

# Maungakaramea School Newsletter



22 September 2017 - Term 3 - Week 9

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## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Whānau

As a busy term comes to an end, it provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the wonderful learning activities that have taken place over the past two months. A highlight for many was the Snowplanet trip, however, looking at the behind the scene action that took place to make this trip possible is the real highlight for me. The community support we have received this term has been amazing. It is so heartwarming for the staff to know that we are supported by Maungakaramea parents and community members.

I am pleased to announce that Sara will continue working in Piwakawaka next term. She will continue working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays. Sara is a great asset to the Maungakaramea teaching team and

offers fantastic fresh ideas to help our students with their learning.

We had a visit from Life Education earlier in the week. Each class had two sessions that focused on their individual needs as identified by the teachers and students, these included respect, kindness, leadership and teamwork. The students enjoyed learning in the mobile classroom and meeting Harold the giraffe.

We had a successful Open Day on Thursday. It is great to see that our school is being seen in a positive light. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time to making this a successful event.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support of the school this term. There have been a lot of events on, which has led to a lot of tired children and staff. I know the children and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break. I look forward to seeing you again in Term 4.

Kind regards  
Sophia Roulston  
Principal

## Mana Award Winners



## Dates to Remember

- *Fri 29 Sep* - Term 3 Ends
- *Mon 16 Oct* - Term 4 Begins
- *Mon 16 Oct* - PSG Meeting 5.30pm
- *Mon 23* - Labour Day Holiday
- *Tues 24 - Fri 27 Oct* - Visual Art Week
- *Sat 28 Oct* - Calf Club Day
- *Mon 30 Oct* - School Photos
- *Sat 4 Nov* - Warehouse BBQ
- *Tues 14 Nov* - Athletics Day
- *Thurs 16 Nov* - Athletics Day Postponement
- *Tues 21 Nov* - Central Athletics Day
- *Tues 12 Dec* - Prizegiving / End of Year Concert
- *Wed 13 Dec* - Term 4 Ends - Early Finish

## **Jane II**

*This is based on a real story ... Obviously*

*By Maz*

*I remember when Jane saved me from the evil emperor with his army of evil dragons! The evil emperor was terrible because he loved to destroy libraries and eat kid's lunches!*

*One day he stole me from school, he ate my lunch and tried to burn down the school library. He was going to dip me in solid gold and cut my head off and put me on his wall of other heads.*

*Just as he was about to dip me, Jane came soaring into the kingdom on a griffin! She yelled "Don't worry Maz! I am going to save you."*

*Jane pulled out her mini gun that had flaming bullets and shot the emperor in the head, blood oozed from his eyeballs. I was saved!*

## **MEMORY OF JANE**

*By Cohen*

*I remember when you helped me do my reading, you helped me sound out words and figure out words that I didn't know.*

*Thank you for helping me with my maths questions, and spelling in room one. I remember you working hard with Mrs Baker.*

*Thanks for helping me with my writing. When I was hurt you always came to me. You encouraged me to do things that I didn't want to do and this helped me build confidence.*

*Thanks Jane! You're the best teacher aide!*

## **Jane**

**By James**

**Sitting at my desk, bored. I'm stuck. I'm trying to write about animals but the tortoise confuses me. Why do I possibly need to know about a tortoise? Why will knowing this information possibly help me be a policeman, my dream job!**

**Suddenly Jane walks into the classroom. She walks over to my desk. "Do you need help James?" "Yes please," I say. I tell her what I need and she helps me with a grin.**

**Once I have finished my work and have shown it to the teacher she tells me that I have done a great job and smiles at me. This makes me feel happy.**

## **Jane**

**By Kurt**

I remember when I was struggling with my blends and Jane walks into room one. My face lit up because I knew she was here to help me!

"Good morning!" Jane said to all the kids. Jane comes in and she walks towards me.

"Please can you help me?" I ask. Jane says "Sure!"

Jane then helped me with my blends, punctuation and capital letters.





During 'Enviro' this week we have been planting bee and butterfly friendly seedlings.



