

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Our Y5/6 pupils headed off to Lonsdale Park near Matauri Bay on Tuesday morning – very excited and eager to get there. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered their time to provide transport to and from the camp and supervision during the time. It is always full on and there is a great variety of team building activities and events that will keep them more than busy. They arrived safely, settled in and had a busy afternoon with a bush hike yesterday. We are expecting them to arrive back at school about 2.30pm tomorrow - Friday.

It was good to meet some new parents at our recent whanau and new families' meetings. We hope these meetings provided opportunities to learn about our school and to make connections with our community members. Please remember if you do have any questions come in and talk or ask for clarification via the school office.

Welcome to the following new pupils and their families: Violet Urlich and Maia Shelford.

SWIMMING

While the days are still warm swimming tuition will continue at school. Students need to bring their swimming gear or have a note if they are sick. The school pool is being heated during the week to ensure it is warm enough for children to participate in swimming lessons without getting cold. Last week it reached 28 degrees with the warm days and nights again. Because it is covered overnight to retain the heat it is no longer open to the community in the evenings. It will still be open in the weekends.

Junior Swimming Demonstration: This was held last Friday, with a beautiful day and an excellent turn out of parents and grandparents. The purpose of the event is to show the swimming developmental stages and the teaching the students receive as their swimming skills and confidence develop. Confidence comes from time in the water and the many fun games and activities students participate in. This is why it is so important for students to bring their togs and swim regularly. Once they are confident they learn to float, then kick and use their arms to develop swimming strokes. Thank you to all the junior school teachers for their efforts and we hope you gained an insight into how we are teaching swimming.

WPSSA Swimming Sports: The following students participated in the interschool swimming sports at Whangarei Intermediate School yesterday: Xander Tissink, Sheldon Hill, Leah Smith, Ava Neumann, Ella Guitry, Jimmy Turner, Isaiah Birchall, Tokoaitua Owen, Tayla Ruddell, Lilly Jameson, Josh Turner, Dion Robertson, Isaiah Watson, Connor O'Neill, Caleb Graham, Ellie McRae, Ava Iraia, Anya Miller and Kiera Ripley. They were competing against competitive swimmers from all schools in the Whangarei area. Well done for their efforts and again thanks to those parents that provided transport and supervision for the morning or afternoon.

Y7/8 EOTC WEEK

Rock Up, the final event in the Y7/8 EOTC week provided great team building challenges and opportunities. Students learnt to use a bow and arrow, as well as how to rock climb, supporting their team members and cooperating to complete their basketball challenge.

A big thank you also to the many parents that assisted with all the recent Y7/8 EOTC events.



IT'S TIME/KUATAE TE WA CAMPAIGN

This week there were going to be teacher meetings across the country to discuss the latest offer from the Government and where to next. However, the tragic event in Christchurch last week has meant these have been delayed. This was to ensure there was no disruption to classes and teachers remained with their students to support them where needed. These meetings will be held at a later date.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our 2019 school councillors have been elected by their classes for this year. This is a great opportunity to develop leadership and allows students to have a say about what they want to see happening within our school. Well done to all the students that stood for the council – they were prepared to take on the responsibility. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their classes from Y4-8:

Y4: R1 Chloe Cliff; R4 Neva Hodgson; R5 Riley Nops

Y5/6: R2 Layla Ware, Aza Schimanski; R9 Tommy Sweeny, Lia Neumann; R6 Caleb Foster, Chloe McDonald

Y7/8: R7 Bella Tissink, Casey Worsfold; R8 Dillon Worsfold, Maria Cullen.

Our Council Captain for this year is Dillon, with Casey Vice Captain and the Secretary is Maria Cullen.

They have only just started to meet with term 1 events making it difficult to get everyone together. Their focus is to get the tyres on the field replaced and install other fitness equipment if they are able to. They will also organise events that students have suggested – including fundraisers.

Y7 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This week we have a group of Y7 students participating in a leadership conference at Forum North with other Y7 students from Whangarei schools. They are working to develop leadership projects and set up inquiries into areas of interest to follow through during the time. The programme runs during the mornings throughout the week. Our Y7 leaders attending are: Francesca Provan, Clara Fagan, Lillian Jameson, Pippi Woolston, Cooper Knox, Tokoaitua Owen, Tayla Ruddell and Josh McRae.

The support of parents with supervision and transport has been excellent thank you.

OTANGAREI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Next week our kapa haka group will perform at Otangarei School at 12.10pm. Students involved have brought home a notice with information. This year we have over 70 students from Y5-8 participating in our kapa haka group – this is a very large group and currently we do not have costumes for all of them. Students will need to wear a school t-shirt and black shorts or tights. They will have an opportunity to see other cultural groups in action – a different group from the schools that attend the Mangakahia festival at the end of the year.

REMINDERS

Sun hats: Please make sure your child does have a sunhat at school each day. This is school policy during Term 1 and 4 to ensure that students are sun safe at playtime and lunchtime.

Lost property: We are accumulating quite a lot including swimming gear and goggles so if these are missing check in the school lost property.

