

**Kia ora Parents and Whanau**

The Maunga Mayhem held last Saturday was a great success, not only as a fund raiser but also as a rural community event. The school PTA along with many other parents and community members worked hard to provide an event that everyone can get involved in – an awesome effort lead by Hayley Taylor, Alice Chapman, Kim Brown and their team of workers. The event could not take place without the spectacular venue – a huge thank you to the Duffy family for providing this. It was definitely a community undertaking with the Mangakahia Squash Club providing food, the Mangakahia Lions helping with parking and the many local and Whangarei sponsors assisting with sponsorship, registration and prizes.

Our school community would like to acknowledge the many helpers and competitors that made it happen! Excellent action pictures in the Advocate also.

The term has certainly gone quickly. The term break includes Easter and ANZAC this year, with school returning on Monday 29 April.

**Y5/6 LONSDALE PARK CAMP**

The Y5/6 team, with a great group of parent helpers arrived back after 3 nights away on Friday 22 March. They were involved in a wide range of team building activities, utilised the outdoor adventure equipment, and undertook an 8km bush hike. It was a busy and challenging camp, with everyone having a great time. We appreciate all the parent helpers for giving up your time, effort and



helping with transportation. The students were able to develop their resilience by challenging themselves in new situations, supporting others, respecting differences and gaining pride from their achievements.

Hopefully tomorrow the Y5/6 classes will be able to participate in the activity they missed out on at camp because of the wet weather - Mission Impossible Obstacle course. They need to wear suitable clothing for this – shorts and t-shirts for everyone please.

**SWIMMING**

We have a small group of students representing Whangarei at the Northland Interschool Swimming sports in Dargaville on Thursday next week. Congratulations to Tokoaitua Owen (1<sup>st</sup> Y7 breast-stroke), Ellie McRae (1<sup>st</sup> Y7 backstroke) and Ava Neumann (3<sup>rd</sup> Y4 backstroke). Our Y5/6 students were on camp.

Class swimming instruction will finish at the end of this term.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION 2019**

The Bible in Schools programme will begin on Tuesday 30 April next term. This is a Christian inter-denominational programme that is run by local volunteers for 30 minutes from 9-9.30am on Tuesday each week. The programme follows the Christian Education Commission "Life Choices" programme written specifically for schools. School is officially closed during this period however teachers will remain with classrooms for supervision.

This year the programme will run for 2 terms only from the beginning of term 2 until the end of T3. Years 0-6 will be involved with Y7/8 continuing their normal classroom programme. Students in Y0-6 not involved participate in values based games and activities supervised by a teacher.

Parents have indicated on enrolment if they wish to participate but if this has changed please notify the school office.

**TERM 2 SCHOOL FOCUS**

This term has been a focus on our school and classroom culture, including learning about ourselves and others' strengths, so we can learn and help each other. There has been a focus on team building through a variety of activities, including EOTC activities for senior classes. Respect is an important element of this focus – for each other, as well as what we have within our school and our environment. Being responsible for this extends from the way we behave, the choices we make, and the care we show. Next term our learning will extend to our environment. Classes are approaching this from different angles: Y7/8 and some Y1/2 classes are looking at our local environment and the ways we need to care for these – the QE 2 bush reserve beside the memorial church and Maungatapere Mountain reserve. Y3/4 are visiting the Bream Head Reserve on 7 May while R3 and R12 are visiting Kelly Tarltons to have a focus on the marine environment. Y5/6 are heading to Tiritiri Matangi Island reserve on 30/31 May. From these visits classes will pick up on environmental challenges, our responsibilities within these and how we can help solve them. Please make a note of the dates that affect your children if you are interested in helping out.

**ANZAC SERVICE**

The Maungatapere Community ANZAC service is held in the Maungatapere Memorial Hall at 9am on Thursday 25 April. We have students actively participating in the service including as MCs, flag bearers and placing a wreath at the memorial plaque on behalf of the school. It usually runs for about 30-40 minutes followed by a shared morning tea. Please come along and support the community service.

**PTA AGM**

The AGM is next Monday, 8 April at 7pm in the school staff room. Come along and support the team and get to know other families in a social and fun way.

**OTANGAREI CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Our kapa haka group performed at Otangarei School last Wednesday 27 March. It was the first time our large group of Y5 students have been involved - it was good for them to see other school groups performing. They did very well, without much practise and with great support from family and whanau.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

- \* Tomorrow the school is participating in gumboot day, just wear your gumboots (if you want you can decorate them.) It is a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the Gumboot Up foundation, which helps kids who need counselling.
- \* The 'Colour Day' mufti fundraiser made a total of \$314.20 which has been donated to the Christchurch Foundation to help those affected by last months tragedy.



## POOL KEYS

The pool will close to the community after this weekend as the following weekend is the school term break. Please return your pool keys to the school office before the end of the term. There is a \$5 refund on return. We hope you have had good use of the pool over the summer. Thank you to our caretaker, Allan Frost who goes above and beyond in keeping the pool checked throughout the summer break and in the weekends.

