

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.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - HAVE YOUR SAY - STUDENT SUCCESS - COUNTRY MEAL - COMMUNITY

*Our flag continues to fly at half-mast, acknowledging the dead, the displaced, the devastation of the Christchurch earthquake. On **Fri 18 March** students and staff will hold a Red & Black day to coincide with the national day of mourning and collect gold coin donations for the emergency relief fund.*

Greetings. Tena koutou katoa.

WANTED - YOUR VOICE IN OUR DIRECTION AND GOALS

The BOT, as your representatives, have identified 4 charter goals for 2011-2013. The first two concern National Standards and improving Maori Achievement, as required by government. The second two concern student engagement with learning, and community engagement with the school to support student learning. We need your input. Rather than a meeting nobody comes to, we are keen to set up a **focus group, made up of people connected to the school, to look at our goals and plans**, think about them, ask questions and have your say. We could do this face to face, by document exchange, or by an on-line site. **Your choice.** We need to complete the process by 31 March. **Please email admin@mangakahia.school.nz or ring the office 4331-702 to register interest, & I'll contact you.**

COUNTRY MEAL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL 6.30 FRIDAY 11 MARCH AT POROTI COMPLEX.

KAPA HAKA, BAND INSTRUMENTAL, STUDENT ART DISPLAY, A GOOD RAFFLE, and a LUCKY NUMBER DRAW - look out for coloured fliers coming home soon – each with a special number - bring yours along and be there for the MYSTERY PRIZE Draw! Please help how you can - donate a salad, attend the dinner, help the kitchen, set up tables. Many hands make light work!

STUDENT SUCCESS

SWIMMING SPORTS went off very well on Tuesday. Students and staff enjoyed themselves, the house-whanau competitions were keenly contested, and it was great to see some parents and whanau in support. Student behaviour was excellent – respectful, responsible and safe. And having fun with it.

STUDENT LEADERS Cherith, Finnisha, Toni and Shelly continue to set high standards and sustain the high tone of the school in various ways. Passionate about the school, they have added 3 more initiatives as well as running the Wellness Team, Sports Council and SADD Group:

Assembly Presentations

Leaders and Y13 are now in charge of assemblies, 'theming' and organising them, with help from Y12. They will give a 'smoking facts' presentation at assembly on Weds 23 March at 9am. All welcome.

Quit Smoking Practitioner Training

Four seniors led by Mr Dunn are attending a Heart Foundation 2-day training course in the holidays. This licenses them as Stop Smoking practitioners. On their return they will support those wanting to QUIT.


Development Squad

Cherith and Toni have identified 24 students spread across Y9-13 keen to take part in intensive fitness, teamwork and game skills training – twice a week at lunchtimes! You go girls!

Kapa haka students are doing well - thank you students, Rai, & committee Juanita, Daphne & Marlene.

**Ka kite,
Anne Stead**

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.

Mangakahia Soccer Club: First practice Wednesday 30th March. Practices will be at Maungatapere School Field from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Girls and boys of all ages interested in playing soccer the 2011 season are encouraged to sign up. Children turning 5 before June 2011 can also play. All enquires please contact as soon as possible Penny Froggatt 434 7609 or Carla Bone 021 0243 4519 or email: mangakahiasoccer@gmail.com

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.

Calendar

9 March	Athletics Day	11 March	MAS Country Meal
15 March	Y4-8 Swim Champs, Whangarei	3 April	Daylight Saving Ends
15 April	Term 1 ends	2 May	Term 2 starts

SWIMMING SPORTS ACTION

Thank you to parents and caregivers that came along to support their children at swimming sports. Results will be published in the next newsletter.