Carpark/Roadside Parking: please do not park on the roadside between the entry and exit of the school carpark. This does inhibit visibility for cars leaving the carpark which is the main safety issue – being able to get a clear view of what is coming around the corner. Remember Corsair Drive has excellent, safe roadside parking with a concrete footpath to the corner. This is another alternative to parking along the school road frontage.

After School Use of School Grounds: Our school grounds are well used after school. There are school basketball team practices, club soccer practices and local families using them, along with our school After School Care programme. It is great that the community is able to utilise the school facilities outside of school hours. At times the playground and sandpit in particular are being used by families and After School Care students—our After School Care supervisors have responsibility for the children in their programme only.

Netball: Netball fees are due to be paid before the end of term.

Maths Buddy: If you have paid for this and not yet received login details please contact the school office.

Community Use of the Pool: The pool is now only open for key holders over the weekend, not during week day afternoons. This is so we can heat the pool and use the pool cover during the week.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Liam Dickeson R8 - For having a positive attitude in the classroom.

Jake Silvester R5 - For having a positive attitude to his learning.

Isi McGrath R3 - For always doing good thinking and being a responsible learner.

Rosa Dunham R12 - For being an excellent role model in our class.

Jake Graham R3 - For working hard in class, especially in reading. Keep it up.

Erika McConachie R8 - For caring for others and building her resilience.

PTA NEWS

Maunga Mayhem - Just over a week to go! Please keep encouraging friends, family members, work colleagues to come and join us for the Mayhem! All details and the link to buy the awesome "survivor" T-shirts, designed especially for our event, can be found on our website www.maungamayhem.co.nz.

Maunga Mayhem Raffle - Win a 'perfect day' pass for a family of 4. The ultimate non-diving Poor Knights experience, with sight-seeing, kayaking, cave explorations, snorkelling, swimming, snippets of fascinating history and Island facts and great food. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, available from GAS Maungatapere, the school office and at Maunga Mayhem.

PTA AGM - The school community are invited to attend the PTA AGM meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom on **Monday 8th April**.

Spring Bulb Fundraiser - What a bloomin' fantastic community we have, \$867 was raised from this fundraiser. Thank you everyone.



ROOM 11 RECOUNT STORIES

I went to the car show and I saw my friends there and we got an ice-cream. My ice-cream was a rainbow unicorn ice-cream. By Abi Messenger



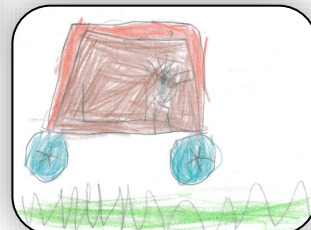
On Saturday I drilled 200 and 5 holes. After that I planted little, green plants. By Carter Hansen

My chicken eggs hatched in the coop and I held them. I played with Rubie and Trae on the wedgie tree. By Rylan Crompton



My cousin came to my house and we made a castle. We made it out of pillows. By Zeke Nathan

I can't drive a tractor but I can do a handstand without leaning on the wall. By Evie Wright



Key Dates/Coming Events - Term 1

Tues 19 - Fri 22	- Y5/6 Lonsdale Park Camp
Wed 27 Mar	- Otangarei Cultural Festival
Sat 30 Mar	- Maunga Mayhem
Wed 3 April	- School Photos
Tues 9	- Nthld Swimming Comp
Fri 12	- End of Term 1
Mon 29 April	- Start of Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maungakaremea JMC Hockey Rally - 24 & 31 March at Nthld Hockey Kensington 10-11.30am for years 5-8, 31 March at Maungakaremea Sports Club 3pm for years 1-4. All welcome to come and have a go. Queries to Jena 021473380 or Selena 021770420.

Hockey Nthld Junior Development Programme - Mon 15-Wed 17 April at Whg ITM Hockey Centre. For school yrs 3-6 \$20/day 8.45am-12pm and yrs 7-8 \$25/day 8.45am-2pm. Register online at www.northlandhockey.org.nz or via HockeyNorthland Facebook.

Maunu Hockey Registration Day - Players in yrs 1 to 6: Sun 31 March at Maunu School Turf or Maunu School Hall if wet. School yrs 1-4 registrations from 4pm – 5pm; school yrs 5-6 reg and trials from 4.30 – 6pm. Bring hockey stick, shin pads, mouth guard and water bottle. See the Maunu Hockey Club Facebook page for more info. Ph Becs Harrison (Club Manager) 021 779 798 or maunuhockey@gmail.com.

Northland DHB Public Health Unit - Is your child/ren up to date with their immunisations against measles. Check your Well Child book, or with your Doctor to see if your child has had the 2 doses of the MMR vaccine which are needed for maximum protection. Unimmunised children who are even only exposed to measles could face up to 2 weeks off school while they wait to see if measles develops, causing enormous disruption in families. Those who actually contract measles fare worse, as measles is a very unpleasant illness. You can find more information on our website – www.northlanddhb.org.nz.

Social Dancing - Tuition classes for adults @ Maungatapere Community Hall, Tuesdays 7.30pm, \$5 per person. Basic ballroom, modern sequence, Latin, old time and more. Suitable all ages and abilities. Enquiries to Deirdre 4347-408 or djarvis@kinect.co.nz

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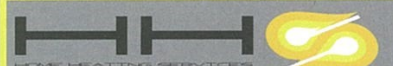
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