



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Last week was a busy week with Science Fair, WPSSA interschool cross country and netball prize giving.

Congratulations to all those that were involved in these events and especially to those students that were successful in gaining prizes and places. – Listed below.

Welcome to Mrs Leann Smedley, Massey University teacher trainee, who will be working in R4 with Mr Scott Martin from Monday 9 September, for the next 6 weeks.

Welcome also to our new families and students who have started at Maungatapere; Sage Wickline and Maddison Cooper.

## WPSSA INTERSCHOOL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Over 50 Y4-8 Students represented Maungatapere School at the Whangarei interschool cross country at Barge Park on Wednesday 28 August in their age groups. They all ran hard and can be proud of their achievements – running against more than 200 students in some age groups. Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent results, coming in the first 20. These students are eligible to attend the Northland Interschool's Cross Country, also at Barge Park on Wednesday 18 September;

Joshua McRae 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ella Fraser 19<sup>th</sup>, Tokoaitua Owen 14<sup>th</sup>, Aza Schimanski 19<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Kalkhoven 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ellie McRae 9<sup>th</sup>, Francesca Provan 14<sup>th</sup>, Trent Barrell 1<sup>st</sup> and Joe Taylor 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Y7/8 SCIENCE FAIR

The following students represented our school at the Northland Science Fair at Forum North last week; Nick Dawson, Bella Tissink, Ellie McRae, Tayla Ruddell, Jordan Guitry, Dillon Worsfold, Dion Robertson, Shae Neumann, Francesca Provan and Isak Thompson.

Students put considerable effort into their projects, which were judged on Monday 26 August. The successful students are then invited to the Northland Science Fair prize giving on Tuesday evening.

Tayla received highly commended for the Fonterra Northland Operations Dairy Industry Award, and Bella received highly commended in the Northland District Health – Public Health Safety Award.

All Year 6-8 students visited the science fair on Thursday 29 August to have a look at the exhibits. This also helps develop students' ideas for next year's projects.

We were also very proud to see past pupils Riana Lane, Caitlin Thompson and Emma Yorke achieve at prize giving. Caitlin and Riana are Y9 and won the Northland Regional Council Environmental Excellence Award, with highly commended in the Farm-lands Central Northland Regional Award.

Emma Yorke is now Y11. She won the Y10/11 Best Scientific Investigation and best Y10/11 exhibit. She also won two major awards for Best Overall Scientific Investigation and Best Overall Exhibit in the science fair, receiving money and 2 large trophies for her efforts.

## NZ PLAYHOUSE THEATRE 'THE HARE & THE TORTOISE' SHOW

Our junior classes and some senior classes thoroughly enjoyed this show last Monday. It was very interactive, with students well involved in the story line and music. With our own production coming up it is always good to see actors performing live and the energy they put into it.

## Y7/8 PROGRAMME

Our Y6 students brought home information about our Y7/8 programme last Monday. This included a letter and booklet outlining the specific programme features and activities our Y7/8 students are involved in. We have asked families to return a slip confirming or otherwise, if they will be participating in our Y7/8 programme next year. This information is important, as it helps the school to make accurate decisions about our organisation next year.

If you have not yet returned it, please do so or email us the information if it is easier.

## PARKING REMINDER

When collecting students at the end of the day, please remember to stay off the footpath if you are parking on the grass verge in front of the school. While it is okay to park on the grass verge, it is illegal to be over the footpath and restrict people from using it. Police do monitor this and will ticket cars breaking the law. Families need to be able to access vehicles without taking children on to the road.

For safety reasons we also ask families not to park between the entry and exit areas of our carpark, as this restricts vision for cars leaving. They need clear views of what is coming around the corner.

Corsair Drive is only a short walk and can be safely used for parking, with footpath access.

Collecting children and leaving quickly also allows for others to use the parking that is available.

## 'THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH'

Our school production is getting well underway, with whole school practises to put it together. We are hoping for some fine weather so we can get in outside practises over the next few weeks, leading up to our performances. The production will be held at Forum North on Tuesday 22 & Wednesday 23 October. On Tuesday there will be a matinee/dress rehearsal at 12.30pm and evening shows on both Tuesday and Wednesday at 7pm. The show will last approximately 60 minutes.

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 16 Sept at \$10 a ticket.

