



***'A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark'***  
*-Chinese proverb*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Maungakaramaea Whānau

Welcome to term 2. We have hit the ground running with a busy start to the term and I anticipate the rest of the term will whizz by.

We only have a few more sleeps until camp. The students are very excited to go to an urban destination for a change. Thank you so much to all the parents and family members who have offered to come on camp to help transport and supervise, it wouldn't be possible without you. Please remember to label all your children's clothing and pack plenty of warm gear. We look forward to sharing our adventures with you all when we get back.

This term, all classes are focusing on cultures around the world for their inquiry. We are excited to share different cultures with our students through questioning, research, art, music and dance. We are looking forward to sharing our discoveries with you throughout our journey. If you have a specific culture that you are knowledgeable about, we would love to learn from you. It could be to cook a special dish, share history of that culture or even demonstrate some dance moves! Please don't hesitate to contact the classroom teacher if you have some expertise to share.

We are currently undergoing some new property developments in which the Ministry of Education have provided funding for. The first project is to install heat pumps into Piwakawaka, Pukeko and Kereru (Rooms 1, 2, and 3). We are also updating the roof in the pool changing rooms. The new clear roofing will help with light and ventilation in the changing rooms. Finally, our largest new project is to remove the back wall of Piwakawaka, install bifold doors, move and replace the sink and build a deck reaching close to the art room. We do not have confirmed time frames for any of these projects, however they should all be underway this term. Exciting times ahead!

I hope you all have a great weekend. Don't forget, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards

Sophia Roulston  
Principal

### Mana Award Winners



# STAFF PROFILE TYSON BRASS

Our amazing caretaker Tyson is a jack of all trades. Born in Auckland, Tyson spent his first 30 years living in Whangaparaoa near the beach. He worked in Auckland doing landscaping, water features, irrigation including all sports fields around Auckland.

Tyson moved to Whangarei 10 years ago. Tyson and Diandra have 3 boys, Niwa, Che and Eli. Outside of school Tyson is busy doing kindy, school and bus drop offs and taking his children to all of their activities including cubs, keas, swimming, rugby etc etc. As Tyson can't say no, he is a regular volunteer for everything, in particular rugby. He coaches his son's U11s rugby team and often takes the other junior teams for practise too. Tyson is a big supporter of the junior rugby and although he resigned as the junior delegate last year he still does the job that no one else wants to do.



Here are a few questions that the students had for Tyson:

**Why did you start working at MGK School?**

I enjoy the outdoors and it gives me an opportunity to work while my kids are at school. I know a lot of the MGK students well as I have coached half of the boys at rugby.

**What is your favourite sport and which teams do you support?**

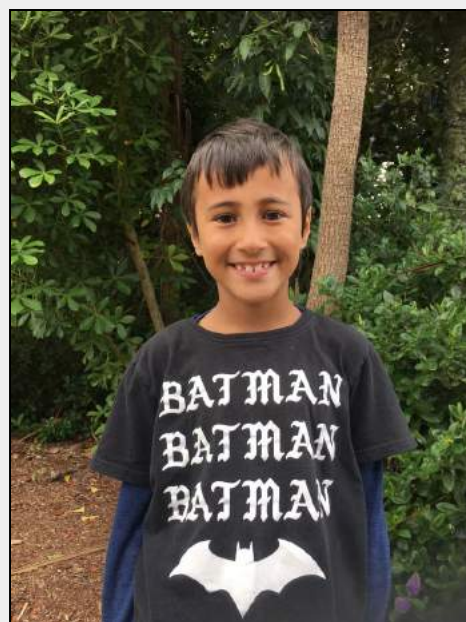
My favourite sport is rugby league. I support the Warriors and all NZ sports teams.

**Do you like Netball?**

Yes, I used to play netball socially and it was good fun.

**Where is your favourite place in NZ and why?**

Ahipara - this is where my Dad's family are from and where my marae and family urupa is. My Dad was raised on the gum fields as a kid.



**A big warm welcome to our new students Kaea and Johnny!**



**Welcome back to Term Two!**

## **CAMP**

**Forms and payment** - We have received back all camp permission slips, thank you. There are still a few outstanding payments for fees, so please get these in to school by Tuesday. If you are wanting to set up a payment plan for camp fees, please contact the office. Payments can be made direct to the school bank account:

Maungakaramea School Board of Trustees  
12-3099-0577638-00

*Please use your child's name and 'camp' as a reference.*

**Fundraising** - thank you to all the parents, caregivers and staff who have given up their time to help with the fundraising activities for this camp, we really appreciate your help!

