

Kia ora Parents and Whanau,

The beginning of term 2 has brought about a few major changes to our school especially with property. The term will see us all continuing to work around our school development. We hope you enjoyed the term break and made the most of some lovely warm weather.

Welcome to our new pupils and their families: Chloe McDonald, Presley Cairns-Cowan, Declan and Jackson Treloar.

### **RUAPEKAPEKA AND KAWITI CAVES TRIP**

A letter with information and permission etc was sent home at the beginning of this week. Thank you to everyone that has returned it promptly as we need to organise supervision and transport as soon as possible, especially for the Tuesday trip. The trip is a lead in to our term topic on NZ History and we are looking at the local history of this area to start with. Please return these forms to your children's teachers.

Rooms 2, 9, 7, 8 are going on Tuesday 8 May; R1, 4, 5, 6 on Wednesday 9 May; and R3, 10, 11, 12 on Thursday 10 May. Buses will be leaving just after 9am so please make sure children are at school on time on the day of their trip. They will be back in time for the normal end of day at 2.50pm.

Thanks to an Oxford Sports Trust grant and a donation from the PTA we have been able to keep the cost of the trip well down.

### **PROPERTY UPDATE**

R6 are enjoying their new classroom and are settling into what is a much nicer smelling environment! Pushing the room back in line with R7 has also opened up the space out to the field. We just need the grass to grow over the patches behind the classroom now. R4/5 have great new toilet facilities and repainted cloak bays. They are also enjoying these. The covered area off R10/11 has been installed but the roof is still to go on and the drop down curtains added.

During the term break two relocatable classrooms were brought on site. They will be worked on this term and are expected to be ready for the start of term 3. Unfortunately, the best entry was through the sandpit so that is currently out of action. This will hopefully be repaired in the next week.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Over the next two weeks we will be able to get our school library back up and running – something we are looking forward to! While we have had boxes of books out in classrooms it will be good to have the space back again and classes able to have library times. It will also be open at lunchtimes for students to use.



### **SPORTS EVENTS**

Winter sports events to be held this term include a Quick Rip day for Y7/8 students on Thursday 10 May. Those students keen to participate have taken home a notice. The Y7/8 winter sports tournament will be held on Wednesday 23 May.

### **ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

The first half of this term teachers are working alongside students to find out where they are at in their learning to identify gaps and next learning steps. This does involve a variety of assessment including some tests, reading and answering questions. This information is shared with students as they happen and also forms part of the information used to write mid-year reports that go home at the end of this term. Report portfolios include some assessment tasks and some examples of work that students have completed during the first half of the year. We encourage students to have a go and do their best as the work is not about pass or fail but about getting better at what they are doing and seeing progress.

### **DENTAL CLINIC**

The mobile dental clinic will be at school from Wednesday 23 May and will be working with our students over the next few months. We will send out contact information as soon as we have it.

### **REMINDERS**

**Saturday Netball:** Junior netball starts this weekend and everyone playing should have their uniforms now. *Please make sure fees have been paid* as the school is having to pay the netball association for all registered players. Thank you to parents supporting and coaching teams.

**Transport Changes:** If there are any changes for this term because of sports practices etc please let us know.

**Payment For School Activities:** Our School bank account number is 12-3099-0836089-00. Payment for several siblings and/or multiple activities can be made together. Just reference where possible or flick us an email with details.

**Piano Available:** If anyone is interested in a piano, suitable for beginners, please contact the school office.

### **PTA NEWS**

**Next PTA Meeting & AGM:** The next PTA meeting is on Monday 28 May at the earlier time of 7.00pm in the school staffroom. Everybody is most welcome.

**Bulb Fundraiser:** Thanks to everyone who ordered bulbs through the PTA this year. We made \$576 commission for the school. Special thanks to Tracey Worsfold for being chief organiser, Tania Fenton for doing the notices and posters, Andrea and Caitlyn Thompson for sorting the bulbs and Pam from GAS Maungatapere for the donation of the paper bags.

**Birthday Cake Raffle:** The winner of the Kitchen Giggles Birthday Cake raffle was Mia Routley, congratulations. The proceeds from this raffle were donated to school. Many thanks for your support.



