



*Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!*

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

A special congratulations and a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA team for your organisation of Maunga Mayhem last weekend. There is considerable planning and work that leads up to this event and the team is very dependent on community support to manage on the day. Thank you to those families, staff and other supporters who did volunteer – without this support the event could not go ahead and it was a struggle this year to get there. Over \$25,000 was raised for the school – to contribute to a covered area over the top court – a great result! Thank you also to the Duffy family for making their farm available for the event – an awesome venue that certainly challenges the competitors.

A special welcome to those new pupils and their families who have started at school this week: Finn Young, Mia & Zoe Agnew and Zekiah Boyte.

## MAUNGA MAYHEM

Congratulations to the winners and all the competitors who completed a tough event:

Major Mayhem Mens - Ollie Vester

Major Mayhem Womans - Tania Cook

Major Mayhem Team - Conew

Mini Mayhem Boys - Joe Taylor

Mini Mayhem Girls - Millie Taylor

Mixed Mayhem Boys - Ben Oxford & Dad

Mixed Mayhem Girls - Leah Carroll & Dad

It was also great to see the younger children being supported to complete the event by their mums, dads and extended whanau; some supported their support person! The school would like to acknowledge the many sponsors – from our school and local community and further afield for sponsoring the obstacles and prizes. Please support these businesses if you can. Appreciation also goes to Mangakahia Lions who gave their time to help with parking on the day. We were also lucky to have a sell-out event, despite the many other activities that were on last weekend. Hayley Taylor (PTA president) and her hard working team did a great job, putting many hours of volunteer work to support Maungatapere School to be well resourced.

The next PTA meeting will be Monday 29 March at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

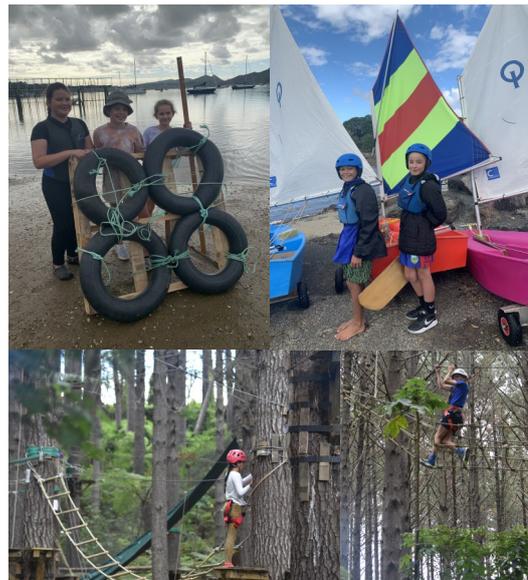
## Y5/6 LONSDALE PARK CAMP

Our Y5/6 students had a great time at camp thanks to the support of the teachers and parents who went along. There were tired but happy faces arriving back to school on the Friday. We would like to acknowledge Pub Charity for supporting the camp with \$2817 to cover the cost of the accommodation. This helped make the camp more affordable for everyone.



## Y7/8 EOTC WEEK

This week our Y7/8 students were challenging themselves to participate in some new activities including sailing, fishing and raft building at Parua Bay, tree climbing in the Adventure Forest, Rock Up rock climbing, archery and team building, shelter building activities at school. We appreciate the support parents and whanau are providing, with transport and supervision to these events. Thank you to the Oxford Sports Trust who have provided \$2500 toward the cost of Rock Up - the final event for the week. R7 will have Technology as normal on Friday, so they need to remember their shoes as usual.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Each year senior classes elect representatives from their class to be members of our school council. The council take on responsibilities within our school, including organising fun days and fundraising events. They have the opportunity to have input into the school with feedback and suggestions about changes and improvements they want to make.

Our school council this year is:

Captain: Lia Neumann  
Vice Captain: Lulu Cullen  
Secretary: Heidi Shepherd  
Councillors:

Year 4 R1 - Isi McGrath  
R2 - Ayla Wood  
R3 - Aidan Neuhold

Year 5/6 R9 - Leah Smith/Eva Gemmill  
R13 - Tayla Lambert/Chloe Cliff

R14 - Sheldon Hill/Adina Halford  
Year 7/8 R6 - Lulu Cullen/Heidi Shepherd  
R7 - Dilan Brown/Lia Neumann  
R8 - Bethany Miller/Jamie Neumann

They have demonstrated mana/pride and kawenga/responsibility by stepping up to the role and being leaders within our school. Congratulations to them for representing their classroom.

#### WPSSA SWIMMING RESULT

Well done to the team that represented the valley schools at Whangarei Intermediate last Wednesday 17 March. Congratulations to the following swimmers who were placed in the event – competing against the top age group swimmers in the Whangarei area: Millie Taylor (1<sup>st</sup> Y5 Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> Y5 Breaststroke), Lexie Jameson (4<sup>th</sup> Y5 Backstroke), Josh Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Y4 Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Y4 Breakstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Y4 Freestyle), Jackson Leigh (3<sup>rd</sup> Y4 Backstroke), Arabella Chapman (4<sup>th</sup> Y5 Breaststroke), Freddie Chapman (3<sup>rd</sup> Y4 Breakstroke), Carter Iraia (4<sup>th</sup> Y7 Backstroke), Jamie Neumann (4<sup>th</sup> Y7 Backstroke)

#### WGHS WORK DAY

On Monday we had 10 past pupils visit us for WGHS work day to help in classrooms and assist within the school. It was good to see them back and hear how well they are doing at high school this year.

