

MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Term 3
26 July 2018

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome to term 3. Our pupils seem to have experienced a wide range of holiday activities from overseas to local. We hope they have been able to have some down time ready for another term of a wide range of learning activities. Our focus this term continues to be about history, with many classes looking at NZ history including NZ disasters. Topics will vary according to class interests and directions.

Welcome to the following new pupils and their families: Violet Fraser, Tamsyn Booth, Samantha Atkins, Khali Shelford and Zeke Nathan.

Parent/Student Conferences

We hope everyone found the report portfolios sent home last term informative about the achievement and learning effort and focus of your children and that you took the time to read the great stories, poems and other work that was included.

Conferences with teachers, parents and students will be held on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of August. On Wednesday conferences will begin at 1.15pm to 6.45pm. On Thursday they will run from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. Interviews will be for 15 minutes to enable you to discuss learning progress to date and what the next learning steps are. There will be an opportunity to clarify any questions or concerns you may have about progress and school.

To book an appointment go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter our school code sc886 or phone the office if you don't have access to a computer. Bookings will close off on 12noon on Tuesday 7 August. Please take the time to come in and talk with your child's teacher as it is important that we work together to support learning and behaviour goals. If these dates do not suit, talk with your child's teacher to make another time that does.

Times-tables/Spelling/Reading Homework

We are aware that there are many views about homework and try to meet these by providing both time and flexibility to achieve whatever is set for the week. There are some areas of learning that require practise to achieve – particularly times-tables and spelling. These are also important for students to be able to progress in their learning, particularly as they move into the senior school. If students do not have reasonable recall of their basic facts and tables they find progressing in maths very difficult. Please encourage your children to learn these if it is an area of need, in any way that they find easy. This may include rote learning, songs etc. Basic spelling also makes the process of writing that much easier and enables them to be aware of spelling rules that can support accurate attempts.

It is important that we build self-belief in children's abilities to learn tables etc. Encourage them to practise and say they may not know it **yet!** If no other homework is done tables, spelling and reading are important.

Secondary School Visits

This term our local secondary schools visit to talk to our Y8 students about their programmes and what they can offer. Secondary school placement is an important decision for our Y8 students transitioning to Y9 so parents need to find out about what the options are and what each school can offer. Information will come home from the WGHS and WBHS talks and they will also hold open days later in the term. Registration forms for the TAS open day are available from the school office. If you are looking at Pompallier you will need to contact them directly. See the Key Dates list over for relevant dates for high school open days.

Y7/8 School Science Fair

Our senior pupils have worked hard to complete their science and technology projects. These will be on display in the library during parent interview nights. Please go and have a look at them before or after your interview to see the great work students have done. The best projects will be entered into the Northland Science Fair later in the term to compete against students from other schools in the Whangarei area.

Cross Country Running

The physical activity focus for the first half of this term is cross country or distance running. Our school event will be held in Week 5 on Wednesday 22 August with all students participating. Everyone has begun training this week with the focus on improving their time and persevering to be the best they can be and having pride/mana in their attempt. Students need to bring running shoes if they are using them and can bring a change of clothes to run in – Y7/8 can bring a t-shirt and shorts for running. Teachers are out on the course to ensure students are safe and deal with any issues. If students are not able to run for health reasons please send a note to their teacher.

Kid Safe 4 Dogs

This programme is run to help children learn safe behaviour around dogs and involves a specially trained dog coming into classrooms. Our junior classes will be involved with R10,11 this week, R3,12 next week and the Y3/4 classrooms later in the term.

School Council News

This term the council are organising a school talent quest with auditions on 7 and 9 August. The final will be on Tuesday 21 August at lunchtime 12.30pm. Parents of finalists are welcome to attend – they will be notified after the auditions.

Water Only School – the school council have been researching the idea of having students bring water only drinks at school. This proposal came from the students and developed from concerns they have about other drinks having high sugar and acid that rots teeth and other additives. They have talked with the Dental health team here at school and asked all the classes about what they think. Students across the school have voted to have water only drinks at school so are asking that no juice or other sugar type drinks are sent. We are part of the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme so milk is another alternative.

Year 8 Dental Enrolments

The Dental Team will be issuing Adolescent Dental enrolment packs to all Year 8 students next week. All children are still entitled to free Dental Care until the age of 18 years but once they have started Year 9 they come under a different funding scheme with the Ministry of Health, so need to be re-enrolled. You will find within the enrolment packs you have different options so please follow the instructions provided and return the forms to the school office or Dental Team.

Nurturing confident, capable learners who strive to fly high.

Agriculture Day

Families need to be thinking about what their children will be doing for Agriculture Day this year. Many already have chickens and quite a few have lambs already. Entry forms will be sent out next week and need to be filled in and returned to school by the 17 August. There will also be the option of filling this form out online. One entry per child is required.

Lamby daycare at school is now ready for small lambs and goats that are on four or more feeds per day. Lambs and goats must be well to use the daycare service. Please ensure your lamb/goat is easily identifiable. You will need to bring your own named milk and feeding equipment to school. This will be kept in the hall kitchen and fridge. A senior student will be rostered on to assist younger children to prepare and feed their animals if needed.

