

# 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.

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Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

### 1 NCEA Results

Of our students who completed their 2008 school year, **50% achieved Level 1 & 90% achieved Level 2**. Only two attempted Level 3. **Congratulations** to our achievers in 2008:

**Level 1** Jamie-Leigh Christie, Madison Curel, Darone Diamond, Edward Kelly, Erin Murphy, Kayla Piri, Trei Rewita, Sherryn Schraag, Dylan Tohu,

**Level 2** Tania Becker, Andrea Crawford, Daniel Kahui, Amber Keane, Wayne Kaka, Rochelle Lomas, Ethan McGregor, Parish Openshaw, Darry Topia, Shayde Watling.

### 2 Student Leaders Down South & Round About

Outward Bound adventure highlights from **Madison Curel, Darone Diamond** and **Rochelle Lomas**: flying so far south to Christchurch, meeting other area school leaders, the workshop activities, coasteering (sea-shore orienteering) and some challenging team outdoor activities. **Rochelle** then flew to Wellington for the Sir Peter Blake Youth Summit at Parliament - talks by NZ leaders, workshop activities, time at Te Papa, and sight-seeing Wellington. Since then **Darone** and **Madison** have represented us at a school leaders' lunch hosted by Pompallier College. Several Y12-Y13 students are attending the Kamo High School Ball next month.

Congratulations to **Madison** on her acceptance for the North Tech bridging course to study nursing. She leaves us at the end of term and although we are sorry to lose her, it certainly for a worthwhile reason. We are pleased to announce **Rochelle** as head girl, as well as BOT student rep. We have taken the opportunity to appoint two deputy leaders: **Sherryn Schraag** and **Trei Rewita**, to join Rochelle and Darone. **Congratulations team.**

### 3 NASA Sports Tournament

Y9-13 team members were a credit to the school. Their conduct, commitment and fair play was a stand-out feature of the tournament. Juanita's sports report below gives details. The **basketballers** came third equal – well done. Many played for two or more codes over the 3-day tournament, and were so tired and sore by the time their basketball games began they played heroically but missed a team placing. To their credit 8 were selected for North Island, as below. It was great to see MAS-TPS student **Amelia Herbert** playing her heart out for Mangakahia girls' basketball, with son Harlem watching from the sidelines. The **netball team** did particularly well, coming second overall. Congratulations to

**Skieye Crawford, Natasha Edmonds, Maggie Henare, Tynneal Openshaw, Chastity Paniora, Kahlen Parata-Lamusitele, Sherryn Schraag, Cherith Schraag, Puti Shortland, Toni Tahere.**

Students selected for Regional Tournament:

#### GIRLS

Basketball	<b>Cherith Schraag, Kayla Piri, Chastity Paniora, Puti Shortland, Toni Tahere</b>	(Alice Palmer)
Netball	<b>Cherith Schraag, Sherryn Schraag, Toni Tahere</b>	(Juanita Parata)
Volleyball	<b>Cherith Schraag, Sherryn Schraag, Kayla Piri</b>	(Alice Palmer)
Futsal	<b>Kayla Piri, non-travelling reserves Arahia Kamira, Kim Tae</b>	(Dave Sadgrove)

#### BOYS

Basketball	<b>Trei Rewita, Chris Flay, David Tito, Edward Kelly</b>	(Alice Palmer)
Volleyball	<b>Trei Rewita</b>	(Bill Morgan)
Futsal	<b>Devan Tuhiwai, Francis Wilson, Kolio Parata-Lamusitele</b>	(Dave Sadgrove)
Rugby	<b>Laytin Harrison</b>	(Barry Dunn, Charlie Adams)

**Congratulations to all these students, and to all MAS team members, who worked hard through Term 1 and gave of their best. A big thank you to families and whanau for the travelling and support in so many ways, and who came to cheer them on, as did several ex-MAS students.**

#### 4 Y11-13 First Aid Training

Students were a credit to the school the previous week, spending two days to earn their OSH-level certificates. Funded through the school, we trained boys and girls separately, with 3-5 staff training alongside the students. Everyone worked hard through both days, and well deserve their certificates, valid for two years. **Congratulations** to these students, who now know exactly what to do in accidents or other emergencies in a variety of settings, and who are real assets to their families and their communities:

**Y11 Ryan Hall, Laytin Harrison, Zach Keane, Te Atawhai Marsh, Joey Molaia, Tynneal Openshaw, Santana Neho, Shelly Nielsen, Chastity Paniora, Kahlen Parata-Lamusitele, Israel Paul, Erurangi Phillips, Puti Shortland, Cherith Schraag, Kim Tae, Toni Tahere, Devan Tuhiwai, Finnisha Tuhiwai, Keegan Walker, Lloyd Wlaker, Peter Wira**

**Y12 Darone Diamond, Riwhi Edmonds, Cameron Kaka, Ben Porter, Sherryn Schraag, Trei Rewita, Dylan Tohu, Edward Kelly, Chelsea McLeod, Erin Murphy, Kayla Piri**

**Y13 Marelize Keyser, Liz-Marie Keyser,**

These students already hold current certificates: **Madison Curel, Rochelle Lomas.**

**5 Manu Korero Competitions** take place next Tuesday-Thursday at Whangaroa College, Kaeo. Whaea Alice Palmer is taking 5 contestants: **Maggie Henare, Puti Shortland, Kayla Piri, Trei Rewita, Dylan Tohu, Keegan Walker.** We wish them every success in this highly competitive arena. Kia kaha e nga Rangatahi Rangatira!

