

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 TRANSPORT PLANS

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Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

STUDENT SUCCESS

MANGAKAHIA IS A GREEN-GOLD ENVIRO SCHOOL! THE FIRST AND ONLY NZ AREA SCHOOL & THE FIRST AND ONLY NORTHLAND SCHOOL WHOSE STUDENTS HAVE GAINED SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT US? BEING GREEN-GOLD MEANS THAT:

- we have a living, evolving school vision - progress is celebrated and new ideas added;
- the Guiding Principles are woven into all aspects of our school life;
- environmental sustainability is part of all our decisions and everything we do;
- students at our school have a strong sense of connection to the environment - we know we can effect change for a sustainable world - the enquiry and action is mainly led by students;
- we can measure many changes from our actions, and show we are making a difference;
- the environment is more vibrant and healthy;
- it feels like a living ecosystem that can support our community towards sustainability;
- Māori perspectives are enriching our journey;
- the school is involved with our community, honouring the diversity of people within it.

Our students are eco-warriors - proud kaitiaki o Papatuanuku, creating a legacy for their grandchildren!

G-G Team Visiting Enviro-School directors from Wellington and Auckland, and 6 local NRC advisers, worked through an intensive day-long Green-Gold programme with 27 x Y4-13 students, enviro teachers Elyne Semenoff and Kaye Davey, kaiwhakahaere Juanita Parata, the principal, and former enviro leaders / student leaders Darone Diamond (2010) and Rangimarie Kelly (2006). Matua Sam Tohu and Crystal Rakich represented the Board. The day began with a whole school powhiri led by Matua Sam. It then followed a challenging kaupapa.

G-G Day Junior, middle school and senior groups were led by different directors/advisers. Each group of students toured the school answering the group leader's questions about the recycling station and system, the edible forest, raised gardens, orchards and environmental art. In the late morning the groups convened in the efs centre to present their awa – their journey over the years in **living the 5 principles of education for sustainability** – practices that are **instinctive, inquiry-based, integrated, embedded, and sustainable**.

G-G Decision Facilitator Julie Holt (Wellington) led a collective decision making process with the students, trustees, teachers, directors, advisers. We faced **3 kete, labelled Confident, Next Steps, More Work Needed**. Each principle from the Green-Gold descriptors (above) was read out by a student, responses invited as to how we fit it, then eyes closed and a thumb signal – up for yes, down for not yet, and sideways for unsure. **This included the advisers whose 'thumb' verdict was critical**. Each time we opened our eyes we saw all thumbs up except for one or two Unsuress – and no thumbs down! The 'unsure' people asked the thumbs up people for clarification. When they were satisfied by examples given, the principle was put in the Confident kete. We ended up with a full 'Confident' kete and only one in the 'Next Steps' kete. The exercise concluded that **YES we truly fit the descriptors in the Green-Gold descriptor – the visiting experts were overjoyed by our success!**

Where to next? lots of publicity! some celebrations! planning for next steps (already started!)

Congratulations to the students who represented their classes at the Green Gold forum for the intensive day – they were knowledgeable, articulate, responsive, and confident, and related well to the visiting leaders:

Room 4 Ayla Crawford, Laura Hare, Bella Latimer, Macee Latimer, Sullivan Tito
Link Cayla Takimoana, Brandy-Lee Tuhiwai
Y9-10 Shane Diamond, Taylor Neho, Georgea Niha, Harley Pou-Tito, D'Len Topia, Holly Walker
NCEA L 1 Josh Cherrington, Ethan Diamond, Tyler Grant, Kane Mickan, Davena Tae, David Tito, Piripi Waa
NCEA L2-3 Daniel Clark, Natasha Edmonds, Chris Flay, Clara Melville, Shelly Nielsen, Kayla Piri, Julie Pomare

Enviro-School facts:

- **national Enviro-School Awards since 2004: 439 Bronzes, 174 Silvers, 35 Green-Golds (we are #35)**
- **Mangakahia Enviro-School Awards: Bronze 2004, Silver 2007, Green-Gold 2011**
- the awards are administered by Regional Councils around New Zealand with Ministry of Education support
- awards have been gained by 33 primary / intermediate and 1 secondary school – *no area schools (until now!)*
- **Mangakahia pioneered NCEA Level 2 & 3 Achievement Standards in education for sustainability (EfS)**
- Mangakahia teacher Elyne Semenoff - a national leader in EfS - wrote and trialled the standards 2009-2011
- NZQA has approved the standards for use nationally: *all NCEA students can qualify in EfS thanks to Elyne*

This is what Mangakahia is all about, aiming high & being the best to lift our students to do the same. Thank you students, former students, staff, former staff, families & whanau, for your collective support.

