MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1
8 March 2018

Kia ora Parents and Whanau,
We hope everyone who attended the school picnic last Tuesday enjoyed the opportunity to meet other families and try the new Flame Grill pizzas that were on site for the evening. The weather was considerably better than the previous week. Thank you to the PTA and staff members for organising some interactive activities to get everyone involved. Last week was a big week for both staff and community with swimming, picnic, parent conferences and whanau meeting, so thank you for your support and to the staff for the extra hours they put in.
Welcome to the following new pupil and his family: Corey Taylor.

MILK FOR SCHOOLS RICHIE'S MILK RUN COMPETITION

We are part of the Milk for Schools programme so please go into the following link and share why Richie McCaw should deliver milk to our school. You can include pictures etc. The link is richiesmilkrun.co.nz Our students would love to have him landing on our fields delivering milk!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We hope you found the parent conferences with your children informative and any questions you had were answered. If you have not been able to meet with your child's teacher, you can arrange a time through the school office or directly with them. It is important that we connect at the start of the year to share knowledge and goals for learning. Teachers will also be trying to contact families that were not able to attend. Please remember you can talk with teachers if you have any specific issues or concerns at any time that is convenient to both, throughout the year.

WHANAU MEETING

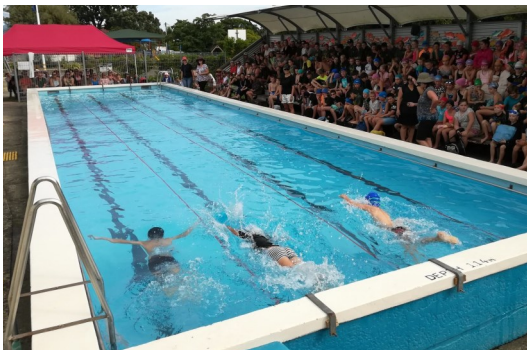
Thanks to those whanau members that came along to our meeting last week. Our Maori programme has started on Thursday mornings with each year level having 30 minutes tuition with Matua Shane each week. The programme includes songs, language and tikanga and Matua Shane has an excellent rapport with the students. Upgrading the girls kapa haka uniforms is a focus this year.

NEW PARENT MEETING

We had a small group of new families at our meeting on Tuesday night; we hope they found it worthwhile. Information about our school is in the information booklet you receive when enrolling children and on our website, but if you do have any questions or concerns please contact the school via email, phone or in person through the office.

PAT TESTING YEAR 3 - 8

Our Y3-8 students are participating in reading, maths and listening Progress and Achievement Tests currently. Maths and reading are done online, while listening involves students listening to short passages and responding to questions. These are national tests that provide teachers and students with good information about what they know and their learning steps. They also provide good information about how our students are performing against other students their own age across the country. Because they are formal tests they can be a little daunting to some students but help build resilience to cope with different learning situations.



SWIMMING

Congratulations to all students who participated in the senior swimming sports on Tuesday 27 March. It was good to see so many students giving their best regardless of what event they entered.
The relays at the end of the day were very well contested also. Well done to those selected to attend the zone swimming sports at Mangakahia Area School yesterday.

Girls Freestyle – 1 Length
Y4 Heidi Shepherd, Taylah Knox

Boys Freestyle – 1 length
Y4 Awanui Owen, Carter Iraia

Girls Freestyle – 2 Lengths
Y5 Jessica Kalkhoven, Paige Karl
Y6 Ellie McRae, Sage Wickline
Y7 Anya Miller, Hannah Adams
Y8 Leah McRae, Caitlin Thompson

Boys Freestyle – 2 Lengths
Y5 Dylan Muller, Keelan O'Neill
Y6 Tokoaitua Owen, Josh Turner
Y7 Connor O'Neill, Dion Robertson
Y8 Hayden Shelford, Jimbo Remnant

Girls Backstroke – 1 Length
Y4 Lulu Cullen, Heidi Shepherd

Boys Backstroke – 1 Length
Y4 Awanui Owen, Carter Iraia

Girls Backstroke – 2 Lengths
Y5 Paige Karl, Jessica Kalkhoven
Y6 Ellie McRae, Sage Wickline
Y7 Anya Miller, Bella Tissink
Y8 Leah McRae, Riana Lane

Boys Backstroke – 2 Lengths
Y5 Jack Foden, Aza Schimanski
Y6 Tokoaitua Owen, Ben Gibb
Y7 Caleb Graham, Dillon Worsfold
Y8 Will Dawson, Sam Provan

Girls Breaststroke – 1 Length
Y4 Alice Bell, Heidi Shepherd

Boys Breaststroke – 1 Length
Y4 Awanui Owen, Joe Taylor

Girls Breaststroke – 2 Lengths
Y5 Paige Karl, Eden Powell
Y6 Sage Wickline, Ellie McRae
Y7 Hannah Adams/Maria Cullen, Isabella Tissink
Y8 Leah McRae, Caitlin Thompson

Boys Breastroke – 2 Lengths
Y5 Andrew Fraser, Jack Foden
Y6 Tokoaitua Owen, Josh McRae
Y7 Jimi Whitehead, Caleb Graham
Y8 Sam Provan, Dylan Barfoote

Relay Results
1st Whatitiri Bus line
1st Teachers

Junior swimming will be showcased during the Junior Tryathlon on Tuesday 20 March.

SICK BAY PROTOCOL

When students are hurt or feeling unwell they are sent to the office and treated in the school sick bay. Injuries and sickness are recorded in the sick bay book and parents are contacted where staff judge they need to go home or get further treatment. All school staff are first aid trained so are able to make judgements regarding treatment and will always get another opinion when needed. Where we know there has been a head knock the office will contact caregivers.