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED TUESDAY 23 JUNE – NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

The Ministry of Education has granted all secondary schools a teacher-only day for curriculum training. Secondary and Area Schools will close for the day. The Northland day is Tuesday 23 June. Whangarei district Y9-13 subject teachers will attend curriculum workshops at Whangarei Girls High School. Y1-8 Mangakahia and Tauraroa teachers will attend workshops at Tauraroa. **We regret inconvenience caused by closing the school on 23 June.** However, we certainly welcome the opportunity to refine our skills.

#### **Y1-13 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCING – 25-25 JUNE**

Mangakahia Area School promotes students who are active learners, responsible for their own learning, setting and achieving their own learning goals. To develop this idea further we are holding **two days of student-led conferencing** where the students, the individual teachers and family representatives meet to discuss each student's progress and future plans. These two days are on **24 and 25 June - Years 1-6 1.30pm to 5.30pm and Years 7-13 3.15pm to 6.30pm.** This gives families with students in the junior, middle and senior school a chance to cover all bases.

It is important that you attend one of these meetings so that your child can share their progress and future goals with you. In the senior school you will have the opportunity to meet individual subject teachers as well as the homeroom teacher. These conferences replace the mid-year written reports as this discussion between family, student and school is far more relevant and meaningful for our students. If you require a written report as well please let us know at the office.

#### **STAFF NEWS**

**Area School Sports** Our Sportfit coordinator **Juanita Parata** did an excellent job organising much of the tournament and well deserved the high praise she received from Sport Northland CEO Grant Harrison. MAS code coaches **Alice Palmer, Barry Dunn, Dave Sadgrove, Juanita Parata** and **Bill Morgan** gave their expertise and time over many Term 1 lunch-times and at the stadium. Thank you all.

**First Aid Training** We are proud that **80%** of us – teachers and support staff – now have current first aid certification. Half the staff trained with Y11-13 and the other half trained after school and into their evenings.

#### **Professor Angus MacFarlane Visit**

We have based our school-wide teaching strategies on the work of Macfarlane and Bishop (Te Mana, Te Kotahitanga) since 2002. **Pakotai principal Angela Main** did a great job bringing Angus north. Staff from Pakotai joined us for a great session with him late Friday afternoon – thank you for bearing with us in closing the school an hour early. We continue to keep in touch with Professor Macfarlane over coming months. We were delighted to receive today his note thanking us for hosting him and affirming the education the school provides to advance student achievement in general and the achievement of Maori students in particular.

Our condolences to **Gay & Darcy Ruddell** and their families on the passing of Darcy's mother this week.

Ka kite,

**Anne Stead**  
**Principal**

## SPORTS REPORT

Greetings everyone from the sports desk.

Term two never fails to remind us all just how passionate our students are about sport. The courage, determination and sheer guts of our seniors at the Northland Area School's sports tournament was breathtaking. We used so much heat rub, strapping tape and ice that I'm surprised my budget hasn't been blown. I congratulate all our students for their achievements no matter how small or big.

Thank you to all our staff for their support and encouragement, and to our coaches for their hard work:

Basketball - Whaea Alice, Volleyball - Bill Morgan and Whaea Alice, Rugby - Charlie Adams and Barry Dunn, Futsal - Dave Sadgrove. I would also like to thank two past students, Lani McCluggage for assisting in convening of Futsal and Girls Futsal team and Parish Openshaw for Boys Basketball Selector, assisting Boys Basketball team and tournament administration. To the Sports Council – thank you all for your work leading up to and at tournament: Netball - Kahlen Parata-Lamusitele, Volleyball/Basketball - Finnisha Tuhiwai, Futsal - Kayla Piri and Rugby - Lloyd Walker. My final thanks go out to our school whanau. I especially wish to thank Annamaria Rhind for her support at netball.

Congratulations to the following students on being selected to represent the 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)

### Overall Results

Girls Futsal	4 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Futsal	5 <sup>th</sup>	Netball	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Girls Volleyball	8 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Volleyball	7 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby	5 <sup>th</sup>
Girls Basketball	3 <sup>rd</sup> equal	Boys Basketball	3 <sup>rd</sup> equal		

### Saturday netball:

Teams are now into the first rounds of the preliminary competition. Fees are now due and payable the school office \$50 intermediate and \$80 senior. We are currently looking for another 1 or 2 senior players. If you are interesting in playing please speak to the team manager Kahlen Parata-Lamusitele.

