

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

This is the final newsletter from me in my capacity as Acting Principal. The two terms have passed like lightning, and it makes me think that the old saying: "time passes quickly when you're having fun," must be true. It has been a real privilege for me and the Management Team of Terri Cunningham, Kaye Davey and Lesley McCardle to have been so differently involved in the school for the past two terms. The Principal, Anne Stead, returns from her period of sabbatical leave next term. We welcome her back and trust that she is refreshed, rested and ready for the challenges that term 4 always brings.

This newsletter has some very important information about Show Day, Sports and Upcoming events, as well as some brief items from me.

NCEA Credits

Many of our senior students are taking a keen interest in their progress as the end of the NZQA academic year rapidly approaches. While many of the students have a good understanding of the NCEA process, some still need to ask for help and explanations. If parents have any concerns, I am always delighted to meet and discuss your child's progress with you.

Show Day

Booklets for years 0 – 8 have been given out. These are to be kept at home so children and caregivers can decide what they would like to compete in. Remember the more events entered, the more points can be gained.

Please get animal entry forms to the office as soon as possible. There is a separate page explaining the course the children with calves, lambs or goats will need to be familiar with.

Dr Seuss Celebrated at Mangakahia

Primary students have been celebrating the work of this famous children's author. Room 1 writes:

- We are having a parade to celebrate Dr Seuss
- He writes cool stories for us to read
- We like his made-up words and pictures.
- He has mean and nice characters.
- He uses cool rhyming words and onomatopoeia.

The year 9 students read Dr Seuss stories to our youngest students during Thursday afternoon.



He Mataariki

I have included a picture of a Level 1 English assessment which took place at the unit. The girls had to construct a static image based upon a text which they studied in class. The model is based on the novel, "Whale Rider", by Witi Ihimaera.



Junior Education for Sustainability

There is a small group of children attending Waimare marae each week to work on increasing their knowledge of their local area and finding ways to create a more sustainable environ. They are Cheyanne Mickan, Shai Brooks, Cale Piri and Harinui Tuhiwai-Pou. Many thanks to Dawn Eades, Frances Brooks and George Tuhiwai for their support with transport.

There are also many students in room 4 who have worked hard developing a junior school vegetable garden, particularly Jade Rakich-Tuhiwai and Kahressa Pita. This garden is divided into areas so that each classroom can grow their own vegetables. The aim is to create a garden from which children can harvest the vegetables and use them for meals at school or home.

School-Wide Mufti Day

A school-wide mufti day was held yesterday to help raise funds for the purchase of Junior Readers for our Primary Department. It was great to see the whole school get in behind an initiative like this.

Survival Meals

Room 4 has been learning about how to survive with what we have on hand. Good healthy food can be made from "what's in the pantry".



Merit Tokens

This programme ended earlier this week. As well as the weekly draws, the students with the most tokens won a "day out" activity in Whangarei. This year the activity was ten pin bowling. Well done to the winners, Tiquila Pomare, Craig Martinovich, Puti Shortland, Kahlen Parata-Lamusitele, Clelland Reynolds, Elisha Urquhart, Krista Ryken, Loyd Walker, Natasha Edmonds, Summer Tito and Maggie Henare. Congratulations to all the students whose good behaviour gained tokens during the programme.

Country Meal

This was well supported, thanks to Mereana and her team and all that helped out on the night. The Junior Kapa Haka group, tutored by Mereana, were the entertainers on the night and they received many favourable comments.

Thank You FORD'S BAKERY

Ford's Bakery made a very generous donation of a raffle prize of baked goods. The prize was used to help support students attend the Enviro Youth Jam in Rotorua recently. We acknowledge the support that Ford's has given the school.

New Zealand Area Schools' Rugby Team

This team will be playing in the curtain raiser at Okara Park at 12.30 this Sunday. The NZ Team will be playing against the Vikings (Parish Openshaw in Year 12 is a Viking player). They will play immediately before Northland win against the Manawatu.

School Uniform

It is noted that a number of students attend school in non-uniform items. The only colours of tee-shirts to be worn under the jade tops are white and black. Shoes need to be black polishable lace-ups. With summer approaching, black sandals may also be worn, but **PLEASE**, no jandals.