#### OTANGAREI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Tomorrow our kapa haka roopu will be performing at Otangarei Cultural festival at Otangarei School. Students will have taken home a letter with information about the day and whanau are welcome to go along to support the group. Students will be travelling by bus, leaving by 9am as the Mihi Whakatau begins at 9.30am. The group are scheduled to perform at 12.45pm. It will be an opportunity for them to see other schools in action and while they have not had a lot of time together this year we know they will rise to the occasion.

#### LEARNING SUPPORT

Our school is fortunate to have a full time learning support coordinator, Mrs Andrena Norrish. Andrena's role is to support students with learning and behaviour needs within our school, liaising with whanau, teachers and outside agencies. She ensures our teacher aide team are supporting these children within our classrooms. We can also refer students to the RTLB Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour Adrian Humm. Adrian works closely with Andrena, teachers and our school to support the achievement of students with learning and/or behaviour difficulties in an inclusive way. This can be with individual students, small groups, whole classes or school-wide. Carolyn Goodison, our SENCO is also part of this team and works closely with those students who have health needs. The focus for the learning support team is to meet the needs of students as best we can with the resources we have. Andrena works from the 'Bach' – room beside the carpark and on the days that Adrian is with us he is based there also. If you have any concerns about your children and their learning, please talk to your child's teacher or contact Andrena on 0276827373.

#### LEARNING AT HOME

Support from home is really important for students to make progress with their learning. Spelling and times tables are two key areas that families can support their children. Not knowing these basics slows down children's learning progress as they move through the levels. If they can spell well, their writing is so much easier and they can recognise when words do not 'look right'. Without the recall of basic facts and times tables maths becomes hard, as they have to work out this before they can answer the bigger question. These skills are often achieved through rote learning – repeated practice. We gain many skills this way including things like riding a bike.

Practice can be included in many ways – on car journeys, while preparing dinner, doing dishes. Unfortunately, assessment results are showing these skills are not as good as they used to be! Our school motto is to strive on for ever and ever – this is something many students need to do to become confident, capable and connected learners.

#### WRITE THAT ESSAY

One area of professional development our school is part of is a programme called Write That Essay. It is a way of teaching writing which looks at the key components of a sentence and then how to expand on this. Teachers and students use sentence trains to put together the different parts of a sentence, use different starters, and see how sentences can be reassembled in different ways to make them more interesting. We are starting to notice greater interest and better sentence structure as a result. Next Wednesday key staff will be involved in further professional development with experts coming in and modelling in some classrooms

#### SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Gus Attwood R10** - For showing leadership skills at the start of the year.

**Kobe Frost R11** - For being a fantastic role model.

**Austin Malley R11** - For always using beautiful manners.

**Ava Neumann R14** - For stepping up as a role model in our class and always supporting others.

**Nicole Ruddell R7** - For stepping up as a role model.

**Grace Gourlay R8** - For supporting others with their learning and being positive.

#### TERM CALENDAR

Mon 22 March	-	Yr 7/8 EOTC Week
Fri 2 April	-	Good Friday
Mon 5 April	-	Easter Monday
Tues 6 April	-	Schools Easter Tuesday
Fri 9 April	-	School Photos
Fri 16 April	-	Last day Term 1
Mon 3 May	-	Term 2
<b>Mon 31 May</b>	-	<b>Teacher only Day (no School)</b>

#### REMINDERS

**Intermediate Netball** - Intermediate netball begins on Saturday 10 April. Teams will be finalised next week and uniforms will be given out before the beginning of grading. Juniors do not begin until after the term break.

**Easter Break** - Easter falls in term time this year. A reminder to families that school is closed on the Tuesday after Easter as well as the Monday.

**Term 2 Curriculum Teacher only Day** - Please note there will be no school on Monday 31 May as this is will be a curriculum reporting day.

**PTA Bulb Fundraiser** - the PTA receive 20% of all sales. This year it is online, please go to [www.bulbsdirect.co.nz](http://www.bulbsdirect.co.nz) and use the code Maungatapere, orders close 31 March

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Central Brown Football Twilight Kicks** - We are running free twilight football nights before the season starts, from Thurs 11 March to 15 April for any kids aged 8 and up. Teams are mixed up on the night, all children welcome.

**Maunu Hockey** - Please register by filling in the form on the Facebook page or email [maunuhockey@gmail.com](mailto:maunuhockey@gmail.com) before the end of term 1. Games start first week of term 2. All players welcome!!

**Northland Futsal Academy** - Epic school holiday program for kids aged 7-13 years 8.30am - 4.00pm daily.

**Matarau School Fundraiser** - Jumpfest Flip Out Friday 26th March and Friday 9th April 6-7.30pm. Contact Matarau School for tickets.

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