AGRIKIDS NZ REGIONAL COMPETITION

The Northern Regional competition for Agrikids is being held on Saturday 17 March at Kerikeri. This is a fun event where teams of 3 students aged 8 years to Y8 can get together and compete in a whole range of problem solving farm based activities. It is free to enter and teams can sign up by contacting Chaun Horsford on chorsford.photography@gmail.com or phone 021 02357844and she will register the team.

REMINDERS

Maths Buddy: Information has been sent home about this online maths programme that supports maths learning and for some classes is included as homework. Please return the consent slip and once payment has gone through you will receive a password to start using it.

Y5/6 Dragon Maths Books: Please make payment ($18.50) if you have not already done so. These books are part of the Y5/6's stationery requirement.

R7 Technology: There is no Technology tomorrow for R7.

Easter Tuesday: A reminder that the Tuesday after Easter is a school holiday and the school will be closed.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting - Monday 12 March 7.30pm: Everyone is welcome to attend our PTA meeting, you don't need to be voted in like the Board of Trustees, you just turn up at the meetings and you're in! We would love to see some more new faces join us this year.

PTA Bulb Fundraiser: **LAST day tomorrow** to get these in, fill the order form out NOW.

PTA

Maunga Mayhem

Tickets for our Maunga Mayhem Obstacle Adventure Race are now available - so get in quick to secure your families tickets! Saturday 24 March, a fantastic fun day for everyone! Obstacles and challenges designed to be fun for all ages. Awesome spot prizes to be won. Details and tickets at **maungamayhem.co.nz**. Come join the fun.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Millie Taylor R3 - *For a great start to her learning. An excellent role model to others.*

Sebastien Collins R2 - *For enthusiasm and having a growth mind set in swimming.*

Mason Brown R12 - *For a settled and diligent start to his school work. Keep it up.*

Anji Sharrock R2 - *A quiet role model that leads by example.*

Mikayla Carroll R5 - *For an excellent work ethic and leadership within her group.*

Pepper Frecklington R11 *- For making a big effort to do the right thing at the right time!*

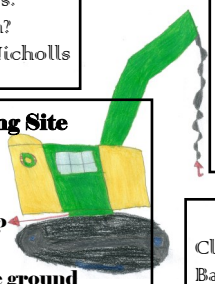
Room 4 Construction Zone Poems

Construction

Bang!
Zzzzz
I followed the noise
Room 6
was smashed down
and being rebuilt.
Bang bang:
a new door
I looked again:
Wow
I saw windows.
What was going on?
By Maisy Nicholls

Construction

Boom!
Crash!
Wham!
I suddenly shook
with fear
at the loud
Booming noise.
I noticed the builders
getting louder
as I worked
The noise came again
Boom!
Boom!
Boom!
But I wasn't scared
anymore
By Georgie King



Building Site

Crash!
Shatter!
Boom!
What was that?
Room 6
lying on the ground
Why?
What was going on
with the world?
Then I remembered
Room 6
was getting rebuilt
because it was old
Stones
Wood
Shattered glass
Now doors are on
Windows too
Soon it will be finished.
By Dilan Brown

The New Room

Clang!
Bang!
What a noise
Fences up first
so everyone's safe
Then they smashed
the old room
down.
Framing up
and the room's
taking shape.
Meanwhile
the room 6 kids
work in the library.
By Alice Bell

KEY DATES / COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 2018

Mon 12 Mar	-	PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the Staffroom
Wed 14	-	WPSSA Swimming Y4-8
Mon 19-Fri 23	-	Y7/8 Rotorua Camp
Tues 20	-	Junior Tryathlon
Wed 21	-	BOT meeting 7pm
Sat 24	-	**MAUNGA MAYHEM**
Wed 28	-	Y5/6 Tutukaka Surf
Fri 30	-	Easter Friday - School Closed
Mon 2 Apr	-	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tues 3	-	**Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED**
Fri 13	-	End of Term

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Day - Saturday 17 March from 10am-12pm at the Mangakahia Complex. For more info contact Kylie Livingston on 021 122 7063.

Mangakahia Junior Soccer - Invite boys and girls aged 5-12 who would like to play soccer this year and who have not already registered to ph Susan 022 152 4175.

Maungatapere Community Hall - Working Bee Monday 12 March 5pm to tidy up hall and do some minor repair work. Community and all hall users invited to help. Hall AGM Monday 19 March 7pm, all welcome.

Guilty By Confection - Take-away flame grill pizzas will be open at the Old Dairy Factory every Friday & Sunday night from 4.30pm. Pizza list available on website www.guiltybyconfection.co.nz or pick up a flyer from the Office Café.

Whg Cake Decorating Guild - Children's Workshop, March 17, Baptist Church 1-4pm, $15 Easter theme. Phone 027 9573815 or 435 0123 to secure your place.

TEDX Tutukaka - Sat 7 April, Oceans Quality Hotel, Tutukaka. Inspiring speakers, including Francis Valintine from Mind Lab; Don McKenzie conservation warrior and Ingrid Visser whale biologist, also TED videos and a musical item or two. For more info and to register for tickets, visit the website tedxtutukaka.com

Old Boys Junior Rugby Registration Day - Thursday 15 March, 4-6pm Old Boys RFC clubrooms, Port Rd. New and existing players welcome. Aspiring coaches and manages welcome also. New players please bring copy of your birth certificate. More details contact John & Karly 459 5528/021 486634, john.bent@xtra.co.nz or www.facebook.com/WhangareiOldBoys.

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