## AGRICULTURE DAY

Look out for our Lamby Day-care lambs and students featuring in the Northern Advocate Spring farming section today. Michelle Ruddell, our Ag Day convenor is now finalising numbers in each section, so thank you to everyone who has returned their entry form. If you have not done so, please advise the school as soon as possible.

### NETBALL PRIZE GIVING

It was good to see the many parents and whanau acknowledged for their help and support at the school netball prize giving last Thursday. Players received a certificate and team photo, with Y6-8 teams also having trophies. Well done to the following players that received the trophies.

Most Improved:

- Y6 Mauns - Ally McIvor
- Pumas Y7/8 - Elly Neumann
- Hotshots Y7/8 - Mikaylah Hamm

Player of the Year:

- Y6 Mauns - Danyelle Komene
- Pumas Y7/8 - Laney Semenoff
- Hotshots Y7/8 - Ava Iraia

Sportsmanship:

- Y6 Mauns - Paige Karl
- Y7/8 Pumas - Maria Cullen/Tayla Southall
- Y7/8 Hotshots - Anya Miller/Keira Ripley

The Whangarei Netball Intermediate prize giving will be held on Wednesday 25 September, 5.30pm at the ASB Lounge at Kensington Stadium. The Y7/8 Hotshots team will receive runner up in the preliminary and championship round of their section, and Y7/8 Pumas came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their section in the preliminary round.

**Please wash and return netball uniforms and Y7/8 jackets if you have not done so.**

### SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Isla Wright R1** - For her positive, happy, helpful attitude, thank you.

**Joe Taylor R2** - For consistent progress in mathematics, Times table knowledge = Tino Pai Rawa!!

**Rachel Taft R2** - Excellent times table progress.

**Freddie Chapman R3** - For challenging himself to do the best you can.

**Alexa Vollenhoven R3** - For continuously working hard in all areas in her work.

**Tamsyn Booth R4** - For showing a positive 'can do' attitude towards her learning.

### Y7/8 FUNDRAISING

Students have been receiving spot prizes at assemblies for their fundraising efforts in selling the reusable produce bags. Thank you to the many families that have supported this fundraiser for the camp to Rotorua and Taupo Term 1 next year. Fundraising for these events is ongoing and the whole school support means costs for parents are considerably reduced.

While your children may not be directly involved next year, they will be in the future – costs for you will also be supported by the school at that time. The school also applies for charity grants to help cover costs for these events.



Photo is of the major prizes up for grabs for sales!!!

## Room 8 Fictional letter writing.

13 Bacon Ln  
Brick House



12<sup>th</sup> August 1913

By Pippi Woolston

Dear Mother,

Tragically, my two brothers, Bacon and Ham, have passed on after an encounter with Mr. Wolf. Before you get deeply depressed, their deaths were entirely their fault. I can not stress this enough it was entirely their own fault. I warned them, so don't point troopers at me. Anyway I would like them to have a lovely funeral so we can discuss the details over tea.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS

**Pyjama Day:** This will be held on Tuesday 17 September, with a gold coin donation to participate. Proceeds will go to the Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer appeal.

### REMINDERS

**BOT Meeting:** The next BOT meeting is Wednesday 18 September at 7pm in the school staff room.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Hayden Shelford for making the Whangarei rugby reps for his age group.

Please let us know of past and present student successes outside of school so we can acknowledge them

### TERM CALENDAR

- |                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tue 17 Sept       | - R4 & 5 Planting Day             |
| Tue 17 Sept       | - Pyjama Day                      |
| Wed 18 Sept       | - Nthld X country @ Barge park    |
|                   | - BOT Meeting 7pm                 |
| Thur 19 Sept      | - Mangakahia Lions Speech Contest |
| Fri 20 Sept       | - PTA Movie Night                 |
| Fri 27 Sept       | - End of Term 3                   |
| Mon 14 Oct        | - Start of Term 4                 |
| Mon/Tue 22/23 Oct | - Production                      |
| Sat 2 Nov         | - Ag Day                          |

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### **Maunu Tennis Club**

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|--------------|---|
| Senior       | - Sat 21 Sep 10am opening, thereafter 1pm |
| Twilight     | - Thurs 5.30, Starts Thurs 3 Oct          |
| Ladies Day   | - Every Wed 9am                           |
| Junior Rally | - Tues 15 Oct, 3.30pm                     |

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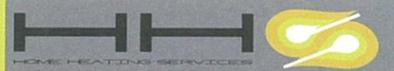
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