



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Thank you to the many parents and whanau that came along to the Y4-8 swimming sports on Tuesday to support their children. We had a very fine, warm day and a very enthusiastic team of swimmers at all levels participating. Congratulations to the parent team for taking out the last event of the day – the student/teacher/parent relay.

For our competitive swimmers there will be a lunchtime zone swim off tomorrow to determine who will go to the WPSSA interschool swimming sports on Wednesday 18 March.

Welcome to Gabriel Trask and her family who have joined us over the last fortnight.

SWIMMING SPORTS Y4-8

Our students gave their best on Tuesday at the senior swimming sports – everyone participated in a range of activities at their level - these included flutter board, non-competitive and competitive races, with fun activities to finish.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the competitive events at their year level.

Congratulations to everyone that participated in our Y4-8 swimming sports last week.

Freestyle 1 length Y4's, 2 Lengths Y5-8:

Y4 Girls: Millie Taylor, Lexie Jameson, Arabella Chapman

Y4 Boys: Nate Barrell, Jake Chapman, Lachlan Livingston

Y5 Girls: Leah Smith, Ava Neumann, Ella Guitry

Y5 Boys: Isaiah Birchall, Jimmy Turner, Ben March

Y6 Girls: Taylah Knox, Heidi Shepherd, Alice Bland

Y6 Boys: Harry Turner, Joe Taylor, Oliver Rolland

Y7 Girls: Paige Karl, Ally McIvor, Anji Sharrock

Y7 Boys: Jack Foden, Zac O'Donnell, Cole Harrison

Y8 Girls: Ellie McRae, Sage Wickline, Tayla Southall

Y8 Boys: Josh Turner, Josh McRae, Kody George

Backstroke 1 length Y4's, 2 Lengths Y5-8:

Y4 Girls: Millie Taylor, Holly Duffy, Lexus Wood

Y4 Boys: Nate Barrell, Lachlan Livingston, Lachy Karl

Y5 Girls: Ava Neumann, Leah Smith, Ella Guitry

Y5 Boys: Jimmy Turner, Isaiah Birchall, Ben March

Y6 Girls: Jamie Neumann, Heidi Shepherd, Alice Bland

Y6 Boys: Harry Turner, Dylan Broderick, Max Bailey

Y7 Girls: Paige Karl, Rylee King, Georgia Rolland

Y7 Boys: Jack Foden, Cole Harrison, Max Atkins

Y8 Girls: Sage Wickline, Ellie McRae, Lily-Anna Duffy

Y8 Boys: Josh Turner, Josh McRae, Kody George

Breaststroke 1 length Y4's, 2 Lengths Y5-8:

Y4 Girls: Millie Taylor, Lexie Jameson, Arabella Chapman

Y4 Boys: Jake Chapman, Reed Powell, Lachlan Livingston

Y5 Girls: Leah Smith, Ava Neumann, Eden Watson-Meyer

Y5 Boys: Jimmy Turner, Xavier Kuindersma, Xander Tissink

Y6 Girls: Alice Bland, Heidi Shepherd, Mikayla Carroll

Y6 Boys: Joe Taylor, Harry Turner, Dylan Broderick

Y7 Girls: Paige Karl, Ally McIvor, Eden Powell

Y7 Boys: Jack Foden, Max Atkins, Ollie Adams

Y8 Girls: Sage Wickline, Lily Jameson, Ellie McRae

Y8 Boys: Josh Turner, Josh McRae, Kody George



Y5/6 EOTC

On Monday 24 February our Y5/6 classes participated in a Learn to Surf day taken by Tutukaka Surf. While there were late changes to bus times due to arrangements made by the organisers, students were all challenged to try something different and had an excellent day learning new skills. There were a great team of parents to help supervise students in the water and in their other activities, which helped make the day run smoothly. We are privileged to have the support for these school activities – they play an important part of our curriculum, enabling students to develop key competencies in different places outside the classroom. Students build their resilience by being placed out of their comfort zone in a supported way.

