

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 going to be absent, and **BEFORE 2.00** if you need to change home-time transport plans.

Greetings Everyone

Even though it has only been a few weeks since the last newsletter, there are several important reasons for writing to you at this stage.

Staffing Matters

This is the last week that Gina Gatman will be teaching in Room 3. She and her partner are moving to Canada for a year and will be living in Edmonton, Alberta. Gina has been an excellent addition to the staff, and I know that the Room 3 kids will miss her as well. I hope that you enjoy the page that Gina and her class has prepared for this newsletter on the subject of "Positive Playground".

Gina will be replaced by Ann Hallett, who will teach in Room 3 until Rosemary Grieve returns from her study leave. Ann will take up her position this Friday, and I hope that her time at Mangakahia is rewarding.

Susan Reynolds will be leaving the school at the end of next week to take up her Guidance Counselling role at Bream Bay College. Susan has been with us for three years, and has made a major contribution to the school.

I wish her every success in her new teaching direction.

Show Day

Just a reminder that this important school event, on Wednesday 29 October, is approaching fast. If there are any orphan animals, please contact the school and we will try to find homes for them. It would be great if the number of animals being judged began to increase again.

He Mataariki (Teen Parent Unit)

We are delighted that "Close Up" chose to feature the unit recently. There is real interest in the ability of these young women to continue with their education and to succeed.

Several students have now left He Mataariki to attend courses at NorthTec, and others have been accepted into teacher training and child-care training in 2009.

These are the very outcomes that the unit has been striving for.

URGENT REMINDER

NZQA fees are due to be paid by 29 August. After this date a late fee of \$150.00 will apply. If the fee is not paid students will not get their Record of Learning

Student Success

Although the main tournament has not yet taken place, **Ricky Schraag, our head student, has won a silver medal in a shooting tournament in Ireland. He was beaten by another New Zealand competitor.**

Erin Murphy, of our Year 11 class, has won a scholarship from The Korean Veteran's Association. Erin had to write an essay based on the wartime experiences of a relative. The value of the scholarship was \$500.

Well done Ricky and Erin.

Merit Tokens

This programme has now been in place for 3 weeks, and the spot prizes at the end of each week have been awarded to:

Week 1 – Caitlin Hunter

Week 2 – Trei Rewita

Week 3 – Joseph Molaia

The tokens can be awarded for good work, attitude, helpfulness, etc. Ask your child how many they have had awarded so far.

New Secondary Seating

New bench seating is now in place outside the secondary classrooms and library.

Health Promoting School

Thank you to everyone who has tried to make healthy eating a success at the school. Although there is still evidence of soft drinks and crisps being consumed, the situation continues to improve.

School Uniform Items

New stocks of the updated sweatshirt, the school jacket and the woollen school sweater are now in the uniform shops. The items are not only smart looking, but also warm. There should be no reason for students to attend school in non-uniform jackets and sweatshirts.

Te Ara Reo Course

This course has now been going for 3 weeks, and is well attended. Congratulations to all concerned.

Regards
Bill Morgan
Acting Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Greetings once again from the Sports Desk. Our busiest terms for Sport have now past which gives us time to reflect and acknowledge all our students achievements. Term one had our students swimming, running, jumping, throwing and training, whilst term two saw them all running, climbing and representing our school with pride and honor at the various sporting tournaments.

As always whanau support for our students and school was awesome, thank you everyone for your input and congratulations to all our students for what they achieved, ahakoa he iti, he pounamu.

NZASA – Whangarei

During week one of the term break I attended the NZASA Sports Tournament with 9 of our students, 6 competing and 3 fundraising. All 9 students were fabulous Ambassador's of our school and gave 110%. Firstly a huge thank you to Lani, Tynneal and Kahlen for the long hours and hard work running the canteen to raise funds for the Senior class and sports. To our competing students, it was great to go on tournament with you all and I really appreciate your support but more importantly I wish to acknowledge your behaviour and attitudes. All 6 of our students played hard and gave all they had. Congratulations to Ricky and Parish for their selection into the North Island Futsal team. Special congratulations to Ricky for being named Northland Most Valuable player – Boys Futsal.



The Northland NZASA Team

Pompallier Catholic College Exchange Thursday 3 July 2008

Three days before the NZASA tournament our school was visited by Pompallier Catholic College for a Sports Exchange. After a number of changes and last minute alterations, our Secondary School students competed in Boys 12 aside rugby, Girls 7's, Netball and Basketball. Congratulations to our Team one Netball and both boys and girls basketball for their wins.



Pompallier Sports Exchange

OPC – TURANGI

Once again thank you to our entire school whanau for supporting our students on their recent trip to Turangi in June. Plans are underway for our 2009 trip.

Year 7 & 8 Tournament

Just for good measure, straight after the NASA tournament our Year 7 & 8 competed at the annual winter tournament. Due to the small number of students in this class we only fielded a rugby and basketball team. Acknowledgements go out to our 3 senior students, Parish, Shayde and Arnie who came off their tournament to help our Year 7 & 8 in rugby the following day.

We also had our Cross Country last term which tied Kowhai and Pohutukawa in House Points as well as College Day, Saturday netball.

Primary & Intermediate Mangakahia Cluster Sports Exchange

Our primary and intermediate syndicates kicked term 3 off with a sports exchange with Poroti, Pakotai and Te Horo. Students completing the Sport and Recreation Course at North Tec ran the day of sport and fun as our students moved around experiencing a variety of activities designed to develop team work and fundamental skills.



