

# MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

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NEWSLETTER

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Please ring us **BEFORE 9.00** if your child is absent, **BEFORE 2.00** to change home-time transport plans.

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Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

## HE MATAARIKI TEEN PARENT SCHOOL SUCCESS!

The ERO report on last month's visit is a glowing testament to the success of staff and students, and their high quality leadership, teaching, and learning. **Congratulations** superb students, magic manager and teacher **Terri Cunningham**, terrific teachers **Lesley McCardle**, **Marion Maplesden**, **Roz O'Shea**, **Muriel Willem**, **Kath Wynn**, **Julie Zanders**, and last but not least, ace administrator **Carolyn Findlater**. We are very proud of you all. Attached is the ERO summary. The full report on-line at [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) in two weeks.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

### Y1-8 Tabloid Sports Day at Poroti School

This was an excellent day, enjoyed by students and teachers in spite of the cold weather. Everyone behaved well and made the most of the games and activities. Rosemary Grieve reports that it was very well organised.

### MATHEX competition at Kamo High School

A team of Y5-10 students joined students from all over Northland in this year's massive Mathex night. Well done team!

**Y5/6 Sullivan Tito, Cayla Takimoana, Henare Tito, Bella Latimer**

**Y7 Jessica Sinclair, Morgana Hall, Marley Moses-Shelford, Claudia Erickson-Ross**

**Y8 D'Len Topia, Cheyanne Mickan, Makayla Puru, Krista Ryken**

**Y9 Cody Pou Terata, Y10 Ethan Diamond, Joshua Johnston, Kane Mickan, Kolio Parata-Lamusitele.**

### Y5-8 MAS Badminton Tournament

The winners were: **Y5/6 Sullivan Tito** and **Liam Nahi**. **Y7/8 Wesley Pomare** and **Cheyanne Mickan**. The two teams then played one another and the overall winners were **Sullivan** and **Liam**. Well done to all the students who took part.

### Zero-waste Recycling Station

The roof is on! The crew parked the broom on the roof and the roof shout - fish & chips - duly arrived. Well done **Darone, Ryan, Erin, Shelly, Dylan & Keegan**, & teachers **Elyne Semenoff** and **John Coram**. They are on the homeward straight to complete the station this month, installing side panels, bins, & wash-up sink. Kia kaha e nga kaitiaki!

### NRC Environmental Curriculum Award for 2010

This week we welcomed Northland Regional Councillor Bill Rossiter and Education Officer Susan Botting, who presented the school with an and a cheque for \$1450 at a whole school assembly. We thank NRC for their continued support.

### Our resident Piper

Link 2 teacher **Rachael Walkinshaw** piped the NRC visitors in & out of the assembly. An accomplished piper with the London Irish Pipe Band while teaching in UK, Rachael has resumed playing with the Whangarei Pipe Band while teaching at MAS. We look forward to hearing and seeing Rachael in action at Prizegiving in December.

### Enviro Schools Green-Gold Award

Our dream is closer to reality as we prepare our application for this award in the hope of achieving success this year. EFS and MASEE students have done an incredible amount of work since our Silver Award in 2007.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

### MAS-style Daffodil Day

Last Friday students and staff enjoyed celebrating Daffodil day with a wacky hair day and sausage sizzle to raise money for the Cancer Society – every little helps, and it was good fun for a good cause. Thanks to **Rachael Walkinshaw** (Link 2), **Dave Sadgrove** (science) and senior students for helping make it happen.

### Student Leaders in 2011

This year the selection process has been revamped in consultation with Y12-13 students. The students set the criteria (service, achievement, attitude and uniform) and chose a process (application and interview), and selected who should be on the interview panel, which includes the 2010 student leaders Darone and Erin. Deputy head girl **Finnisha Tuhiwai Y12** produced the final paperwork and is coordinating the process. Thank you Finnisha. The application pack is now with staff and Y12-13 for final checking. Applications happen next week (Week 8) and interviews the following week (Week 9).

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson Susan Taylor, Deputy Chair Roz Tweedie, Greig Alexander, Crystal Rakich, Sam Tohu

No objections being received, Greig Alexander and Sam Tohu are now confirmed as trustees. It was with regret that we received this week the resignation of Sharee Tito. We thank Sharee for her commitment to the school through taking on trusteeship and in particular starting work with me on the He Kakano contract. We wish Sharee all the best for the future.

