

# MAUNGATAPERE SCHOOL



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

**Term 2**  
**28 June 2018**

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

This will be our final newsletter for Term 2 – the year is certainly disappearing rapidly!

It has been a difficult fortnight with the heavy and continual rain meaning our grounds have been out of action for almost all of the week. Usually our grounds are able to drain quickly and we get excellent use of them. The thunder and hail made for an interesting end to the day on Tuesday also.

We would like to welcome and farewell trainee teachers who are working in our school currently: Ms Daniella Nieddu will be in R10 until 10 August. Ms Nina Franklin R8 and Mrs Kim Neumann R2 have returned to teach in these rooms until 17 August and Ms Bianca Clearwater in R3 completes her visit at the end of this week.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable term break with some good weather and look forward to a return to school on Monday 23 July.

Welcome to the following new pupils and their families: Evie Wright and Kees Young.

## Dance Day and Disco Tonight

We have had a specialist dance teacher working with our senior classes Y5-8 today, teaching them some ballroom and disco moves in preparation for a senior disco at 6.30pm tonight. Cost will be \$2. This is an annual event that the students really enjoy and parents - you get a chance to join in at 7.30pm pick-up time!



## Accidents/Near misses

Our Board of Trustees is currently gathering information to take a case to the Ministry of Education to support the purchase of land for the relocation of our carpark to a bigger and safer place. We are very aware of the safety issues around the carpark entrance and exit and would like to gather information to support this. ***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 actual evidence.*** Email the school at [office@maungatapere.school.nz](mailto:office@maungatapere.school.nz)

## R3/12 Kiwi North & Train Visit

Last Friday Rooms 3 and 12 visited the Kiwi North and museum learning about mini-beasts and trains. They had a great day with lots of time on the train before returning to school. Thank you to the many parents and whanau that helped with supervision. The visit was part of their discovery learning focus on topics that interested them.



## Agriculture Day

The Agriculture Day information session is on next week, Wednesday 4 July at 9.00am in the hall. Parents are welcome to come along to this special school assembly where we explain to the children how to raise and care for their Ag Day animal, what is expected on the day, info on categories, photo boards etc. We have a couple of new categories for the juniors this year so please check the Ag Day Notice sent home today. In addition there will be ***no calves allowed at Ag Day*** this year due to the M.Bovis issue. For those still keen to raise a calf there will be the option to produce a calf photo board for Ag Day - see today's Ag Day notice for more info. Entry forms will go home next term.

## Mathex

Tomorrow afternoon/evening a group of our Y5-8 students will be competing in the annual Northland Mathex competition held at Whangarei Boys High School. This event combines maths problem solving with running speed, as each team tries to answer as many maths questions as possible in the fastest time. Questions involve all aspects of maths and are solved by a team of 4, one of whom runs to collect the questions and then return the answers. They have 3 chances to get the correct answer before moving on.

This year our teams are:

Y5/6 - Tokoaitua Owen, Kody George, Che Nicholson and Clara Fagan

Y7 - Asher Hovell, Hannah Adams, Kiera Ripley and Ben Castle

Y8 - Regan Cooking, Pryce Absolum, Adam King and Paddy Ferguson

## Portfolio Reports

A reminder that students will be bringing their portfolio reports home next Friday, the last day of the term. The folder will include a comprehensive report on all areas of the NZ Curriculum we teach and how students are progressing in relation to the expected curriculum levels. They will also include some assessment and work samples from the first half of the year. Hopefully these will show progress in learning and share some idea of the work they have covered. Please take the time to go through these with your children and get them to talk about what they have been learning about. Next term on the 8/9 August we will be holding parent/student/teacher conferences where you can discuss your children's learning with their teacher. This will be a time to look at learning goals for the second half of the year and how we can work together to progress and support both positive learning and behaviour.

## Term 3 Staffing

Next term our Senior School Deputy Principal, Mr Yaron Overeem has been awarded a Ministry of Education Teaching Sabbatical. This involves 10 weeks (1 term) leave to undertake professional learning and refreshment. During the term Mrs Nicky Taylor will be teaching R7 Monday to Thursday and Mr Mike Eagles will be teaching every second Friday when they are not at Technology. Nicky has been teaching 2 days per week this year so there will be no disruption to their learning. Science Fair and speeches will be the main focus of the senior school programme. Mrs Anne Maree Adams and Mrs Jackie Hamilton will move with our New Entrant reception room children into their new room, R13 – as soon as it is complete.

