

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

The weather treated everyone to a wonderful summer Labour weekend – we hope everyone made the most of the fine warm weather. This Saturday is our school Agriculture Day, so bring the family and wider whanau along to enjoy the day. It will be the first time in a long while that our wider school community has been able to participate in a school event. The weather is looking okay and while we do not have as many animals this year there will be plenty to see – especially all the work students have done in preparation for the day. There is information below regarding Ag Day and also a final notice has gone out this week. A reminder to all our families – Ag Day is counted as a school day and students are marked for attendance. If students are not coming please notify the school as usual.

Welcome to those new pupils and their families who have started at school over the last 2 weeks: Presley, Reeve and Carter Cairns-Cowan, Daezon Tepania and Rihaan Jay Nair.

AGRICULTURE DAY

Students need to bring the items required on their class schedule to complete their activities tomorrow. Many have already completed activities in class and prepared their photo boards. Classroom schedules are on the school website for easy access. Students' work will be on display in their classrooms during Ag Day so please take the time to look around at what has been created – it is quite different at each level. A notice was sent home Wednesday with information about registration. A reminder junior gardens and most creative pots (Y0-3) need to be brought to school tomorrow to be judged. Senior gardens can be dropped off then also, but will not be judged until Saturday and need to be registered on Saturday morning. The remaining garden art activities will need to be registered Saturday morning also.

Farm animals need to be registered and ready for judging at their rings at 9.15am. The calves are at the far end of the field this year to enable them to be spaced out and not contact each other. Pets do not need to be registered but do need to be ready by 9.30am. We wish all our students the best and hope the animals perform well for them on the day – it is always great to see the rapport between the students and their animals. There will be a range of activities for students to participate in and also several old and new tractors to explore.

Dads – don't forget your decorative cake and best chocolate cake competition. There is a trophy to take home for the best decorated cake and the winning cakes are auctioned at the end of the day. Silent auctions in the hall are running for the cakes also.

Cakes need to be in the hall by 10am for judging thanks.

Y6/7/8 families - if you are able to help with the food tent it would be appreciated – just an hour please. We really appreciate the team helping to organise Ag Day and to our school community for supporting our students and giving them an opportunity to participate in a great country school day.

A reminder to all families to contribute a plate of baking – sweet or savoury to sell at the food tent along with the BBQ food.

These can be dropped off on Friday or Saturday morning thanks. Fundraising goes to the Y7/8 EOTC event each year.

PTA CALENDAR ART

PTA Calendar Art: This will be displayed in each classroom for you to look at and then you will need to place your order. A letter and order form have also been sent home this week. These are due by Friday 6th November. Payment into Maungatapere **School PTA 12 3099 0555332 00**. Do not take your calendar art home.



CENTRAL DAY

If you exhibited a farm animal – calf, lamb or goat – you are able to enter Central Day at Barge Park on Thursday 5 November. This is the interschool Ag Day with registration from 9am and judging at 10am. Calves do need to be pre-registered, but lambs and goats can be entered on the day. This is another opportunity for students to show their animals and the hard work they have put in. All entries from our school go towards the school team trophy.

UNIFORM SAMPLES & SCHOOL CONSULTATION AT AG DAY

We will have our school charter on display in the hall with a few response questions around reporting to parent preferences and community knowledge so please have a look and respond. We will also have uniform samples for the community to look at – including new shirt designs for school uniforms. These will all be on display in the hall so please note your preference to help us make a decision. Also please add your knowledge to our school storyline.

LIT QUIZ

Our Lit Quiz team of literature experts participated in a Northland wide competition at Kerikeri on Tuesday 27 October. The team of Paige Karl, Sage Wickline, Riley King, Pippi Woolston, Casey Worsfold, Eden Powell, Grace Gourlay and Lia Neumann



did very well in a field of 25 teams – winning 2 rounds and receiving vouchers for spot questions. Both teams came in the top half of the table and really enjoyed the experience – it is a great opportunity for our avid readers to 'strive to fly high'. Thank you to Leanne Kemp for training them and the parents that transported them to the competition.

2021 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

This time of year we are looking at our school organisation and classes for next year. If you know of new students or families coming into our area or if you are leaving and have not informed us, please contact the school office. Student numbers do effect our class organisation and also our staffing, so it is helpful to know. We will advise our community of the school organisation later in the term and students will find out their classes at the end of the term for next year. Please be assured we put considerable thought into student placement and consider social, emotional, academic and student needs overall when placing students to ensure there is balance.

WELLNESS

As part of the Kahui Ako initiative our school has a focus on Well-being. Two things we are looking at this term which can be supported at home are:

- 1) Stop, Look, Go - This allows us the take a moment and a snippet of time for ourselves and appreciate what is around us.
- 2) Gratitude - We need to practice this. Ask yourself and your children - What are the top 3 things about your day? What was the best part of your day? What is still good about today?

TERM 4 INFORMATION

Teacher Only Curriculum Day – A reminder our teacher only day for curriculum development will be **Monday 9 November**. The day will be used to review our curriculum and complete curriculum reporting. Please make sure you organise for no school on this day.