**'Northland' Film Crew Donations** - We would like to make a special mention to the 'Northland' film crew who over January and then again in March have been filming in Maungakaramea. Hamish Bennett (ex MGK School teacher and acting principal) and his crew members and production company have very generously given donations towards our school camp to ensure all of our children benefit. We are very appreciative of their generosity. Hamish and the crew will be returning to Maungakaramea in early August and are seeking accommodation. If you have a house, spare room or sleep out available in August, please contact Orlando on 021 125 8665. Thank you.

**Gear Lists** - Gear lists have gone home with all students. If you did not receive this you can download a copy from our school facebook page or pop in to the office to get one. The students have also written their car groups on these.

**Camp Times** - All students are to be at school by 8.30am on Tuesday (15th May) morning if possible. We will be leaving at approximately 9.15am. Piwakawaka and Kereru will be returning to school by 3.00pm on Thursday and Korimako will be back by 3.00pm on Friday.

## **INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to those that have volunteered for the bake sale at the International Day of Families in Whangarei. A roster has been set up for this. Please see Miss B for details. We would still like to see more families getting involved as we need to be able to share the load, so if you have not been part of any fundraisers this year please contact Miss B or the office to put your name down. Thank you.

## **CALF CLUB DAY**

Our calf club date has now been set for Saturday 27th October. More details around calf club day will be available later on in the term.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

We have had four students and two staff celebrate their birthdays this term. Happy birthday to Dylan, Kaea, Nicholas, Layla, Mrs Abraham and Lyn.

## SWIMMING POOL KEYS

If you still have a swimming pool key please can you return this asap to the school office. Thank you.

## POWHIRI

At the end of term one we had a powhiri to welcome our new families. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the shared morning tea and to all the families who came along. Also, a huge thanks to Mr Shanks and the kapa haka group for your efforts. Well done.

## DISCO

Our 90s fluro disco was a great success. The children (and adults) showed us their amazing dance moves and the outfits were great. Thanks to Mrs Abraham, staff and the student council for organising such a great event. The student council raised over \$200.

## ANZAC DAY

Miss B and the MGK students did a great job supporting our local ANZAC Day service. Thank you to Miss B and all the students and families that attended the service. We are very proud of the way you all represented our school.

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## Vacancy

Year 5 - 8, 1.0 FTE, terms 3-4 - fixed term position.

Our small school is situated 2 minutes south-west of Whangarei in a stunning rural setting. We offer a vibrant happy school, where teachers work in a well-supported environment.

The successful candidate will have experience in personalised learning with strong literacy and numeracy practice. Teaching through an inquiry process, knowledge of innovative learning pedagogy and a strength in Te Reo Maori will be advantageous.

The ability to run an engaging rich curriculum, possess strong positive behaviour management skills and an understanding of the importance of relationships with students, parents and the community are vital.

Applications Close Monday 28 May

A school application pack is available via email and must accompany your C.V. and cover letter to:

Sophia Roulston  
[principal@mgk.school.nz](mailto:principal@mgk.school.nz)  
(09) 432 3804



## Bunnings Trip

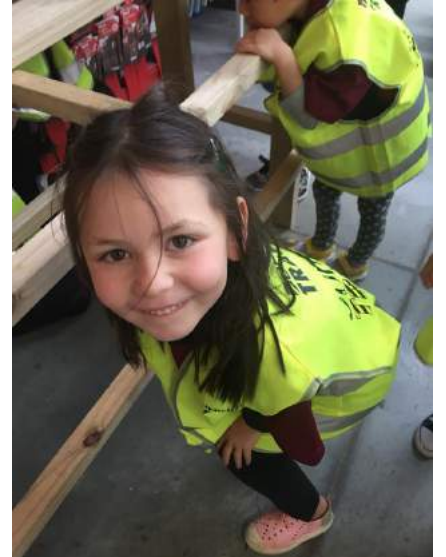
We would like to say a huge thanks to Eric Dickinson for giving up his time to build us a wonderful workbench and help organise our class trip to Bunnings. Also a big thanks to Nicole at Bunnings for hosting us on the day and to Bunnings Whangarei for supplying us with the materials for our workbench and lunch. We can't forget our parent helpers Barb, Kelly, Anna and Steve for helping out. Thank you!



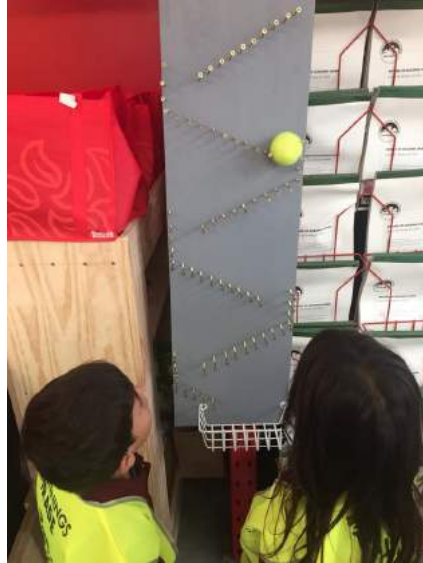
Above: Nicole and Eric with Team Piwakawaka