If you are intending to rear a calf for the virtual calf section, there is an example of a calf project in the green room, behind Rm 2, you may wish to look at. You also have the opportunity to enter the national virtual calf club competition at www.calfclub.co.nz. You can upload photos etc and build an online calf profile. Registrations for the national competition must be in by 31 July.

Reminders

Kua tae te wa/It's Time Campaign: Thursday 15 August is the proposed half day strike action to be taken by all teachers and principals. Schools will be closing early so please make a note of the date. As educators this is not something we take lightly but it is very important that we are able to attract and retain quality teachers to the profession. Information regarding after school care and end of day organisation will be sent home later. Many of you will be aware there is a vote for all teachers to decide between a half day or increasing to a full day strike. The outcome of this will be known next week.

Accidents /Near misses: If you have had or do have a near miss accident or accident along our road frontage or school entry and exit, please give us the date and details so we have evidence to support our case for improving our carparks safety. Email the school at office@maungatapere.school.nz

Congratulations

- * To Diara Sketchley who came 1st overall and Blake Sketchley who came 3rd overall at the Kaitia Gymnastic competition. Blake also came 2nd in the WAGS Club competition.
 - * To Dion Robertson who made the Junior Rugby Presidents team and Connor O'Neill who made the Bears team. Both played in the Nthld U13 Taniwha Shield tournament over the holidays.
 - * To past pupils Kate and Jessie Taylor for being selected for the Whangarei U17 Netball Representative team and Gemma McRae who made the U15 Netball Development team.
- We do like to hear about past and present student successes and adventures so please keep us informed.*

School Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils:

- * **Billy Turner R3** - For working hard to try new things and working independently to complete your learning.
- * **Ben Gibb R2** - For showing focus and initiative during literacy.
- * **Cleo Fox-Jerry R5** - For always striving to do her best and being a great role model.
- * **Zac O'Donnell R6** - For showing more initiative and making good choices.
- * **Isla Gibson R11** - For showing a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning.
- * **Bella Tissink R8** - For her fantastic attitude towards school.

Room 2 Quick Writes:

Selfie Holiday Captions

Bang! I shot the possum in the guts. Oh no! Now I will have to pluck it with a hole in its tummy, that's going to be hard. Luckily Grandad brought a plastic bag to put the fur in. It wasn't so bad, but it did stink like blood and maggots. The weird thing is Connor didn't want to pluck his and he is the hunter in the family, and I am the fisherman. I plucked two possums and Grandad plucked two as well.

By Keelan O'Neill.

"Pass!" yelled Toko. I didn't listen and kept on walking towards the try line. Awa came at me from the side so I sprinted past and left him in my dust. Carter was clueless so I stormed past him too. Took gave me a high five and said "Nice one!" Later on I put up a bomb. Somehow Toko dived, caught the ball and scored another try. All while in mid air.

By Charlie Nicholls.



Key Dates/Coming Events - Term 3

Thur 2 Aug	- WBHS Open Evening
Tues 7	- Snr auditions for Talent Quest
Wed 8	- EARLY CLOSING 1PM for Parent/teacher Interviews 1.15-7pm
	- WGHS Open Evening 5.30-7.30pm
Thur 9	- Jnr auditions for Talent Quest
	- Parent/teacher interviews 3.30-6pm
Mon 13	- PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Tues 14	- WGHS Enrolment Interviews
	- Whanau Meeting 7pm
Wed 15	- Council Talent Quest
	- EARLY CLOSING Strike Day
	- BOT Meeting 7pm
Fri 17	- Y7/8 Youth Summit
Mon 20	- TAS Open Day & Open Evening
Wed 22	- School Cross Country
Mon 27	- Nthld Science Fair week
Wed 29	- WPSSA Cross Country
Thur 30 Aug	- Y7/8 Science Fair visit

Community Notices

Whg Central Library Character Hunt - Sunday 12 August. Come and hunt for characters old and new in the library. Be there by 10.15. Children dressed up will be in to win fabulous spot prizes.

Athletics Northland Children's Committee are holding a cross-country race on 12 August at Barge Park to raise funds for our athletes traveling to various competitions in New Zealand. 2km race (7-11 year olds), 3 km (12 yr olds and U15), Open Women (4km) and Open Men (6km) races. Children don't need to be a member of a club or school to enter. Entry fee is \$5 – pay on the day (Cash only) or enter on line: <https://goo.gl/forms/ECRTE5jRFuJ6WNsR2>

Tauraroa Area School - Open Day Monday 20 August, a chance for students to see what life at Tauraroa is like. Later that evening from 5:30-7:30 parents and caregivers are welcome to attend our Open Evening for a school tour and a staff meet and greet.

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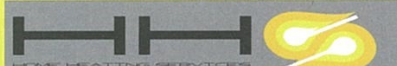
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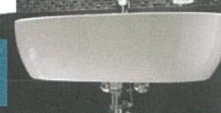


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