

Te Kūkupa

TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL



Issue 8—Week 6 Term 3—August 2023

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau

As we reach the halfway mark for Term 3, there is much to celebrate in the remaining 5 weeks of the term. Firstly I would like to acknowledge recent achievements. A badge ceremony was held at last Wednesday's karakia-a-kura assembly to recognise the 8 students who have been selected to represent their hapū class on the student council - congratulations to Nelson Rakich and Kawenata Tito for Kowhai, Desmond Wass and Waiorangi Marsh from Mataī, John Tribble and Serena Tribble for Pōhutukawa and Olivia Urquhart and Rubi Tuhiwai-Pou representing Taraire hapū. We look forward to the many projects and plans the group, led by Student Rangatira, Kalani Petersen, have for our kura. We acknowledge several of our past and present students that recently won the rugby under 16 division playing in the final against Horahora. It was a gutsy win played out in heavy conditions. Congratulations to Kymani Herewini, Tourian Pira-Waa, Makoia Tipene, Ken Rakich and Simon Bruce. Our Senior basketball team attended the Northland Secondary Schools Basketball tournament last Friday. Congratulations to our team who placed third.

Thank you to all whānau who braved the weather to attend the student, parent and teacher conferences on Monday. The conferences provide an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarity regarding the progress of the student/s. Thank you to all caregivers and whānau who participated in our online Survey. I appreciate your participation as the feedback will inform how best we can meet

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

Wk 7 School Photo Competition Judging

11-15 SEP 11-13 DERIVED GRADE EXAMS

22 SEP LAST DAY TERM 3

9 OCT First Day Term 4

ENROLLING New Students for 2024

the needs of your student/s in this regard. For our students, the school reports and conferences are a time to consider the importance of 'Perseverance'. Sometimes things that we believe we can't do are the things that we should strive to overcome. It may appear easier to put things off instead of facing the struggle head on. To exercise virtue in the face of adversity, we must have control over our own minds. Gladly accept the obstacle for what it is and shift your attention to what is given, and another action will immediately take its place, one that better fits the life you are building."

Marcus Aurelius

Maria Dunn

Tumuaki



Whānau conferences: It was great to see such a good turnout for the whānau conferences on Monday. Thank you for making the time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher so that you can understand how they are progressing and how you can support them in their learning. Thank you also to the whānau who completed the mid-year survey online or at school. Your feedback will assist us with future planning.

NCEA literacy and numeracy changes: The nature of senior assessments are changing with the introduction of new NCEA assessments at Level 1, and digital exams for achieving literacy and numeracy. The new digital literacy and numeracy exams are available for schools to offer students twice a year. From 2024 this will be the only way students can achieve the literacy and numeracy requirement which will be needed to gain NCEA qualifications. We have decided that all of our year 10 - 13 students will complete these new co-requisite exams in term four. In week 9 of this term all of our Year 10 - 13 students will therefore complete practice exams in reading, writing and numeracy in preparation for these co-requisites. During Week 9 the senior students will also complete derived grade exams in preparation for their external exams in November. Over the next few weeks students will be preparing for these exams.

Student Council: We have recently introduced a Student Council at the school which includes a senior and junior representative from each hapū class. Congratulations to the following students who recently received a badge at assembly:

Kōwhai: Nelson Rakich, Kawenata Tito
Mataī: Desmond Wass, Waiorangi Marsh
Pōhutakawa: John Tribble, Serena Tribble
Taraire: Olivia Urquhart, Rubi Tuhiwai-Pou

The Student Council meets every Friday during hapū time and each member is responsible for bringing ideas to the group and for communicating messages back to their hapū class. So far each hapū class has brainstormed ideas of what improvements they would like to see in the school, and the highest priority ideas have been forwarded to the principal for consideration. The senior executive member who is running the Student Council is Kalani Petersen and Head Boy, Rangiatea Marsh, is playing a supportive role.

Hapū leadership: This term each hapū class is taking turns leading weekly activities such as the Wednesday karakia - a - kura and other events such as quizzes and competitions. The first hapū to take the lead was Kōwhai who led the theme of World Indigenous Peoples' Day. Students spoke about the importance of this during the Wednesday karakia and on Thursday afternoon the students played four different indigenous games in their hapū class. **Rachel Clothier-Simmonds**

What is happening in Kākano



Mathematics - this term we are looking at time. We are focusing on learning to tell analogue time for the hour and half past the hour.



Structured literacy - Year 2 and 3 students are working hard on learning their spelling words. Year 1 students are learning letter names and sounds. They then use this knowledge to sound out simple words. All students are all bringing a book home to read each night.

The Arts - We continue to work on creating our paper mâché maracas. We have now completed the newspaper layers and are currently working on gluing on our plain white paper layers. The next step will be attaching our handles and painting.