The holiday break provides a good opportunity to get uniforms up to standard

It is coming up to summer and some children are already displaying Sun Safe practices. It is good to see children remembering to bring their hats to school. We hope to work towards becoming a Sun Smart Accredited school, and to do this we need to show that we are being Sun Safe – particularly in terms 4 and 1.

Regards
Bill Morgan
Acting Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Greetings everyone from the Sports Desk.

Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey and Cross Country have kept us all busy this term. Whanau support for our students and school as always has been awesome.

STUDENT SUCCESS

We all wish Chris Flay in year 9 well when he travels to Rotorua to compete in a Basketball tournament. Chris is a member of Northland's Under 14 team.

Krista Ryken in year 7 has been selected as a member of the Northland Cross Country Team following her excellent effort at the recent competition. She has also made the Northland Under 11 Soccer Team. Well done to both these athletes. Congratulations also to: Ricky Schraag for Ranking 11th in the World Clay Shooting Championship competition in Ireland.

Parish Openshaw – Under 17's Whangarei Basketball.
Senior Netball Team Two for coming 3rd in B Reserve 2
Senior Netball Team One for coming 1st in A Reserve 2.
Well done to you all.

Hockey

Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Kensington to take part in the Whangarei Primary Schools Hockey Tournament. All teams played very well, their skills and knowledge of how to play the game has improved noticeably.

OPC – TURANGI 2009

Newsletters have been issued to a number of our students who are eligible to attend this camp. After the success and fantastic tales from this year's camp, this is definitely an event our current Year 11 students do not want to miss. Fundraising for next years trip will start on Show Day this year with a hangi. Tickets will be pre-sold, \$7.00 each, and are available from students and the school office.

SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED

MANGAKAHIA VALLEY PA WARS

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 - Pipiwai/Kamo

East - Town side of Maungatapere to borders of Kamo

South - Titoki side of Maungatapere 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 either the school and speak to either Whaea Alice or Juanita. Alternatively, you can register at juanitap@mangakahia.school.nz.

RETURN OF SPORTS UNIFORMS

There are still a number of school sports uniforms not returned. Students are asked to check at home for any gear they may not have returned. Listed below are the outstanding items.

- ▶ **SENIOR RUGBY SOCKS - 7 PAIRS** - Please check with your son/ward to see if he has a pair of the school rugby socks hidden under his bed with last week's homework. The rugby socks are black with a green and blue band at the top.

An extra 6 pairs of our rugby socks have been taken from the uniform cupboard recently. Anyone who has these socks in their possession is asked to return them immediately to the school office. The taking of these socks has resulted in only 7 pairs being available for students. Until such time that the socks are returned students will be required to provide their own when playing for the school.

- ▶ **NEW BLACK RUGBY SHORTS** – No 5 & 12

- ▶ **BOYS VOLLEYBALL–GREEN SHORTS**– Number 5
- ▶ **BOYS SOCCER/HOCKEY STRIP – BLACK SHORTS WITH GREEN TRIMMING** – No 13
- ▶ **GIRLS SOCCER/HOCKEY STRIP – BLACK SHORTS WITH BLUE TRIMMING** – No 3
- ▶ **& BLUE AND GREEN SHIRT** – No 14

Any student who has gear at home is asked to return it to the school office. No questions asked.

Cross Country

Children from year 4 – 8 attended the cross country at Barge Park on Friday 5 September. They were Liam Nahi Y4, Kipling Davies-Colley Y5, Boyd Shortland Y5, Kelly Smith Y5, Taysia Piri Y5, Cheyanne Mickan Y6, Taylor Urquhart Y6, Thorodin Crawford Y6, Krista Ryken Y7, Dellayne Erceg-Coutts, Skieye Crawford Y8 and Clelland Reynolds Y8. They performed extremely well and achieved some excellent placings. Brooke Shortland Y7 and Noella Farrell Y6 were also selected but were unable to compete on the day.



