

# MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL



Term 3  
23 July 2020

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

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope everyone had a safe break and survived the rain deluge without too much damage. There was certainly some flooding in the area, however our school has been lucky with only wet fields to contend with. We now need some sunshine and wind to help dry things out a little!

This is a busy term with quite a few events on – so please make a note of dates in your diary. We will do our best to use the School App, email and Facebook to keep everyone informed also.

Welcome to the Angus Family - Geva and Hazel who started with us this week.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS AND PARENT/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Student reports will be going home at the end of next week 31<sup>st</sup> July in an envelope for parents. The report covers key competencies and a general comment plus reading, writing and maths comments and achievement and effort levels.

There is no portfolio this year. This decision was made because of the learning at home time and the work that was being shared with families via Seesaw and Google docs.

In week 3 on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 August times will be available for parents to come in and talk with their children's teachers about the report and any other points you or the teacher want to cover. Students are welcome to be part of this process – especially at the senior end of the school. It is important that they are part of the goal setting for the second half of the year and know what they need to achieve it. Interviews are for 15 minutes so there will be a little more time to cover everything required.

*A booking information sheet is included with this newsletter.*

Times will be Wednesday 5 August – 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 6 August – 1.15pm – 7pm. **Please note school will close at 1pm on Thursday. Buses will run at 1pm and After School Care will available from 1pm – 5.45pm also.**

If you have difficulty the office can assist during the school day. If you are not able to make these dates please talk to your child's teacher to arrange another time that suits.

## WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO BUTTERFLY CREEK

We have planned a 'big day out' – taking the whole school to Butterfly Creek in Mangere, Auckland on Wednesday 12 August. This will mean an early start, leaving at 7.30am and returning about 6pm. Cost per student will be \$35 – we have applied for charity funding but due to the venues not being open there is limited funding this year, so the school is going to subsidise the remainder. This day will be a huge motivator for our topic learning this term – looking at butterflies, mammals and dinosaurs. Students will have a keeper talk and an opportunity to see animals fed.

We travel by bus, which is a huge experience in itself for many of our students. Parent supervision and support will be required with information and permission forms etc coming home next week.

## GYMNASTICS

Classes will be involved in an 8 week gymnastics programme this term. Week 2-9 Monday or Tuesday. They will need to have clothing suitable to participate – shorts and T-shirts are best so they are able to tumble, jump etc to participate fully.

Mondays - Yr's 3/4 and Rm's 10, 11 & 7

Tuesdays - Yr's 5/6, and Rm's 4,5,12,6 & 8

## AGRICULTURE DAY

Please return entry forms for Agriculture Day if you have not done so. These are due back to school by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July so organisation can get underway. Our Lamby day-care is up and ready for visitors. We currently have some baby goats here. The day-care has been upgraded with a larger area and new fencing to ensure the animals stay in. Senior students are available to help with organising feeds during the day – send what is needed with instructions and they will help the younger students if needed. If you are delivering animals you can use the Beverly Crescent entrance, but please take care through the car-park and playground.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Council is organising a Talent Show this term with auditions on 4/5 August and finals on 17 August. Students can enter on the form on the student notice board. The council is also running writing and drama classes during lunchtimes this term for those interested.

They are running a 'can' week in Wk 3, 3-7 August – asking families to bring in a can of food. These will be collected over the week and taken to the Salvation Army for food donations.

## Y7/8 SCIENCE FAIR

This year there will not be a science fair at Forum North as there has been in the past, but there will be a virtual (online) science fair which some of our students will enter. They will be interviewed about their projects and awards will be given out as previously. The Y7/8 students have done a great job of completing their projects – many of which they started at home.

These will be available to look at while parent interviews are on in the school library – so please take the time to have a look while you are here.

## CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

The year 3-8 students were to begin training this week for the school cross-country event but so far the weather has not been very helpful! Generally, trainings will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students may need to bring shoes to train in, and Y7/8 are able to bring a change of clothes if they wish (Tshirt/shorts) for the run then change back into their uniform. All students are expected to participate. They are grouped according to their speed and the focus is on improving their time and over the weeks increasing the distance they can run. Teachers are on the course which takes students along the footpath and up Corsair Drive and return. We are planning to hold our school cross country on Wednesday 19 August – please put the afternoon event in your diary. The WPSSA inter school cross country is Wednesday 26 August.

***Nurturing confident, capable learners who strive to fly high.***

### PROPERTY UPDATE

During the term break the power coming into our school was upgraded and a new Montrose box installed. The old power pole has been removed and the line is now underground. Unfortunately, this has meant the area beside the carpark fence has been dug up and we will need to re-grass. This has meant the school entry area at the end of the day has become more congested. We are training the children to stand on the side of the path to allow room for entry and exit of parents, but it is only the first week so please be patient. Long term we will be able to have students wait along the fence line as we did last term to reduce congestion. However, the plus side is that we now have enough power in the school to run whatever is needed, and will no longer be blowing pole fuses! The school is future proofed thanks to the hard work of Jeff Webb Electrical and his team, with the power off for only a couple of days.

### SCHOOL NETBALL

School netball is getting underway for juniors over the next week and continuing for the intermediate students. Information has been sent home to coaches and draws will be sent home to all team members initially. Draws are available on the Whangarei Netball website also. Uniforms have been issued to all those students involved. Fees have been reduced to the following: Juniors \$27, Intermediates \$45. This includes a \$5 uniform fee. ***These need to be paid to the school by tomorrow 24 July*** so we can then pay the Netball Association.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS

During Term 3 our local secondary schools come and talk to our students about their programmes prior to open days and enrolment. Y8 parents please be aware of the options open to your children for secondary school and if you wish to come in during their visits you are most welcome.

