

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.

STUDENT SUCCESS–HOMEROOMING–KAPA HAKA–HE KAKANO–BOT–PB4L–AERIAL SURVEY–COMMUNITY

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Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

Our flag flies at half-mast today to acknowledge the death in Afghanistan of Private Kirifi (Cliff) Mila. It remains at half-mast until his body returns.

School Powhiri On Tuesday we welcomed new Food Tech teacher Martine Harding, 25 newly enrolled Mangakahia students, and He Mataariki senior manager Terri Cunningham, staff and new students from our Teen Parent School in town. Matua Sam Tohu led the powhiri, supported by three teachers, two students, and our Kapa Haka group. Whaea Kaye Rawlings was the kai-karanga and Y12 Haami Tohu the Kai-karakia. HPE teacher Barry Dunn gave mihi to the manuhiri in support of Matua Sam. DP Bill Morgan spoke for the manuhiri, supported by new Y13 student William Manuel. Kapa haka students sang beautifully, led by tutor Rangimarie Shortland (Rai). Thank you all who made the powhiri so special.

1 STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations again, students on your start to the year - excellent uniform, stationery and focus on learning. The roll today is 135, with some still to come. We are staffed on 132 and aiming for 140.

2010 Student Leaders

Erin Murphy leaves next week to take up a position in charge of foal assistants at a Hunter Valley stud farm in New South Wales. Erin completed papers in horse care and management at the end of last year with a view to gaining the job. After 2 years she will move to a stud farm in Ireland. Also next week **Darone Diamond** heads south for Massey University in Palmerston North. **Dylan Tohu** has begun a carpentry apprenticeship in Whangarei. **Finnisha Tuhiwai** has returned to school, now in Y13.

2011 Student Leaders

Student Leaders Cherith Schraag & Finnisha Tuhiwai and deputies Toni Tahere & Shelly Nielsen have made a very good start. In charge of the leadership book, they led a Y13 discussion of broad aims for this year, signed up seniors to the main student forums (Sports Council, Wellness Team, SADD), led their first Y9-13 assembly, toured the Y1-8 classes, and attended the Y9-13 BBQ and Y1-8 BBQs.

Cherith leading sports, swimming and athletics days, PB4L
Finnisha leading front-line welcome and teacher support at school functions, PB4L
Toni leading kapa haka, student leader team coordinator, PB4L
Shelley leading recycling, SADD, BOT rep, PB4L

Y13's broad goal is to interact more closely with Y1-8 students in consultation with AP Mrs Grieve. eg reading support and sports training. The reading support team is gearing up. Sports are set to go:

Sports Training Leaders	Intermediate Girls Netball	Cherith, Toni and Tynneal
	Intermediate Boys Basketball	David, Daniel, Chris

We have recently been asked, *Don't you have any head blokes?* To select student leaders, we have a formal application and selection process end of Term 3-start of Term 4. Last year we had 8 applicants for 2011. The 2 male applicants missed out. ***I'm sure senior boys will rectify this imbalance in 2012!***

2011 Sports Council

Y13 Cherith Schraag, Finnisha Tuhiwai, Toni Tahere, Michelle Nielsen, Tynneal Openshaw, Kahlen Parata-Lamusitele, Cherice Brown, Kayla Piri

Y12 Daniel Clark, Natasha Edmonds, Chris Flay, Jessica Knight, Francis Wilson

Y11 Esther Brown, Josh Cherrington, Ethan Diamond, Bryden Fryer, Caitlin Hunter, Kolio Parata-Lamusitele, Kyle Tohu, Elisha Urquhart

The students work closely with head of PE Barry Dunn and Sportfit Coordinator Juanita Parata to plan and carry out all sports activities, events and competitions. They train students, coach teams and themselves play across different codes. The Northland Area School Sports Tournament (commonly called "areas") in Term 2 is the highlight of the sporting calendar. Rallies and trainings are imminent!

2011 Smokefree Rockquest

We have a band! practising hard, sounding awesome, still working on the name.

Drums Kolio Parata Lamusitele **Guitars** Daniel Clark, Josh Cherrington,
Bass Francis Wilson, **Vocals** Josh Johnston

2 HOMEROOMING!

Y9-13 homeroom teachers and their students have got off to a great start. Last year we were able to appoint two homeroom teachers per year level. This is not possible in 2011 - Whaea Alice is returning part time which gives us one less homeroom teacher, and Y12-13 are big enough this year to be two separate homeroom classes, ie one more homeroom teacher needed. However, the introduction of the PB4L student support system (below) enables us to build on the closer home-school relations in 2010.