Junior & Intermediate Sports Exchange

OUTSTANDING SPORTS FEES

There are a number of students who have outstanding sports fee for our various tournaments during term 2. Any student with outstanding fees from term 2 will not be eligible to participate in a sporting tournament or exchange until such time this debt is cleared. Notices were distributed in week one of this term.

Sports News Continued...

NON RETURNED SPORTS UNIFORMS

Unfortunately there are also a number of school sports uniforms still not returned after our sports days. Any student who has not returned a uniform item issued to them will not be permitted to participate in any school sports tournaments or exchanges until such time this matter is rectified.

MANGAKAHIA VALLEY PA WARS

Once our weather improves (?) we are hoping to run the above event.

Four teams of 15 will be competing, each team must have no less than 5 students from Mangakahia. Teams will be made from Nga hou e wha, the four points of the compass.

North - Pīpiwai/Kamo, East - Town side of Maungatāpere to borders of Kamo, South - Titoki side of Maungatāpere to Houto, West - Past Houto to Kaikohe

Games will be held in the evenings, possibly Wednesday from 5.30pm. Men's 7's, Mixed Touch, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball and Football.

Anyone wishing to register their interest in being part of a team please contact the school and speak to either Whaea Alice or Juanita or registered at juanitap@mangakahia.school.nz

STUDENT SUCCESS'S

As always we leave the best for the last. Congratulations to the following students for their success's and achievements:

Ricky Schraag - Representing NZ in Men's World's Shooting and North Island Futsal Team

Parish Openshaw - North Island Futsal Team and Under 17's Vikings – Rugby

Chris Flay - Under 14's Whangarei Basketball

Sherryn Schraag - Whangarei Netball Rep's

Cherith Schraag - Whangarei Netball Rep's

If your child has achieved in their sport please let the school know.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Year 9 & 10 Girls Netball - Thursday 28th August,

WPSSA Cross Country Champs - Friday 5th September,

Year 9 & 10 Boys Basketball - Tuesday 9th September,

Year 7 & 8 Soccer - Wednesday 10th September,

Year 9 & 10 Girls Basketball - Friday 12th September,

Year 7 & 8 Boys Basketball - Friday 18th September

Whanau support is always appreciated, if you are able to assist at an event please let the school know.

Until next time hei konei ra
Juanita – Sport

ADMIN MATTERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

NZQA Fees

If your child is gaining credits under NZQA a fee of \$75.00 is payable by 29 August 2008. Financial Assistance forms are available from the school office. If you qualify for Financial Assistance the fee of \$75.00 is reduced to \$20.00. Please return the forms and payment by the above date. After this date a late fee of \$150.00 will apply. If the fee is not paid students will not get their Record of Learning.

Mangakahia Landcare Group

We are local people working with local land/water issues e.g. weed control, water quality, erosion, pest control and riparian plantings. If you have concerns about local environmental problems, want help dealing with these issues, want to know what financial help there is and get to know other locals better come along to the Parakao Hall Sunday 24 August at 12 noon for a shared lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

Art & Craft Classes are held Tuesday nights, 7.00pm to 9.30pm in the Art room. Creative playtime for adults! Come along & have some fun. Phone Bobby 4331 556.

Community Library

Term 3 library hours are Monday, 8.45am to 3.00pm. Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 12.30pm & 1.00pm to 3.00pm. All welcome.

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Thursday 4 September. To place an order please use the order form attached.

Dance Concert

Whangarei Girl's High School is having their annual Dance Concert, 25th and 26th August at Forum North, 7pm. Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$8 students. Jonathon Paotama (ex Black Grace) has done an amazing job with the girls. The choreography is spectacular, with a range of dance styles - Pacific Island, Hip hop, Jazz, Contemporary and much more. Book at Ticketek. See you at the concert!

Country Meals

The next country meal at the Mangakahia Sports Complex, Poroti is **Friday 12 September from 6.30pm**. Adults \$12.00 & 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:

September – Pool Club

October – Mangakahia Area School/Complex

November – Mangakahia Lions

December – Mangakahia Playcentre/Complex

Show Day

Please get Show day entry forms into the school office as soon as possible





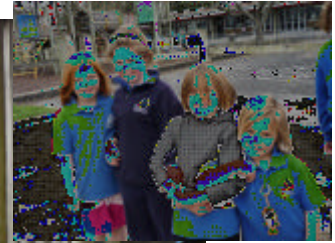
A smile is as warm as a hot chocolate with marshmallows.
Liam

respect
sharing
laughter

Friends are kind, caring and nice. They don't fight with each other or other friends. Friends are always there for you to have fun with.
Claudia



Room 3 has been writing a book called "Our Positive Playground". Here are some snippets from this book that we would like to share with you...



games
safety



A smile is as catching as the chicken pox!
Marino



Friends are people that look out for each other. They are kind and do not stir up trouble. Friends play together and do not fight.
Morgana

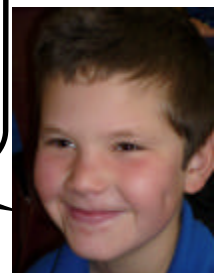


manners



A smile is as healing as medicine in a sore throat.
Ethen

A friend is a person who looks after you and makes sure you are safe and happy. Friends make sure you feel part of games.
Kyle



Positive Choices = Positive Consequences