



WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Whānau

Welcome to another exciting year! 2019 is set to be packed with lots of new adventures and growth for our school. A special welcome to our 20 new students and their families, we hope that you are settling in well to our school and community.

The teachers worked hard over the holiday break to ensure that the year ahead will provide a range of opportunities to grow and extend your children's academic levels as well as their social skills and emotional wellbeing. We also have a range of extracurricular activities planned throughout the year to cater to our student's strengths and needs.

It has been fantastic to see the incredible learning that is already taking place. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated teaching and support staff team at Maungakaramea Primary School. It is imperative that each child feels valued, safe and that they belong at our school.

Thank you to everyone who came to our goal setting interviews yesterday and we look forward to sitting down with many more of you this afternoon. Please don't forget, you are able to book in and meet with your child's teacher any time throughout the year. It is important to have a strong home, school partnership as we are all striving for a common goal - to provide the best education for your children.

Unfortunately, the repainting of our pool has not gone to plan. When the paint was stripped, we discovered that the pool was requiring a few more repairs before repainting. We are currently working hard on getting this done, however we are unsure if we are going to have this ready in the next couple of months. Swimming sports have been put on hold for now as has our Water Safe programme, these will both instead take place when our pool is up and running at a later date. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

If you have Facebook, please make sure you 'like' our school page as this is an easy way for us to share updates and information. It is a private page, so the information can only be accessed by those who the admin approves. Our website is currently undergoing a makeover, this will be up and running soon with general information about our school.

If you have any questions or want to pop in for a chat please don't hesitate to do so. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Warm regards

Sophia Roulston
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES



Welcome This term we welcome 20 new students and their families to Maungakaramea Primary School. Our newest members of Team Piwakawaka are Elsa, Emily, Henry, Quin, Ben, Deeago, Jamie, Jake, Fynn, Caleb, Fergus, Laura and Josh. Joining Team Kereru we have Paige, Keanu, Jackson and Sienna and in Team Korimako - Luke, Curti and Rakei. It is nice to see so many new faces and we hope you have enjoyed your two weeks at MGK Primary School.

Sunscreen for Your Eyes – Sunglasses at School

On Monday 18 February, Craig and Stephanie from Visualeyex Boutique Optometrists will visit our school to speak with our students about the importance of wearing sunglasses when outdoors to protect their future eye health against the eye conditions associated with UV damage. As children spend so much time outdoors at school, we believe that it would be highly beneficial for them to have sunscreen for their eyes and wear sunglasses when outside as is recommended by Sunsmart.

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We are very fortunate that Visualeyex are sponsoring all of our students with a pair of sunglasses to wear whilst at school.

Each student will be given a pair of sunglasses with a microfibre pouch and they will be named. The sunglasses are Le Tissier brand, they are very high quality, durable, comfortable and of course offer 100% UV protection.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please contact our Chairperson of the Board, Luana Misa.

We believe that this initiative will have a significant impact on the health of our children's eyes when they are adults and we thank Visualeyex Boutique Optometrists for their support of our school.



OSCAR CLUB The children of the OSCAR CLUB program are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their new fish tank complete with live fish. All concerned wish to sincerely thank Ryan (Manager) and the team at **Animates Whangarei** for their generous donation, and helpful



suggestions, no doubt they will be seeing more of us in the near future. We wish Animates Whangarei all the best for the future.

Rotary Club of Whangarei South Community of Learning student photo competition is coming up in March. This competition has been running for two years now and it has been a great success.

For 2019, there will be an overall theme that reflects the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's first visit to New Zealand. There are 3 sections - each with a specific focus;

Yrs 1-6: Boats

Yrs 7-10: Monuments

There will be a cash prize (\$50) for the winner of each category, as well as a Supreme Award (\$50) and trophy, for best photo across all 3 sections.

A Rotary Club representative will visit our school the month, so students (and staff) are up to speed with the rules.



Breakfast Club is back for 2019 but we need some parent volunteers to help supervise it. Supported by Sanitarium, Anchor and KidsCan the school is supplied with milk, weetbix and fruit. At this stage Breakfast Club will be available on a Monday and Friday from 8.30-8.45am. If we can get some parent volunteers to help supervise this we can open for longer and for more days during the week. Breakfast club is open to all students. If you can spare some time in the mornings to help out please see Tania in the office. Thank you.

Art and Music Classes available - During and after school.

This term there will be after school art classes available for years 3 - 8 with artist and teacher Linda Sabbage. Every Tuesday in the Art Room from 3.15pm - 4.45pm. \$15 per session. If your child is interested please contact the office. Payments can be made to the school account or by cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and given to the classroom teacher.

Lyn Moase will be teaching ukulele and guitar again this term. Lessons will be every Thursday during lunchtime or afternoon class time. There are limited spaces available. Ukulele lessons are \$5 and guitar lessons are \$15. Cash payments are to be made direct to Lyn. For more information please contact the office.

THE FARM SCHOOL CAMP

Camp is fast approaching and we are still awaiting a few permission slips to be returned. If you need another permission slip or gear list these can be downloaded from the Maungakarama School facebook page or the website. Invoices and statements will be going home over the next couple of days. Apologies for the delays, it has been a very busy start to the term.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Please ensure school accounts are paid on time. School donations are voluntary but we do appreciate contributions to help resource the school for your children. We understand that start of year costs can be difficult to manage therefore if you need to arrange a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the office or your child's teacher and we will be happy to assist with this.

SWIMWEAR

Don't forget to send your child along with togs and a towel as we will have a sprinkler available to cool the children off in very hot weather.

