



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

It has been great to hear the wonderful feedback from so many of the community – parents and grandparents – about 'The Greatest Show on Earth' last week. The staff and students appreciated the positive comments, cards and emails received. This weekend is our Agriculture Day, another opportunity for our school community to get together and celebrate the achievements of our students in a very different field!

Welcome to our new student and family, Kobe Frost who has started at Maungatapere.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 'THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH'

It is always important to acknowledge those who put in so much effort to create a successful production. This year our actors and singers showcased their talents in their performances to a very high standard. Students really got into their dance routines which looked bright and colourful, and the back stage crew were well organised, supporting everyone with props and on and off stage. Teachers have worked hard with their classes to reach the high standard of performance achieved. We would like to thank Leanne Kemp and her sewing team for creating new and revamping previous costumes. Leanne's creative talents are amazing and our students always look great.

A special acknowledgement to Ms Jen Caddick. Jen puts in many hours, not just writing and directing the show, but also coaching the actors and singers to be the best they can be.

As our school motto says *Ka whawhai tonu ake ake ake, We will strive on for ever and ever. Everyone did Make It Happen!*

Finding a venue for our school production in Whangarei is getting harder, with Forum North really the only option currently. However, fire restrictions limit the number of people allowed in an area and to sell 400 tickets plus accommodate 300 students and staff is pushing the boundaries. We are trying to avoid going to extra evenings, as we are aware of tired children, especially the young ones. They did put more than 400 seats out in the hall however. We apologise if you missed out on getting the tickets you wanted – but unfortunately demand exceeded the tickets available. Something that can happen with any show!

SUMMER ATHLETICS

Students are now involved in athletics activities and training with their classes to prepare for athletics days later in the month. Senior Athletics Y4-8 will be held on Tuesday 12 November and Junior Athletics on Tuesday 26 November. Senior students need to have suitable gear to participate in run, jump, throw activities – shorts and a t-shirt are best for those who are not in uniform.

PTA CALENDAR ART

Calendar art will be displayed in classrooms on Ag Day so have a look, then get your order in. A letter and order form were sent home last Friday and are due by 5 November. There will be no late orders so make sure you are organised for this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROJECT

The school council have sent home a letter requesting support to replace the tyres on the field and install balance beams, hurdles and a crawl net. Our PTA have assisted with funding for this. If you are able to assist please return the form so we can organise a day that suits.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Our senior students manage our school library during lunchtimes so students are able to have a quieter space to read and play games etc. They do a great job and this year 2 have gone in to attend the Whangarei Central Librarian Day to acknowledge the great work they do. Well done to Dillon Worsfold and Erika McConachie for being selected to attend.



AGRICULTURE DAY

Students need to bring whatever is required on their class schedule to complete their activities tomorrow. Classroom schedules are on the website. Their work will be on display in classrooms on Saturday morning.

A newsletter was sent home on Tuesday with information about registration etc.

A reminder junior gardens (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 Saturday morning along with garden art.

Farm Animals need to be registered by 9.15am and ready for judging at their rings at 9.30am.

Pets do not need to register but will also be judged from 9.30am.

Don't forget the Dad's Cake competition – best decorated and best tasting. Please have them to the hall by 10am thanks.

The food tent still requires some parent helpers – Y6/7/8 families if you can help out for an hour please let the school know.

Families please bring a plate of baking – sweet or savoury to sell at the food tent along with the BBQ goodies. These can be dropped off at school on Friday afternoon or Saturday.

As this is counted as a school day please notify the school if your child is not attending.

CENTRAL DAY

If you have exhibited a calf board or brought a lamb or goat to Ag Day you can enter the Whangarei Central Day at Barge Park on Thursday 7 November. Registration is from 9am with judging starting at 10am. This provides another opportunity for you to show your animal and compete against other rural schools in the Whangarei area. As with any competition, your animal can perform quite differently on another day, often with successful outcomes.

All entries from our school go toward the school trophy for most points - which we won last year!

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Nathan Van Lune R1 - For working hard and making great progress, keep it up!

Aiden Cliff R10 - For persevering with his sewing project for Ag day.

Chase Van Houten R13 - For being an awesome role model and always following instructions.

Georgia Rolland R9 - For stepping up and working hard to achieve her learning goals.

Billy Turner R11 - For picking an interesting design for his Ag day project and persevering to complete it.

Danyelle Komene R2 - For showing kindness and empathy.

REMINDERS

Term 4 Curriculum Assessment Teacher Only Day - The Board of Trustees has approved the school being closed on Monday 11 Nov. This is so teachers can complete curriculum assessment and reporting. The school will be closed on this day.

After school cricket programme - Nthld Cricket are running a programme for Y4-8 students after school for 5 wks at Mpe School.

Contact: Paul Hope: paulh@northcricket.co.nz

Hats - We still have some students not bringing hats to school. We would appreciate your support in this, and especially in naming your hats so they can be easily returned!