Y9 Mr Morgan **Y10 Mr Dunn & Ms Van der Klundert** **Y11 Mr Smith**
Y12 Mr Sadgrove **Y13 Mr Susnjar & Mrs Stead** (leadership support)

Homeroom teachers and deans are the Y9-13 pastoral care team – growing good relations with students and their families, maintaining contact, celebrating successes and helping resolve problems and address concerns. This week they held two really good after-school BBQ-Swim events (attended by twice the families who came last year) and have started to ring homes to introduce themselves as your child's pastoral carers. Their enthusiasm is great. Watch this space for future developments and events. **Y0-8 class teachers** continue to excel in providing a high level of pastoral care for your children. !

3 KAPA HAKA 2011

Tutor: Rangimarie (Rai) Shortland **Committee:** Juanita Parata, Marlene Tuhiwai, Daphne Nikora
Venue: Taitokerau Festival is at **Whangarei Girls' High School 12-15 April** (Term 1 Week 10)

The committee has set out a schedule of school-time practices, as per board policy. This year protocols have been reviewed in order to strengthen student commitment and whanau support. The board of trustees budgets \$500 each year towards kapa haka / festival costs. Committee goals 2011:

1 Get behind the school Poroti Complex Dinner 6.30 Friday 11 March. Kapa haka students will perform, a raffle will be run. Please help by doing any of the following – donate a salad, attend the dinner, help in the kitchen, set up tables before or pack them away after. Many hands make light work!!

2 Host He Kakano mini-hui to coincide with kapa haka training. The mini-hui are to find out about a programme for 100 schools nation-wide called *He Kakano - Raising Maori Achievement*. What does it mean and how can we do it at Mangakahia? While kapa haka training is on after school, come and have a cuppa & a korero in the staffroom. It's all about ongoing conversations with each other here and in your community. Juanita, Marlene and Daphne have made a helpful start.

4 HE KAKANO – THE SEED

Last October we began a 2-year journey with 99 other schools to raise Maori achievement in the school. It's about collecting hard data on Maori and non-Maori students and using it to plan so all achieve well. The contract is by the University of Waikato. Juanita Parata and I are leading it. Watch this space!

5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

During the holidays the Board received with regret the resignation of trustee Roz Grammer Tweedie. Roz served on the 2007-2010 Board. Her three daughters Abbey, Islay and Jerren attended the school. Roz is now a registered nurse at Base Hospital and the family is town based. We thank Roz for her great work and support, and wish her and the family well. At its first meeting this year (Monday 14th) the board appointed **Michelle Ripley** to fill the vacancy. She has attended board meetings previously. Many of you know Michelle through her children at school and her work in Titoki Playcentre. We welcome and thank Michelle. **Dick Gordon** reported to the meeting on progress towards converting the school's Historic Building into Mangakahia Valley Community Health Centre, to open mid-year. Dick chairs the Mangakahia Charitable Trust which has local and ASB funds for this purpose. The board reviewed its finance policies without change. These are available for your inspection at the school office, with Board meeting minutes. The next meeting is on **Monday 28 March** at the new time of **3.30pm**. All welcome.

6 POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L being respectful, responsible, safe

Mangakahia, Pakotai and Te Horo schools last year joined a new Ministry of Education project aimed at making good schools better. Together they chose the above whakatauki as the bedrock for each school's culture. Mangakahia added **by growing our mana, mahi and mauri** to the whakatauki:

- in the holidays, staff explored how to be respectful, responsible and safe in teaching,
- in Week 1 orientation, Y1-13 students explored how to be respectful, responsible and safe in learning
- at bus whanau meetings, bus groups explored how to be respectful, responsible and safe in a bus.

Adults and senior students are quick to praise respectful, responsible and safe behaviours. If they notice mis-behaviour, they ask - How is that respectful? responsible? safe? School conversations are changing:

- being respectful to others increases their respect for us. That's growing our *mana*, our reputation.
- being responsible means caring about yourself and others, taking charge. That's *mahi*, hard work.
- being safe is about emotional and spiritual well-being, not just physical. That's *mauri*, self-belief.

We hope you take the time to look for changes in the school environment during this term. We are posting signs in outdoor spaces giving positive direction ('walk quietly' instead of 'no running'), put together by students. Indoor spaces already feature the beautiful icon painted by Ms Van der Klundert, which combines the new whakatauki with our school emblem. Classrooms display student goals.

