

### TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

### MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

Nau mai, pānui mai i tō tātou karere hou mo te wahanaga tuawha, ko Te Kūkupa, ko te ohonga ake o ngā moemoeā, ko te puāwaitanga o te whakaaro!

Welcome to Term Four community newsletter, Te Kūkupa. A place where the journey to realise the aspirations we have for our students are celebrated and shared with the community.

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Maria Dunn

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge Te Kura Takiwa O Mangakahia, students, staff and community for the warm welcome received at the Pōwhiri on the first day of term. It is both a privilege and honour to serve the community of Te Kura Takiwa O Mangakahia to support and guide students to fulfil the aspirations whānau and caregivers have for their rangatahi.

While academic learning should always be at the forefront of what we do, engaging in the learning process and environment takes on many different facets, such as respect, managing self, working with others, participating and communicating in positive ways.

It is these qualities that ensure our tauira will be confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners.

Term Four is an important time for our senior students as they prepare for NCEA external examinations - Monday 7th to Friday 2nd December. Senior students have already been provided with a hard copy of the external examinations which can be found https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/2022-Exam-Timetable.pdf



#### Uniform

We have high expectations and standards for all tauira to wear the school uniform with pride, integrity and mana for ourselves and each other. This term is a reset reminder of the school uniform expectations. All tauira are required to be in the correct school uniform each and every day. The school uniform can be found on Te Kura Takiwa O Mangakahia School website. (https://www.mangakahia.school.nz/enrolment).

As a school, we are embarking on a journey of accountability for wearing the school uniform. Tauira not in correct uniform must provide a note to a member of the senior leadership team at the start of the school day outlining what and why the tauira is not in the correct uniform and when the tauira will be back in correct uniform. Tauira will be provided with a pass for the day. We held an assembly today, Friday 21 October for all tauira in years 6 to 13 to go over our school uniform ex-

pectations. We thank you for your continued support of the high expectations we have of our tauira and kura.

### **Kaupapa of Learning**

How young people learn is integral to their success. Distractions such as cell phones do not help in the development of an ethic of learning. Cell phones are not to be used during class time and will be confiscated and taken to the school office. Whānau will be contacted to come and pick up the phone or students will be asked to collect at the end of the school day. We ask whānau and caregivers to support the high expectations of empowering our tauira to be global citizens by reminding your tauira of these expectations.

Nei te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa

# Student Pomhiri Reflections

#### Te Powhiri mo te Tumuaki Hou.

I te Rahina i whakarite ahau mo te powhiri i tatari matou mo te tumuaki Hou,whai muri i tera i rite matou mo te karanga i karanga ai nga kuia Kia hou mai te tumuaki hou.Whai muri i te haka powhiri i timata tatou Te karakia,a katahi i tukana nga korero kia whanau tahi tatou ki te tumuaki hou Ara i tukuna tetahi korowai o Mangakahia aa te tino piwari hoki te ahua o te tumuaki Katahi ka i tukuna tetahi tokotoko kia Matua Gilbert i pouri etahi o tatou te kite ia Matua Gilbert te haere.A whai muri i tera kai tahi te iwi katoa.

**By Kingston Pirika** 



### **TE POWHIRI**

Monday, 17th of October. The day we had a powhiri to welcome the manuhiri and our new principal, Whaea Maria. Whaea Maria is able to speak fluent te reo maori and that's one thing I like about her. We stood proudly and sang waiatas in front of Te Horo school and other parents. Including mine. I was happy and maybe a little bit shy then. But I still did my best. Actually, scratch that. We all tried our best. Whaea Mereana played her guitar while we sang. We performed on the field on the grass hill. I saw some familiar faces while we did the powhiri. After we finished outside, we walked into the gym to find out that tables were lined up with food on them. We said a karakia and dug into our food. It was

on them. We said a karakia and dug into our food . It was yummy. The food was roast veggies like potato,kumara,pumpkin, and more. There was also beef,ham and chicken.

Towards the end of the day, parents came to pick up their children. Me,Truce and Chance headed home with our pāpā.

By Truce Broadhead



## Student Powhini Reflections

### The Powhiri

On the 17th of October we had a powhiri for our new principal Whaea Maria. Before she was welcomed into our school we had to get changed and look a bit tidy. We stood on the court to do vocal practice and to warm up our voices. Then we started heading over to the field but just about stopped on the court. We welcomed her by doing a Haka Powhiri which was pretty tough. We had a few speakers and sang some songs after they spoke.

Eventually, we all made it through to the end and although we had to sing songs we also had a delectable kai. There were so many tables inside the gymnasium it seemed professional and was designed like a restaurant. There were so many people swarming the tables. Dignatrees made speeches and sang some songs on behalf of our speakers. After everyone was finished we all had to clean up and some of us played inside the gymnasium till the end of the day.

Written By - Makoia Tipene



### **SCIENCE**

Year 9 and 10 students have been making bioplastic. They have moulded their bioplastic into a cup shape and are waiting for them to dry. The recipe used was slightly different for each group and we can already see one groups cups are splitting as they dry. We hope to be able to use the cups when finished and make other items using different bioplastics.

### Whaea Melanie



Finished making Leaving to dry.



Showing signs of cracking and separation.





I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the whanau who supported and helped out with our lead up and preparations for the powhiri that took place on Monday for our new Principal. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and whanau who made sure their children could attend the Sunday practice.

A special mention and Thank you also goes out to, Sharon Kaipo, Carol Dodd, Hine Poutai, Tariao Nahi-Cramer, Rochelle Pou and especially to Whaea Mereana Pou and those staff members of Mangakahia Area School who all attended and helped with our Sunday Powhiri dress rehearsal, it was mostly appreciated. This has now set the standard for our students and our School as a whole, they stood with pride and most importantly for me with the Mana of who they are and where they belong.

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, Engari, he toa takitini.

My successes are not mine alone, they are ours – the greatest successes we will have are from working together.

Noreira e mihi ana kia koutou katoa. Na Whaea Salina Hemara (Senior Kapa Haka Tutor)





















# Acknowledgements



"Congratulations to Kaipara Komene who represented Northland U13's in the Northern Region championships over the holidays. Kaipara played exceptionally well throughout the tournament and represented Mangakāhia with lots of pride. His team finished 4th overall which is the highest finish for a Northland team at this age group behind very strong teams Waitakere, Waikato and Counties-Manukau.. We are all very proud of Kaipara and wish him all the best in his basketball journey"



### CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to staff member, Kaea Samson, coach of the Northland Mens 3x3 NBL team who completed in the Schick 3x3 competition held in Invercargill over the holidays. The team finished 12th overall amongst New Zealand's most elite players. Congratulations to Kaea and his team. We will be looking at re-establishing a basketball club at school. More information to come.





### **EVENTS CALENDER**

Year 8 Immunisations Tuesday 1st November

Kapa Haka Festival Thursday 10th November

Primary Camp 24/25th November

Thursday/Friday

NCEA Exams 7th November

2nd December

End of Term 4 Thursday15th December

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