ICT Action

Y9 Digital Stories for Room 1

The task was to **write a story about a Room 1 buddy, with the buddy, and illustrate it using digital images.** The task fulfils two important purposes: developing narrative writing and e-skills, using tuakana-teina learning strategies whereby the elder (tuakana) works with the younger (teina) so that they they learn from each other.

Each Y9 student met their Room 1 buddy for shared reading. They then **developed a short story** about the buddy in a school setting. They created a storyboard to base the photographs around and photographed their buddy in a school situation. Students edited the photos, added script, and proof-read a draft before publishing.

E-skills used to complete the project: using a digital camera, editing a digital image (cropping, sizing, adjusting brightness) text wrapping, and moving images across files. The pages were printed, laminated and spiral-bound.

A taonga for our teina: the story books are presented by the tuakana for their teina to take home and keep. This is what Area Schools in general and Mangakahia in particular are all about – learning with each other. **Well done Y9 tuakana! And thank you Room 1 students for being such lovely teina to work with.**

Manga'z Got Talent

Wellness Team seniors staged a great evening to complete Matariki celebrations and wrap up their 2010-2011 project *Alcohol – Is It Worth It?* project in partnership with Manaia PHO and ALAC, who sponsored the event. The seniors auditioned entries, set up the hall, rehearsed and presented their own excellent dance crew entry, and MC'd the evening. The standard of entries was excellent. Highlights - **Barry's Dance Group, Custom Harris & Harley Pou-Tito Dance Group, and Esther Brown's cabaret solo.** Thank you all who came for the evening – a great turnout – and helpers Mr Dunn Snr, Juanita Parata and Barry Dunn. Congratulations and well done to: **Kayla Piri, Cherith Schraag, Finnisha Tuhiwai, Toni Tahere, Shelly Nielsen, and all Y11-13 students** involved. A great night! Sponsors Bernie Heteraka (Manaia PHO) and Shirley Anne Brown (ALAC) were thrilled.

Burger Competition Placing

Congratulations to **Georgea Niha Y10** who gained **3rd place in the Beef & Lamb NZ Secondary Schools Burger Competition regional heat** on Monday. Georgea worked hard to prepare for her entry under the watchful eye of Food Tech teacher Martine Harding, who accompanied her to the event at North Tech. Georgea returned with her certificate and a Beef & Lamb cookbook prize. Well done!

MATARIKI & WHANAU SUPPORT GROUP (WSG)

A big **THANK YOU to WSG** for the hard work before, during and after Matariki Day Celebration, and to family & whanau who donated fruit, vegetables, pasta and other ingredients. Hard workers on the day included Kelly Chapman, Daphne Nikora, Rangi Tuhiwai, Anne-Marie Tito, Puawai Shortland, Rai Shortland, Te Aroha Komene, Crystal Rakich & Jason Harris, Maureen & Bob Parata, Mackie Rakich, Raewyn Tae – to name a few!! And of course the many students who prepared the gym, served food, performed items and cleaned up. Kia kaha!

Next Week a get-together in town at Gengy's Mongolian BBQ Walton Street (opp police station) – flier coming.

Next Term a meeting over a pot-luck tea and the launch of *NCEA & The Whanau* – flier coming

Please jump in! Whanau: Kelly Chapman, Juanita Parata, Kate Fenton, Tynneal Openshaw, Daphne Nikora, Rai Shortland, Phillipa Thornton, Mandy Van der Klundert. **Dads, aunties, uncles, grandparents welcome!**

NZASA NATIONALS – TAUPO – 15-17 JULY

Congratulations on being selected and best wishes for a successful and safe journey:

Kayla Piri, Cherith Schraag, Tynneal Openshaw,

Boris Hirawani, David Tito, Chris Flay, Daniel Clark, Kolio Parata-Lamusitele

- Athletes uphold their personal mana by behaving in a respectful, responsible and safe way at all times.
- Athletes uphold the mana of their family / whanau, their school, their NASA Team mates and leaders.
- Athletes uphold the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, and individual and collective responsibility.

The Team Manager is **Ra Heke** of Broadwood Area School. When not competing or training, athletes will be supervised by **Juanita Parata, Daphne Nikora, Whitney Palmer, Parish Openshaw**. If you have any question regarding the team arrangements please contact Ra at Broadwood Area School 09 409 5878.

