

# MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL



**Term 3**  
**25 July 2019**

*Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!*

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone had a good break and have returned fit and well.

This term will be very much an arts focussed term with our lead up to the school production at the beginning of term 4. We have our cross country, with students participating in school and the opportunity to go on to interschool events. This term also leads into our Agriculture Day with students working with their animals, gardens and art work as the term progresses.

Welcome to our new families and new entrant students who have started at Maungatapere this term; Darnell Shelford, Jasper Halford, Ryker Coleman and Hollie McCormack.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Yesterday afternoon our school visited different areas in our community to collect up litter and other rubbish from our local environment. This was instigated by the school council and all classes took care of an area, both in our school grounds and in our wider Maungatapere community.

Due to safety issues, we only covered those areas that had footpaths or wide verges as traffic in our area along the main road is too dangerous.



## PORTFOLIO REPORTS

These went home at the end of last term. If you have not received your child's report because they were absent, they should have gone home at the beginning of this week. We hope you were able to look at these with your children, and they were able to share what they have been doing with their wider whanau. These can be returned to school at any time before our conference times or brought to the conference, as they will be the basis of the discussion with parents and students.

## PARENT CONFERENCES

These are Week 3, 7/8 August. Information has been sent home regarding making bookings online.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), enter our school code - bye25, then follow prompts for your child, teacher etc. When complete a confirmation email will be sent to you. Alternatively come to the office and the staff can help.

If you are not able to make the set days, please talk with your children's teachers and organise a time that works for you both. As we have stated it is really important that we work together as a team to ensure we are all on the same page with the same goals for our students. **Reminder that school will close at 1pm on Thurs 8 Aug.**

*A reminder that Y7/8 science fair projects will be on display in the library during this time so please take your children and have a look at the wonderful work they have done.*

## DANCE PROGRAMME

Next week we have the Footsteps Dance Company coming in to work with all classes teaching a variety of dance. Each level will have 4 sessions and learn 3-4 dances of different styles, genre and culture, including individual and partner routines. Y3-8 classes will also gain greater understanding of the arts curriculum and the 5 elements of dance. We are looking at how we may be able to share this with our school community at the end of the week - but will keep you informed if we are able to manage this.

## MATHEX COMPETITION

The Mathex competition held last term on Friday 28 June at Whangarei Boys High School hall was a great challenge and our teams did very well. They can all be proud of their efforts. A special congratulations to our Y6 team, who won the competition and received a new trophy now displayed in the school office. This is the first time they have had separate Y5&6 competitions.

Y5 - Cleo Fox-Jerry, Mikey Tucker, Heidi Shepherd, Stella McConachie.

Y6 - Ollie Kuindersma, Paige Karl, Che Nicholson, Tom Sweeney

Y7 - Tokoaitua Owen, Kody George, Clara Fagan, Emma Caie

Y8 - Asher Hovell, Keira Ripley, Luke Sweeney, Oliver Rippon.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

This year's school production is entitled 'The Greatest Show on Earth!' and will be held at Forum North on 23/24 October. Unfortunately, there were difficulties with our bookings at Forum North and we were not able to get the pencilled bookings we had, or anything else in T3! Whangarei does not have many suitable venues available for large groups without increasing the number of nights to get everyone in - which would make it hard for both students and staff! Students have auditioned for parts and have been told if they have been successful this week. We know that there are some disappointed students who did not get the part they wanted, and unfortunately there are limited parts. However, they will all be involved as part of their class role. Classes will be working on these over the next few weeks, ready to start to put it all together from week 6.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS

**Talent Show** The talent show was held at the end of last term with about 7-8 groups making it through to each of the junior and senior finals. They can all be proud of their achievements and the work they put in. Congratulations to our Talent Show winners below and thanks to all the teachers that judged the events.

Junior winner Tayla Lambert

2nd Holly Gourlay, 3rd Holly Grace Duffy

Senior winner was the band of Maria Cullen, Lachie Newman and Dillon Worsfold.

2nd Lia Neumann, 3rd Tayla Knox and Kate Gibb

Well done to all those who entered.

**Wheels Day** This will be held on

- Wednesday 14 August for Juniors Y1-4
- Thursday 15 August for seniors Y5-8.

More information will be sent home from the Council, but safety gear should be sent with bikes, scooters and skate boards thanks.