New charter goal: *being respectful, responsible and safe by honouring our mana, mahi and mauri.*

7 SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

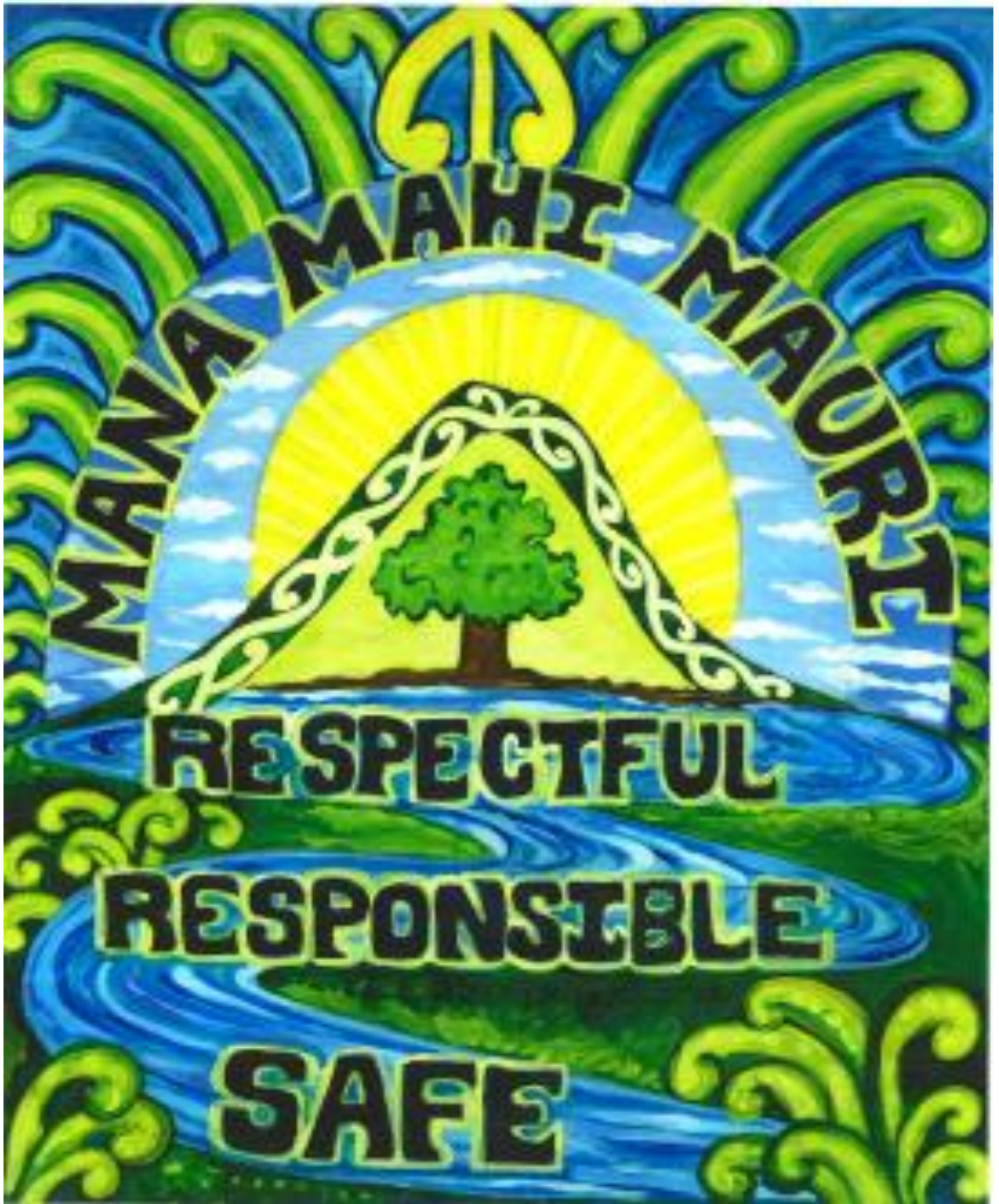
The Education Act requires students to be at school until their 16th birthday. This has been the school leaving age for 10 years now. The Ministry now grants few exemptions. Please note that this is the minimum legal requirement. In the interests of future life opportunities, students should complete NCEA Level 2 in Years 11-13. Students keen to leave on their 16th birthday must register their intention well in advance so they can complete career advice, an exit interview, certification and the sign-out process.