UNIFORM REMINDER

ITEMS IN THE WASH OR STILL WET? Students bring them in a plastic bag and we launder them in time for interval. **Same for damp or wet shoes.** Arrive in tidy mufti and be **IN UNIFORM BY INTERVAL**.

WINTER UNIFORM a school jacket or school polar fleece or school jersey; a plain black scarf

If a student arrives in a mufti top or scarf, they take it to the office where it stays until 3pm.

MEASLES ALERT

Going to Auckland these holidays? Please check the Measles Alert attached.

Watch your children for symptoms of fever, cough, runny nose, sore red eyes, or a rash. If this occurs: Call your GP or Healthline (0800 611 116) as soon as possible for advice. Keep your child away from school until they are well again. Your GP will advise the safest time for your child to return to school. For more information call the Immunisation Advisory Centre free on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or visit their website – www.immune.org.nz

There will be another newsletter next week, to round off Term 2.

Ka kite

Anne Stead

CHECK OUT STUDENT WORK ON OUR SCHOOL WIKI

Years 1 to 8: www.masy1-8.wikispaces.com
Library www.maslibrary.wikispaces.com

Years 9 to 13: www.massecc.wikispaces.com
Email your feedback to: admin@mangakahia.school.nz



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MEASLES ALERT

The school has been advised that since 1 June 2011, 39 people have been confirmed with measles infection in Auckland and the disease is now likely to be spreading in the wider community.

The number of cases may seem relatively small in comparison to the population, but one person with measles can infect many others. The Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) advises that immunisation is the best protection against measles. **Immunisation is safe, effective and free.**

Measles is a serious and highly infectious viral disease. It makes people very sick, often causing fever, cough, sore red eyes and a rash. People with measles can be infectious even before they start feeling unwell. While almost all people will make a complete recovery, it can lead to hospitalisation and in rare cases, death.

Parents/guardians need to find out whether their children are protected against measles. Regarding your child's immunisation status:

- **If your child has not received measles immunisation (MMR vaccine)**, call your GP as soon as possible to immunise your child. It is never too late.
- **If your child has received one measles immunisation (i.e. one MMR vaccination)**, call your GP as soon as possible to immunise your child with their 2nd MMR. Two measles immunisations provide better protection than one.
- **If your child has received two measles immunisations, or have definitely had doctor-diagnosed measles infection in the past**, they are considered protected. Over 95% of people fully immunised are protected from measles.
- **If you are not sure of your child's immunisation records**, check with your GP. They can do a blood test to check your child's immunity to measles if needed.
- **If your child is not immune or you choose not to immunise your child, they are not protected from measles. If they come into contact with someone with measles, they may have to be excluded from school for up to 14 days.**

The Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulation 1966 Part 3 r 14 (2) provides a legal mandate for the Medical Officer of Health to enforce isolation of any measles cases or contacts where this is indicated. Isolation is the only way to prevent further transmission of the virus and to protect others in the community (like very young babies and ill people) from getting infected.

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ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS

NZQA Fees: A reminder that the NZQA fee, for Years 11 to 13, of \$75.00 can now be paid to the school office. Financial assistance forms have been handed out to students. If you have any queries contact the school office on 4331 702. **The final day for payment is Friday 26 August 2011.**

Subject and Consumables Fees: Accounts have now been sent out. If you have any queries please contact the office as soon as possible on 4331 702. You are welcome to pay in instalments.



Student Absences: If your child is going to be absent from school please ring the office and let us know as soon as possible. In the case of illness, please make sure you ring each day your child is sick. For your child's safety we need to know when to expect them back at school. Please also note that a medical certificate is required for absences of 3 days or more.

4YOUth Festival: Presented by Te Reo Taiohi Youth Group, this festival is an opportunity for youth across Northland to celebrate being YOUth. This event is going to be an epic day full of Kapa haka / Hip Hop Dance Crews / Singers / Local bands / Sport tournament and much more. 2.00 – 5.30pm Saturday 30 July at Kensington Stadium

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. Proceeds from the Country Meals are shared with a community group, sports club or local school that hosts the meal each month. They are a great way to meet the local community and have a relaxed night out. Meals cost \$6 for children and \$12-\$15 for adults meals. Delicious range of salads plus dessert included with the meals. Full licenced bar. Come along and enjoy a night out with your friends and neighbours.

