

# MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

12 November 2008

NEWSLETTER

No

Please let us know **BEFORE 9.00** if your child is going to be absent and **BEFORE 2.00** if you need to change home-time transport plans.

**THIS EDITION – THE REST OF TERM 4, 2009 STAFF AND PLANS, ADMIN & COMMUNITY**

**Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.**

**Last day for Y11-13 Students is TODAY, Weds 12 November** Students sitting external exams are off from today. **Please ensure they make the best use of their time – studying!** Those not sitting exams at home. Many will have arranged summer work. Apart from a small group of seniors who are completing in one subject, **no seniors should be here after today.** Best wishes, students – use your study time wisely!

**Show Day** The mid-week Show Day went very well. Thank you all who supported it. Details next newsletter.

**Junior Kapa Haka** Y4-6 students are training hard with Whaea Mereana for an hour each Wednesday morning and are making fabulous progress and should be the star turn of our annual prize-giving.

**Staff Appointments for 2009** We are pleased to announce teachers appointed for 2009. We look forward to welcoming them next term. We expect students to fully support their teaching.

Workshop Technology	Mr John Coram	(Bay of Islands College, ex-MAS teacher)
Food & Fabric Technology/Hospitality	Mrs Julie Hamilton	(Whangarei Girls HS, ex-MAS teacher)
Mathematics	Mr Wayne Atkins	(Whangarei Boys HS, for 5 years)
Science	Mr David Sadgrove	(Auckland - Massey HS)

**Proposals to enhance student engagement in learning, 2009-2010** After two years consolidating current practices, we are in the process of engaging in new initiatives over the next two years. These aim to focus on our teaching programmes and focus on student learning in literacy, English, and assessment, with a special focus on Y7-10 students. Details of these will be in the next newsletter.

**Library News** The National Library Service has invited 10 new Zealand schools to join a special initiative. Mangakahia is one of them! We get \$10,000, professional facilitators, some on-site training for staff (syndicate time) & huge benefits for students.

**Pathways Team: a MAS proposal to integrate Careers, Gateway, and Youth Apprenticeship.** This is an exciting school-based development for senior students and education sector shifts in preparing students beyond school and lifelong learning. The introduction of the apprenticeship scheme is a new challenge. The Pathways Team share expertise and define directions, following an annual plan. Their work will be a regular feature in newsletters in 2009.

**13 Nov–16 Dec** Senior managers are now into planning, timetabling and re-organising our senior management for next year. Staff continue to teach Y0-10. Teachers of Y11-13 are preparing for 2009 senior prizes. Some teachers are finalising our pages for the magazine and several are also involved in outdoor education camps. We are also writing reports and, in the final 2 weeks, preparing for 2008 Prize-giving and Term 1 progress reports. Students are busy and most are up-beat and looking forward to the summer break. It's an exciting time for all.

**Ka kite, Anne Stead Principal**

## Admin & Community News

### Waiata Class

Starts tonight, Wednesday 12, 6.00pm to 9.00pm, in the school Community Room with Mereana Pou and everyone welcome including children. For more information contact Mereana on 021 1221 089.

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**2008 Yearbook:** Our family, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2008 Yearbook.

Please find enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_