



Congratulations to last weeks certificate and mana award recipients of MGK school. We are so proud of your achievements!

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board would like to thank those who provided us with feedback on our Charter for this year. Our number one focus is always enhancing student achievement, and the Charter gives us direction on how we are going to achieve this.

The board completed finance training with the New Zealand School Trustee Association (NZSTA) this month and we have now approved this years budget.

Hopefully you've had the opportunity to review our school policies and procedures which are on the school website. These are regularly reviewed by the board. Our policies and procedures provide everyone with guidance to the school's expectations, accountability, compliance, and what steps are required to achieve this.

In the recent events that have taken place, many schools were required to go into what is known as 'lockdown'. In certain situations it may be necessary to move, or keep, all students inside. These situations include severe storms, a major accident in the school vicinity, or other dangerous situation. The school has a detailed plan for this event, and regularly practises it with students and staff.

Lockdown plans are specific to each school and, due to their possible use in a lockdown situation, are not published on the website or made available to the wider school community. As appropriate to the situation, the school contacts parents and caregivers when it can, using the available communication options.

Parents must follow any instructions issued by the school, including not coming to the school to see or collect their children. This is particularly important when the school is in lockdown under Police instruction.

On a brighter note we are pleased to say that we've received funding from Pub Charities for the purchase of new admin computers and the pool renovations have now been completed.

Over the next few months you will see communications coming out about the triennial board elections. If the Board's work interests you, this is a great opportunity to become involved. If you would like more information on being part of the Board you'll find this on the NZSTA website or feel free to approach one of our current Board members about being on our school's Board of Trustees. Call for nominations to join the board closes on the 24th May 2019.

Regards,

Luana Misa

Chairperson

On behalf of Maungakaramea Primary School Board of Trustees

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

UPDATE

The Parent Support Group (PSG) held its Annual General Meeting on 14 March. For those new to the school, the general role of the PSG is to help build the relationship between home and school. It is not strictly about fundraising, but rather about working together to be part of our school community and support the aims in our school charter, for the benefit of our kids.

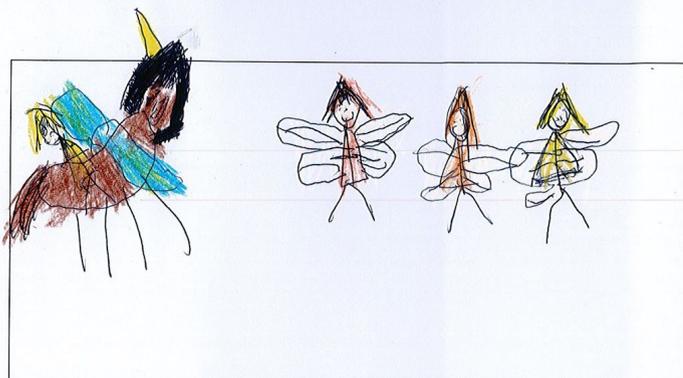
Thank you to the previous Committee members and friends of the PSG who contributed their time and efforts over the last year. We're delighted to announce the new Committee members elected at the AGM: Chair – Karen Ryder, Treasurer – Emma Roche and Secretary – Melanie Pook. The PSG welcomes involvement from all of our parents – if you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear them! Please email mgkschoolpsg@gmail.com or do come along to the next Committee meeting, 6pm Thursday 11th April, in the school staffroom.

SCHOOL NOTICES

- **WATERFALL TRIP** - Thank you to the parents and caregivers who provided transport and supervision for our trip to Child's Waterfall today. And of course a big thank you to Murray and Kathy for allowing our students the privilege of visiting the waterfall today.
- **SWIMMING POOL** - Unfortunately we have had further delays but swimming should be starting early next week. Please remember that pool keys are available to purchase for \$15 until the end of April.
- **OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEES** - We require all outstanding trip and camp fees be paid by the end of the term. We encourage you to contact the school if you are having trouble paying these as we will be more than happy to discuss payment options.
- **ICAS EXAMS** - For years 3 and up - ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) exams are online assessments conducted annually in over 20 countries around the world. They assess student skills in a range of subjects. All entries in the ICAS exams receive an award or certificate. Each assessment costs \$18 and you can pick and choose which assessments your child wishes to do. We require a minimum number per exam for these to go ahead. Subjects available include Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English & Mathematics. To register interest in any of the exams please email: office@mgk.school.nz.
- **EFTPOS FACILITY** - We recently held a facebook poll to gauge interest in the use of an eftpos machine at the school. If you have not seen this poll you can still have your say by emailing YES or NO to whether or not you would use eftpos facilities if they were available at school. Email office@mgk.school.nz.
- **KEA CROSSING ADULT SUPERVISORS REQUIRED** - We require more parent supervisors to ensure our kea crossing road patrol can take place at the end of each day. If you have a spare half an hour any afternoons please let Mr Shanks know.
- **WHĀNAU GROUP** - We are wanting to start a Whānau Group, made up of parents, staff and community members who provide consultation and education for Maungakaramea Primary School to uphold, enhance and support Te Ao Māori. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 3 April at 3:30 pm in Room 5 (Kiwi).
- **Y3/4 & Y5/6 SATURDAY NETBALL** - Is your child interested in playing netball for the combined MGK/Waiotira team? This year we would like to enter two teams - a Y3/4 and a Y5/6 team. The season will start Saturday the 4th May, (first Saturday, Term 2). Fees will be \$45 and are to be paid to the school by 12th April (last day Term 1). If you need any more information or have any questions, please get in touch with Sophia Roulston.

