

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.

ATHLETIC SPORTS – STUDENT SUCCESS – BREAKFAST CLUB – ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS – SPORTS REPORT

Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

ATHLETIC SPORTS had to be postponed because of poor weather. The sports day is now on **next Monday 9 March** starting at 9.40am. All welcome.

STUDENT SUCCESS

This newsletter includes items written by students. **Swimming Sports results** are featured below, along with **Valley Swim highlights**. The Northern Advocate will soon publish our **2008 prize list**.

Year 1-6 students are working towards becoming a **Sun-Smart Accredited School**. Please ensure children bring a hat with a brim to school each day. Caps do not protect the face, neck or eyes from harmful rays.

Kick-Start Breakfast Club is well under way, with a number of students enjoying Weetbix and milk, supplied by Sanitarium and Fonterra. The club runs from 8.15 to 8.40 in the Community Room.

Y1-6 have been writing responses to Swimming Sports and visit by The Storyteller.

Room 1 **Kody** I swam in the pool and it was fun at the swimming sports. It was a sunny day. My mum and sister watched me. **Jordie** I had swimming sports day. My dad watched me. My dad got the camera out. **Paris** I swam in the pool. My baby brother watched me. **Sean** I am at the swimming pool. I am at the swimming sports. I like the overarm. **Macee** I glided across the pool. My mum and dad watched me. **Shay** I swam across the pool. **Ryan** I did swimming on a sunny day. **James** I went swimming.

Room 2 **Joshua** I liked listening to the Storyteller. He had blue overalls with funny patches on them. He told us 'Cinderell' and people got dressed up. **Krystal-Lee** The Storyteller had a long grey beard. Cameron had to be Cinderella! It was fun watching people get dressed up. **Zac** I really liked the Cinderella story. The Selfish Giant was a very grumpy giant. The Storyteller loves stories and made them really interesting.

Room 3 **Liam** It was cool in Pohutukawa, everyone tried their hardest. We were all proud at the end of the day. **Henare** I was feeling very nervous because I might have got beaten by someone faster than me. I finished a 1st, with lots of 2nds.

Room 4 **Morgana, Claudia & Kelly** We had a great time, diving and doing all the strokes we know. **Jane** It was a very exciting day because everyone supported each other. We were amazed how everyone got into the team spirit. **Kipling** There were people diving like dolphins.

Year 7-8 students telling it like it is!

'We rock because our class has the best talented people you could ever imagine, and I'm sure Mrs Jones loves working with us'. 'We rock because we are an awesome class. We are really talented and respectful. We have the most spontaneous people ever and make anyone new feel really welcome.'

'We make any reliever very happy. I'm sure Mrs Jones loves working with our class.' 'We rock because we have the best teacher in the world, Mrs Jones.' 'Our class is great because we can understand each other and really trust.' 'We rock because we are always smiling.'

Year 9 and 10 Moving Up, Moving On

Jassen *What I like moving up to Y9 is having more responsibility and being role models for younger students.*

Logan *It's fun being in Y9 because there are way more opportunities to learn about things like rural studies.*

Shardei *Y9 is pretty cool. It's awesome doing different things and starting a new school made it even better.*

Bailey *I like year 9. It's alright* **Levi** *You have high standards and expectations from your many teachers.*

Year 10 students have been writing cameos in English class - short pieces or writing that capture a moment and draw the reader in through the 5 senses. Some responses to this week's weather:

Maggie *Sky splashes teardrops on earth below. Wet, damp smell of earth's soaked green clothes. Fresh unsalted tears from God.* **Francis** *Damp, wet ground holds puddles like small ponds. Sky darkens dramatically. Wind rises, rain saturates. Silent cicadas and birds.* **Summer** *Rising wind and rain. Blue-black sky, cold and blown.* **Daniel** *Angry wizard wind, crashing trees, creating catastrophe, wreaking havoc.* **Shannelle** *Rain pounding on concrete, drowning leaves. Wind tossing trees like rag-dolls.*

Can we do this? YES WE CAN!

Toni Tahere Y9, AJ White Y11, and Kayla Piri Y12 are on the school Wellness Team. They represented Mangakahia at a 'youth health summit' event at the Pulse, with their counterparts from other schools. We had great feedback about their excellent conduct and contributions – and their smart 'Number 1' school blazers.

Wellness Team students at The Pulse health day

Last Thursday we had a discussion about 'young youth health' at The Pulse in town. It was a good experience to be involved in. We met many new people from the schools around Whangarei and participated in many activities. These involved leadership skills, communication skills, strategy skills and so on.

A lot of good ideas were put forward by students and we have taken some on to prove that we are as good a school as we say we are. One idea is to have a 'bully box' for victims to write their abuser's name on paper and put it in the box. The teacher would then follow it up and sort it out. All the ideas were good, and still have to be approved. We enjoyed ourselves and hope to bring some ideas to life. **Toni, AJ, & Kayla**

Y12-13 science students are now converts to the idea that **learning physics** is not only **do-able** but **fun!**

Fly on the Wall *"I can't do this!!!!" the cry from the back of the class. "Can't do what?" from the friend in the next seat. "Physics! It is so hard!!!!" "What is the problem?" "All these numbers, letters and formulas. Ahhh it is so confusing!!!!" Head slumps into arms. "Ok let's take it one step at a time. All we do is work out what we already know, what we **want** to know and what formula can get us there." "You make it sound so easy." Eyes peep out from behind arms. "It can be **if** we take things logically. We already know that if we take the average speed and multiply it by the time then this will tell us the distance travelled." "Yes. So how do we find the average speed?" "Well according to this formula it is the start speed plus the final speed divided by two." "That seems easy enough." Pulls out a calculator. "Yup!" "Ok, we add the two speeds and divide by two and get 38 meters per second. Quite fast. Now you said we multiply that by the time of 21 seconds to get the distance." "That is what the formula says, yes." "Ok so 21 times 38 equals 798m!" "Looks good to me." "Amazing!! We **can** do this!!!!"*

Our 2008 NCEA results will feature in our next newsletter.

