

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

Taitokerau Festival Kapa haka students have worked hard all term with tutor Whaea Mereana Pou to stand with pride and perform with confidence in the Taitokerau Festival arena this week. They perform at Bay of Islands College in Kawakawa, 8.30am and 9am this Wednesday 8 April. We acknowledge their hard work and dedication and the whanau supporters who have worked so hard behind the scenes.

Kaea Trei Rewita, Kayla Piri (Y12)

Y12 Dylan Tohu, Riwahi Edmonds, Ben Porter, Cameron Kaka.

Y11 Finnisha Tuhiwai, Toni Tahere, Devan-Peter Tuhiwai, Kim Tae, Puti Shortland, Amy-Jean White, Israel Paul, Peter Wira.

Y10 Maggie Henare, Davena Tae, Natasha Edmonds, Summer Tito, David Tito, Cody Becker.

Y9 Skieye, Crawford, Mary Rewita, Elisha Urquhart, Arahia Kamira.

Y8 Hemi Nahi, Linzi Hunter, Kevin Grey.

Y7 Thorodin Crawford, Harinui Tuhiwai-Pou, Brooke McGrath-Barton, Jade Rakich-Tuhiwai, Taylah Urquhart, D'Len Topia, Kahressa Pita, Harley Pou-Tito.

Leaders on the Move Student leaders **Darone Diamond, Madison Curel** and **Rochelle Lomas** fly south to Akaroa these holidays to take part in the annual **NZ Area Schools Leadership Course** at Akaroa peninsula. The course is an Outward Bound experience that is challenging, rewarding and fun. Rochelle then flies to Wellington to attend the **Sir Peter Blake Youth Summit**, in recognition of her Enviro-School achievements.

The Youth Forum works with the Ministry of the Environment and with other environmental educators within New Zealand. She has joined 3 other Northland representatives and is involved with a group of about 45 students from all over New Zealand. It is funded by the Sir Peter Blake Trust and is closely conscious of environmental sustainability issues throughout the world. It is a tremendous honour for Rochelle to attend this conference, and is a fabulous way of acknowledging all her work done here at Mangakahia Area School and her non-flagging passion for making our world a better place.

We congratulate our leaders and wish them a great time. They will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

NCEA 2008 The Ministry of Education has in the past released confirmed results for each school in March. This year the results are being deferred until April, which is why there are no reports in the media to date. Our students have in recent years achieved results well above the national and Decile 3 averages.

We have analysed our NCEA Level 1 results (below) and will publish the Level 2 and 3 results early next term. Although Level 1 results are down on previous years, we congratulate those students who achieved Level 1.

The 2008 Level 1 results are considerably below the levels of Mangakahia student achievement for 2006 and 2007. Of the 19 Y11 students who completed the year only 47% achieved Level 1. This is below the national average for all schools - 63.7% - and the Decile 3 schools average nationally - 53.6%. This is disappointing. We are evaluating what needs to be done to lift this year's results as part of our student engagement initiative.

NCEA results are based on the number of Y11 students on the July 1st school roll, therefore including students who leave in Terms 3 and 4. In 2008, of the 28 Y11 students on our July 1st roll, only 32% achieved NCEA Level 1. Seven students counted at this time left school well before the end of the year. The percentage also includes two non-NCEA students on the Supported Learning Programme.

Literacy and Numeracy results are more encouraging. Based on the 19 students who were present at the end of the year, and who were not Supported Learners, 84.21%. This compares with Literacy nationally 77.3% and Numeracy 84.9%.. For all Decile 3 schools the Literacy figure is 74.8% and the Numeracy is 84.2%.

TERM 1 REVIEW

Term 1 has been rewarding and challenging in pretty much equal measure. The school benefits from a great group of Y12 and 13 students, and an excellent Wellness Team, Sports Council and enviro-care system, led by students across the year levels. Over 30 students are in kapa haka and really hitting the heights as they prepare for Taitokerau. The uniform looks great and is being worn well. 90% of students from Y1 to Y13 are learning well and enjoy good relations with each other and their teachers. Our Teen Parent School is off to a great start, and two of last year's graduates are now teacher trainees. We enjoy a high level of support from our Board of Trustees, many families, whanau and friends. Interviews with Y7-13 student about themselves, their interests and how they learn are nearly complete and have been a pleasure, with many positive spin-offs before we've even finished. Next term we'll report the results and their implications.

