

MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

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NEWSLETTER

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Please let us know **BEFORE 9.00** if your child is absent, & **BEFORE 2.00** to change home-time transport plans.

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Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

STUDENT SUCCESS

1 Student Leaders Continue to Shine

Madison Curel leaves us at the end of term for the 2009 North Tech July-November bridging course for her nursing degree. We thank Madison for her excellent contribution to school life, especially her leadership as head girl, and wish her every success in her new career. Apologies to Madison for omitting her from the **Level 2 NCEA results for 2008**.

In May at Waitangi, **Rochelle Lomas** and **Darone Diamond** presented their work in Education for Sustainability (EfS) at a Northland Regional Council (NRC) workshop for secondary school EfS teachers and sector leaders. NRC writes:

'The excellent presentation from these students, with the assistance of teacher Elyne Semenoff, clearly showed the excellent results Mangakahia Area School is achieving through its groundbreaking participation in New Zealand's new NCEA EfS achievement standards. The school's secondary-school level work in this area is to be presented to the Environmental Education conference offered by the NZ Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE.) in Hastings in January 2010. It attracts several hundred delegates from NZ and overseas when held every two years.'

Teen Parent Student Success We are looking at a Teen Parent School news page in our newsletters, starting next term. The young women are raking in the credits and developing a very exciting enterprise or two! Watch this space!

2 The 2009 OPC Experience

Last week a group of seniors had the trip of a lifetime down to the snow. After weeks of planning, preparation, fundraising and saving, they made the long drive south into the snow, ice, and sub-zero temperatures for challenging activities that tested their mettle and pushed them well beyond their comfort zones. High ropes, hiking, and over-nighting in a bitterly cold cave were some of their achievements. Teamwork, loyalty, and sheer stickability are some of the newly honed skills gained by **Darone Diamond, Riwhi Edmonds, Cameron Kaka, Wayne Kaka, Edward Kelly, Marie-Liz Keyser, Liz-Marie Keyser, Sherryn Schraag**. Well done, team – and thank you for bringing Mr Dunn & Ms Antunovich back safely!

3 NASA North Island Sports Tournament 6-8 July at Kerikeri

As featured in our May newsletter, these students are off to represent Southern Zone of NAS at the Regions in Kerikeri:

Basketball	Kayla Piri, Chastity Paniora, Sherryn Schraag, Cherith Schraag, Puti Shortland, Toni Tahere, Chris Flay, Edward Kelly, Trei Rewita, Whaea Alice Palmer (Coach)
Volleyball	Kayla Piri, Sherryn Schraag, Cherith Schraag, Trei Rewita.
Netball	Sherryn Schraag, Cherith Schraag, Toni Tahere.
Futsal	Kayla Piri, Devan Tuhiwai, Francis Wilson, Kolio Lamusitele-Parata, (n/t res. Arahia Kamira & Kim Tae)

Best wishes to all these students, their coaches, their families and supporters. **The full programme** is attached at the end of this newsletter for those intending to follow the sports. Travel safely, go hard, play fair!

4 Manu Korero Competitions at Whangaroa College were a big challenge for our representatives, who worked hard to prepare and did their best alongside experienced and fluent Kura Kaupapa students. Although not placed, they gained valuable experience and did the school proud in their effort, attitude and conduct. Thank you **Maggie Henare, Kayla Piri, Trei Rewita, Dylan Tohu, and Keegan Walker**. Kia kaha e nga Rangatahi Rangatira!

5 Carving

10 senior students are near the end of their 10-week course of wood carving on Friday mornings, tutored by Brian Mitchell, for 20 Level 4 credits. The students are: **Riwhi Edmonds, Cameron Kaka, Edward Kelly, Kayla Piri, Penehamine Porter, Trei Rewita, Dylan Tohu, Finnisha Tuhiwai, Devan Tuhiwai and Joseph Molaia**. The students have worked consistently well. We congratulate them and thank Brian Mitchell for sharing his passion and knowledge.

6 Y1-13 student-led conferences 24-25 June Thank you to all attending these meetings. **If you were unable to make it**, or require a written report instead or as well, please let us know at the office as soon as possible.

