

# Maungakaramea School Newsletter



5 May 2017 - Term 2 - Week 1

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Term 2 is an ideal time to consolidate teaching and learning. We will be doing school wide testing at the end of this term and using the data to inform you of your child's progress against national standards. We plan to hold three way conferences for this and once the dates have been confirmed, we will let you know.

We have hockey coaching this term, which starts next week. During this time the children will learn basic hockey skills, which will support what many of the children are learning at their hockey practices.

This term we are using the Kia Kaha programme school wide. This will support our students to further develop positive and respectful behaviours that promote safety for themselves and others. It is developed by NZ Police and the programme consists of a comprehensive range of anti-bullying resources to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with others. We also have peer mediators in the playground that support others if any minor issues arise. This is in addition to the teachers that are always on duty during break times.

Our inquiry units this term are still around sustainability – this term it is all about how the children can implement sustainable practices.

A huge thank you to everyone that acted as marshals and worked really hard in the weekend at the car rally. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity for us and your support for this is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the PSG for organising this. You all did a marvelous job.

Although I was away in the holidays I understand that the children represented the school really well at the Anzac service. Their contribution was well received and they made us proud. Well done everyone and thanks to Trudi for organising things this year.

I am sure you have all read many things about the new Ministry initiative – the communities of learning. There are a number of the communities operating throughout the country and we have signed an expression of interest to join one that involves Tauraroa Area School, Waiotira, Portland, Kokopu and Tangiteroria Schools. It will be a lengthy process so may be some time before we see this up and running.

If you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Kind regards  
Kath Edwards  
Principal

### Beep Beep!

On Friday 12th May is Beep Beep Day to support Brake - the road safety charity. Please wear your brightest clothing and bring a gold coin donation. Many thanks for supporting our Beep Beep Day!

## Noticeboard

\* **Birthdays** - A big happy birthday to Dylan who turned the big 9 years old this week and to Nicholas who turns 10 next week. We hope you enjoy/ed your day.

\* **Accounts** - Statements have gone out this week. The school is unable to add items to accounts for longer than one month therefore we require parents/caregivers to pay their accounts asap. Trips and camps still require immediate payment prior to the start of the activity. If you have any payment concerns we are more than happy to discuss payment options with you. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you have any concerns. Thank you.

\* **Lunches** - If you are able to spare a little bit of time on a Wednesday and/or Friday morning we are looking for someone to help organise lunch orders on these mornings. Aprrox. 9am-9.30am. Please phone the office if you are able to help. Thank you.

## Dates to remember

**12 May** - Beep Beep Day

**14 May** - Mother's Day

**22-26 May** - Book Fair Week

**26 May** - Book Character Parade

**5 June** - Queen's Birthday Holiday

**16 Jun** - Boostrix Vaccinations Y7

## Community Notices

### • Kiwi North Mother's Day

Sunday 14th May - Free entry to all Mums accompanied by their children. Kiwi feeding and keeper talk. 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Open 10am to 4pm. Gate 1, 500 SH14 Maunu. [www.kiwinorth.co.nz](http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz)

### • Hook n Bang Junior Hunting & Fishing Competition

Prizes for #best dressed possum, #heaviest eel. Entry fee \$5 at weigh-in on 20th May. Age groups #10 years and under, # over 10 years. Weigh in 2pm to 4pm Poriti Tavern 20th May. More information at [facebook.com/hooknbang](https://facebook.com/hooknbang).





*Team Piwakawaka have been discussing and writing the different ways that we are special. We know it is important to have different personalities and to be confident and happy with who we are.*



*I am special because when people are lonely I will play with them. I am nice to nature. By Jamie*

*I am special because I'm a great dancer and I help other people. By Dalana*

*I am special because I like school. I am good at reading. By Maia*

*I am special because I love school. I like giving cuddles. By Sophy*

*I am special because I do funny dance moves. I love bugs and like looking after them. By Elise*

*I am special because I am nice to people at school. I am a good hockey player. By Max*

*I am special because I am a great artist and a great reader. By Quinn*

*I am special because I am a good friend. I love bunnies. I am a good artist. By Isabella*

*I am special because I am a good friend. I share. I'm friendly, if people don't have anyone to play with, I play with them. By Pippa*

*I am special because I am funny. I am friendly. I am a caring friend. I'm helpful. By Paige*

*I am special because I do good art. I am good at finding things in nature. I am good at climbing trees. By Spencer*



## **Poems by Korimako**

**Landscape  
poem**  
by Jacob



### **Misty Von Grey**

*Have you seen her?  
Have you heard her?  
Misty Von Grey.  
She'll coat the cascading  
valleys, toppling over mountain  
tops.  
She'll make her boldly presence  
known.  
That gloomy mist over in the  
distance hiding the village,  
that's her!*

*Can you spot her in your far  
sights?  
She's edging closer and closer,  
hovering towards you so be  
brave with all your might.  
See her floating, bouncing,  
leaping and prancing? Her feet  
delicately touching tufts of  
grass. Her eyes are ice and her  
heart is frozen cold beware  
when you see her because you  
will be sold.  
Far away yet so close, she's  
hidden in her foggy home.  
She's powdering her nose.  
She's dancing on her toes.  
That's Misty Von Grey.  
She comes out in early day.*

*By Ayla*





**This week**  
**Team Kereru**  
**have been**  
**preparing the**  
**gardens for**  
**their new classroom**  
**business.....**



**We also received letters**  
**from penpal students in**  
**South Korea....**