As with most schools, 10% of students enjoy being at school but are reluctant to learn or behave responsibly. In our small school of 158 students aged 5 to 18, this term they created problems out of all proportion to their number and to our capacity to resolve. These students are now making a fresh start with the support of their families and the school working in partnership – a positive spin-off and one we can all capitalise on. We continue to work on student-teacher relations. After a good start in February and March, newsletters fell by the wayside and I apologise for that. The learning curve generated by all challenges should help us all in Term 2.

Enjoy the holidays – wishing you all a happy Easter and safe holiday. Term 2 starts on **Monday 27 April**.

Ka kite
Anne Stead

OTHER NEWS

Professor Angus MacFarlane Visit

Professor Angus MacFarlane will be speaking on the subjects of 'Raising Student Aspirations' and 'Striving to Address Maori Advancement in Schools' on Saturday 9 May at Mangakahia Area School. His talk will be followed by workshops. This valuable experience has been organized by Angela Main, principal of Pakotai School.

It is a rare privilege to have someone of Professor MacFarlane's stature speak in our community. Invitations to all those interested in these important subjects will be sent out in the near future.

Duffy Books

Last week we held our Duffy Books Role Model Assembly with special guest comedienne Jan Maree Franicevic. All students Y1 – 8 received 2 books to keep. Some student comments after the assembly were:

The 2 things I liked most about the assembly were the jokes and getting the Duffy books because I have already read one of them 'The House of Danger'. Ethen.

I enjoyed the jokes, it was fun. It was neat that Jan gave everyone their books. My book is called 'Pokamon'. She told us that reading is knowledge and knowledge is power, that if you believe in yourself you can succeed. Sullivan.

I liked the jokes. She was really funny and this is one of them. "A lady had some butter then she chucked the butter out the window because she wanted to see the butterfly". Thanks so much for giving me the Duffy books. Ayla.

Share the Road

This was held recently and was to help students develop an awareness of large vehicles on the road and how to cycle, walk and drive safely when around them. Some comments from Y7 and 8:

I learnt there are lots of blind spots in a big truck, which means that the driver can't see and you could get hurt easily. Miya and Cheyanne.

The old fire truck has big wheels that can crush you easily. There are really big bull bars to protect the truck when they hit a tree or something. Brooke

Mr Peter Houston showed us the stopping distance of the truck and also cars. It took a whole rugby field for the fire truck to stop. Michaela.



SPORTS REPORT

Greetings everyone from the Sports Desk.

As the end of term draws near, so too does the start of Winter Sporting Codes. Term one has been as usual very busy. Congratulations to all our students for their successes at both the school Swimming and Athletics Days. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support.

ATHLETICS DAY

Congratulations to:

Kowhai House Spirit
Kowhai House Relays – Junior
Pohutukawa Senior
Pohutukawa Overall winners of the Day

The following students went on and competed at the NSSSA Athletics Championship Meeting @ Pompallier Catholic College on Wednesday 11 March:

Year 9 Kolio Parata-Lamusitele, Damien Christianson & Levi Grey
Year 10 David Tito & Arthur Neho
Year 11 Cherith Schraag, Chastity Paniora & Toni Tahere
Year 12 Kayla Piri, Trei Rewita, Dylan Tohu & Cameron Kaka

NASA SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Newsletters and Player Code of Conducts will be distributing to all our Secondary School students interested in representing the school at this tournament next term. Training is now underway and ALL players must attend ALL training sessions to be eligible to play.



SATURDAY NETBALL

Netball 2009 will be starting on 2 May 2009. Our respective coaches rallied the players together and a netball newsletter has been distributed.

RETURN OF SPORTS UNIFORMS

There are still a number of school sports uniforms not returned from last year. Students are asked to check at home for any gear they may not have returned.

NORTHLAND HOCKEY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Coaching classes available by some of New Zealand's best young hockey players. Rosvall ITM Stadium, Kensington, Tues 14 to Friday 17 April, 9.00am to 12.00pm. Cost is \$20 per day and bookings are essential phone 4373 830 or rdm@northlandhockey.org.nz.