S.T.E.A.M - Our magic play boxes from Sport Northland have been a popular addition to our S.T.E.A.M programme. These boxes give students the opportunity to explore, problem solve and construct with the different equipment in the boxes. It allows students the chance to work cooperatively in an outdoor environment using their imaginations to create many different constructions.



International Indigenous People Day

On Thursday 10th August we celebrated International Indigenous People Day at school by playing some traditional indigenous games. We played as a hupu and were involved in a rotation of four games. Each Hapu represented an indigenous people from around the world. Inuit -Pōhutakawa, Aboriginal - Taraire, Native American Indians - Mātai and Hawaiians - Kowahī. Fun was had by all and it was great to see everyone involved and having a go.



Keentan is 'play' in the Wik-Mungkan language from northern Queensland (Aboriginal). This is a running, passing and catching team keep-away game. It is very much like a large game of piggy in the middle.



Ulu maika was an ancient Hawaiian sport with some similarities to bowling. This traditional pastime was played with a few variations, all entailing rolling a small disk-shaped stone down a specially prepared path called the *kahuamaika* (literally "place of maika"). In the most common variant, two competitors would take turns rolling an *ulu* (stone) down the path, each attempting to roll theirs farther than their opponent's.



Back push game is a traditional Inuit game. Pushing and pulling games focus on developing strength in different parts of the body in preparation for hunting. traditional games were not only a form of entertainment, but also helped to develop skills that were essential to their survival: strength, agility, flexibility, and endurance.



"Pass the stone" was a very simple guessing game that is still used today in the Native American culture. Games like this were meant for children, teaching skills such as hand-eye coordination, discipline, and strategy.

Uniform

With the colder days we are seeing more and more students coming to school in incorrect uniform. We understand that it is cold and you want to keep your child/children warm.

We do ask that students do not wear any hoodies, as they cause other problems in class. Students can wear a plain black or navy blue skivvy or thermal under their school polos only.

If for any reason your child or children cannot wear correct uniform please follow the process below:

1. Write a note that clearly explains the reason for the non-regulation uniform.
2. Your child/children are to bring a note to the Dean's centre on arrival to school.
Please note they must only go to the main office if the Dean's centre is unattended.
3. Dean will issue a pass to your child or children.
4. Your child or children must present this pass when requested by staff members.

If you are having issues regarding school uniform please do not hesitate to contact myself or Whaea Kahla and we can discuss ways we can support your child or children.

Ngā Mihi

Whaea Sharleena

School Dean, Y4-7 Teacher

 **MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL**
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UNIFORM PRICELIST: **SENIOR SCHOOL YEAR 9 - 13**

 MAS SENIOR BLACK JACKETS Size Med - 3XL: \$47.00	 MAS SKIRTS (Skirt/Shorts Combination) Sizes 12yrs - 14yrs: \$39.00 Sizes 16yrs - 18yrs: \$41.00
 MAS SCHOOL POLO TOP Size 12yrs - Mens 3XL: \$45.00	 MAS CARGO SHORTS Sizes 12yrs - 14yrs: \$41.00 Size 5ml - 2XL: \$47.00
 MAS SENIOR GIRLS A-LINE SKIRTS Size W10 - W16: \$49.00	 MAS BLACK BEANIE One Size Fits All: \$16.00
FOOTWEAR: (Not stocked at School)	
 MAS CARGO PANTS Sizes 12yrs - 14yrs: \$45.00 Size 5ml - 2XL: \$50.00	 Summer Footwear Options:  Winter Footwear Options:  Socks Options:

*Please note: Uniform items are only available from the school. We do not stock Footwear at the school but you will find them at most shoe retail stores in Whangarei.

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UNIFORM PRICELIST: **JUNIOR SCHOOL YEAR 0- 8**

 MAS JUNIOR BLUE JACKETS Sizes 4yrs - 14yrs: \$63.00 Size 5ml - 2XL: \$67.00	 MAS CARGO SHORTS Size 4yrs - 14yrs: \$41.00
 MAS SCHOOL POLO TOP Size 4yrs - 14yrs: \$45.00	 MAS BLUE BUCKET HAT Size 5ml - Lge: \$16.00
 MAS CARGO PANTS Size 4yrs - 14yrs: \$45.00	 MAS BLUE BEANIE One Size Fits All: \$16.00
FOOTWEAR (Not stocked at School)	
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Junior Kapa Haka Festival

The Junior Kapa Haka Festival will be held on Thursday, 9th November 2023. A pānui will be out shortly for our first Kapa Haka meeting. We would love for you to come along and be a part of the organisation.



