

MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL NOTICE

Week One - Term Two - 2019

29 April 2019

SWIMMING POOL KEYS

Please can all swimming pool keys be returned to school by tomorrow, **Tuesday 30 April** as the swimming season has now finished. Pool keys will be available again in term four. Thank you.

MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL NETBALL

Netball practice will begin **Wednesday 1 May** and every following Wednesday at 3.30pm at Maungakaramea School. The season will start this Saturday the 4th May. Fees are \$45 and are now due to be paid to the school. If you need any more information or have any questions, please get in touch with Sophia Roulston 4323804 or principal@mgk.school.nz.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will be starting up again this **Thursday 2 May** with music teacher Lyn Moase. If your child is interested in learning guitar, mandolin or ukulele on a Thursday afternoon (during lunchtime or in the afternoon block) please contact Lyn on 021 297 9437 or mandolinlyn@hotmail.com. Alternatively you can contact the school office 4323804 or office@mgk.school.nz to register your child. Guitar lessons cost \$15 per session and ukulele lessons cost \$5 per session. Mandolin costs TBC. All school ages welcome.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT - PARENT MEETING

ERO will be visiting our school in week two this term. Our visitors would like to meet with as many parents/caregivers as possible to ask questions and to give parents/caregivers an opportunity to provide feedback about our school and your child's education. A parent meeting will be held at **2pm on Tuesday 7 May. Afternoon tea will be provided.** Please let us know if you are able to attend. Please RSVP to Tania 4323804 or office@mgk.school.nz by Friday 3 May for catering purposes.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASS

After school art class will be on again this term starting next **Tuesday 7 May** at 3.15pm. If your child is interested in taking art classes with art teacher, Linda Sabbage, please contact Linda on 0226447699. Thank you.

ASB ST. JOHNS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The ASB St John in Schools programme aims to develop confident young Kiwi kids who care for the health and wellbeing of their communities. The programme has been developed with expertise from ACC, SafeKids Aotearoa, Civil Defence, CORE Education and St John and supports today's school curriculum. This takes place onsite at school. Our school will be visited by a trained Community Educator on **Thursday 9 May** for an engaging and interactive session. Thanks to the support of ASB and ACC there is no charge for this programme, however a **koha is appreciated**. We would love if families could make a small donation that we can forward to St John. Thank you.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR WEEK

Our book fair will take place in week 5 from 27 May-31 May with our book character dress up day being changed from Friday 31 May to **Thursday 30 May**. Start thinking about your book character costumes now. All students dressed up will be in to win some great prizes.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School Trustee Elections are coming up. Call for nominations along with further information will be available this week. What is a school board of trustees? Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board. Who can become a trustee? Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections. What do trustees do? The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does: • Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them. • Monitors and evaluates student progress. • Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration. • Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met. • Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage. • Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance. What skills do trustees need? Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place. What help do school trustees get? New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Returning Officer Tania Mokaraka in the school office.