PARENT CONFERENCES

We had an excellent response to the parent conferences on Wednesday 26 February with just over 90% attending. There were a few families that were not able to make it – we encourage you to make an appointment with the teachers concerned. We hope students are now set up for a successful year of learning with the knowledge of teacher and parent expectations clear for them.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please contact your child's teacher.

Y7/8 IMMUNISATION FORMS

Y7/8 students have brought home forms to be signed and returned by parents. If you have not returned these yet, please return them, even if your child is not being immunised. The Public Health Nurse needs these back.

CRICKET SKILLS

Last week we had two cricket coaches from Northland Cricket visit to take classes for cricket skills sessions. This covered small ball skills of batting, bowling and catching.

MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL NETBALL

All students wanting to play netball this year should have returned their forms to school. Teams will be organised over the next few weeks. We appreciate those parents that have indicated they can help with coaching and managing. Without this support we will not be able to meet the interest.

NEW FAMILY MEETING

This Tuesday 10 March, there will be an opportunity for new families to come and meet each other and hear about our school goals, traditions and programmes. It is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have also. The meeting will be in the school staff room, starting 7pm. Please join us.

S.O.A.R READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all who took part in the Summer reading challenge. Certificates have been presented for:

An outstanding number of reading hours logged:

Joe Taylor, Ben Oxford, Carter Hansen, Elijah Hovel and Leah Carroll.

Most completed Bingo and improved reading habits.

Samara Harrison.

Y7/8 CAMP ROTORUA 9-13 MARCH

9- 13 March: Next Monday our Y7/8 pupils will be heading off to Rotorua for a week of activities and learning. The learning that happens on these experiences is huge. Students develop independence, learn to look after themselves, how to work with others in teams and how to understand their own and others' strengths and areas to develop. Through the team work required they support and encourage each other, developing their resilience and ability to overcome new challenges in supported ways.

A large group of parents put their names forward to assist with supervision, but unfortunately organisation for a camp like this means there is limited capacity. We appreciate the support shown and thank you for your understanding. The team of parents are nearly all new to this trip and many have not been on overnight camps before, so it will be a great challenge to them also! They have met for a team briefing this week.

Students need to be at school by 8.15am if possible and meet in the hall with their gear. Please provide a container of food for morning and afternoon teas, plus any medication in a named zip lock bag. Gear lists and information about the itinerary etc have been sent home and are also on the school website for parents to easily access. This is a highlight for our students and their time at Maungatapere School.

We will keep parents informed about arrival times for their return on Friday.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Our Board of Trustees is continually working to maintain the school and develop the grounds. During the summer break there have been some school property repairs to steps, the junior playground steps and we have put an extra window in the music room to improve light and warmth.

Over the last few years the Board has been working with the Ministry of Education to address concerns around the school carpark, particularly the safety of the entry and exit. Considerable resources have been spent to develop a case to put to the MOE to gain funding for this, and we have finally been successful. We are now in the process of getting a project team and final plan to address concerns and increase parking without encroaching on too much school property. Now we have the funding confirmed, we can finally move forward in this area. The carpark development will need to go through the Ministry processes but at least this process has begun.

The school is also looking at putting a cover over the top court using the extra funding that was given to us at the end of last year. This will include a PTA donation from the money raised via the Maunga Mayhem over the last couple of years. Again we have started this process with the Ministry and will work to complete it following the required steps.

TERM CALENDAR

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| Mon 9 March | - | Yr7/8 Camp |
| Thurs 12 March | - | Jnr swimming sports |
| Wed 18 March | - | WPSSA swimming Y4-8 |
| Mon 16 March | - | Elgrego magic show |
| Wed 25 March | - | Otangarei cultural festival |
| Wed 1 April | - | School photos |
| Thurs 9 April | - | Last day of T1 |

REMINDERS

School Donations due - can pay online or at the office (no eftpos)

BOT Account Details - 12 3099 0836089 00

Community hub meetings: 25 March at Back 2 Basic 8.30 - 12.30

CONGRATULATIONS

Tayla & Siena Southall recently competed in the Oceania Ju Jitsu competition. Tayla winning a gold and silver medal and Siena a gold.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Jonathan Rippon R8 - For having a fantastic start to the year and trying his best.