School Colour Fun Run – Thank you to all who have created a School Fun Run profile. Please remember to keep sharing your online fundraising link. Text message is the best way to share your link, followed by social media and lastly email. For those of you who are yet to get a donation, just remember that you can go in the draw to win a \$20,000 ultimate family experience by raising \$1 online.

T4 EOTC Trips – Many of our classes are participating in EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) events later in the term. Y7/8 are going to Goat Island on 26 Nov to experience the Marine Reserve as part of their sea studies this term. Y3/4 are learning to sail and develop their water safety skills on 1/3/4 Dec at Parua Bay. Y5/6 are visiting Adrenalin Park on 3 Dec to challenge themselves and develop their water awareness and key competency skills. There will be a cost for the trips and transport required so please check the dates and keep them free to help out if you are able. Costs will be kept to a minimum with subsidy where available.

REMINDERS

School sports uniforms - Please return these ASAP.

School Photos - Orders close 5th November.

BOT Account Details - 12 3099 0836089 00

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Alice Bland R13 - For showing focus during writing time. Great use of our sentence train.

Isaiah Birchall R14 - For always being a helpful, positive and kind member of Room 14.

Carter Hansen R1 - For being really switched on to his learning = SMILE (Self Motivated Independent Learner Especially when doing homework).

Sophie Brown R5 - For being an outstanding role model to others in class.

Jake Chapman R2 - For his confidence and persistence with new strategies in Math. Awesome Jake, keep it up.

Jacob Oxford R13 - For showing empathy and support to others in Rm13.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wairua Falls clean up - 15 Nov at 10am Wairua Falls Rd, Titoki.

Maunu Tennis Club Centenary - Sat 28 Nov, Maunu Tennis Club. Courts open at 12, formal welcome at 1pm.

Fireworks Display - Whangarei Lions Club Fireworks display 6pm, Semenoff Stadium on Sat 7 Nov Families \$25, adult \$10 child \$5.

SCHOOL NOTICES

DJ Needed - We need a DJ for our end of year disco, if this sounds like you please contact the office.

ASC Position - We are looking for a casual after school care employee to fill in, if you or anyone you know is interested please contact the office.

TERM CALENDAR

Thurs 29 Oct	-	Mathex
Sat 31 Oct	-	Agriculture Day
Thur 5 Nov	-	Central Day
Mon 9 Nov	-	Teacher Only Day
Tues 10 Nov	-	Y4-8 Athletics
Thurs 12 Nov	-	Mangakahia Cultural Festival
Fri 13 Nov	-	WGHS Orientation
Tues 24 Nov	-	Junior Athletics
	-	WBHS Orientation
Wed 25 Nov	-	WPSSA Y7/9 Athletics
Wed 2 Dec	-	WPSSA Y4-6 Athletics
Thurs 10 Dec	-	Fun Run

2021 Start Date: Term 1 2021 will start Tuesday 9 February (after Waitangi Day)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jessie Taylor, past pupil, who made the NZ under 21 netball side that was involved in the netball challenge last weekend. Madeline Gordon was also involved.

ROOM 13 - WRITING

Room 13 wrote a sequel to their last class novel, Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. This is the beginning of Susannah Hovell's incredible narrative.

Fall came on with a softness, so that Brian didn't realise what was in store - a hard-spined north winter - until it was nearly too late. He had never thought he would be here this long. After the plane crash that marooned him in the wilderness he had lived day by day for fifty four days, until he had found the survival pack in the plane. Then another thirty five days through the northern summer, somehow living the same day-to-day pattern he had started just after the crash. To be sure he was very busy. The emergency pack on the plane had given him a gun with fifty shells - a survival.22 rifle - a hunting knife with a compass in the handle, cooking pots and pans, a fork, a spoon and knife, matches, two butane lighters, a sleeping bag and foam pad, a first aid kit with scissors, a cap that said CESSNA, fishing line, lures, hooks and sinkers, and several packets of freeze dried food. He tried to ration the food out but found it impossible, and within two weeks he had eaten it all.

Brian sat in his shelter. What else could he do? The lake was frozen, the rabbits white, camouflaged against the snow. *At least I can get water*, he thought, glancing at some snow melting in a pot. A white creature entered the shelter. Brian glanced scornfully at the door he had foolishly left open. Picking up his original fishing spear, he noticed the creature gulp down one of his half-eaten fish. *That's the last straw*, he thought, jabbing the spear at the fox. "Shoo!" He snapped. The creature, a fox in its winter coat, stared at Brian with its glittering golden eyes, its small black pupils shining with the light of innocence, but then it blinked, and the connection Brian had felt with it faded. The spear jabbed the fox's soft underbelly. It let out a single distressed "Yee!" And exited the door, a gentle stream of blood landing on the crisp white snow.

"Yee! Yee! Yee!" Brian heard the fox, and peeked out. He immediately felt sorry for it, for glistening white flakes of snow had intertwined with its fur. He knew, from a Canadian documentary, it was a red fox with its white winter coat. Brian could hear muffled yee-yeeing from outside. Brian opened the door a crack and felt horrible, piercing cold. A freezing yet somewhat gentle breeze blew, carrying tiny shards of ice and snow.

Susannah Hovell



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