

MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

30 November 2011

NEWSLETTER

No. 14/11

Prizegiving Friday 9 December at 10.00am. Please be seated by 9.45am. Buses leave at 12.15pm.

Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

The 2010-2013 Board of Trustees is now half way through its 3-year term of office.

Vacancies filled Congratulations **Greig Alexander, Michelle Ripley** and **Sam Tohu**, elected unopposed to positions held this year by co-option. They join original trustees **Susan Henderson** and **Crystal Rakich**. Ka pai!

Board Training Susan, Lesley and Anne took full advantage of excellent governance workshops at the NZ Area Schools Annual Conference in May. We were so impressed by Al Fone's *Sharp Governance* workshop that Susan, Greig, Lesley and Anne attended a full day workshop with Al at Taipa Area School in the July holidays. Key outcomes are sophisticated board operations - meeting procedures to strategic planning to board reporting.

Strategic Goals During the year the board set 3 strategic goals (SG) that generate regular progress reports:

- SG1** Review board operations and infrastructure, as above (policy review, key focus reports, sharp meetings)
A Board Committee of kaumatua-kuia, led by Sam, reviewed & streamlined school protocols eg powhiri
- SG2** Lift the school profile (community newsletters, media advertising, Green-Gold campaign, new entrance)
The opening of our Teen Parent School new building on 9 November generated very good publicity for us. Greig did a great job liaising with the Ministry, Teen Parent School, architects and builders on this one.
- SG3** 35% of Maori students take NCEA te reo Maori by 2014 (6 opting for Level 1 2012, we are working on staffing). The Correspondence School (TCS) provides excellent material and support.

Focus & Variance Reports The board has made excellent progress 2010-2011, well informed by reports eg:

- Curriculum art, health & physical education, and technologies – food, workshop, & ICT
- Finance annual budget, audit trails, operations grant, resource allocation, accounts
- Property school house maintenance & re-roofing - water system, art block & entrance next
- ICT / IT a junior computer suite, new network server, ultra-fast broadband next (cables in)
- Safety emergency evacuation drills, hazards identification, all electrical outlets checked
- Personnel appointments, staffing, principal's appraisal, professional development contracts
- PD contracts He Kakano (Maori achievement), PB4L (positive behaviours), ICT (IT-savvy).
- Self review charter, policies, strategic & annual plans, board operations, planning & reporting

Well done, Mangakahia BOT, in particular Susan for her great leadership. You do us proud. Thank you.

END OF TERM 4

Thursday 8 December Free Mufti Day so uniforms can be washed for Friday. **Final assembly** for seniors
Friday 9 December **10am Prizegiving 12.15 Buses leave** No buses run the following week.
Mon 12 & Tues 13 Dec Although there are no buses, the school remains open for Y1-10 students arriving at school on those days. They will need to be in uniform and ready to do supervised work.

**Ka kite,
Anne Stead**

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2011 Yearbook: Our family, _____ would like to order _____ copies of the 2011 Yearbook .
\$20 each. Please find enclosed \$_____

ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Prizegiving:

Friday 9 December at 10.00am in the school gymnasium. **Please be seated by 9.45am.** This is a formal occasion. Students are required to be in correct and tidy uniform. Afterwards students return to their homerooms and collect reports and yearbooks. **Buses leave at 12.15pm.**

Start Dates for 2012

Tues 7 Feb Years 1 to 6
Wed 8 Feb Years 7 to 8 and 11 to 13
Thurs 9 Feb Years 9 to 10

2012 Term Dates:

Term	Start	End
1	As above	Thurs 5 April
2	Mon 23 April	Fri 29 June
3	Mon 16 July	Fri 28 September
4	Mon 15 October	Fri 14 December



Christmas Festival

This is a free community event that focuses on entertainment for the family. This year we have bouncy castles, face painters, jugglers, Stilt Walkers, bands, Choirs, the list goes on. The Christmas Festival is taking place at Barge Showgrounds from 5.30pm Thursday 8 December 2011.

2011 Country Meals: 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. Meals cost \$6 for children and \$12-\$15 for adult's meals. Full licenced bar. Come along and enjoy a night out with your friends and neighbours. **The meal this month, on the 9 December, is in support of the Titoki Playcentre.**

Bobby's Christmas Craft Night:

Bobby is having her Christmas Craft night on Monday 12 December, 7.00pm in the art room. Come along and find out how to make your own decorations. Cost is \$10 with everything you need supplied. Bring along a small plate to share for supper and enjoy a friendly creative evening. For more information contact Bobby on 4331 556.



Show Day:

We would like to thank the following businesses and organisation for their continued support of Show Day.

**Whangarei A & P Society
National Bank
Fieldpower Northland Ltd
Silver Fern Farms Ltd**