Darnell Shelford R10 - For working hard to fill peoples "buckets" in R10. Keep it up!

Josiah Fraser R9 - For his fantastic start to the year and being a hard worker.

Emily Ritchie R3 - Excellent start to the year and great attitude to her learning.

Samara Gillespie R11 - For persevering and working hard to improve her reading and math.

Zeke Nathan R4 - For a great start to the year and challenging his learning. Awesome stuff!

Susannah Hovell R13 - For showing role model behaviour and supporting others.

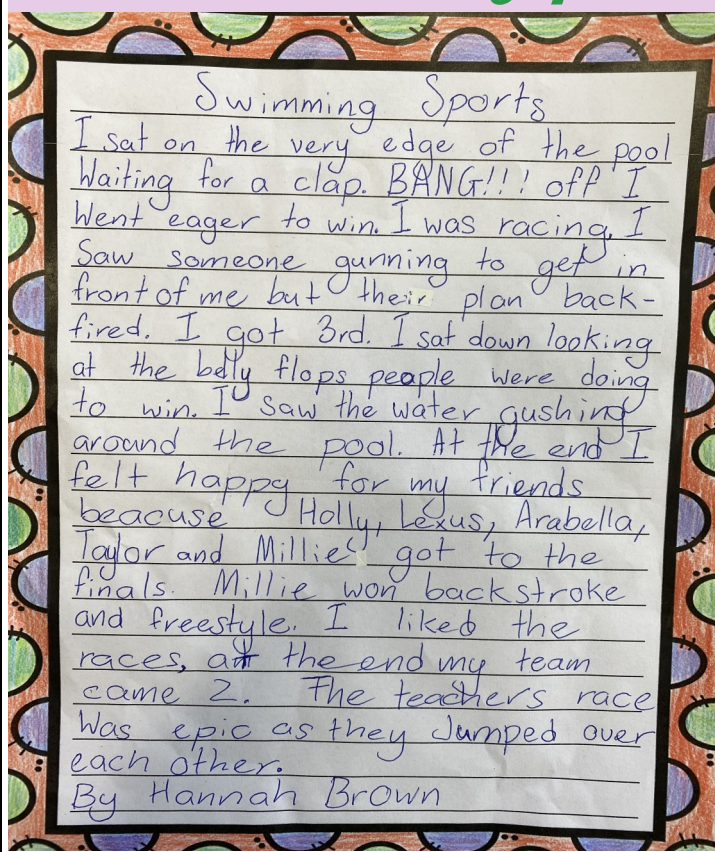
Lucy Firth R5 - For her amazing attitude towards her learning.

PTA NEWS

PTA 2020 Maunga Mayhem: On Sat 21 March, come and join us for our Maunga Mayhem Obstacle Adventure Race.

PTA Annual Bulb Fundraiser: Orders due in by Fri 6 March.

Room 2 - Swimming sports



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Evening - Thurs 12 March 5pm - 7pm, Mangakahia Sports Complex. Open to all boys and girls with grades from U6 to U14.

Hip Hop workshop - 15 Mar 10am, Whg Intermediate. Free event
Chill Tech Beach 2 Basin - 15 March \$5 see sport northland events website for more info.

Bay of Island Weetbix Triathlon - Sun 29 Mar for reg and info go to <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/bay-of-islands/>

Baby Sitting - Kate Taylor 16yr local available for babysitting afterschool and on weekends. Ph 02102977575.

Social Dancing - Tuition for adults Mon 7.30pm at Maungatapere community hall. Contact Deirdre 4347408.

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