## REMINDERS

**School Netball:** Teams have been organised and information has gone home to parents and coaches. Practise times will be finalised as soon as coaches notify the school of times that suit. Uniforms will be given out this week for Y7/8 students and at the beginning of next term for the junior players. Thanks to those who have paid their netball fees. These are due to the Whangarei Netball Association shortly so we need them paid before the end of this term please.



**Lost property:** The end of the term is fast approaching and the amount of clothing in our lost property baskets is rapidly increasing. There are swimming bags with togs, towels and goggles as well as jackets, tops and shoes. We will have the lost property out in front of the school during the last week – please come in and check it.

**School Photos:** Photos were taken yesterday and order envelopes will be sent home early next term.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- \* To Pippl Woolston who attended the Curious Minds Leadership Conference and was 1 of 6 children chosen to fly a plane for Child Flight.

*Please let us know of past and present student successes outside of school so we can acknowledge them.*

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## SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Jamie Neumann R2** - Conscientious, kind and ready to learn in every curriculum area. A fantastic start to the year!

**Cleo Fox-Jerry R6** - A positive attitude with learning, and being a great role model.

**Nico Cunningham R12** - Settling in to class and catching the bus everyday. So brave.

**Aza Schimanski R2** - Stepping up as a leader and setting examples as class leader. Keep it up.

**Charlie Knox R3** - Great story writing and having a good go at new words. Awesome work!

**Georgie King R5** - Excellent study skills and working hard to improve co-operative skills.

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## KEY DATES/COMING EVENTS - TERMS 1 & 2

Mon 8 April	- PTA AGM 7pm
Thur 11	- Nthld Swimming Comp
Fri 12	- End of Term 1
Tue 25	- Anzac Day Service
Mon 29 April	- Start of Term 2
Tue 7 May	- Y3/4 Bream Head visit
Tue 28	- R3, R12 Kelly Tarltons visit
Thur 30/Fri 31 May	- Y5/6 Tiritiri Matangi visit

## RS'S TOP 3 Camp Moments

### Cooper's Top 3 Camp Moments

1. One of my favourite moments at camp was the flying fox because when I was zooming down it gave me so much adrenalin. When I hit the tyres it felt like I would fly off into the trees.
2. Another of my favourite moments was the water hole because it was freezing cold but it was worth it.
3. The Burma trail was another of my favourite moments it was not scary at all. But I got a fright when Mrs Neumann shook the palm leaf near the end of it.

### Isla's Top 3

- One of my sensational moments at camp was going on the flying fox. I loved zipping down with the wind in my hair and all the trees zooming past.
- Another of my favourite moments was walking over the wobbly bridge. I like trying to keep my balance and to not fall off when it started jumping up and down.
- One of my most excellent moments was playing hungry hippos. The balloons popping sounded like thunder and the wheels zipping up and down like a gust of wind.



### Saige's Top 3

- a. My first favourite was definitely the flying fox. At first I was quite scared but I loved it! The second time I asked for a lot of bounces, it was bumpy but a thrilling ride.
- b. Second is totally the beach because I love the water. It's just amazing, especially jumping and hopping over the waves. It's just extraordinary, I can't describe it!
- c. Third is probably the Amazing Race. My favourite activity in the Amazing Race was the Holey Tarp because it was challenging but once I got the technique it was even better.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Free Squash Sessions** -Mangakahia Squash Club are starting a Kiwi squash programme on Mon 29 April. Flexible times avail from 3-5pm for all school aged children. A great way to learn squash, a perfect winter sport option, excellent for fitness, plenty of fun games & activities, a friendly club environment and it's FREE. Contact Wayne Brown: 021853551 or Hayley Taylor 0212621674.

**HR & Office Admin Role** - Douglas Farms are seeking a HR & Office Admin to support their multiple dairy farm operations. Part time role 25-30hrs/week, potential for flexibility around school hours. We are looking for a motivated and detailed individual to join our current office team. The role is based in Poroti and the farms are within 20 mins from there. Prior experience in HR or Admin role essential, an understanding of dairy farming preferable. Send your expressions of interest to Rowena at office@douglasfarms.co.nz.

**Neil Mackay: Notice & Adjust** - Neil Mackay, one of the world's leading thinkers on dyslexia, an inspiring speaker and a world renowned expert on supporting children with learning difficulties will be speaking in Whangarei on May 30, 7-9pm at ASB Stadium. RTL B Te Tai Tokerau South have fully subsidised this event so it is free for parents, spaces are limited. Please register for the Parent Event at <http://tinyurl.com/yxgt8so8>. For assistance to register or for queries contact our school RTL B, Fiona Baird 0221834729.

**Kiwi North** - Something for everyone these holidays, kiwi feeding, kauri quiz, art exhibition, train rides, Easter story book Sunday and Easter egg hunt. See [www.kiwinorth.co.nz](http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz) for all the info.

**Futsal** - Term 2 sessions registering now. Boys & girls, 9-16yrs, check out [www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](http://www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz) for times & days etc. Learn some great skills, have awesome fun, all abilities, indoor venue.

**Tutukaka Surf** - April holiday surf programme, both weeks of hols, learner boards and wetsuits included, \$35/day. Contact 434-4135 or surf@tutukakasurf.co.nz.



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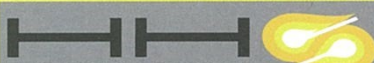
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