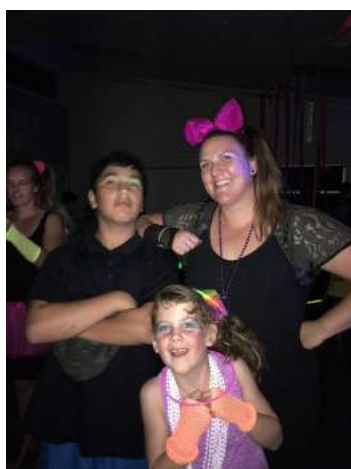
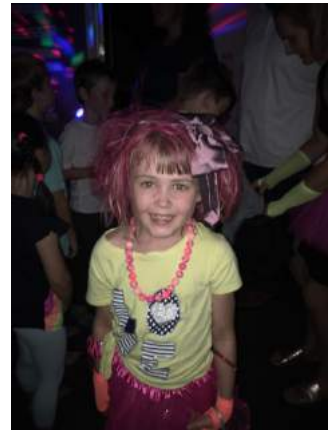








# Student Council 90s Fluoro Disco





# Dates to Remember

## **Tues 15 - Fri 18 May**

- Camp

## **Sat 19 May**

- International Day of Families School Bake Sale Fundraiser

## **Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June**

- Book Fair Week

## **Fri 1 June**

- Book Character Parade Dress Up Day

## **Mon 4 June**

- Queen's Birthday Holiday

## **Wed 27 and Thurs 28 June**

- Mid Year Conferences

## **Fri 6 July**

- End of Term Two



# Community Notices

## **Multicultural Whangarei cordially invites you to International Day of Families**

Family Fun and Entertainment, Craft Stalls, Ethnic Food Stalls, Circus Workshop, Children's Activities, Henna and Face Painting.

Date: Saturday 19 May 2018.

Time: 11am - 2pm

Venue: Forum North, Whangarei

Contact: Jessie Manney 430 0571

Email: [info@multiculturalwhangarei.co.nz](mailto:info@multiculturalwhangarei.co.nz)

## **Maungakaramea Hall's Monster Market Day**

Saturday 19 May 2018 9-2pm - Something for everyone, with lots of different stalls. Please come along and support us. If you would like to have a stall please contact Julie 432 3573.

## **Film Crew Accommodation**

The 'Northland' film crew will be back in August and are looking for accommodation in the Maungakaramea area. If you have a house, sleep out or room available please contact Orlando - 021 125 8665.

## **Scrapbooking & Papercraft Class**

Mangapai Hall Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am – 3.30pm \$35

Come along and get your craft on!

Contact Erin to book your spot

021 149 3684 or [erin@paperaddiction.co.nz](mailto:erin@paperaddiction.co.nz)

## **'How to help your child with writing and spelling' a presentation for parents**

Thursday 17 May 2018

7:00 to 8:30pm

St Francis Xavier Hall

\$10 door charge per person

\$10 door charge for a couple

book via [admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz](mailto:admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz) by 5pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be a handout, a chance to ask questions, an opportunity to meet others followed by dessert and coffee/tea.

There will also be a raffle during the event.

### **Not Even Once – Saying No to Meth (P)**

A community event for families and the public, providing quality education regarding Methamphetamine (P) and the dangers that it poses to our communities.

MethCon presentations are extremely visual and hard hitting, exposing the real truth behind this drug. You will laugh, you may cry, you could be horrified, but you will definitely be enlightened by the experience. This is an 'eye opener' like no other, and if you are looking for food for thought, this is a feast like no other you will have experienced.

Dale Kirk is a former Police Drug squad detective and leading educator on the subject. He has spoken to thousands of people including High School students, community groups, Government departments and private sector companies throughout New Zealand. He is passionate about eliminating demand for Meth in New Zealand.

For event information and bookings please visit [www.methcon.co.nz/events](http://www.methcon.co.nz/events)



### **Please support those who support us:**

Johnson Richards Plumbers	Ph: 09 438 4023	E: <a href="mailto:office@johnsonrichards.co.nz">office@johnsonrichards.co.nz</a>
Magic Tyres	Ph: 438 3534	4 Reyburn St, Whangarei
Maungakaramaea Service Station	Ph: 432 3896	PO Box 42, Maungakaramaea, 0146
Northland Fencing	Ph: 021 448 874	E: <a href="mailto:john@securityfencing.co.nz">john@securityfencing.co.nz</a>
Northland Veterinary Group	Whangarei - Hikurangi - Onerahi	
	Ph: 09 470 1060	W: <a href="http://www.northvets.co.nz">www.northvets.co.nz</a>
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