



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We are sure you were as pleased as we were to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe for everyone to attend, including any children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID.

As we shared with you on Tuesday, we have good cleaning routines in place. People who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. It is important that children do not return until they are well and in the case of tummy bugs have been well for at least 24 hours. Despite all the hand cleaning bugs still seem to find a way to spread!

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

What is changing, is we can now look forward to inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities. We are also able to plan for class trips and other excursions in the future.

Welcome to those new pupils and their families who have started over the last fortnight, Hayden Boylan and Alex Chapman.

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 15 JUNE

There will be no school for students next Monday. This will be a Curriculum Reporting day for our teachers who will be involved in curriculum report writing and assessment. This will allow them time to prepare the mid-year reports for their students in preparation for them going home next term. Teachers have been working with students to find out where they are at with their learning and what their next steps need to be. We also undertake regular assessment across the school to determine school wide needs and achievement levels.

ONLINE SAFETY: 'KEEP IT REAL ONLINE' CAMPAIGN

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is about to launch a 'Keep it real online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming. Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids at www.Keepitrealonline.govt.nz. TV, radio and print ads will commence from Monday 8 June and will run through to the end of July.

TERM 2 THEME

Our learning topic/theme for the term remains science, based on living things. We were planning a whole school trip at the start of this term to Butterfly Creek in Auckland, however COVID 19 put a stop to this. We have rebooked for next term – Wednesday 12 August and are working toward this to get funding support for buses etc.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

We do have teachers at the gate at the end of the day and we will be talking further with our students about using the footpath and looking before they move to or from their cars. We ask that you reinforce this with your children also. We are in the process of establishing some further organisation to manage this and hopefully make the pickup process easier.

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

This week is support staff week – when schools acknowledge the role support staff play in our schools. This group includes our teacher aides, admin staff, caretaker and after school care team.

They contribute hugely to ensure students are supported in their learning and health and our school is a safe and healthy place to be. The after school care team also support our community to make sure children are happy and well cared for in the afternoons. Students did make cards and posters to give them today and we had a special morning tea. Teacher aides are also celebrating, as they have received a pay equity offer that will see their hourly rate increase considerably and recognise the many, varied and complex roles they undertake. We are fortunate to have a great team at Maungatapere, contributing to our school and community.

AGRICULTURE DAY

As a rural school we have a strong connection to the land around us and its history in farming and more recently horticulture also. Agriculture Day is an important part of this and one that makes our school different from town schools. This year Ag Day is on Saturday 31st October and is counted as a school day. Ag Day allows our students to experience a part of rural NZ by rearing a farm animal from a baby and working with it to show the care and relationship they have developed. This can be with a calf, lamb, goat or chickens. We are very aware that this can be difficult for some families but are happy to help and mentor first time families through the experience. There are also other options provided, including growing gardens, pets and art projects. The focus of this day is on the students – their animals and the work they have done. It is a great community day with a considerable turn out of family and whanau past and present. Information and order forms have gone home for chickens – these need to be returned by Friday 26 June.



WRITING FOCUS

Our school is participating in a writing professional development programme called Write That Essay, with staff undertaking workshops next week. This is a long term programme which will look at the way we teach writing and involve teachers and students in the approach. Mr Dan Tissink will be leading this focus in our school.

WELLBEING FOCUS

As part of our wellbeing focus we did send home a survey for whanau to complete. Unfortunately, the lockdown got in the way, so we will be resending this information and asking if you can complete it. The survey is online and will be analysed by Dr Melinder Webber, who is running the nation-wide survey. She will share the results with the school when it is completed. Our students will also be completing the survey, while our teachers have already done so. Mrs Charlene Cliff is leading this focus.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday 17 June the school council are having a Hero & Villain fun day for Child Cancer. For a gold coin donation students can dress up as their favourite hero or villain for the day.
- Tuesday 30 June there will be a Pyjama Day with a Teddy Bears picnic for the Junior students.

REMINDERS

Parent Library Section - Our school library has a range of books that can help with parenting concerns and challenges, including learning difficulties and disorders. If you are wanting to further your knowledge regarding anxiety, dyslexia, autism etc you are welcome to borrow them from the library – they will be checked out under your child's name.

Pool Keys - We still have a number of swimming pool keys out in the community. Please check your key rings etc and return these to the school office. There is usually a \$5 refund for the keys and this will continue until Friday 19 June. You can return the key to the office at any time.

Lost property - There was a large amount of clothing, swimming gear and shoes left with the sudden end of term. Now parents are able to come into the grounds, we are planning to have it on display tomorrow in front of R1 and 2. Please come in at any time during the day to check if you recognise anything.

Te Manawa Tahi meetings - This is a learning support hub where you can go in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service. The next local hub is at Back to Basics, Maungatapere, 9am-12pm on Wednesday 17 June.

School Donations and Tech fees due - You can pay online or at the office (no eftpos).

BOT Account Details - 12 3099 0836089 00

TERM CALENDAR

Mon 15 June	-	Teacher only day
Wed 17 June	-	Hero & Villain Day
Wed 17 June	-	BOT meeting
Tue 30 June	-	Pj Day + Teddy bear picnic
Wed 1 July	-	Ag Day assembly
Fri 3 July	-	Last day T2
Mon 20 July	-	First day T3
Wed 16 Sep	-	New School photo day

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Ella Guitry R14 - For having a positive attitude towards school and always being a good friend to others.

Brooke Turner R3 - For showing determination and never giving up.

Saige Smyth Rm9 - For the enthusiasm with which she embraces learning.

Ella Luke R10 - For her positive attitude and enthusiasm towards learning.

Toby Fisher R6 - For his fantastic commitment to his online learning.

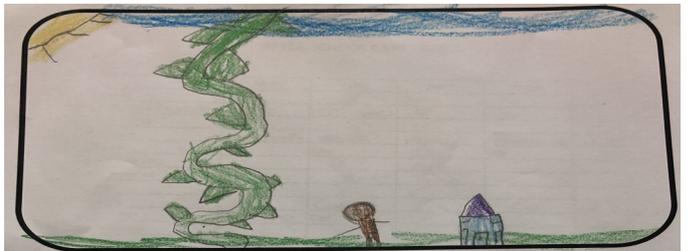
Charlotte Barnes-Penkli R8 - For being positive about school and supporting others with their learning.

Rohan Jay Nair R4 - For always working hard in class and settling back in well. Fantastic!

Jackson Hart R13 - For having a fantastic attitude towards learning.

Tayla Lambert R3 - For being a role model to others and having a great attitude.

Room 5 Story Writing



Jack grew some
magic beans at
his house.
his house - Sophia Kennedy



Jack climbed up
the beanstalk to
the Peabstak
castle.
the castle. Austin Malley

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