NORTHLAND TABLE TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Coaching by Commonwealth Games medalist and NZ Olympic Team member Karen Li. Mon 20 to Thurs 23 April 9.30am to 12.30pm @ Table Tennis Centre, Western Hills Dr, Kensington. Costs \$10 per day, \$25 for 3 days or \$30 for 4 days. Contact Grant Jones, 4375 045.

COACHING CLASSES

Are you currently or are you interested in coaching a sports team? Please let us know. Below are some training dates for various coaching courses.

Coach Force Northland:

April 15 Training (Strength & Conditioning) tips for Coaches @ Netball Centre, Kensington 6pm - \$10

April 22 Injury Presentation and Strapping @ ASB Leisure Centre, Kensington - \$10

Bookings for the Coach Force courses are required, phone Tama Jones 470 2118.

Until next time hei konei ra

Juanita – Sport



COMING EVENTS

Term 2

27 April Term 2 starts
8 May Pineapple Pete – visits Primary School
12-14 May Northland Area Schools Sports tournament @ Kensington Park
22 May (pp 29/5) WPSSA - Intermediate Winter Tournament
14 –18 June Level 2/3 PE – Camp Turangi
17 June NSSA College Day
23 June School Cross Country – Fun Run

DATES TO REMEMBER

9 April End of Term 1
10 April Good Friday
13 April Easter Monday
25 April ANZAC Day

TERM DATES

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

ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Subject fees should now be paid to the school office. These fees cover items your child makes and can take home. Please contact the school office for any enquiries.

Uniform

As the colder weather approaches students will need to have a school sweatshirt – Yr 1-6 students have the navy blue polar fleece with our school logo. For Yr 7-11 students there is a choice of a school jacket, a navy polar fleece with a silver embroidered monogram, a royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo or a royal blue woollen jersey with logo. **No other sweatshirts will be tolerated for Yr 7-13.** Under-shirts need to be black or white and short-sleeved. No long sleeves under the jade polo shirts or white shirts for seniors are allowed. Socks must be black. Plain black scarves are allowed.

ASB School Banking

School banking is now available through the school. If you would like to register your child for school banking and you have not received the application pack then please contact the school office. Once your child has been registered they will receive a Kid's School Banking Pack which will include specially designed deposit envelopes to help them get started. ASB will be providing a Deposit Drop Box in the administration area where your child can make deposits. If your child has an existing Headstart account you will still need to register.

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**.

Community Library

Library hours are Monday – Thursday 8.30am to 3.30pm, closed Fridays. All welcome. Anyone from our community can borrow books and use the Community Library, just come in and register with the librarian. 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.

Mangakahia Rugby Club

JMB Rugby training Thursdays at 4.30pm. All welcome. Registration forms will be available for new members.

Ride to Town

A local person is requiring a ride to town on a regular basis. If you can help please phone Elize on 4331 867.

Monster Motorbike Trail Ride

Tangowahine School is having its Monster Motorbike Trail Ride Saturday 18 April 2009. For more information go to www.monstertrail.co.nz

Northland Youth Theatre Holiday Programme

Phone Rose on 4384 453 or email coordinator@nyt.org.nz to register. Activities include drama, improvisation skills, trips and a movie. Cost is \$30.00 per day.

Whangarei District Cadet Service

Any students, boys and girls 13 years and older, that 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 will learn a lot of skills and give them 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.



Northland Career and Education Expo 3 and 4 May 2009

Sunday 3 May (12 to 3.30pm) – Monday 4 May (9.00 to 3.30) 2009
Forum North, Whangarei. **Free Admission!**

Over 35 Stalls, 4 workshops focussed on Careers and Education. "Gear Up for Life" an opportunity to discuss and receive quality information on education, training and career opportunities.

Explore - An opportunity to explore and discuss training and career ideas

Connect - Talk to a range of industry and tertiary providers about opportunities.

Obtain - Obtain information on how you can help your young person with funding, career information and decision making.

Sunday Seminars!

CAREER PLANNING-12.30 pm

CAREER INFORMATION-1.15 pm

FUNDING STUDY-1.50 pm

JOB SEEKING-2.30 pm

WIN! - Career planning consultation worth \$240 dollars