8 NORTHLAND AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

John Halse - halse@xtra.co.nz - advises us that an airborne geophysical survey of the Northland region is due to commence late February and run through until early April, weather dependent. A plane, similar to a top-dresser, will fly at an altitude of 60 metres at line spacings of 200 metres on a northeast-southwest traverse from Cape Reinga to Te Hana. It has instruments in an attached 'stinger tail' that measure the earth's magnetic field. Whenever it reaches an urban area, it will climb to at least 300 metres to comply with Civil Aviation Authority regulations (CAA have been briefed on the survey). For rural dwellers and primary producers, apologies for what is likely to be a short-term noise nuisance.

Ka kite
Anne Stead

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Mangakahia Area School art teacher and artist Mandy Van der Klundert designed and painted our icon.

We respect others, our education, and ourselves.

ADMIN & COMMUNITY NEWS



ART & Craft Classes: If anyone is interested in resuming the Wednesday night art classes please contact Mandy at school 4331 702 or after hours 4331 812. Your interests will lead the focus of each class. Workshops throughout the year could have a specific technical/process focused emphasis e.g. woodcut and other printmaking practices, sculpture, painting, craft etc.

Kapa Haka Fundraiser: Kapa Haka will be pre-selling Hangi tickets at \$8 each which will be available 9 March (Athletics Day) at about 1.30pm. Students will be selling tickets from Wednesday 16 February and there will be limited tickets available at the school office.

Mangakahia Soccer Rally: Tuesday 22 February 2011, Maungatapere School Field, from 3.30pm – 4.15pm. Girls and boys of all ages interested in playing soccer this season are encouraged to come along. Please bring along any outgrown/unwanted soccer boots/shorts/socks which we will sell (all funds will be donated back to the soccer club). All enquires contact Penny Froggatt 434 7609 or Carla Bone 021 0243 4519 or email: mangakahiasoccer@gmail.com

Mangakahia JMB Rugby Rally: Mangakahia Sports Complex, Saturday 19 February 2011, 10am-12 noon. Boys & girls of all ages interested in playing for the 2011 season are most welcome. Any queries contact Tracey Alison 4331 762.

Women's Rugby Team: Year 11 girls and up (Mothers and Aunts included), want to play rugby or give rugby a go? Mangakahia are setting up a Women's Rugby Team and need players! If you think this is for you, call or txt Mary-Anne, 4387 221 or 021 0527921.

Diabetes: Parents if you have a child with Diabetes attending school and would like to meet other parents with a view to forming a Support Group for Parents then please contact Diabetes Northland Inc., by one of the three ways:- The Secretary, P O Box 996, WHANGAREI 0140, or ring 09 436 3669 (answer ph is available) or e-mail – grmrw@vodafone.co.nz This is not a fundraising venture, nor would parents be asked to join Diabetes NZ.

Calendar

Up-coming Events

1 March	Swimming Sports	7 March	Valley Swimming Sports
9 March	Athletics Day	15 March	Y4 - 8 Swimming Champs, Whangarei
16 - 17 & 21 - 23 March Y1 - 8 Swim Safe Programme			

Term dates for 2011

1	7 Feb – 15 April	2	2 May – 15 July
3	1 Aug – 7 Oct	4	25 Oct – 13 Dec

2011 Country Meals

11 March	Mangakahia Area School	8 April	Mangakahia Aerobics
13 May	Mangakahia Squash Club	10 June	Kokopu School
8 July	Mangakahia Rugby Club	12 August	Mangakahia Junior Soccer Club

NZRU TROPHY TOUR & NORTHLAND CLUB RUGBY PROMOTION

TOLL STADIUM - Monday 7th March 4pm – 8pm

*Come along and view the **RUGBY WORLD CUP TROPHY** along with the Women's World Cup, IRB Under 20s World Cup, Tri-Nations Trophy & Bledisloe Cup*

Take part in fun activities with the "Taniwha" & "Rugger" including skill activities, Ruggerland Bouncy castle, and NZRU Promotions (FREE ENTRY)

Want to play rugby in 2011?

Come along and see your local club to get an information pack!!



Mangakahia Area School

Country Meal

Friday 11th March 2011

**URGENT—HELPERS WANTED TO HELP
SET UP AT 6.00pm AND TO SERVE
MEALS. PHONE THE SCHOOL IF YOU
CAN ASSIST 4331 702**

Come along to the Mangakahia Area School
Fundraising Country Meal
at the Mangakahia Sports Complex, Poroti
from 6.30pm to 9.00pm

\$12.00-\$15.00 Adults

\$6.00 Children

2 Course Meal

A Salad Contribution by
School Families Appreciated

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE
DINNER, SALADS CAN BE DROPPED
OFF AT SCHOOL