These will be sent home as soon as we receive them, hopefully within the next week or two.

School Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils:

- * **Evie Wright R13** Your super attitude helps to make your learning happen!
- * **Isaiah Watson-Meyer R8** For a great start to the term and really trying with his writing.
- * Aza Schimanski R9 For working hard and helping his peers.
- * **Zeke Nathan R13** For always doing his best and for being a great role model.
- * **Kate Gibb R6** For working hard and completing all her Ag Day projects.
- * **Ella Guitry R5** For demonstrating a positive can-do attitude to her learning.

Room 8 Acrostic Poems

Sun shining on my back.
Petals blooming and coming alive.
Rainbows glistening in my eyes.
Ice-creams melting down my wrist.

Never bored there are things to do.

Galloping into the water at the beach.

By Diara Sketchley

Silly little lambs frolicking in flower filled meadows.

Perfect petunias bloom in the warm sun. Rowdy baby birds chirp loudly wanting food.

Identical frogs croaking as they leap across the lily pads.

Newly ripened fruits drop off the trees.

Graceful geese glide across the lake.

By Bella Tissink

Summer Reading Programme

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



- Follow instructions to build/create something crafty
- Read comics, newspaper
- Read to them, even confident readers enjoy being read to.
- Make your own audio book using a computer

A child who reads will be an adult who thinks.

Key Dates/Coming Events - Term 4

Fri 16 - WGHS Orientation Day

Mon 19 - WBHS Orientation Day 9.15am-12.30pm

Wed 21 - BOT Meeting

Wed 28 Nov - Y3/4 Marine Visit / WPSSA Y7-8 Athletics

Wed 5 Dec - PJ Day / WPSSA Y4-6 Athletics

Thur 6 - Athletics Y0-3
Mon 10 - Fri 14 - Classes Trip Week
Wed 12 - BOT Meeting 7pm
Thur 13 - School Disco

Fri 14 - Y8 Graduation Dinner

Tues 18 - 2019 Class Swap / Portfolios home
Wed 19 Dec - Prizegiving / Early Closing/ End of Term

Thur 7 Feb 2019 - Term 1 starts

Community Notices

Wave Rave Fundraiser (Beyond Water) - 15 December at Whangarei Aquatic Centre. Whangarei Boys High students have partnered up with the Whangarei Aquatic Centre to help raise funds for Beyond Water, a social justice group who help schools in Kenya that do not have access to water or suitable toilet facilities. Tickets are \$8 from the school office (eligible 8-14yrs) get them while you can as there is a limited amount! For more info go to Whangarei Aquatic Centre webpage.

Wanted To Rent - 2-3 bedroom cottage/house within 25kms of Maun-

Wanted To Rent - 2-3 bedroom cottage/house within 25kms of Maungatapere. Mother and daughter, both working. Ph Coral 027-2522763. Good From Scratch - Kids cookbook tour with Michael Van de Elzen. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 student. Tues 4 Dec 6-7.30pm Whg Intermediate School hall. An entertaining evening with cooking demo, Q & A session, book signing etc.



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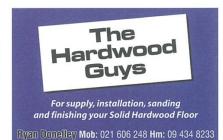
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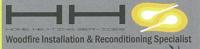
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