BOT BULLETIN

At its 22 June meeting the board discussed the flu pandemic. The school already has a pandemic plan. In line with that plan, and in the interests of health, the board has made the following decision:

Students or staff with even slight flu symptoms (sneezing, coughing, mild fever) must stay away from school until symptoms clear up. This also applies to members of the community helping, or calling in at, the school.

The Ministry of Health states that parent teacher evenings, sports tournaments can continue, with the usual precautions:

- **Students or staff with symptoms should stay at home in line with normal practice.**
- **Hygiene measures should continue including hand washing before and after eating, keeping hands away from mouths, and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing.**
- **Care should be taken that students who have particular medical conditions or who are susceptible to infection avoid contact with people who have symptoms.**

At MAS teachers will issue antiseptic hand wash for each student at the start of each class. Each classroom has a large box of tissues for student and staff use. The office has the same for visitors. Students arriving or becoming sick will be quarantined and home contacted. These hygiene practices are in line with the Ministry of Health directions (above).

PLEASE NOTE In the event of staff illness, classes may be combined. Relievers are already scarce at this time of year with seasonal ills and chills. Some of our staff have been away with regular colds. In the unlikely event of the school being closed, this news will be spread by telephone and radio. We will do the best we can to provide work for students.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING CUTS

Enviro Schools Education Many schools in NZ have become Enviro-schools in recent years, a nation-wide movement funded by the Ministry of Education and regional councils. MAS has been a prominent enviro-school for several years, as acknowledged recently by Northland Regional Council: We are fortunate because we already have the Bronze and Silver awards, well established recycling and horticulture facilities, and lead teacher and student reps selected for international, national and provincial conferences. The cuts will not affect our high quality EfS programmes.

Adult Community Education The disappearance of ACE funding in 2010 is a blow for the Valley community. Present funding covers Maungatapere through to Pakotai, encompassing Parakao, Titoki, Por , Kokopu and Whatitiri. **All current funding will continue until the end of 2009.** Information beyond 2009 will be available later in the . Keen participants in long-running courses in art and IT (MAS), and aerobics (Poroti) will have to decide whether to pay as they go, or fold in 2010. MAS staff and trustees have protested the cut through postcards to our local MP. Cards are available at the school office if you would like to send one. Watch this space for news of whether courses continue on a pay-as-you-go basis. For more information phone **Senior Manager Lesley McCardle 4331-702 (W) or 4347 299 (H).**

STAFF NEWS

Thank you to all staff – at MAS and TPS – for the hard work and challenges you have overcome, in school and beyond, this semester. Taitokerau support, NASA and WPSSA sports, First Aid Training, Careers and Gateway, and that's before we even get to the teaching! Recent efforts include **Barry Dunn** and **Jodi Antunovich** giving the OPC students such a great experience, and **AP Rosemary Grieve** shepherding us through a challenging professional development contract. In the July holidays Sportfit coordinator **Juanita Parata** and **Whaea Alice Palmer** will take our teams to the regionals, and **Julie Hamilton, Jan Jones, Bill Morgan** and I have three days Restorative Justice training.

In 2007 EfS teacher **Elyne Semenoff** represented New Zealand at the International Forestry Conference in Portland Oregon. Elyne has once again been honoured, this time for her outstanding work at national level in NCEA landcare – ag/hort/forestry. Elyne led Rochelle and Darone to the Waitangi conference of secondary schools EfS teachers in Term 1 and has been invited to present her work developing NCEA Level 3 achievement standards at their national conference in January 2010. Congratulations Elyne. Extract from Northland Regional Council letter:

'Mangakahia Area School has from the beginning been at forefront of this major new development in secondary schools' Education for Sustainability, involved in the creation of the new NCEA standards through trialling their beginnings. That ground-breaking work now continues through Elyne Semenoff's efforts to bring the new level three EfS achievement standards to life – through linking with a local marae to develop student-driven learning and other initiatives.'