## SNOWPLANET FUN

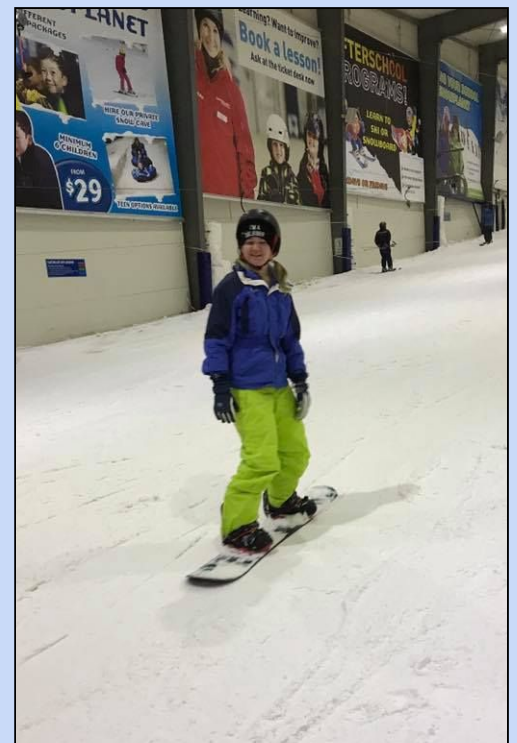
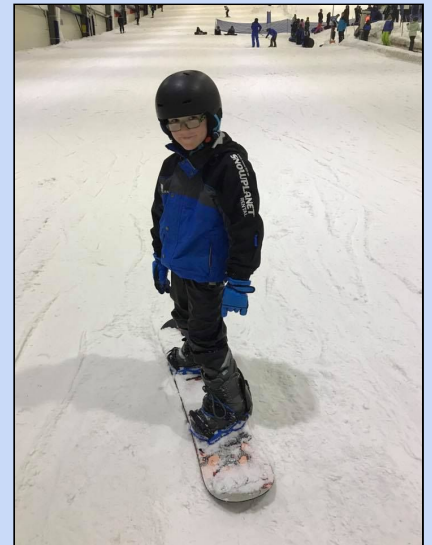
- Step 1: First you need your boots  
Step 2: Then you put on a warm snow jacket  
Step 3: Get snowboard/skis from the rental people  
Step 4: Go into the snow room. There is pale white snow everyone.

By Jacob





## SNOWPLANET ACTION



## SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

- **Birthdays** - Wishing Paige Patterson and Maia Shelford a big happy birthday for the coming week. We hope you both enjoy your special days. We also wish Sophy Campbell, Cooper White and Spencer Willis a big happy birthday as they will be celebrating their birthdays during the school holidays.
- **The Colgate Better World Recycling Project** - Don't forget to send in your oral waste for a chance for our school to win a \$1000 giveaway, and one of five garden beds with a \$200 Mitre 10 voucher to grow our own community garden. Please get these in by Tuesday 26 September. Thank you.
- **Snowplanet** - Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came and helped out at our snowplanet trip. We appreciate your support and assistance.
- **Visual Art Week/Calf Club/School Photos** - Further information for these events will be going home in the last week of term 3.
- **Raffle Winner** - Congratulations to Julie Mokaraka who is the final winner of the \$100 raffle. This raffle was drawn at MGK School on Wed 20 Sep.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Maungakaramea School Calf Club Day - Saturday 28 October - 10am - 2pm** - Come along to our family friendly day with animals, rides, stalls, food, classroom displays, auctions and lots more. **DO YOU MAKE THE BEST HOMEMADE PICKLED ONIONS, RELISH OR JAM IN MAUNGAKARAMEA?** If you think you do, enter our BEST PRESERVE competition which will be judged by the public on the day. We will also be running an OVERSIZED VEGE, BEST HOMEGROWN SINGLE BLOOM and DECORATED/BEST TASTING CHOCOLATE CAKE competitions. Entries to be dropped off at the MGK School office on Friday 27 Oct between 8am and 4pm. (Cakes can be dropped off at the office on Saturday morning before 9.30am). If you have preschool children who would like to enter a calf, lamb or goat in our preschool animal section please contact the office for a registration form. For more info or if you would like to book a stall site please phone the office on 4323804.
- **NZ Chefs Association Inc - Kiwi Kids Can Cook** - We are searching for NZ's hottest junior chef! Do you like the taste of good food? Have you got a favourite dish that you love to cook? If the answer is yes, we want you to enter our competition! It is open to all pupils in Northland in Years 1 to 8. To be held at The 175th Bay of Islands P & I Show, Saturday 11th November at Waimate North. Heaps of fun, fantastic prizes and an amazing experience. For more details and the entry form go to: [www.nzchefs.org.nz/competitions](http://www.nzchefs.org.nz/competitions).
- **Northland Astronomical Society Public Lecture by Leading NASA Scientist Natalie Batalha** - Saturday October 7th at 7pm - Admission: Adults \$10, Children \$5. Venue: Tikipunga High School, 194 Corks Rd, Tikipunga. For bookings visit [www.planets.nz](http://www.planets.nz) or phone 438 4406.
- **Whangarei Swim Club Learn to Swim** - toddler pool level and stroke development in competition pool - please contact Head LTS Coach Skip 4388222 for more details.
- **Karsplat School Holiday Amazing Race** - Come on down to karsplat! We will make sure your day isn't flat. Don't forget to bring your thinking cap! If you are looking for something fun to do, in these school holidays that are coming soon. Bring your friends and family with you! Who can resist our amazing race? Make sure your team sticks together to win first place. Wear some old clothes just in case we have some bad weather. No matter what, you will have fun! Will your team be number 1? \$30 per team. Teams of 4-5 people. Wed 4th Oct or Wed 11th Oct 11.30am-1.30pm or 2.30pm-4.30pm. For more info or to book your spot call 021 347 785 or email [fun@karsplat.co.nz](mailto:fun@karsplat.co.nz).
- **Huanui College October 2017 School Holiday Programme** - 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie. Years 5-7 (approx 9-12yr old) - 9am - 3pm - Cost is \$40-\$50 per child per day. Science fun, horticulture & agriculture, food chemistry, and bush craft adventures. See our website for full programme details [www.hc.school.nz](http://www.hc.school.nz) or book via <http://bit.ly/2xTc5NF>. Phone: 09-459-1930.