***Nurturing confident, capable learners who strive to fly high.***

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Thank you to those families that responded to the ASC survey last term. The responses have been very positive for our ASC team, with an average rating out of 5 (with 5 being very happy) as follows:

- Happy with current service - 4.7
- Communication - 4.2
- Care of children - 4.4
- Pay system - 4.6
- Staff - 4.3
- Activities - 4.3
- Cost - 4.7
- Food - 3.9

Overall the feedback from parents was very positive. Where we can, suggestions have been taken on board and Kaye and her team are preparing a newsletter to go home to ASC families which we hope will provide answers to any questions posed. Please talk with Kaye or Debbie if you do have any questions or concerns at any time.

### TERM CALENDAR

Thurs 25 July	-	WGHS visit to Y8
Mon 29 July	-	PTA meeting
Wed 31 July	-	Rm 4&5 Good Eggs visit
Wed 7 Aug	-	WGHS Open night
Wed 7 Aug	-	Parent/teacher conferences
Thurs 8 Aug	-	Conferences - <b>early close</b>
Wed 21 Aug	-	School X Country
Wed 4 Sep	-	WPSSA X country, Barge park

### SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Elisha Schimanski** - for working super hard to practise her reading skills.

**Khali Shelford** - for always being a positive, happy class member.

**Kaleb Cameron** - for his positive attitude to his learning and perseverance to succeed.

**Shelby Beuker-Watson** - For working well with her peers and being kind and considerate.

**Addison Wood** - for working hard to complete work to a high standard.

**Eva Smyth** - For showing great perseverance when making her Matariki star at discovery time.

### REMINDERS

#### **After School Transport Arrangements**

If these have changed from last term please advise via the school app or contact the office.

#### **School Cross Country**

Y3-8 students will be involved in cross country practise on Monday and Wednesday for the next few weeks leading to our school cross country. Students are able to bring a change of clothes e.g. shorts, t-shirt to wear while running if they want. They may also bring running shoes. The course does mean they are running on footpaths around the school, but are not crossing main roads. Cross country running focus is about improving on student's personal fitness level during the training, and is our physical education focus for the first half of the term. Unless students are sick or injured and have a note they will participate at their appropriate level.

## **ROOM FIVE - BIRD REPORT**

### **The Kea**



**By Declan**

#### **Classification**

The Keas other names are mountain parrot and NZ mountain parrot. The Kea is endemic to NZ.

#### **Appearance**

The Kea is mostly green to camouflage itself in the bush. It has a yellow and green tummy, two toes at the front and two toes at the back. It is pink under its wings.

#### **Diet**

The Kea eats dead sheep, worms, insects, and larvae.

#### **Habitat**

The Kea live high in the mountains and sometimes they go down to the farmland for food.

#### **Behaviour**

Kea are naughty. They damage cars when they look into windows. They go into campsites and cause trouble.

#### **Threats/Predators**

Their predators are stoats, cats, pigs, dogs and mice. Humans are cutting down trees which affects the Keas habitat.

#### **Extra Information**

They usually lay 4 eggs from July to January. Incubation takes around 22-24 days and the chicks stay in the nest for 3 months.

#### **Conclusion/Summary**

The Kea is special to New Zealand so we need to give it more places to live and nest.

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Pippi Woolston** - for getting into the Whg Yr. 7 & 8 Development team for Hockey

**WBHS visit** - It was good to see past pupil Ben West visiting as a Y13 senior prefect, to talk about WBHS with our Y7/8 students. He represented the school very well. Please let us know of past and present student successes outside of school so we can acknowledge them.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### **Going Bananas Show**

Wed 16 October 2019, 6pm at Whg Intermediate School.

#### **The Kauri Museum Photography Awards 2019**

- 15 July - 12 August - Entries open
  - 13 Sept - 16 October - Exhibition of selected work
- For full competition details and entry form go to [www.kaurimuseum.com](http://www.kaurimuseum.com) or [facebook.com/KauriMuseum](https://facebook.com/KauriMuseum)

#### **Huanui College**

Open evening Wed 14 August

- Guided tours from 4.30pm
  - Presentation at 5.30pm
- Taster Day
- Tuesday 24 September at 9.0am



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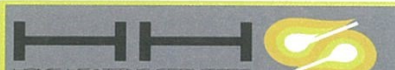
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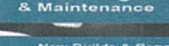
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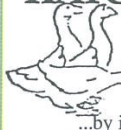
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