### Golden Circle Fun Run:

All primary and intermediate students are out looking sponsorship. The Fun Run will be held in conjunction with the school Cross Country. Please support our students by sponsoring them. All money raised will go towards end of year school trips/camps.

### Senior OPC – Camp

Only one month to go before our students head off with Mr Dunn, students will be selling raffle tickets over the next couple of weeks, please show your support by purchasing a ticket.

Raffle 1 – Electric Drill 40 numbers @ \$5.00 - tickets available from students.

Raffle 2 – Sports Ball pack 40 numbers @ \$2.00 – tickets are available at the school office.



Pineapple Pete from Golden Circle with students from Room 6

### Until next time hei konei ra

### Juanita – Sport

#### COMING EVENTS

26 May	Brawn & Brain (Blue Light Event)
10 June	MAS Cross Country – Fun Run
14 –18 June	Level 2/3 PE – Camp Turangi
16 June	Primary Winter Sports Day
17 June	NSSA College Day
<b>23 June</b>	<b>MAS Teacher only day</b>
24-25 June	Student-Led Conferencing Years 1-13

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

1 June Queen's Birthday

#### TERM DATES

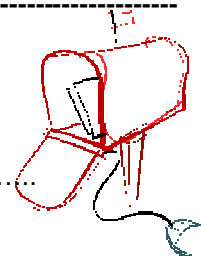
Term 2	27 April to 3 July
Term 3	20 July to 25 Sep
Term 4	12 Oct to 11 Dec

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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](mailto:admin@mangakahia.school.nz)



## ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Carving

A group of senior students are enjoying a ten week course of wood carving on Friday mornings tutored by Brian Mitchell. If successful the students will gain 20 Level 4 credit. Students are: Riwhi Edmonds, Cameron Kaka, Edward Kelly, Kayla Piri, Penehamine Porter, Trei Rewita, Dylan Tohu, Finnisha Tuhiwai, Devan Tuhiwai and Joseph Molaia.

### Adult Community Education

**Also known as night classes!** There are some classes running in the district and supported from Tertiary Education funding. If you would like to run a class or know of someone who could teach a class you only need to get together a minimum of 5-6 people and it may be able to be financially supported via our funding. For instance a group have just started a Tai Chi class at Whatitiri – didn't know about the funding – they are eligible and the tutor gets paid. It's very simple and as long as a roll is taken and enrolments forms filled out the rest of the work is done by the community education coordinator. Classes can be for just about anything as long as there is some sort of learning happening. The general area the funding covers is from Maungatapere through to Pakotai, therefore encompassing Parakao, Titoki, Poroti, Kokopu and Whatitiri. For more information phone Lesley McCardle on 4347 299.

**Community Library:** Anyone from our community can borrow books and use the Community Library, 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 attractive modern facilities. Sessions are held on Mondays, 9.00am to 12.00pm for children aged 0 to 6 years. There are stimulating activities for adults and children and all families are welcome. Phone Danielle, 4331 885 or Philippa, 4331 811.

**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.

### YOUNG WOMENS SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP – SAT 6 JUNE – 9.30-4.30 – at YWCA 21 RUST AVE WHANGAREI

For young women age 12-15 years – activities to boost self confidence, control fear, self defence techniques, being safe. **No cost. Bring water & lunch. 15 places only. Ph Margie YWCA Youth Coordinator, 4382-926 to register ASAP.**

**WHANGAREI DISTRICT CADET SERVICE:** Boys and girls 13 years and older who are thinking about a career in the forces are invited to attend the Whangarei District Cadet Unit. They meet on **Wednesday nights, 6.30pm-9.00pm on Riverside Drive next to the Rowing Club.** They learn a lot of skills and get a taste of what they can be doing as part of their career in the future. For more information contact Lt Commander Simon Parker, NZ Cadet Unit, Whangarei on 4351 299 or 027 496 0457 after 6.00pm.

**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](http://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.

**SPELD Whangarei & CE-W Whangarei** offer a course for parents interested in helping children with their learning. Three Tuesday nights, 7 – 9pm (2, 9, & 16 June 2009) at Kamo High School. Registrations close 26 May. For more information phone 430 0693 or email [fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz).

**Country Meal:** The next country meal at the Mangakahia Sports Complex, Poroti is **Friday 12 June from 6.30pm** and is in support of Kokopu School / Complex. 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:



**June** – Kokopu School / Complex

**July** – JMB Rugby

**August** – Soccer

**September** – Pool Club

**October** – Mangakahia Area School / Complex

**November** – Mangakahia Lions

**December** – Titoki Playcentre - Complex