

# Maungakaramea School Newsletter

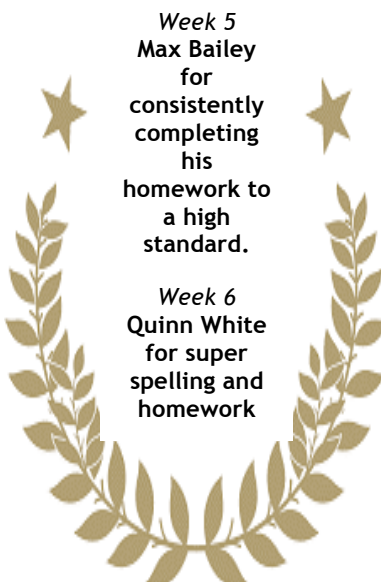


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## Mana Award Winners



Week 5  
Max Bailey  
for  
consistently  
completing  
his  
homework to  
a high  
standard.

Week 6  
Quinn White  
for super  
spelling and  
homework

Dear Parents and Whānau

On Wednesday 14th June we celebrated Support Staff Day. We are very fortunate to have a team of incredible unsung heroes at our school that help each day run smoothly.

Tyson has made a huge impact on school in the short time he has been here. I appreciate his initiative and drive to make the physical environment at Maungakaramea a safe place for the students to learn and play. Thank you so much to Tyson for making our school so inviting.

Our RTLB John comes to our school each week to work together with staff and students. John is a fountain of knowledge who always has fantastic ideas that encourage student engagement and improves achievement levels. Thank you John for the positivity you share with our school.

We are very lucky to have a safe space where the students are able to go after school. Lyn is a reliable and dedicated staff member who promotes a strong home/school partnership. She always takes the time to talk to students and parents about their day and is there to ensure that everyone walks away from OSCAR feeling happy. Thank you Lyn.

Jane is our talented and professional teacher aide. She has an amazing positive impact in our classrooms and with the students that she supports. She is the ninja of our classrooms, working in the

background to help keep things ticking over! I am thankful for this opportunity to let her know that she is very much valued and appreciated.

Tania is our welcoming, smiling face of Maungakaramea School. She is the jack-of-all-trades and master of many; we are so fortunate to have her! Tania has a can do attitude and no problem is too big for her capable hands. Thank you Tania for being the backbone of our school. You keep us running on a daily basis and we are so incredibly grateful for all that you do.

We are lucky to have a team of amazing individuals who contribute a lot to our success, thank you to them all!

It was great to see so many MGK parents and students at our disco last night. Thank you so much to the Student Council, PSG, and all the parents who helped out with this event. We were very fortunate to have DJ Jono Reeves from Going Bananas playing at this event - thank you for donating your time and making the disco such a hit!

Don't forget, we have our working bee coming up on Sunday 2nd July starting at 9am. If you are able to help out, please let Tania know.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind regards  
Sophia Roulston  
Acting Principal

## This week we celebrated our wonderful support staff. Team Piwakawaka wrote about what makes them so special.



**Lyn is special because she lets us play fun games. She makes us fairy bread with sprinkles on it. It is yummy! I like going to see Lyn.**

**By Sophy**

**I like after school care because Lyn lets us play outside. She makes us great afternoon tea; I like it when she makes me crackers. Lyn is great because she looks after kids when their parents are late. I like it when she lets us draw.**

**By Elise**



**Tyson is our caretaker. He makes things safer. He takes care of the whole entire school. Tyson builds things for the school. If there is anything dangerous he takes care of it. He helps us if something isn't safe. We are lucky to have Tyson as our caretaker.**

**By Max**

**Tyson can cut the trees. He looks after our school and makes things safe.**

**By Spencer**

**Tyson has long hair. He is a great man because he fixes anything that doesn't look safe. He makes the flax narrower. Tyson makes our school a safe place. He fixes broken things. Tyson is a great caretaker.**

**By Quinn**

**Tania helps kids when they are sad. She is really kind to kids all the time.**

**By Maia**

**Tania has a beautiful smile that shines like a diamond. She has short black hair that is like a shadow of the dark night sky. That gorgeous girl is so so helpful to people who are hurt. She gets us things if we need it from the office. Thank you for being at our school with all the help you give us. You are the best!**

**By Pippa**

**John is nice. He always helps other people. He takes our leadership group. He teaches us how to look, listen and learn. He also helps people with their learning. I like working with John.**

**By Jamie**

**Jane is our helper. She has blonde hair. Her smile is big like a banana. Jane can cheer people up by giving them a hug.**

**By Jamie**

**Jane has very short, shiny blonde hair. Jane has a very bright smile. She wears nice bright clothes. The gorgeous girl helps each of the classes for reading and writing. Jane puts the books away in the small rectangle book room for us. She is a bright, happy Jane. We are happy to have her!**

**By Isabella**

**Jane has hair like the shiny sunset! She has a great laugh, it makes other people smile as well and laugh with her. She has short blonde hair. Jane has snowy white skin. She helps us with writing and reading.**

**Jane describes stuff to us if we don't get something. She helps us with writing by giving us ideas. She helps us spell words if we don't know how to spell it. She always helps us when we are stuck on something.**

**By Paige**

**Jane has short blonde hair. She has a smile as big as a rainbow. Jane will help with lots of subjects. She is kind to us. Jane will help us when needed. She is an amazing helper. She helps us expand our ideas. We are lucky to have Jane!**

**By Dalana**

## Here are the lyrics to a song that was collaboratively written by the students and teachers for the support staff on Wednesday.