In Term 3 **Bill Morgan** is on a 10-week sabbatical, to study repeat stand downs in NZ area schools. Bill has surveyed the 40 area schools and will now collate and analyse results and write his report. This is a useful exercise for the area school databank and a well deserved change of pace and professional activity for Bill. We wish him well. In his absence **AP Jan Jones** takes over his classes and DP role, and **Whaea Kay Rawlings** replaces Jan as Y7-8 teacher. Detailed plans are already in place to ensure a smooth term for seniors taking NCEA English, Y9 English, and Y11 alternative maths. Senior managers are already in full planning mode for the second half year and beyond.

Our condolences to **Brad and Terri Cunningham** on the passing of Brad's mother in Auckland this week, after a long illness. Our thoughts are with you.

CELEBRATING MATARIKI

The whole school celebrates Matariki tomorrow (Tuesday) with a sit down formal lunch for students and staff. The students who planned the event as part of their cultural enterprise studies, set the menu, calculated the cost and set the charges per person, and will prepare and serve the lunch. Kia kaha e nga Rangatahi.

HAERE RA: GAY RUDELL

Matariki has a special significance for Gay Ruddell, who leaves us on the last day of term to on a new beginning as an Early Childhood Teacher Trainee. Gay has worked the school since 2000 holding various positions – teacher aide, receptionist, clerical assistant, Sportfit Coordinator, and more recently Gateway Coordinator

Gay has always given 1000% to everything she does at school and beyond – as a daughter, wife, mother, Playcentre mum, sports enthusiast, and proud grandmother. Mangakahia students owe her a huge debt of gratitude for all her cajoling, motivating, organising, rescuing and inspiring. So do Northland and New Zealand Area School organisations and Sport Northland - Gay set an early high standard for area school sports organisation at provincial and national levels.

We wish Gay every success in her new career. Her devotion to young children is legendary. She will be an asset to the ECE profession. Knowing her drive and passion, we fully expect her to open her own CE centre in due course. Thank you Gay for your energy, expertise, friendship and comment. **Ma te Atua koe e tiaki e manaaki i nga wa katoa, e te Rangatira, e te Hoa.** May God take care of you and keep you at all times, our hero and our friend.

Term 3 starts 8.40am Monday 20 July. In the meantime we wish you a safe, restful and healing holiday.

**Ka kite,
Anne Stead
Principal**

Ministry of Health Advisory on School Holiday Travel

With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around NZ, Mangakahia Area School is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. The Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or the home town / city.

However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole school could be closed for a week. The school board asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand

If there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or through the MOH Healthline 0800 611 116.

Pandemic – Moving to the next phase 19 June 2009

Public health authorities in Wellington and Christchurch have announced that they have moved into the new phase today. It is likely that most other areas of New Zealand will follow very shortly. You can read the Ministry of Health media release here www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/influenza-a-h1n1-update-eighty-190609.

It is unlikely that early childhood services or schools will be advised to close if they have suspected or confirmed cases, unless they are in an area still in the containment phase. The Ministry of Health advises that there is no need for any restrictions on people returning to work, school or their early childhood service after an overseas trip, unless they have symptoms. The Ministry of Education has been continually updating its website and will continue with daily updates on www.minedu.govt.nz/PandemicUpdates. Medical information is on the Ministry of Health website www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1. Travel information is available on www.safetravel.govt.nz

ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Community / School Library: Anyone from our community can borrow books and use the Community Library situated at Mangakahia Area School, just come in and register with the librarian. Library hours are Monday – Thursday 8.30am to 3.30pm, closed Fridays. All welcome. We have a large selection of books suitable for all ages: Science fiction, romance, mystery, adventure or crime. There is a good range of popular authors: Jodi Picoult, Jeffrey Archer, Paulina Simmons, John Grisham, Danielle Steel, Bryce Courtenay, Steven King to name a few. We can reserve books and try to find that “particular” book you have been looking for.



Titoki Playcentre is situated at Mangakahia Area School and has attracti modern facilities. Sessions are held on Mondays, 9.00am to 12.00pm for children aged 0 to 6 ye There are stimulating activities for adults and children and all families are welcome. Phone Danielle, 4331 885 or Philippa, 4331 511.

