

# Maungakaramea School Newsletter



19 May 2017 - Term 2 - Week 3

## Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers,

The first three weeks of the term have rushed past. The children have enjoyed the hockey coaching from Brad at Northland Hockey and they are often seen playing it at break times now. It is also great to see so many children playing Saturday hockey.

A huge welcome to Tyson Brass, who is our new caretaker. Tyson started this week and already is starting to make a difference. I would like to thank John Kirk for all the work he has done at the school after Rodney left. He has ensured the lawns have been mowed and leaves collected and the grounds were looking great. Thanks also to Jordan White who has spent time clearing away the leaves from the tree by room 4 – this is an ongoing task at this time of the year.

As winter approaches there are many bugs around and we have seen a number of people away with colds, including teachers! If your child displays any symptoms, please keep them at home as these viruses can be very contagious. Thank you.

Next week is our book fair, which is held in Room 2. Come along and look at the wonderful array of books we have this year for sale. It will be open before and after school between the hours of 8.30am-9.15am Tuesday to Friday and 2.45pm-3.30pm Monday to Thursday if you would like to look at them. It is not only books for sale, but a variety of stationery items as well. The school receives a percentage of the sales so the more support we have from families, the more money for the school.

A couple of weeks ago we had a visit from a youth group promoting rheumatic fever awareness and performed dances for the children while at the same time, sharing important information about rheumatic fever. This performance was very well received by the children.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Kind regards  
Kath Edwards  
Principal

## Noticeboard

\* **Beep Beep! Day** - Well done to everyone who dressed in their brightest colours last Friday for Beep Beep Day! and brought in their donations. We managed to raise \$41.50 which will go to road safety charity BRAKE. Thanks for your support!

\* **Book Fair and Book Parade** - Our book fair runs next week from Monday 22 May through to Friday 26 May. Come along and see the great selection of scholastic books on display for parents and children to view and purchase. Family and friends all welcome. Cash, cheques and credit cards welcomed (manual transaction) - Sorry, NO EFTPOS available. On **Friday 26 May** we will have the **Book Parade** where all students are encouraged to dress up in their favourite book characters. Prizes and special awards for the students who participate.

\* **Student Council / PSG Disco** - We are holding a disco on **Thursday 15th June** between 6.00pm and 7.30pm at the **MGK Hall**. Tickets and more details will be available soon.

\* **Warehouse Stationery Support Your School** - Thanks to all the teachers, parents, students and the wider school community who have been shopping at Warehouse Stationery all year and nominating our school, 5% of everything you purchased has been credited to our school's BizRewards account. If you would like to continue to help get cash for our school please mention our school by name when you shop at Warehouse Stationery. We appreciate your support!



### Mana Award Winners

*Weeks 1 & 2*

**Pippa Ryder**

*and*

**Paige Patterson**  
for being spelling  
superstars!



## Dates to remember

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

**24 May** - Hearing and Vision Testing

**26 May** - Book Character Parade

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

**15 Jun** - Disco at MGK Hall

**16 Jun** - Boostrix Vaccinations Y7

**21 Jun** - Wig Wednesday

**7 Jul** - Last Day of Term Two

**24 Jul** - Term Three Begins

**29 Sep** - Last Day of Term Three

**16 Oct** - First Day of Term Four

**23 Oct** - Labour Day Holiday

**13 Dec** - Last Day of Term Four





## Hide and Seek

By James

One day I played hide and seek with my brothers Max and Oliver. It was the most fun game of hide and seek ever! Here is how it went... "3...2...1... Hide!" I yelled.

"Wait! Who is going to be the seeker?" We all began laughing. "I will" shouted Dad from the TV room.

The TV room is right next to the living room where we were. Dad is a little bit deaf. Dad came and said we have 30 seconds to hide. I ran to hide. Where should I hide? I thought. I know! The central cupboard! I opened the door, went in and closed the door.

I thought I would win but I was a bit too cocky! Just as I thought I was safe Dad jumped in and screamed "ahhhh"!!! He had a mask on! I was so scared I fell over. I walked out and told him "I hate you"! I got a drink of water, that was crazy!



## Rugby Game

By Dylan

Last Saturday I played a game of rugby. We played Hora Hora. We went out on the field.

There were two solid players in the challenging team! I was nervous that they would hurt me when they tackled me!

Kurtis kicked off, I ran as fast as I could. My hands gripped the ball and I ran but unfortunately I got smashed and it hurt. It felt like my spine was going to break or my back was going to snap.

I kept on going and I was limping the whole way. When I got the ball I sucked up the pain. I ran but when I stopped running it really hurt, my lungs were burning. When I went off I had a drink and one minute later I went back on. The pain went away so I could run fast again. I got no tries, but I helped my team. I asked

Mum if we could go to the gas station.