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

### Term 3 Learning Topics

- \* Our focus on New Zealand history will continue next term with classes looking at a variety of aspects including Maori Land wars, disasters, history through myths and legends.
- \* Y7/8 classes will be completing their science fair projects with the best projects entered into the Northland Science Fair at the end of August. They will also be writing speeches leading into the Mangakahia Lions Y8 Speech Contest.
- \* All students will be participating in cross country and running regularly each week leading up to our school event in Week 5. The focus is on fitness, stamina and goal setting to improve personal times, with the students grouped accordingly for their training. Students need to bring a note if they are not able to participate at any time.

### Y3/4 Ripa Tournament

The Y3/4 Ripa rugby tournament at Tauraroa Area School was not held yesterday because the school grounds were too wet. Because some schools cannot make the postponement date they will have an at-school inter-class competition one afternoon next week. This will depend on the weather.

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### Congratulations

- \* To Rylee King and Casey Worsfold who competed in the Regional Final of the Root to Tip cooking competition by Garden to Plate. They were one of 5 teams selected to cook, from 110 entries! Well done!

*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:*

- \* **Casey Worsfold R2** - For striving to learn actions and songs at Te Reo.
  - \* **Sienna Ripley R9** - For being a self motivated learner.
  - \* **Francesca Beattie R3** - For becoming an independent learner and starting to use good initiative.
  - \* **Caitlin Thompson R7** - For her great attitude to her work, always trying her best.
  - \* **Awanui Owen R5** - For showing sportsmanship and leadership.
  - \* **Carter Andrews R11** - For using awesome listening ears and doing the right thing at the right time!
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### Key Dates/Coming Events - Terms 2 & 3

Thur 28 June	- Dance/Disco Y5-8 6.30-7.30pm
Wed 4 July	- Ag Day Info Talk 9am
Fri 6	- Portfolios home & End of Term 2
Tues 17	- Chickens due for collection (from Barkleys)
Mon 23 July	- Term 3 Starts

## Room 1 Class Work

### Reports from their Ruapekepeka/Kawiti Trip

Caves are places where strange creatures are. You might see one. Caves were formed long ago so they are part of our history and the past. Caves are made by dissolving limestone. The water is eating the limestone away. Speleologists study this.

Glow-worms are found in caves. They have lights on their tails to attract prey. If you turn your torch off you can see lots of them. They make sticky threads to catch prey. Then they shine their light. The creatures come and get caught. Once the glow-worms feel them, it goes down to eat it. Yuck! But to them it's yummy. Their threads are called fishing line. They have a hammock. They are kind of invisible. Their fishing lines look like necklaces.

Cave formation is interesting. Rain water trickles down through tiny cracks in the rock. Over thousands of years the rainwater wears away the limestone forming a cave. Caves are mostly found in places where a soft rock called limestone is found. After a cave forms, water keeps forming more caves. Limestone caves form when rainwater joins with carbon dioxide to make a weak acid. There are many kinds of caves. Each of which is formed in a different way. The most common caves are limestone caves.

By Kathryn Seeley

### All About Caves

Caves are places underground where water has taken away rock, forming tunnels. Caves are cold and dark places underground. There are many kinds of caves - each of which is formed in a different way. A

Cave has stalactites. It takes many years for a stalactite to grow only a few inches. Stalactites grow from the roof of the cave.

Stalagmites are the opposite of stalactites. A stalactite grows from the roof of a cave while a stalagmite grows from the cave floor. Stalagmites form when water trickles down the side of a stalactite and drips onto the cave floor.

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By Xavier Kuindersma



### Community Notices

**Educare** - July School Holiday Programme 9-20th July, Maunu School Hall, 8-5.30pm, 5-13yo, WINZ subsidies available, discount for 2+ children. Exciting daily activities and outings. \$38-\$40/day.

**WGHS Open Evening** - Wed 8 August 5.30-7.30pm apx. A great opportunity to see our extensive range of curricular and extra curricular activities. Come and get a feel for our special learning environment. All welcome. [www.wghs.school.nz](http://www.wghs.school.nz).

**Tutukaka Surf Experience** - School Holiday Programme. Perfect for all school age youth, the program will run in the first week of the holidays. \$35 per session or \$90 for all 3 days. Wetsuits and boards provided. 9th, 10th and 11th of July (Mon - Wed). Easy booking, simply call 09 4344135, email or visit our facebook page.



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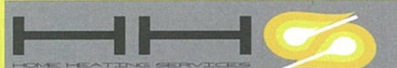
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