ART & Craft Classes are held on **Wednesday nights** in the art room at Mangakahia Area School, 7.00pm to 9.30pm. No experience needed & only \$2.00 per session – clay, paint, crayon, dye & natural materials etc. **Creative playtime for adults!** Come along & have some fun. Phone Bobby 4331 556.

Mangakahia Aerobics: Tuesday & Thursday at 6.30 to 7.30pm at the Mangakahia Sports complex, Poroti. Classes are low impact body balance or body combat & are led by Sport Northland instructors. For more information phone 4346 308.

Te OruOru Pakotai Sports & Recreation Hall Complex has been in recess for a few years and with the welcome return home of local residents and well known tennis players Lloyd and Roseanna and their strong desire to see the sporting facility restored and functioning again, there is a ‘do-up’ happening. When the tennis courts are upgraded Lloyd is keen to coach and foster tennis in the valley. The Committee on behalf of the community extend warmest thanks to Lloyd and Roseanna for their commitment and work efforts and to all the people who generously donated building materials, hardware, cartage and money. We will keep one in the loop with regard to future plans, progress and events to come. For more information contact Gail Rika (Sec), 4331 769.

AFFCO “Cash for Schools”: AFFCO is currently promoting their “Cash for Schools” programme. This scheme was a great success last year with over \$80,000 given out to rural New Zealand schools. If you supply your bobby calves to AFFCO we would like to encourage you to sign up for this programme. When you register with AFFCO just nominate **MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL** on the Bobby Calf Registration/Status Declaration form on their website www.affco.co.nz click on **Livestock** then **Bobby Calf Supplier Information**

Mangakahia Rugby Club is still looking for a few players at each Grade -Nursery, Grade 1 (about 6 years old) and Grade 2 (about 10 years). JMB Rugby training Thursdays at 4.30pm. All welcome. Registration forms will be available for new members.

Northland Youth Theatre Holiday Programme: 9.00am to 4.00pm at the APT (the old library buildin ust Ave) for a holiday programme full of DRAMA! Phone Rose on 4384 4 or coordinator@nyt.org.nz

Country Meal: The next country meal at the Mangakahia Sports Complex, Poroti is **Friday 10 July from 6.30pm** and is in support of JMB Rugby. Attending this meal is a great way to meet others in the community and give your support to a wide range of community groups and schools. Adults \$15.00 & children \$6.00 for a two course meal. Everyone welcome, please bring all your friends. Country meals are held on the second Friday of each month:



July – JMB Rugby
August – Soccer
September – Pool Club
October – Mangakahia Area School / Complex
November – Mangakahia Lions
December – Titoki Playcentre - Complex

TERM DATES

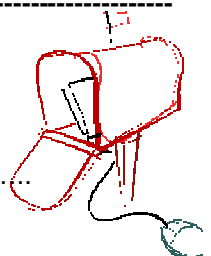
Term 2 27 April to 3 July
Term 3 20 July to 25 Sep
Term 4 12 Oct to 11 Dec

YES, I would like to receive the school newsletter via email.

Student or Family Name:

My email address is (**please PRINT clearly**)

Or you can contact the school office on admin@mangakahia.school.nz



2009 NORTH ISLAND AREA SCHOOLS SPORTS TOURNAMENT
6TH TO 9TH JULY @ KERIKERI, WAIPAPA
N.A.S.A Sport Programme

Monday 6 July

- 10.00am Powhiri @ Kerikeri High School – Gym
- 10.30am Tournament meeting @ - Netball Centre
- 11.00am Futsal 12 min halves – 30 mins per round
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| 11.00am | Central vs. Kerikeri | Girls |
| 11.30am | Central vs. Kerikeri | Boys |
| 12.00pm | Southern vs. Kerikeri | Girls |
| 12.30pm | Southern vs. Kerikeri | Boys |
| 1.00pm | Northern vs. Central | Girls |
| 1.30pm | Northern vs. Central | Boys |
- Code convenor – Julie Tarr
- 11.30am Netball 15 mins ¼'s – All four teams playing
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| Central One vs. Northern |
| Central Two vs. Southern |
- Code Convenor – Kim Butler
- 11.30am Rugby Training @ Moerewa
- 1.00pm Finish Rugby
- 2.00pm Volleyball 3 sets to 25 – maximum playing time 45 minutes
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| 2.20pm | C1 vs. N | C2 vs. S | Girls |
| 3.10pm | C1 vs. C2 | N vs. S | Boys |
| 4.00pm | C1 vs. C2 | N vs. S | Girls |
| 4.50pm | C1 vs. S | C2 vs. N | Boys |
- Code Convenor – Grant Harrison
- 6.00pm Completion at Kerikeri
- 6.00pm Basketball @ Waipapa 1 hour per round, running clock
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| 6.20pm | C1 vs. S | N vs. C2 | Girls |
| 7.30pm | C1 vs. S | N vs. C2 | Boys |
- Code Convenor – Manuera Riwai
- 8.40pm Completion at Waipapa