WHEELS DAY

A reminder that students can bring their bikes, skates, rollerblades, scooters or skateboards to school to use during break times every Friday. There are designated areas for using these 'wheels' and a helmet must be worn.

NEWSLETTERS AND NOTICES

All fortnightly newsletters and daily notices, with the exception of permission slips notices, will be emailed to parents and caregivers and uploaded on our facebook page and website. If you would prefer to have paper copies of notices please contact the office - office@mgk.school.nz and let Tania know. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS: Happy Birthday to Lewis, Fynn, Samantha, Deeago, Jackson, Elsa, Fergus, Jairus and Scott who have all celebrated birthdays this year! We hope you all enjoyed your special day!



Team Korimako

As part of our school's new curriculum we have introduced our first learning pathway to our students, this is KOTAHITANGA - Learning with Others. All students are set up with a buddy (senior student with junior student) who they work with during Kotahitanga every Wednesday afternoon. Their buddy is a 'go to' person throughout the day if needed. They work together during their Wednesday sessions on The Zones of Regulation, our school values, buddy reading and developmental skills. Here are some interview questions that our students asked their Kotahitanga buddy....

Questions for Mila

- 1: Favourite color- Pink
 - 2: Favourite food- chocolate
 - 3: Favourite tv Show- Spongebob
 - 4: Favourite movie- Trolls
 - 5: Favourite subject at school- Math
 - 6: If you had one wish what would it be- Have a pet unicorn
 - 7: Favourite number- Six
 - 8: Who do you play with the most- Sophy
 - 9: What do you want to be when you grow up- Doctor
 - 10: Favourite ice cream- cookies and cream
- By Isabella



Buddy Interview! with Elsa

Elsa I am going to be asking you a range of question so I can learn more about you.

- 1: What is your favourite colour? Pink.
- 2: What is your favourite show? My little pony.
- 3: What is your favourite toy called? Rainbow dash.
- 4: What is your favourite number? 4
- 5: What is your favourite song? Stitches.
- 6: What is your favourite animal? Unicorn
- 7: What is your favourite thing to do? Play on her trampoline.
- 8: What is your favourite school subject? Play time!
- 9: If you had 1 wish what would it be? To have a pet unicorn.
- 10: What is your favourite book?

Once upon a unicorn.
By Pippa



Interview questions with Samantha

- 1: Favourite colour? Green
- 2: What is your favourite program? Paw patrol
- 3: What is your favourite animal? Kittens
- 4: What is your favourite food? Strawberrys
- 5: What is your favourite sports? Hockey
- 6: If you can make one wish what would it be? 100 dollars
- 7: What is your favourite shape? Heart
- 8: What is your favourite place to be at? waiuku
- 9: What is your favourite insect? Butterfly

Buddy Question! Sophy and Grace.

Sophy and Grace I will be asking you a range of different Questions to find out more about you!

- 1: Favourite color? Blue and pink.
- 2: Favourite animal? Cat and Lamb.
- 3: Favourite book? Frozen and My little pony.
- 4: Favourite food? Macaroni cheese and Hamburgers.
- 5: Favourite game? Monopoly and Farmer farmer.
- 6: Favourite toy? Rainbow corns and Paw Patrol pup Sky.

10: Favourite number? 12
 11: What is your favourite thing to do in town? Buy toys
 12: What is your favourite pattern? Star, fire, ocean
 13: What is your favourite super power? Flying
 14: What is your favourite subject in school? Maths
 By Paige



7: Favourite show and movie? Frozen and puppy dog pals.
 8: Your favourite person? Adele and Mum.
 9: Favourite song? Stitches By Shawn Mendes and Frozen let it go.
 10: What is your age? 7 and 5.
 11: What do you want to be when you grow up? Doctor and a Hairdresser.
 12: Favourite place to visit? Grandmas and Aunties.
 13: Favourite thing to do with Dad? Homework and playing.
 14: If you had one wish what would it be? To be zero again and to have more paw patrol toys.
 15: Do you like smiggles? Yes and Yes.
 16: Do you like Dragons? Yes and Yes.
 17: Do you have any pets? Yes and Yes.
 18: Favourite sports? Netball and hockey.
 20: Favourite thing to do with Mum? Play and cook.
 By Emily G

Dates to Remember

Fri 8 Feb - Meet the teacher goal setting interviews	Tues 26 Feb - Fri 1 Mar - Camp Y5-8
Wed 13 Feb - Camp meeting for parent helpers	Fri 15 Mar - Assembly - 2.30pm
Fri 15 Feb - Assembly - 2.30pm	Wed 20 Mar - BoT Meeting
- Last Day of Term Two	Fri 29 Mar - Assembly - 2.30pm
Wed 20 Feb - BoT Meeting / Swim Off at T.A.S (TBC)	Wed 10 Apr - BoT Meeting
Thurs 21 Feb - Community BBQ	Fri 12 Apr - Last day of term 1 / Assembly - 2.30pm
Tues 26 Feb - Thurs 28 Feb - Camp Y0-4	

Community Notices

Irish Night - Saturday 23 March at 6.00pm until late - Maungakaramea Hall
 IRISH NIGHT at the hall, band confirmed ANAM CARA, adults only, come and celebrate the day of the Irish ✨ post St Patrick's day. Community function in support of Maungakaramea Sports Club. Tickets \$20 or \$35 for a couple. Cash bar. More details to follow on timings and ticket sales, get in touch with Emma Roche 021 211 5499 for further details.