## CLASS WIKIS

**Thank you for the messages of support** for our students and their wonderful work! To those who want to 'join up', as explained on the wiki page, for security reasons this is for use by staff only to display student work. Keep checking the wikis – some that were loaded early on are due for an update in the next fortnight.

Ka kite,  
Anne Stead

## ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Prizegiving and Show Day Trophies:** Please return all trophies to the school office as soon as possible.

**Expressions of Interest** are called for in the after school Mangakahia Swimming Club. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 22 September at 3.30pm in the Mangakahia Area School Library. For more information phone 4331 800.



**WIKI's:** Remember to check out the class WIKI's and find out what's been happening in your child's class. We would like your feed back about them at [admin@mangakahia.school.nz](mailto:admin@mangakahia.school.nz):

**Check them out at:**

Room 1: [www.masroom1.wikispaces.com](http://www.masroom1.wikispaces.com)

Room 4: [www.masroom4.wikispaces.com](http://www.masroom4.wikispaces.com)

Link 2: [www.maslink2.wikispaces.com](http://www.maslink2.wikispaces.com)

Library: [www.maslibrary.wikispaces.com](http://www.maslibrary.wikispaces.com)

Room 3: [www.masroom3.wikispaces.com](http://www.masroom3.wikispaces.com)

Link 1: [www.maslink1.wikispaces.com](http://www.maslink1.wikispaces.com)

Secondary: [www.massek.wikispaces.com](http://www.massek.wikispaces.com)

**Subject Fees:** Accounts for subject fees have now been sent out. These can be paid at the school office. If you have any queries please contact the school office on 4331 702.



**Show Day 2010** is being held Thursday 28 October. Animals (calves, lambs, goats and puppies) must be born after the 1 July 2010. Entry forms are available from the school office and should be returned to the office by Wednesday 13 October.

**Job Seeker:** Young local lad eager to gain employment. Experience in lawn mowing and landscaping - but anything hands on considered. Your generosity is appreciated. Rameka Tawhai 09 433 1551 or 022 029 7353.

## Country Meal

Each month the Mangakahia Sports Complex at Poroti is the venue for the local Community Country meals, which are held on the second Friday of each month. Proceeds from the Country Meals are shared with a Community group, Sports club or local school that hosts the meal each month. Anyone is welcome to come along to the country meals, they are a great way to meet the local community and have a relaxed night out. Meals from \$6 for children, Adults \$12-\$15 which included dessert, and there is a fully licensed bar. Come along, bring your family and friends.

**10 September** Pool Club

**15 October** *Mangakahia Area School* 😊

**12 November** Mangakahia Lions Club

**10 December** Titoki Playcentre

## Maunu Tennis Club

The Maunu Tennis Club has a strong juniors programme with weekly coaching with a professional coach, Pete Stenberg. New members are always most welcome. Two rally days are being held before the holidays – on Wed 15 Sep and Wed 22 Sep at 4pm. There is also a proposal to have Saturday morning junior club day/interclub, and the possibility of extra small coaching groups on a user pays basis subject to demand.

**Northland Youth Theatre:** If you are aged between 9yrs and 14yrs and have a flair for performing, then you must not miss out on the opportunity to be involved in Northland Youth Theatre's touring Production of Metamorphosis. Auditions for Northland Youth Theatre's "Metamorphosis" is this Sunday (Sunday 5th September) From 1pm - 4pm at The Old Library, Rust Ave. You do not need to prepare anything. Bring a snack. Don't be late. If you have any questions, call Jarrod 09 438 3877.

## Calendar

14 September WPSSA Hockey Y4-6 at Kensington  
20-23 Sept Life Education caravan at MAS, Y1-8  
**24 Sept** **End of term 3**  
**11 October** **Start of term 4**  
25 October Labour Day

15 September Mangakahia Lions Speech Contest  
22 September Swimming Club meeting, MAS Library 3.30pm  
26 September Daylight Saving starts  
**15 October** **MAS Country Meal**  
**28 October** **SHOW DAY**

19 August 2010

**To the Parents and Community of He Mataariki Teen Parent Unit**

There are currently nineteen Teen Parent Units in New Zealand. This review was conducted along with the others during term 2, 2010. The board of trustees of Mangakahia Area School receives government funding and is responsible for the governance and management of the unit.

This review is based on an evaluation of the performance of the board of trustees and management of Mangakahia Area School, in relation to the terms of reference for this review. The overall approach was to determine the extent to which the board of trustees is using the Teen Parent Unit funding to bring about the desired outcomes for students and to identify what further support the unit needs to provide high quality education.