(To the tune of Bruno Mars' Count on Me)

If we ever find ourselves stuck up in the monkey tree  
You'll climb the tree, and guide me  
If you ever need help or something from the library  
You'll find the key, to help me

Find out what we're made of  
When we are called to help our friends in need

We can count on you like four three two  
You'll be there  
And I know when we need it we can count on you like four three two  
You'll be there  
'Cause that's what Jane and Tania do all year

Whoa, whoa  
Oh, oh  
Yeah, yeah

If you tossin' and you're turnin' and you've got a bleeding knee  
Lynn will sing a song to fix me  
And if you ever need help to keep our school clean and green  
Tyson's there  
To remind you

Ooh

Find out what we're made of  
When we are called to help our friends in need

We can count on you like four three two  
You'll be there  
And I know when we need it we can count on you like four three two  
You'll be there  
'Cause that's what Lynn and Tyson do, oh yeah.

Oh, oh  
Yeah, yeah

You'll help me be a leader, and strategise,  
John will never let us down  
He'll stay by our sides  
You know you can

We can count on you like four three two  
You'll be there  
And I know when we need it we can count on you like four three two  
You'll be there  
'Cause that's what our support staff do all year

Oh, oh  
You can count on me 'cause I can count on you

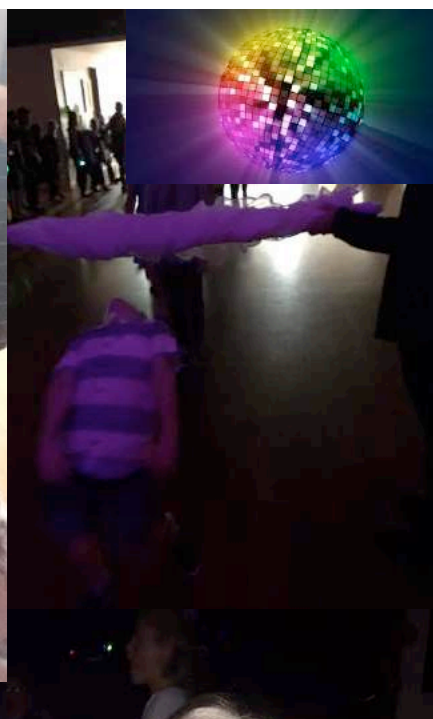
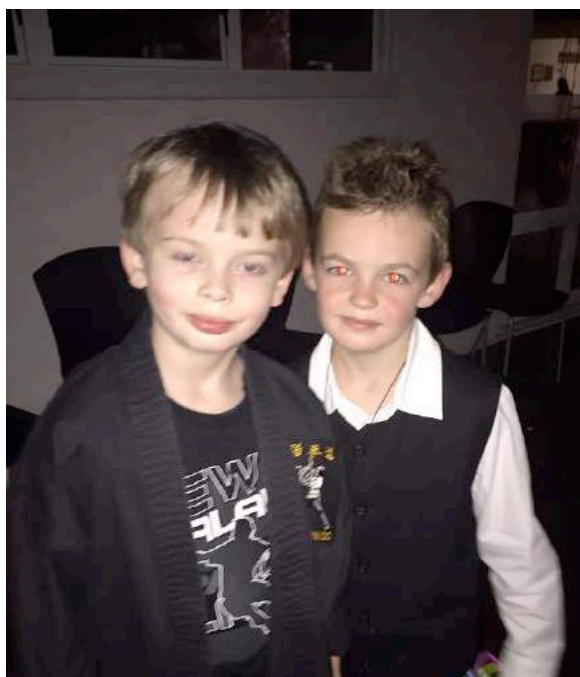


