



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

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Thank you to those parents and whanau who supported our visit to Korokota Marae on Tuesday. The school would like to especially acknowledge Mr Nip McGrath and his whanau for organising the visit, sharing their stories with us and giving their time for the day. Despite the showers we had a really positive day.

The office sent out reminders around school donations at the start of the term – thank you to the many families that contributed. These help cover the cost of a wide range of school activities.

A reminder Y7/8 and Y4-6 winter sports days are coming up, as is the Y6-8 puberty parent information session. There are several links in this newsletter which allow you to have input into NZ curriculum and community safety, so please support these if you can.

Welcome to our new pupils and families who have joined our school during the last fortnight: Kaden Hendry

## KOROKOTA MARAE VISIT

Our students had a great day learning about the local area, the development of the local marae and hapu and experiencing Maori culture first hand. Students gained an understanding of local families and the important Maori Chiefs who led in our area. They also visited the river and participated in poi, rakau and string games. Matua Shane, our Te Reo and kapa haka teacher responded on our behalf when we were welcomed on to the marae and Carter Iraia, a Y7 student also spoke on behalf of the school. Lola, Isi and Finn McGrath were part of the group that welcomed us on to their marae, which was special for them also. Our senior students were excellent teachers and supporters of their younger buddies through the day.



## 2021 TOPIC:

Learning about Different Cultures: Because of the marae visit, classes have been learning about Maori tikanga/ protocol and some classes have focussed on early NZ history including the 'great migration'. Other classes have had a focus on Maori myths and legends and others are looking at early settlement in our area, including the history of the war memorial church and our surrounding area. Part of learning about different cultures is to understand that in the world people have different beliefs and ways of doing things. This is not about religion, nor does it include any teaching of religion. While karakia are part of Maori culture and are part of our Te Reo sessions they are not religious based and are shared within our learning of Maori culture.

Next term we will be looking at different countries within our world and their cultures.

## DRAFT NEW ZEALAND HISTORIES CURRICULUM:

The Ministry of Education is currently seeking community response to their draft NZ Histories in the national curriculum. There has been an advertising campaign on the media to promote an online survey which is open until May 2021. The link below will take you directly to the information:

[Read more about the draft curriculum survey and how to take part in the Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories survey](#)

From 2022 onwards, Aotearoa New Zealand's histories will be taught in all schools and kura.

## SEESAW APP FOR REPORTING TO PARENTS

If you have not already done so please load the Seesaw app to enable teachers and students to share their learning with you. This will include individual assessment information for your child/children also. Information and a specific QR Code has been shared with you – many are in your child's homework book if you cannot find it.

## RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Thank you to those families that have already responded to our community survey relating to the above guidelines. If you have not done so, these guidelines cover all levels of the curriculum from Y1-8. The link to the survey is: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJUIUi3UnLDX9beG9fv7WYFVRWmqcXR6dD-XMAUNkFSrniA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJUIUi3UnLDX9beG9fv7WYFVRWmqcXR6dD-XMAUNkFSrniA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### MAUNGATAPERE VILLAGE INCORPORATED

This is a community group that has received funding from the Whangarei District Council to support community development. The group have developed priorities to develop walking and cycling tracks, beautifying and improving safety in the village and community communication.

Under the safety priority they are working with the council to reduce speed limits through the community and are currently investigating the best way to engage with Waka Kotahi NZTA as a community. You can find information about the [consultation on the NZTA website](#). If you can advocate for change with Waka Kotahi, please do so and pass this information on to others.

The more parents that support changes to the speed limits the more likely they are to address the safety issues for children crossing roads in our area.

You can find further information from their newsletter: [Maungatapere community news \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

### SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. The site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://maungatapere.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "maungatapere" and password "kukupa". There is a link on our school website under policies and procedures.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Board has been through a process of appointment and co-option to bring it up to full strength again. The school board members are: Mrs Kim Brown, Chairperson; Mr Dave Howell, Mr Hagan Taylor, Mr Fraser Chapman, Mrs Anne-Marie Kelly, Mr Greg Sylvester. Board members do have specific reporting roles but work as a team to ensure the school is well resourced and students have a safe and healthy environment. They give their time freely as community representatives governing the school and the school staff appreciate the support given.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Order information went home last newsletter. Orders are due by Thursday 3rd of June. Contact the office if you need your order code.

### PTA

The PTA is having a Ladies Night Out on Saturday 26th June, there are only 4 tickets left! Contact Maungata-

secure your spot! The next PTA meeting is on 28th June at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

### DENTAL CARAVAN

We understand from the Dental Health team that the school will have a dental caravan visit at some stage this year. We have not been informed when however. Please remember that if you have any concerns relating to your children's teeth or they have not had an annual checked for a while, you can organise for an appointment through 0800MYTEETH.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Matilda Halford R5** - *Being a respectful and responsible role model during class time.*

**Karloh Luke R13** - *A renewed focus and attitude to his learning! Keep it up!*

**Violet Fraser R1** - *Always working hard, striving to be her "best".*

**Nina Rush R2** - *Having a focussed, determined attitude towards all learning. Keep it up Nina!*

**Harry Turner R6** - *Great start to year! Showing leadership and being a great role model.*

**Rohan Jay Nair R1** - *For always being in the correct place at the correct time with the correct equipment. Someone who takes his learning seriously.*

### TERM CALENDAR

Wed 26 May -	Yr7/8 Winter Sports
<b>Mon 31 May -</b>	<b>Teacher only Day (no School)</b>
Wed 02 June -	Yr4-6 Winter Sports
Mon 07 June -	Queens Birthday no School
Wed 30 June -	Open Day

### REMINDERS

**School Council** - Twin Day on Tuesday 25 May, with funds raised going to the Starship Hospital. They are also holding a talent quest in the last couple of week of the term.

**Teacher Only Day** - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May will be a teacher only day for staff to undertake curriculum reporting.

**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.

**Puberty Education for Y6-8** - Parent meeting Wednesday 2 June 6.30pm in R7 for those parents wanting information about what is covered by Nest Consultants during the puberty talks on 3/4 June

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Coding NZ** - In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology not just consume it. Coding NZ's lessons empower students with the tools they need and help give students the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Extend your child's awareness and horizons. Free trial lessons available now at [codingnz.com/signup](http://codingnz.com/signup)

**Pink Ribbon Event** - Flourish Maternity and Forever Memories Photography are having a Mums Day Out on Saturday 30th May at the Te Mai Parents Centre. Contact Alisha on 0274965282 for more information.

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

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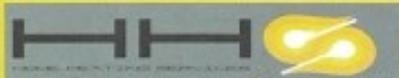


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