This evaluation has focused on the quality of the:

- educational outcomes for students;
- teaching and learning;
- governance and management;
- student support;
- physical and emotional safety of staff and students.

These are the findings of the Education Review Office's latest report on He Mataariki Teen Parent Unit.

He Mataariki is a Teen Parent Unit (TPU) located in Whangarei. The unit provides education for teen parents, up to nineteen years of age. The host school, Mangakahia Area School, governs and supports the TPU effectively. At the time of the 2007 ERO review, a Limited Statutory Manager (LSM), appointed by the Ministry of Education under section 78M of the Education Act 1989, was helping the host school to resolve property, governance and personnel issues. Governance and personnel issues have been resolved and the LSM is now acting in an advisory role on property matters only.

The teacher-in-charge of the TPU participates in a nationwide Schooling Improvement Project to develop systems for collating, analysing and interpreting student achievement data in TPUs. Making comparisons between student achievement rates from year to year, and between cohorts of students, is difficult for TPUs, given the small numbers of students in the units, variations in students' individual learning programmes, and fluctuations in attendance because of maternity leave and infant illness.

Teachers in the TPU place priority on helping students to become self-managing learners so that they can gain national qualifications that enable them to pursue their chosen career pathways. Students achieve well at Level 1 of the National

Qualifications Framework (NQF). Increasing numbers of students achieve Levels 2 and 3 on the NQF and one student gained university entrance in 2009. Achievements and successes are shared and celebrated. Students speak with pride about their motivation to achieve and to become good role models for their children.

Teachers have identified the need to make greater use of achievement data to review programme provision and to identify strategies in individual learning plans (ILPs) to help students to achieve their specific goals. Greater analysis of data would also provide teachers with useful information about achievement in areas that are not assessed as part of formal qualifications.

Students learn in a supportive, family-like atmosphere where teaching practices and resources are tailored to their learning needs. Clear expectations set by teachers, and close monitoring of attendance and achievement, help students to achieve their goals.

Strong professional leadership, competent teaching, and useful self-review processes contribute to the effective operation of the TPU. Students benefit from specialist teaching in a variety of subjects and courses. Teachers participate in professional learning and network groups so that their teaching reflects current educational research on best practice. The teacher-in-charge, as professional leader of the unit, provides the board with comprehensive reports on attendance, student achievement and TPU programmes.

### ***Future Action***

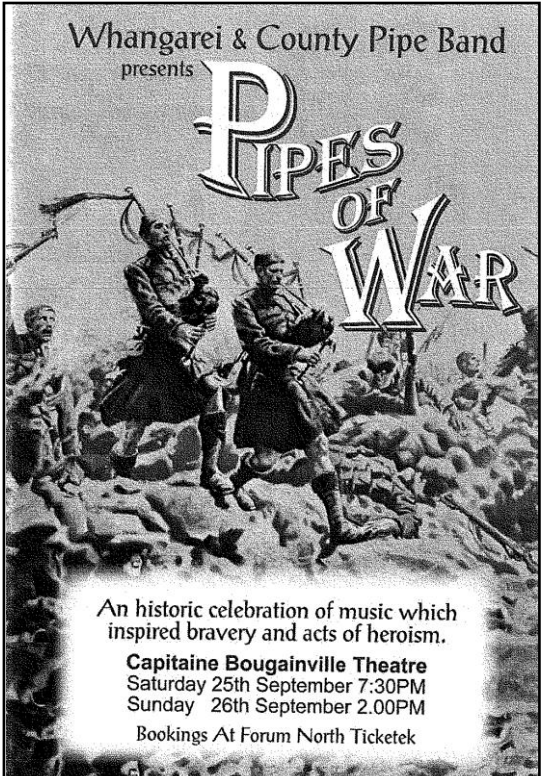
ERO is confident that the school is being managed in the interest of the children. Therefore ERO is likely to carry out the next review within three years.

We encourage boards to inform their community of any follow-up action they plan to take as a result of their education review. You should talk to the board the principal or the Teen Parent Unit head teacher if you have any questions about this evaluation, the full ERO report or their future intentions.

If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact the school or see the ERO website, [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz).



**Richard Thornton**  
National Manager Review Services  
Northern Region



Whangarei & County Pipe Band  
presents  
**PIPES OF WAR**

An historic celebration of music which inspired bravery and acts of heroism.

**Capitaine Bougainville Theatre**  
Saturday 25th September 7:30PM  
Sunday 26th September 2.00PM

Bookings At Forum North Ticketek