Ready to race at the Cross Country

Until next time hei konei ra
Juanita - Sport

ADMIN MATTERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Show Day and Trophies

Please get Show day entry forms and all school trophies into the school office as soon as possible.

5-Day Club

Games – Songs – Quizz – Snacks - Christian Story & more...This is being held the first week of the school holidays, Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October & is for children aged 5 to 12 years. It is being run in association with the Mangakahia Christian Fellowship at Mangakahia Area School 10.00am to 11.30am & everything is FREE. Contact Dick Gordon, 4331 006 or Roland & Ruth Stark, 4371 573. A permission form is included in this newsletter.

Art & Craft Classes are held Tuesday nights, 7.00pm to 9.30pm in the Art room. No experience needed & only \$2.00 per session. **Great for Xmas gift making using a variety of mediums** – clay, paint, crayon, dye & natural materials etc. Creative playtime for adults! Come along & have some fun. Phone Bobby 4331 556 or Kim 4347 511.

Community Library

The library will not be opening over the school holidays.

COMING EVENTS...

26 September	End of Term 3
28 September	Daylight saving starts
13 October	Term 4 starts
27 October	Labour Day holiday
28 October	Show Day preparation
29 October	SHOW DAY
8 November	Election Day – Polling booth @ MAS
12 November	Seniors on study leave
17 November	NCEA exams start
16 December	Prizegiving

Country Meals

The next country meal at the Mangakahia Sports Complex, Poroti is **Friday 10 October 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:

October – Pool Club/School/Complex

November – Mangakahia Lions

December – Mangakahia Playcentre/Complex



COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

Maunu Tennis Club

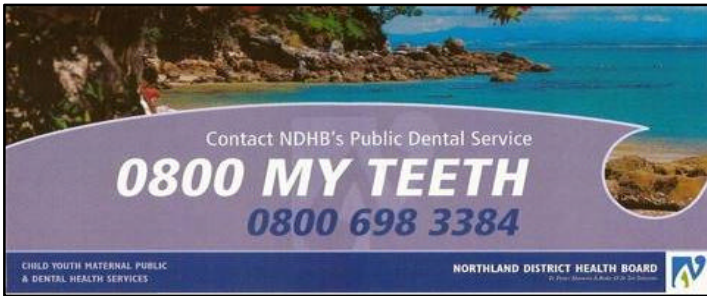
Saturdays from 1.00pm.
Ladies Day – Wednesday 9.00am.
Twilight – Thursday 2 October 5.30pm onwards.
Junior Coaching – Tuesday 3.30pm onwards. Any queries contact Ray or Sue Webb on 4346 898.

Northland Youth Theatre

Northland Youth Theatre holiday programme will be running again during the school holidays & is based in the old library, Rust Ave. Phone Rose on 438 4453 or email coordinator@nyt.org.nz for more information.

Action Zone Holiday Camp

Action Zone Camps are held at Marsden Bay Youth Camp which is situated just 100 metres from the Whangarei Harbour & is well appointed with good facilities including Cabins, Hall, Lounge, & Seminar Room. Grounds consist of 13 acres mainly grass, with good areas for games & activities. **Activities** include: Go-karts, motor bikes, trampoline, flying fox, abseil tower, air rifles, archery, water slide, disk golf, team events, indoor games, night games, sports & **new this camp-Horses!** For more information phone **432 7802**.



CEF is a worldwide, Bible centred, Christian Mission.



5-Day Club®

And more...

Songs

Christian story

Quiz

Games

Snacks

For Children 5 to 12 years old!
To be run at the Mangakahia Area School
in association with the Mangakahia Christian Fellowship
From the 29th Sep — 3rd Oct 10:00—11:30 am
Fill out the form below and bring it along on the first day of club

Any Queries?
Contact:
 Dick Gordon :4331006
 or Roland & Ruth Stark
 : 437 1573

The Christian message will be presented and the children will be given an opportunity to respond if they wish.

I give my permission for _____ to attend the 5-Day Club at Mangakahia Area School , from Monday 29th September — Friday 3rd of October.

Contact ☎ _____ Parent/Caregiver's signature: _____

Please note any health issues _____