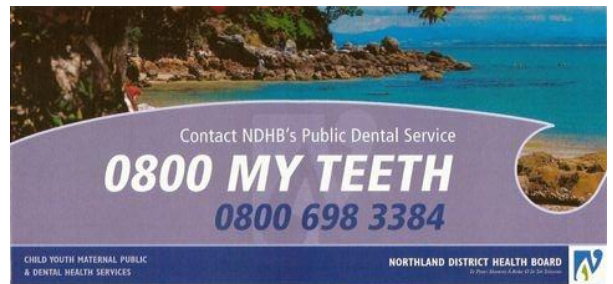
8 July	Mangakahia Rugby Club	12 August	Mangakahia Junior Soccer Club
8 September	Pool Club	14 October	Mangakahia Sports Complex
11 November	Mangakahia Lions	9 December	Titoki Playcentre

Community / School Library: Anyone from our community can borrow books and use the Community Library situated at Mangakahia Area School, just come in and register with the librarian. Library hours are Monday – Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm. All welcome. We have a large selection of books suitable for all ages.

Aerobics Classes are taught by instructors from Sports Northland at the Mangakahia Sports Complex downstairs lounge. *Tuesday 6.30pm* - Body Balance, uses combo of Tai chi, Pilates and Yoga. *Thursday 6.30pm* - Body Combat. Contact Jan Harrison 434 6308.

Oral Health Care: If you have any concerns regarding your child's oral health you can contact the Northland District Health Board's Public Dental Service on 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384). The **School Dental Service** is available to all preschool and school aged children up to school year 8.

The Adolescent Dental Service is available to adolescents aged between 13 and 17 years and who are enrolled at school before their 18th birthday. To find an adolescent Dental Provider phone 0800 MY TEETH or contact the school office.



Calendar

7-8 July	Y1-8 Student-Led Conferencing.	July 15	End of Term 2.
August 1	Start of Term 3.	October 7	End of Term 3.
October 25	Start of Term 4.		



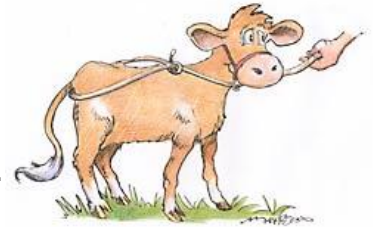
Mangakahia Area School Show Day 2011

It's time to start planning ahead for Show Day. This year Show Day is in early November and we will confirm the date at the start of Term 3. Entry forms are available from the school office. **No calf, lamb, goat or puppy entry to be born before 1st July in the year of competition.** Also note that **all competitors must wear filled-in footwear, no gumboots.** Here are more of the general rules. Also worth a look at is the website www.calfclub.co.nz.

1. Only one animal may be entered by each competitor, i.e. calf, lamb, goat or pet.
2. All animals must be entered on the form provided and returned to the School Office as soon as possible.
3. Calves, lambs and goats must be taken over by the exhibit within 14 days of the birth date and all subsequent feeding and training must be done by the exhibitor unaided, except in cases of emergency.
4. Animals may be fed any amount of food of any kind.
5. No calf, lamb, goat or dog entry to be born before 1st July in the year of competition.
6. Animals may be treated to maintain health - (e.g. eradicating ticks, lice, drenching, crutching.)
7. **All competitors must wear filled-in footwear, i.e. sneakers, no gumboots.**

CALVES

1. Heifer, bull or steer calves of any breed may be entered.
2. Calves must not be plucked or trimmed.
3. A calf with more than 4 teats will not lose points in Leading or Rearing competition.
4. Each calf section will be judged twice: (a) Leading (b) Child effort or rearing.
5. The Champion and Reserve Champion calf will be decided at the judge's discretion.



LAMBS

1. Ewe, ram or wether lambs of any breed may be entered.
2. Lambs must be in natural condition. **NO WASHING IS ALLOWED.**
3. Each lamb section will be judged three times: (a) Leading (b) Rearing (c) Best Pet/Calling
4. The Champion and Reserve Champion lamb will be decided at the judge's discretion.

GOATS

1. Doe, buck or wether goats of any breed may be entered.
2. Goats must be in natural condition.
3. Each goat section will be judged three times: (a) Leading (b) Rearing (c) Best Pet/Calling
4. The Champion and Reserve Champion goat will be decided at the judge's discretion.

PETS

1. Pets must have been cared for by the child.
2. Pets may be divided into separate sections at the discretion of the judges.

GARDENS

1. Plots to be approximately a minimum of 2 square metres but size or shape is optional.
2. No limit to varieties of flowers or vegetables grown.
3. Parents may dig garden initially but all other work to be done by child.
4. Record of work to be maintained on a regular basis.
5. Gardens should be ready to be judged in late November. Date will be notified. Judges will be looking for neatness of garden, how weeds have been controlled and record keeping as well as other factors.