Our trusty caretaker Tyson

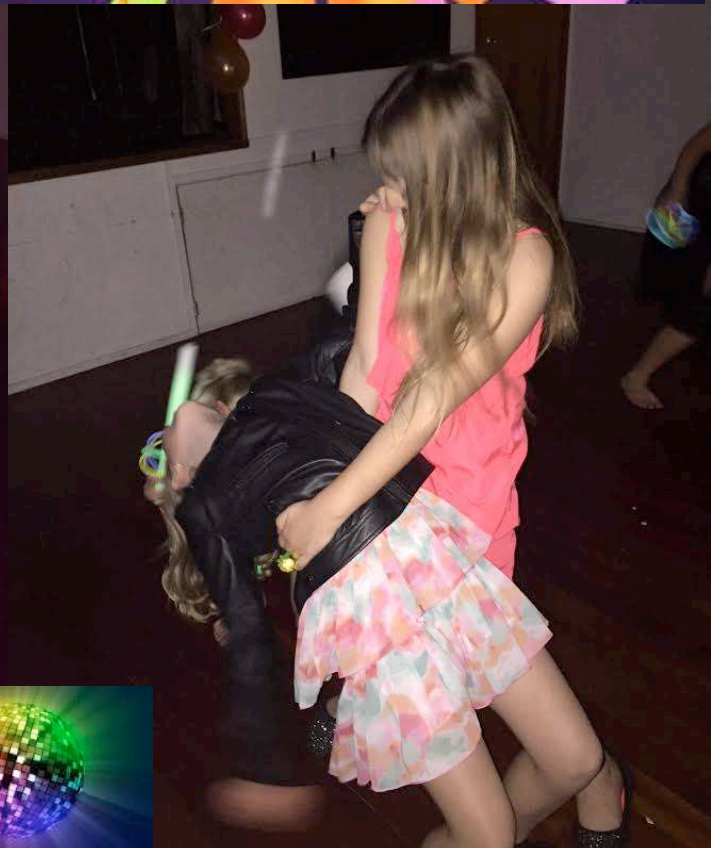


Our teacher aide extraordinaire Jane









## School Notice board

- **Wig Day Change of Date** - Due to a busy term we have changed the date for Wig Day. It is now on **Wednesday 5 July**. Wear a wig and bring a **gold coin donation** and let's support Child Cancer! Thank you.
- **No Tech on 4 July** - Due to T.A.S staff being busy with their wearable arts show there will be no tech for our year 7-8 students on Tuesday 4 July. An extra day will be organised for later on in the year to make up for this.
- **Welcome Jessie Matiu** - You may have seen a new face around school this week. Jessie is a first year student who is studying to become a teacher. He is working with Miss Roulston and Team Piwakawaka for two weeks here at Maungakaramea School. The children are enjoying having Mr Matiu in their class and around school. We hope you enjoy your time here Jessie.
- **Working Bee** - Thank you to those who have offered to come along to our working bee. This will be held from 9am, Sunday 2 July. Please RSVP to Tania if you can help out. Morning tea will be provided and we ask that each family please bring a plate to share for lunch. Thank you.

## Dates to Remember

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ◆ Wed 21 Jun - PSG Meeting            | ◆ Wed 13 Sep - Y8 HPV Vaccination  |
| ◆ Sun 2 Jul - MGK School Working Bee  | ◆ Fri 29 Sep - Last Day Term Three |
| ◆ Fri 7 Jul - Last Day Term Two       | ◆ Mon 16 Oct - First Day Term Four |
| ◆ Wed 5 Jul - Wig Wednesday           | ◆ Wed 13 Dec - Last Day Term Four  |
| ◆ Mon 24 Jul - First Day Term Three   |                                    |
| ◆ Friday 18 Aug - Cross Country (TBC) |                                    |

## Community Notices

- **"Dance Through The Decades"** - Saturday 12 August. This event is for every generation, gold coin donation, potluck dinner and BYO. DJ playing music from 1920-2017. Maungakaramea Hall. 6pm.
- **Athletics Northland Children's Cross Country Invitational** - When: 2 July 2017. Where: Barge Park Showgrounds, Maunu Road, Maunu. Race 1-6: Open to children aged between 7 yrs and 15yrs, as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Race 7: Open to all runners aged 16+. Fee: \$5 - pay on the day. Cash only. Enter online via our facebook page or email us for an entry form. Registration: Opens from 11.30am. Entry for each event closes 15mins prior to start time. Events: All events will be timed. Results will be available within a week of the event. Prizes: 7-12yr olds-medals awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. U15 and open men and women - spot prizes. Food: There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, cake and coffee. Contact Details: Email- [northlandathletics@gmail.com](mailto:northlandathletics@gmail.com) or Ph- 021 025 23222. [www.facebook.com/groups/athleticsnorthlandchildren/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/athleticsnorthlandchildren/).
- **Junior Chef At Home Programme** - Develop your child's culinary passion these July school holidays. Provides older children and teenagers with an insight into the culinary world. Through International Culinary Studio, children move through a self-paced programme from home, supported by regular online interaction with our Chef Instructors. The programme takes around 20hrs, making it the perfect length to be completed the July holidays. Check out the programme details and requirements at [www.internationalculinarystudio.com/project/kids-teen-holiday-cooking-course/](http://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/project/kids-teen-holiday-cooking-course/) or contact us to have a chat. Ph: 0508 CHEF 4 U.
- **Whangarei District Council in partnership with Maungakaramea Recreation Society invite you to....Whangarei: Here to where?** - We want to hear from you; what do you want to see for the District over the next 10 years? 6pm Monday 3 July 2017 at Maungakaramea Sports Club, Tangihua Road. [www.heretowhere.co.nz](http://www.heretowhere.co.nz).
  - **Huanui College July 2017 School Holiday Programme** - 328 Ngunguru Rd, Glenbervie. Years 5-7 (approx age 9-12). 9am-3pm cost is \$40-\$50 per child per day. Science, Horticulture & Agriculture, Arts & Crafts, Cooking Fun. See our website for full programme details and booking form. [www.hc.school.nz](http://www.hc.school.nz). Ph: 09-459-1930.



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