

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

Term 2 is upon us, and promises to be a very busy and interesting one.

The Principal, Anne Stead, is using some of her sick-leave entitlement this term, and this will lead into her term 3 sabbatical study. This means that for the next two terms, I will be the acting principal. During this time, I will be drawing on the support of the other members of the management team.

Terri Cunningham and Kaye Davey will be acting Deputy Principals and Lesley McCardle will be the Executive Officer with increased responsibilities.

While we will need some assistance from relief staff, there should be a minimum of disruption to our classes. We are all aware of the trust placed upon us by the Board of Trustees and the community.

Anzac Day

Mangakahia had a real presence at the Whangarei Anzac Day dawn service. A group of senior Students, (Arnie Neho, Madison and Zed Curel, Ethan McGregor and Rochelle Lomas), joined with a group of staff members to lay a wreath at the cenotaph. Also a number of Primary students, Jonty Hare, Jonty Sheath and Kipling Davies-Colley marched with the scout group in the parade. It was a very moving occasion, and the school is now committed to attending this ceremony each year.

Kapa Haka

Our group really did us proud at the end of last term. Not only did they sound great, but they looked stunning, (thanks to the beautiful flax kakahu, designed and made by Dawn Eades). They were wonderful ambassadors for the school and community. Their behaviour was excellent and their commitment to their performance was outstanding.

Once again we must thank the tutors, Mereana Pou, Pita Moon and Vicky Maihi and of course, Whaea Palmer and also thank the support team which accompanied them.



Leadership Course

Our two senior Students, Lani McCluggage and Ricky Schraag spent a week of the holiday at Akaroa on Banks Peninsula. This course, which has been hosted by Akaroa Area School for a number of years, provides leadership training to the head students of all the Area Schools in New Zealand. It combines physical, mental and social challenges to our leaders. We know that Ricky and Lani will have skills that they can now share with others.

Area Schools' Sports Tournament

This important part of the Area School year is rapidly approaching. Already, teams are hard at work practising with their coaches. Most of these practises have to be outside classroom time, and the work of the coaches needs to be recognised. (We hope that your children are doing this!)

Nearer the time, we will send out a programme of events so that parents and friends can come along and support the teams if they are able.

Key Competencies

You may be aware that we have a new curriculum document which affects our teaching and your child's learning. Important aspects of this are the **key competencies**.

These are:

- Thinking*
- Using language, symbols and Texts*
- Managing Self*
- Relating to Others*
- Participating and Contributing*

The staff has been working on the means of dealing with these in our planning and assessment. This started during term 1 and continued on our Teacher-Only-Day on Monday. (It is still a work in progress).

Regards to All
Bill Morgan
Acting Principal

Primary News

Room 1 and 2 will initially be looking at the weather and how it affects us. You may find it interesting to use the TV forecast to try to predict the weather with your child. Room 1 will then be focussing on fire safety and hopefully visit the fire station in Whangarei. Room 2 will also be looking at the role transport plays in our society.

Room 3 and 4 will be looking at electricity – how it is made and what we can do with it. They will also be working on producing a newspaper for the last part of the term.

Cross Country – we will be taking the children out regularly to prepare them for cross country and a change of clothing and/or footwear would be great.

Student Led Conferencing will be held during week 8 and the children are looking forward to sharing their work with you.

Our key competency for this term is *Thinking*.

Kaye Davey – Primary Manager

Admin Matters

Birth Certificates

Reminder to all parents and caregivers of students new to our school this year that we need a copy of their birth certificate. Please get this to us as soon as possible.

Contact Details

Please let the office know if your contact details have changed. If you have changed address, cell phone numbers or if the emergency contact numbers we have are different from the ones you gave us when you enrolled your child we need to know. We need to be kept up to date with all changes in case your child is sick, has an accident or if there is some reason we need to close the school early such as the weather. Please contact the office on 4331 702 to check these details.

Signing In and Out

Please remember that if your child is arriving at school late or being picked up early you need to sign them in or out at the school office. It doesn't matter if they are senior or junior **all students need to sign in or out.** We have had several instances when we have wasted time looking for a student that should be on a bus only to find out that they have been collected early from school by a parent or caregiver. It is also important we know of their whereabouts in case of an emergency.

Email and Website

Please contact the school office or complete the return slip below if you would like newsletters emailed to you. Also keep an eye on the school website www.mangakahia.school.nz as this is regularly updated.

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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 carefully**).....

Community News

Library - Term 2 library hours are Monday, 8.45am to 10.30am. Tuesday to Friday 11.00am to 12.30pm & 1.00pm to 3.00pm. All welcome.

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.

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 info. phone 4346 308.

Mangakahia Soccer

Parents, do you have any children aged 8, 9 or 10 who would like to play soccer this season for the Mangakahia Soccer Club. If so please phone Kim 4346 349

Country Meals

The next country meal at the Mangakahia Sports Complex, Poroti is **Friday 9 May from 6.30pm**. This month is in support of the Maungatapere School/Complex. 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:

May - Squash Club

June - Kokopu School/Complex

July - JMB Rugby

August – Soccer

September – Pool Club

October – Mangakahia Area School/Complex

November – Mangakahia Lions

December – Mangakahia Playcentre/Complex

Coming Events

May 13	WPSSA Yr4-6 Hockey
May 20-22	Northland Area Schools Tournament at Kensington Park.
June 2	Queen's Birthday
June 3	MAS Cross Country
June 6	Yr12/13 First Aid Course
June 25-26	Primary Student Led Conferencing