Tuesday 7 July

- 8.20am Tournament briefing at Kerikeri
- 9.00am Netball @ Kerikeri
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| 9.00am | C1 vs. C2 | S vs. N |
| 11.30am | C1 vs. S | N vs. C2 |
- Netball meeting Naming of teams
- 9.00am Futsal @ Kerikeri
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|---------|-----------------------|-------|
| 9.00am | Northern vs. Kerikeri | Boys |
| 9.30am | Northern vs. Kerikeri | Girls |
| 1.00am | Central vs. Southern | Boys |
| 10.30am | Central vs. Southern | Girls |
| 11.00am | Northern vs. Southern | Boys |
| 11.30m | Northern vs. Southern | Girls |
| 12.00pm | Futsal Finish | |
- Futsal meeting – Naming of teams
- 9.30am Rugby Training @ Moerewa
- 11.30am Finish Rugby
- 12.30pm Volleyball @ Kerikeri
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|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| 12.30pm | C1 vs. S | C2 vs. N | Boys |
| 1.30pm | C1 vs. S | C2 vs. N | Girls |
- Volleyball meeting naming of teams
- 2.30pm Completion of day at Kerikeri

12.40pm Court available for Basketball training @ Waipapa
Court 1 Central Court 2 Northland

2.00pm Basketball @ Waipapa
2.00pm C1 vs. N C2 vs. S Boys
3.20pm C1 vs. N C2 vs. S Girls
4.40pm N vs. S C1 vs. C2 Boys
5.50pm N vs. S C1 vs. C2 Girl
Basketball Meeting – Naming of teams

7.20pm Announcing of Regional Teams
Boys and Girls – Futsal, Basketball and Volleyball
Girls Netball

Wednesday 8 July – Regional playoffs

8.20am Tournament briefing @ Kerikeri

9.00am Volleyball – Kerikeri
9.00am CASA vs. NASA Boys
10.00am CASA vs. NASA Girls
Volleyball meeting – Naming team

11.00am Futsal – Kerikeri
11.00am CASA vs. NASA Girls
11.40am CASA vs. NASA Boys
Futsal meeting – Naming team

11.30am Rugby – Moerewa
11.30am CASA vs. NASA
Rugby Meeting – Naming of team

12.00pm Netball – Kerikeri
12.00pm CASA vs. NASA
Netball meeting – Naming of team

2.30pm At Kerikeri Announcing of NIASA Volleyball, Netball and Futsal teams

3.00pm Basketball - Waipapa
3.00pm CASA vs. NASA Boys & Girls
Basketball meeting – Manuera Riwai @ Waipapa

4.30pm Announcing NIASA Basketball & Rugby teams

Invitationals: NIASA

5.00pm Kerikeri - NIASA Volleyball – Boys & Girls

7.000pm Waipapa – NIASA Basketball – Boys & Girls

Thursday 9 July

10.00am Rugby @ Moerewa

10.30am Netball @ Kerikeri
Futsal @ Kerikeri
10.30am Boys
11.20am Girls

12.30pm Prize giving

Playing venues:

Netball, Futsal & Volleyball

Kerikeri High School – Hone Heke Road

Basketball

Baysport Centre – Waipapa

Rugby

Simpson Park, Moerewa

Hei konei ra

Juanita Parata

2009 Steering Committee