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Anne Stead

Duffy Books

Our school has been accepted into the Duffy Books in Homes programme. This is an excellent initiative which aims to inspire a love of books in children so they develop into adults with a love of reading.

Being part of the Duffy Books in Homes programme enables every year 1 to 8 student to receive five books each year. There are many aspects of the programme designed to encourage and reward literacy and reading

ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Yearbooks Some 2007 Yearbooks remain for sale at the office, \$20 each.

Subject fees should now be paid to the school office. These fees cover items your child makes and can take home. If you are unsure of the amount your child owes please contact the school office.

Art & Craft Classes are held on **Wednesday nights**, 7.00pm to 9.30pm in the Art room. 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.

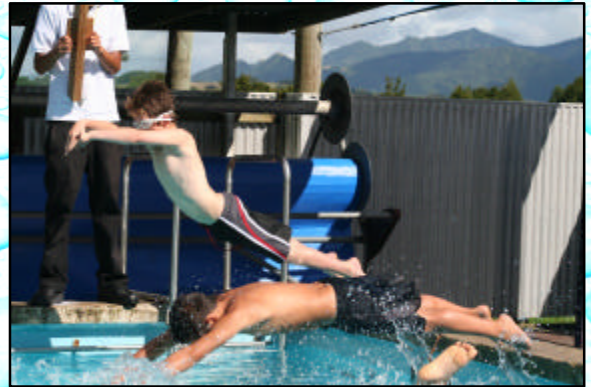
DATES TO REMEMBER

Coming Events

March 9	School Athletics
April 5	Daylight Saving Ends
7-8 April	Tai Tokerau Festival, Bay of Islands College
April 9	End of Term 1
April 10	Good Friday

Term Dates

Term 2	April 27 to July 3
Term 3	July 20 to Sep 25
Term 4	Oct 12 to Dec 15



SPORTS REPORT

He mihi nunui tenei mai I te tare Hakinakina, mo ou tautoko ma kia matou.

Greetings everyone and a big thank you from the Sports Office for your support.

Swimming sports

Congratulations to all our students for their effort on the day.

Swimming Champs

Junior Girls	Jade Rakich-Tuhiwai
Junior Boys	Haki Korewha
Intermediate Girls	Toni Tahere
Intermediate Boys	David Tito
Senior Girls	Kayla Piri
Senior Boys	Laytin Harrison



A big thank you goes out to our student officials for running the day. This year student participation increased from 66.21% to **69.33%**:

Kowhai	67.56%	Pohutukawa	62.50%
Matai	74.35%	Taraire	73.52%

Overall winner on the day	Matai
Relay winners	Kowhai – Junior, Pohutukawa - Senior
House Spirit	Taraire

A small number of students qualified for our Valley Swimming Competition. This event happened on the 2nd March.

Yr 4	Sullivan Tito,
Yr 5	Henare Tito & Haki Korewha
Yr 6	Kelly Smith, Lazzarae Harris, Shai Brooks and George Shortland
Yr 7	Jade Rakich-Tuhiwai, Harley Pou-Tito, and Cameron Jensen
Yr 8	Brooke Shortland

Congratulations to Sullivan Tito and Harley Pou-Tito who are going on to represent the Mangakahia Valley at the WPSSA Swim Champs on 17th and 18th March.

Athletics Day - Monday 9th March

All students must arrive at school in FULL and CORRECT uniform. No Exceptions. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come along.

OPC Fundraiser.

Level 2 & 3 PE are fundraising for their camp to OPC, Turangi in June. \$20.00 Baton's Up tickets are available for the students involved and will be drawn on 27th March 2009. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Mr Dunn at the school.

Upcoming events

Monday 9th March	Whole school Athletics' Day. Starting at 9.40am
Wednesday 11 th March	NSS Athletics Championship – Pompallier
Tuesday 17 th March	WPSSA Yr 4 – 6 Swim Champs – Whangarei Primary
Wednesday 18 th March	WPSSA Yr 7 & 8 Swim Champs – Whangarei Intermediate

Community Sports

Junior Rugby Rally – Old Boys Rugby Club 6th March 2009 @ Clubrooms 5.00pm – 6.30pm.

Badminton. Junior Fun Day to be held at Northland Badminton Centre, 41 Porowini Ave, Whangarei on Sunday 15 March 2009. All junior players are welcome any time between 10am and 2pm. Racquets provided. Please bring a drink bottle. Cost is \$5.00. Enquiries to Deirdre, 4346 425 or email northlandbadminton@xtra.co.nz

Bike Mania. The Rotary Club of Whangarei, in conjunction with the Whangarei Summer Festival, are organising Bike Mania, a family fun day in the Glenberrie Forest, 29 March 2009. Adults \$10 and children (12 and under) \$5. There will be spot prizes, BBQ, drinks and ice creams. Entry forms are available at www.endlesssummer.co.nz or contact Peter Smith on 4303 186 or peter@activefrig.co.nz