### Y5/6 Surf Trip to Tutukaka from late last term.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Perhaps a little late but congratulations to the following Maungatapere students for their successes at secondary school:

- \* Bernadine Nash and Courtney Crum – prefects this year at WGHS.
- \* Courtney Martin dux at Tauraroa Area School last year.
- \* Adrian Stockdill - WBHS prefect this year.

*We do like to hear about past student successes and adventures so please keep us informed.*

### SCHOOL AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following pupils:**

- Lia Neumann R6** - For having a fantastic attitude during writing, creating a descriptive recount.
- Josh Smith R12** - For dedication to his learning. Keep up the fabulous work.
- Jake Silvester R1** - For settling into coming to school, focusing on learning and being an active class member.
- Elijah Hovell R12** - For persisting at Lexia, working through the hard parts and making good progress.
- Clara Fagan R2** - For persisting during difficult tasks and using a growth mindset.
- Lulu Cullen R5** - For dedication to her learning and being a great role model.

### Room 9 - Personal Recount

#### The Steam Train

Now that's what you call a chuga-chuga choo-choo, I nearly shouted.

Dad, Samuel, Matthew and I were at the 'Big Steam' and boy was it fantastic. The actual steam train was black and it smelt like a mix of oil and coal. As the rush of people dashed to get a good seat, we ran to the back of it. "New carriage, yeah", Matthew said excitedly. Just then I felt a craving for ice tea. Luckily I had some in my bag. "Wow, it's so beautiful", I stammered.

I needed some fresh air. I walked into the gangway. The train was going quite a lot faster than I thought. It was all over much too soon.

By Laura Parry



### KEY DATES / COMING EVENTS - TERM 2 2018

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| Tues 8 May | - Ruapekapeka trip Rm 2, 7, 8 & 9                  |
| Wed 9      | - Ruapekapeka trip Rm 1, 4, 5 & 6                  |
| Thur 10    | - Ruapekapeka trip Rm 3, 10, 11 & 12               |
|            | - Yr 7/8 Quick Rip                                 |
| Wed 16     | - School Council Colour Day                        |
|            | - BOT Meeting @ 7pm                                |
| Tues 22    | - Whanau Meeting 7pm                               |
| Wed 23     | - School Dental Bus onsite                         |
|            | - Y7/8 WPSSA Winter Sports day pp 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mon 28     | - PTA AGM meeting @ 7pm                            |
| Tues 29    | - Y5/6 Rippa Tournament pp 1/6                     |
| Wed 30 May | - School Council Cake Stall                        |
| Mon 4 June | - Queen's Birthday Holiday                         |
| Wed 6      | - Y4-6 WPSSA Winter Sports day pp 13 <sup>th</sup> |

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kara/Kokopu Hall Fundraiser** - Kids Clothing & Toy Jumble Sale, this Sunday 6 May from 9am-3pm at Kara/Kokopu Hall, 527 Kara Road. Contact Sue Hoyle 021 438 171 for details.

**First Aid Evening** - Kara/Kokopu Hall, Sat May 19, 4pm-6pm. Do you know what to do in an emergency? Brush up and find out what to do if help is needed. Paramedic Ben Lockie will be running through basic life saving skills and info. Please note this is not a certified first aid course, it's an information evening. \$5 donation to attend.

**Maunu Hockey** - looking for 2-3 Year 1 or Y2 players to join teams for the upcoming season. Practices at Maunu School. Games on Sat mornings at Kensington. Contact Anne-Maree Adams 021-537433.

**'Not So Serious' Trivia Night** - Sat 26 May @ Tangiteroria Complex. Doors open 6pm, trivia starts 6.30pm sharp. 6 people to a team \$15 per person/\$90 a team. Spot prizes, raffles, supper provided, BYO drinks. Queries/bookings to Melanie Berger 021-772822, 4332528. All funds raised for Tangiteroria School.

**Drama Classes** - Tues, Wed, Thurs - very limited spaces left in our popular TaDa Drama classes for ages 7-10, no experience needed. New Improv Antics & Drama for intermediate age in Whangarei and Bream Bay. See [www.makingascene.co.nz](http://www.makingascene.co.nz) for info.

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