Usually WGHS, WBHS, Tauraroa and Huanui visit our school.

Dates we have so far are:

WGHS & WBHS talk to students 9.30am Tues 28 July at school.

WBHS open evening Thursday 30 July; WGHS Open evening Wednesday 5 August.

We suggest you visit these sessions, have a look around and ask any questions you may have before deciding on the appropriate secondary school for your child.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Isla Gibson R2** - For amazing home learning! So much effort put in to all areas - outstanding.

**Eva Smyth R2**- For always being a kind and caring friend. Supporting your team mates with great encouragement.

**Ellie McRae R7**- For her outstanding effort and attitude towards all areas of her learning.

**Alexa Vollenhoven R1** - For being a great role model in R1 and her learning both at school and at home.

**Maddi Cooper R11** - For her wonderful positive attitude towards her learning.

**Pippi Woolston R6** - Consistently showing a positive attitude towards her learning.

### REMINDERS

**Transport Lines** - If you have changes to transport arrangements this term please notify the school office.

**Corsair Drive** – if you wish your children to be collected from Corsair Drive and would like them to walk along the footpath please notify the school office and we will ensure they go with the walkers teacher and cross the carpark area safely.

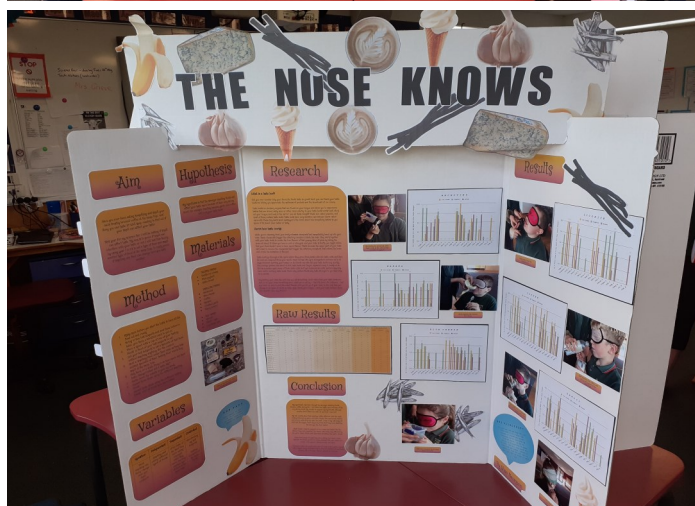
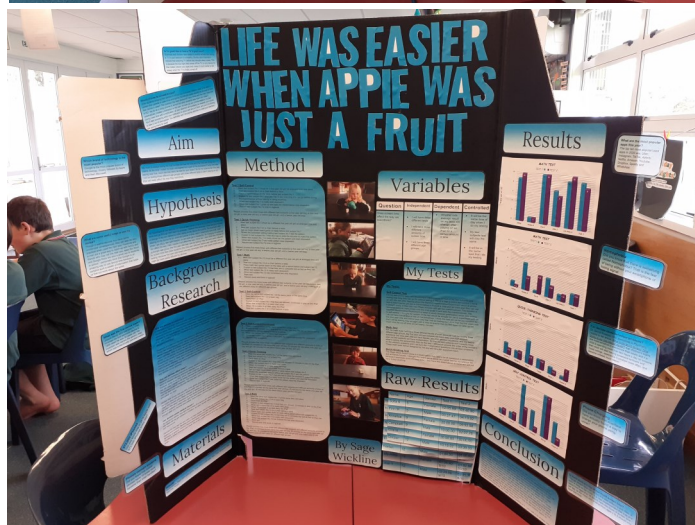
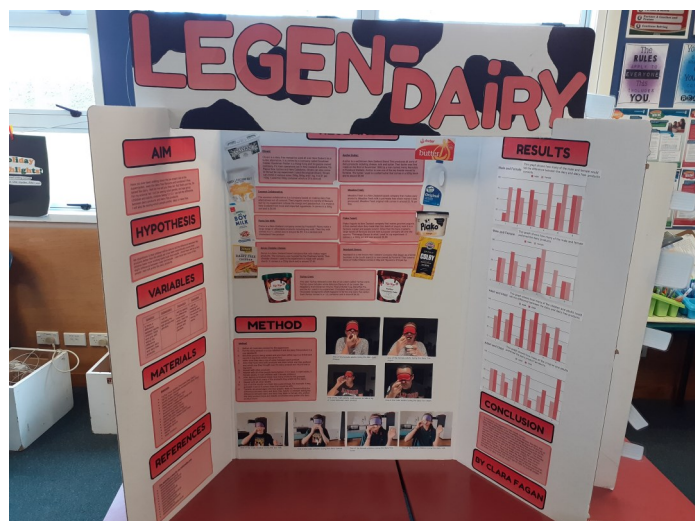
### TERM CALENDAR

Fri 31 July	-	Reports home
5/6 August	-	Parent conferences
Thurs 6 August	-	Early Close
Wed 12 August	-	Butterfly Creek visit
Mon 17 August	-	Talent Show Final
Wed 19 August	-	Cross country
Wed 19 August	-	BOT Meeting
Wed 16 Sep	-	New School photo day
Sat 31 October	-	Ag Day

### COMMUNITY NOTICES


If you are interested in working at the elections in September

## A Sneak Peek at Rm 7 Science Fair Boards





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