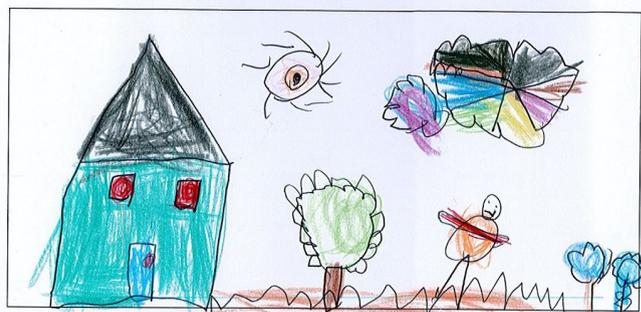
TEAM PIWAKAWAKA

We are learning to include Who, What, Where and How in our writing



My unicorn took me flying. I flew over my house, excitedly. I saw a rainbow and I landed in Fairyland.

By Winnie



My little brother excitedly had a birthday at my house. He got a toy Captain America suit. He wears it all the time but there is no shield. He has lots of fun with it.

By Tyler



My pet dog Lulu fetched the bone at the park, quickly. I was very surprised.

By Grace



My friend called Little Glitter Sparkle is my best friend. She makes the best friend ever because she lives in Fairyland. We played consecutive tag, happily.

By Peyton

Message from the Northland DHB Public Health Unit.

With 28 cases of measles in Canterbury, and two new cases in Auckland, now is the perfect time to make sure your child is up to date with their immunisations against measles.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for maximum protection. If you are not sure if your child is fully immunised, check in your Well Child book, or talk to the Practice Nurse at your usual General Practice.

If your child is unimmunised, or has received only one dose of MMR, they are at higher risk of contracting measles.

Unimmunised children who are even only exposed to measles could face up to two weeks off school while they wait to see if measles develops, causing enormous disruption in families.

Those who actually contract measles fare worse, as measles is a very unpleasant illness.

Make sure your child has had two MMRs. We suspect cases in Northland soon, so please don't delay.

You can find more information on our website www.northlanddhb.org.nz.

Dates to Remember

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Tues 26 Mar - Art Class - 3.15pm❖ Thurs 28 Mar - Music Lessons❖ Fri 29 Mar - Special Enviro Assembly - 2.30pm❖ Fri 29 Mar - Friends of the School Dinner - 6.30pm - Parua Bay Tavern❖ Tues 2 Apr - Art Class - 3.15pm❖ Wed 3 Apr - Whānau Group Hui - 3.30pm - Room 5 (Kiwi) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Thurs 4 Apr - Music Lessons❖ Tues 9 Apr - Art Class - 3.15pm❖ Wed 10 Apr - BoT Meeting - 5.30pm❖ Thurs 11 Apr - Music Lessons❖ Thurs 11 Apr - PSG Meeting - 6pm❖ Fri 12 Apr - Assembly❖ Fri 12 Apr - Last Day of Term One |
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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. Get in touch with Emma Roche 021 211 5499 for further details.

2019 Hip Hop Dance Championship Northland Qualifiers - Forum North Rust Ave Whangarei 7pm Saturday 23 March. Ticket purchasing details - Door Sales \$10. Contact: info@hardcoredance.co.nz. In conjunction with this event is a **FREE dance workshop** on Sunday 24 March at Whangarei Intermediate, 32 Rust Ave, Whangarei. 11.00am - 12.00pm Leshego Mpe, 12.15pm - 1.15pm Phoenix Puleanga.

Whangarei Quarry Gardens presents The Enchanted Garden - Tuesday 16 April 9.30am-2pm during school holidays at Whangarei Quarry Gardens. Magic shows - Entertainers - Circus performers - Story telling - Face painting - Live music - Giant bubbles - Bouncy castles - Treasure hunt - Sausage sizzle - Cake stall - Spot prizes for the best dressed to theme kids or adults. \$5 entry. \$15 family of 4. www.whangareigardens.org.nz. 37A Russell Road, Kensington. 09 437 7210.

MGK JMC Hockey Rally dates 2019

31st March at Northland Hockey Kensington 10-11.30am for years 5-8

31st March at 3pm at MGK sports club for years 1-4. All welcome to come and have a go, see you their.

Any Queries to Jena 021473380 or Selena 021770420

Huanui College April 2019 School Holiday Programme – 1 WEEK ONLY!

Science, Agriculture, HC Masterchef, and Arts and Crafts. Years 5 – 7 (approx. age 9 – 12). 9am – 3pm cost is \$40 per child per day (refer to our website www.hc.school.nz). See our website for full programme details and booking form <http://bit.ly/holprogapril2019>. 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie - Phone: 09-459-1930.