

MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL



Term 2
06 May 2021

Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome to Term 2, always a busy term with winter sports and events. The settled weather over the term break certainly allowed for lots of outdoor activities and hopefully some great family time.

We welcome Rachael Murray, Whaea Rachael, as our new deputy principal of the senior school and know she will bring a wealth of experience teaching Y7/8 as well as contributing to our curriculum development.

Welcome also to Mrs Jacki Hamilton and Miss Brooke Hepi who will be team teaching in R5 in the mornings until our new entrant numbers increase.

This term is a busy time for our senior Y7/8 students with science fair projects starting. Information will be going home to parents to help support this. All students will also be involved in assessment activities with their teachers during the first half of the term.

A special welcome to those new pupils and their families who have started at school during the last fortnight: Natalia Barlow, Reon Kokich, Ronan Hibbard, Rachael Lucas, Kolten Lucas, Jackson Fidler, Casey Williams and Larissa Jansen.

KOROKOTA MARAE VISIT

On Tuesday 18 May we are taking the whole school to Korokota Marae for a powhiri and to learn a little about the history of our area. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning by 2pm, travelling by bus. If you are able to help with supervision on the day that would be great. A letter will go home at the end of this week with further details.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE:

Thank you to those families that supported the local ANZAC service at the Maungatapere Memorial Hall. The service was hosted by our senior students – well done Jamie Neumann, Stella McConachie and Santahna Simona who were supported by flag bearers. Suzi Saweirs a Y12 student from WGHS gave an excellent speech about the strength and sacrifice of those that fought.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Our school has usually presented a hard copy portfolio report to parents at the end of the second term. Last year with COVID, the first half of the year was very disrupted and just a written report was sent home. This year we have decided to move to a digital portfolio rather than a hard copy. This will be sent to parents and whanau using the Seesaw app that many classes used during learning at home, and are still using to share learning with whanau. If you have not joined the app, information will be sent home from classrooms to help. During the term, teachers will share children's work via the parent portal. This will include reading, writing and maths work as well as other topic and class activities. While many teachers are already sharing group and class activities through Seesaw, these learning examples will be more specific to your own children and what they can do. These will only be shared to the whanau, not the whole class.

A written report will be sent home with an information letter at the end of this term. This will provide information relating to key competencies and curriculum areas, as we have done previously.

As we develop our digital portfolio, samples of work will be shared during the first half and the second half of the year.

If parents want to build a digital portfolio of their children's learning, you can do this using the Seesaw app. **Monday 31st May will be a Teacher Only Day** to enable teachers to undertake their curriculum reporting.

WRITE THAT ESSAY PROGRAMME

All staff have been involved in professional development to teach writing in a very structured way. Next Wednesday, teachers will participate in zoom meetings at school to develop skills to teach students how to expand their ideas in their writing. Sentence trains are used to teach phrases, sentence types and sentence starters. They also teach surface features – capital letters, commas, full stops using the engines and carriages. These enable students to see the phrases they put together to write well.

OPEN/SHARING DAY

On Wednesday 30 June we are planning an open day for parents and grandparents to come in and share what students have been learning about. Students can share their learning with whanau as well as learn from them. Please note it in your diary.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION

We will be sharing information and a survey relating to the revised curriculum guidelines. This will be to inform our community what is in the guidelines for each area of the school and to get feedback about what is important to cover at our school. This will also lead into the puberty education programme running on 3rd & 4th June for Y6/7/8 pupils. The survey will include all levels of the school with the key learning revised by the Ministry of Education. These are guidelines, so we need to get guidance from our community about what is important.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Pyjama Day raised \$250 for SPCA last term. On Tuesday 25 May they will hold a Twin day (a perennial favourite), with funds raised going to the Starship Hospital. They are also holding a talent quest in the last couple of week of the term.

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Next term we will be working toward a whole school production at the end of the term. Traditionally we do this every second year, culminating with two performances at Forum North. We are fortunate to have talented staff who contribute in many ways to the production – writing, producing items and creating costumes. If anyone is interested in helping make costumes please get in contact with the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are now available to order. Order forms are enclosed with your newsletter. You can order online with the code provided on the order form, alternatively you can complete the enclosed order form and return it to school.

PTA

The next PTA meeting is Monday 10 May at 7.30pm. The PTA are currently selling kindling for \$12 per 8kg bag. Order forms are enclosed along with an invitation to a school community Ladies Night Out on Saturday 26th June 2021.

TE MANAWA TAHI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HUBS

This is a free learning support hub where whanau can go and talk to educational specialists about your child's learning needs. You do not need to book. The next hub meeting in our area will be at Back to Basics on 10 June 9am - 12pm.

Remember you can come into school and talk to us about your children's learning needs at any time also. Andrena Norrish our learning support coordinator is available for this 0276827373.

ROOM 4 - SCIENCE

At the end of term one we had science week. We learnt about colour mixing, and forces. You can see us doing a colour jumping experiment and constructing our bridges.



SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Carter Cairns-Cowan R11- For his awesome, enthusiastic attitude towards his learning.

Kate Batty R7 - For having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Arabella Johnston R5 - Showing amazing initiative during learning times.

Lori Presland R8 - For stepping up and supporting others in the classroom.

Oscar Toorenberg R13 - Being an enthusiastic learner and striving to be his best!

Georgie King R14 - Being a motivated learner and trying her best in all that she does.

TERM CALENDAR

Tue 18/19 May	-	Korokota Marae Visit
Mon 31 May	-	Teacher only Day (no School)

REMINDERS

Student clothing - Thank you to those wonderful parents who name their children's clothing and shoes. Our Wednesday assemblies includes a display of lost property, which rapidly accumulates during the term. If items are named, we are able to quickly return them to their owners and our pile of left clothing does not get as large. Many of our students are capable of naming their own clothes if shown where to do so.

School carpark - A reminder to use the footpaths when moving to and from cars – not across the drive. This is especially important where cars are backing out of parking spaces. The concreted area beside the top fence is in place to prevent cars backing into the fence and is not an actual footpath.

End of Day lines - These have moved on to the front court over the winter terms with bus lines closest to the bus bay end. Car lines will remain by the gate for easy pick up.

Netball Fees - Payments need to be made by 30 May 2021. Juniors are \$37 and Intermediate \$67.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rural Delivery Driver Wanted - Maungatapere run 3-4hrs per day Monday - Friday. Contact Bow 0272377497 for details.

Maunu Hockey - Have spaces for year 7/8 players so please get in touch if you would like to join a team and be coached by Jenny and Vaughn Canty. Email maunuhockey@gmail.com

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