Uniform

We have used our quota of Kids Can jackets for the year. We will be unable to purchase anymore until 2024. We have plenty of school jackets available. The cost of the jackets are \$67 - Small to 3xl and \$63 - sizes 4yrs to 14yrs.

Thank you to those who completed the online survey regarding jerseys. It was pretty unanimous for both parents and students for polar fleece. I am awaiting samples from the uniform company. However, these will not be available for purchase until early next year. Please remember your child may wear a plain sweat-shirt (not hoodie) under their school jacket.



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Sizes 4yrs - 14yrs **\$63.00**

Sizes Sml - 2XL **\$67.00**



MAS SENIOR BLACK JACKETS

Size Med - 3XL: **\$67.00**

KANOHI KAPU *with Mr Jones*



LOOKING FOR WORK? WE ARE HIRING

Enjoy working outdoors?

Looking for work/mahi here in Kaikohe?

We invite our people/whanau of Kaikohe and surrounding areas to our recruitment day here in Kaikohe.

We are looking to hire 40+ staff to work in our strawberry orchard from September 2023 – March 2024 picking strawberries and harvesting seasonal vegetables.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, come along nau mai haere mai.

Day: Tuesday

Date: 05 September 2023

Time: 10:00am

Location: Kaikohe Memorial Hall

Address: 13 Memorial Ave, Kaikohe,
0405



"To be the seed that nourishes a community".

"To be a taonga for our community by nurturing our tangata, whenua and kai".

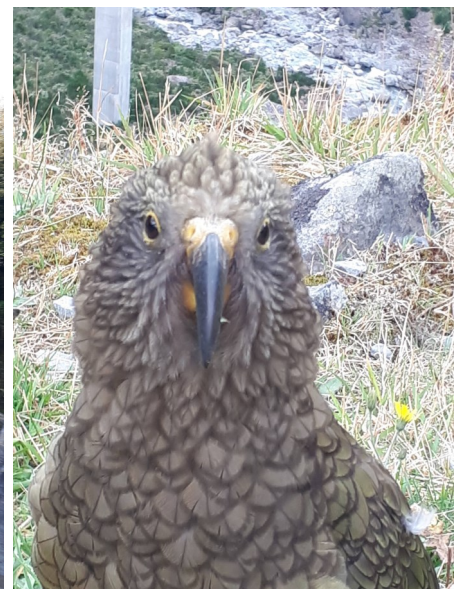
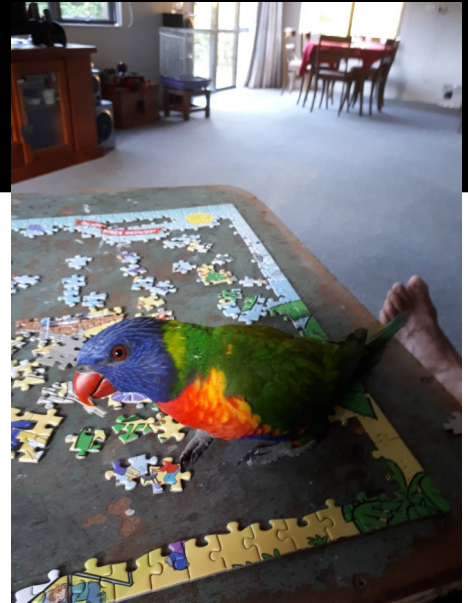
ART

WITH MR JONES



Hāpu Photo Comp

SOME OF THE ENTRIES



The Company

Maunu Pharmacy is well established and located close to the hospital. The small and professional team pride themselves on their friendly, caring and compassionate service. We have been proudly serving our community since 2005, delivering quality, personalised care for our customers so they can achieve the best possible health and wellness.

The Opportunity

An exciting opportunity has become available to train to become a Pharmacy Technician. The position is 5 days a week 8hr days, there is also a Saturday half day as per the roster (approximately every three weeks). We are seeking expressions of interest from students who would like to become Pharmacy Technicians.

This position would suit candidates with the following strengths:

- Good Maths Literacy
- Interest in Science, in particular Biology and Chemistry
- Good Communicator
- Ability to study independently as study is distance learning through Open Polytechnic

We will provide:

- A preceptor who will give students feedback to assist with completion of assignments
- Financial assistance to allow the student to get to Level 5 Pharmacy Technician Qualification
- A strong team environment and a varied workload

Kind regards,

Suzanne Gent

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SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Last Friday our Senior Boys Basketball team competed in the Northland Secondary Schools senior boys cup where they placed 3rd overall. This is a great achievement for our boys who have never played together prior to the tournament. The team represented Mangakahia with pride on the court, showed good sportsmanship off the court, connected with friends all over Northland and made a positive name for Mangakahia Area School, well done boys.