## The Saddest Moment

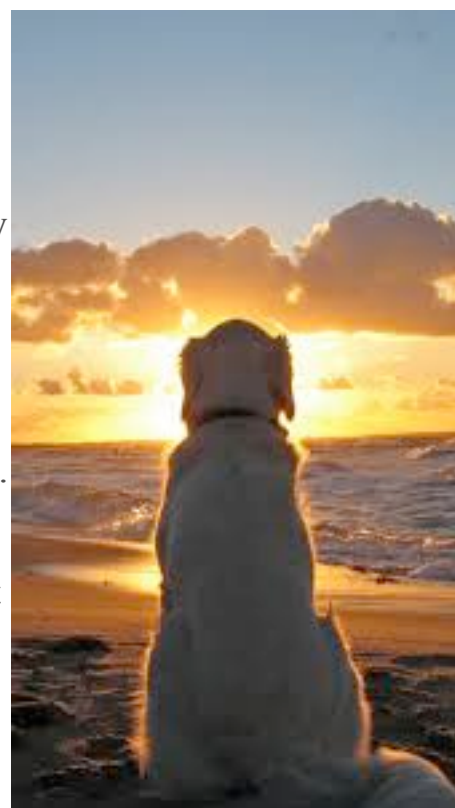
By Nick

He was dead. Sam was an amazing dog lying in a badly dug grave. Tears were pouring down my face, and the overpowering sadness threatened to overwhelm me.

I gave him the last stroke I would ever give him and put a ball and stick in his grave.

We covered him up we went inside and we were all the saddest we had ever been in a

long time. One thought occurred to us all, we would never see him again.



## The Evil Shadow

By Spike

One day my brother, Denzel, went over to my cousin's place. He went down to our Puna that is over 100 years old!

My cousin and Denzel were fishing when suddenly he pulled in a very old necklace on his fishing rod! He touched it and went home. That night he had a dream.

The dream was that my brother got thrown around the room by a shadow. The shadow was wearing the necklace that my brother touched!

## Community Notices

- **Home-based Childcare @ Maungakaramaea** - Spaces available for pre-schoolers, Mon-Thurs. 20hr ECE subsidy available. For more info call/text Wendy 021 0624 388.
- **ASB Home Loan Donation Offer** - ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school for every new home loan over \$250,000 taken with ASB, when a voucher is presented by the borrower until 30 June 2017. Please phone MGK School office for more details 4323804 or visit [www.asb.co.nz](http://www.asb.co.nz).
- **Northland's Night Out!** - Friday May 19 from 6pm-10pm - Going Bananas DJ in conjunction with The Northland Club. It's time to meet new people and dance like no one is watching. Come along to The Northland Club Party Night, all welcome and don't forget your dancing shoes! Free admission.
- **Generation of Dance** - August 12th at 6pm - Maungakaramaea Memorial Hall - Pot luck dinner and dance. This is an opportunity for anyone, it doesn't matter what generation you were born in. This event has music for everyone. Come along to join the community, bring along a gold coin donation and something to eat. Let's aim to bring a variety of pot luck finger foods, think outside the box, if you enjoy dessert then bring something sweet. The hall will be open from 6pm, bring your own drinks and enjoy music from the year 1920-2017. Jono Reeves - 022 129 5697.
- **Smart Words Word Study** - May 18 at Matarau School - 9am - 4.45pm. Free parent talk, open to community, how to help your child with spelling - 9am-10am. How to teach spelling (problems and solutions) - 12.45pm-2pm. Using smart words - 2pm-3pm. Spelling rules with tips and tricks - 3.15pm-4.45pm. 1 session for

\$19.99 or 3 sessions for \$29.99. To book contact Smart Achievers - for more information email us: [admin@smartachievers.com.au](mailto:admin@smartachievers.com.au).

- **Huanui College Presents Disney The Little Mermaid** - Capitaine Bougainville Theatre - 10th and 11th August - 12pm and 6pm; 12th August - 2pm and 6pm. Tickets through Ticketek - \$10 child and \$12 adult.
- **Huanui College Open Day** - Sunday 28 May Guided tours from 1pm. Presentation at 2.30pm. Ph: 09 459 1930 or visit [www.huanuicollege.school.nz](http://www.huanuicollege.school.nz).
- **Royal Society Te Aparangi Presents Dr Graham's 'Blow-Up Science'** - Tuesday 18 July at Forum North. This show is FREE but you must book your tickets online to avoid disappointment. To book tickets visit: [www.royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham](http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham). Children under 14 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- **Family Cowboy-Up Camp** - 8th July to 11th July - Dromgool Horsemanship, Paihia. This camp gives parents/guardians and their young'uns the opportunity to camp, ride a horse, shoot guns and eat like a cowboy for 4 FULL days. Bring your own horse or use ours...or you don't even need to get in the saddle. For children 8-15 years. \$475 per person (includes grub). For more information and booking contact [enquiries@horseman.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@horseman.co.nz). [www.horseman.co.nz](http://www.horseman.co.nz).