Y6-8 Camp Fundraiser - Fundraising for the senior camp next year will continue with a chocolate selling fundraiser this term. Information regarding this will be sent home soon to Y6-8 students. Money raised will go toward the co

st of the Y7/8 camp to Rotorua and Taupo next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Some of our past students were recognised last week at the Northland Secondary School Sports Awards.

- Jatarla Absolum - nominated for shooting award
- Leah McRae - Aerobics award winner
- Jessie Taylor - nominated for netball
- Chloe Overeem - nominated for netball official
- Shea Ferguson - Squash award winner
- Pippa Benton - Tumbling award winner
- Amy Brown & Shea Ferguson - Squash team winners

Whangarei Girls High School Sports prize giving. Congratulations to the many past pupils who received awards at this recent event

- Jessie Taylor (best netballer)
- Mia Gordon (adventure racing)
- Kate Taylor, Chloe & Sophie Overeem (most valuable players, netball).

TERM CALENDAR

Sat 2 Nov	-	Ag Day
Mon 4 Nov	-	PTA Meeting at 7.30
Thurs 7 Nov	-	Central Day
Mon 11 Nov	-	Teacher Only Day
Tues 12 Nov	-	Yr 4 - 8 Athletics
Thurs 14 Nov	-	Mangakahia Cultural Festival
Wed 20 Nov	-	Grandparents Day/BOT Meeting
Tues 26 Nov	-	Junior Athletics
Wed 27 Nov	-	WPSSA Y7/8 Athletics
Wed 4 Dec	-	WPSSA Y4 - 6 Athletics
Thurs 19 Dec	-	Prize Giving

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kamo Swimming Club - 2019/20, KHS pool Mon 4 Nov at 4.25 and there after Mon & Fri. Registration day Fri 1 Nov at KHS, \$85 for the season. Karena 027 4707 955.

Room 9 Excerpt from Rylee King's Narrative writing.

Let me tell you what happened after I saw these really weird blue lights after the Fourth of July fireworks. These weren't a new kind of firework - these lights were actually two alien ships fighting. One of them was a weird, lose renegade called Loki who tried to trick both me and my two best friends, Tommy Baker and John Denton into killing ourselves. In case you want to check me out my name is Aaron Stanley, I am a twelve year old skinny kid with dark hair and brown eyes. Baker has carrot-coloured hair and about a billion freckles and Denton is a tall kid with dark brown skin. The other one was a kind, friendly alien called Brock who helped me and my friends to stop Loki and send him back to his home planet, Rorlon. Any way I should start telling you about what's happening now. "I should phone my parents." I blurted out breaking the awkward silence between the three of us. "They will be worried about us, we were meant to be home hours ago." Baker and Denton were both silent. Baker and Denton were due at my house for a sleepover tonight. I sighed and reached into my pocket. Instead of my phone, I pulled out a strange circular disc. "Huh," Said Denton. There was a button in the middle of the disc. I pressed the button and a hologram of Brock's face popped in the air above the disc "Hello." I was so frightened I almost dropped the device. "I see you have found my human communication device. Also known as the HCD. I have come to tell you that Loki has escaped from the Rorlon criminal captivity centre and was last seen heading in the direction of planet earth in the form of a big yellow dog. Brock mumbled in a sleepy tone. "What's happened to you?" I said wearily. "Its Loki, he's put all of Rorlon under a sleeping anesthetic. I don't know what he's up to but whatever it is it's not good. I will be coming to planet earth to check up on everything. Can you do me a favour and make sure no one is around Lake Placid tomorrow at dusk" I nodded and Baker saluted and said yes sir very eagerly. Brocks eyelids started drooping and in a few seconds he was snoring away, his head must have hit some kind of button because the screen went black. I checked the time on my watch, the small glitchy screen read ten past six. My parents would be having dinner right now. "John, Tommy" I said "We really better get back, dinner will be on the table right now" "Ok" said Baker and Denton at the same time. I slid the HCD back into my pocket. Baker, Denton and I walked back to my house steering clear of the woods because that would be the first place Loki would look for us.



Whangarei Lions Fireworks Spectacular - Sat 2 Nov, 6pm
Semenoff Stadium, Okara.

Maunu Tennis - Junior coaching times

Every Tuesday, term 4 this yr and term 1 next yr

- 3.15 to 4 - Absolute beginners, 5 to 7 years apx.
- 4 - 5pm - Beginners, 2nd season, or 8 to 11 yrs apx
- 4.45 to 5.45 - Intermediate level,
- 5.30 to 6.30 - Interclub level, plus seniors

Any queries Jill 021 611 522 or Sue 434 6898

Mangakahia Community & Sports Complex.

Country Meal, Hosted by Mangakahia Lions, Fri 8th Nov at 6pm, meals from \$2 to \$17. Steak, Ham, Fish, Chicken, Hot Dogs, Chips, Salads, Vegetarian & Dessert. Magician Mike Easterbrook, lolly scramble. Join the fun and eat out locally with friends & family.

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