



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Maungakaramea Whānau

We have been very fortunate to have so many community members backing our school and giving up their valuable time to ensure our students have the best learning space possible. Over the past few weeks we have had our sand delivered by Gibbo (MJ & PJ Gibson Cartage) for our new sandpit that was built by Eric Dickinson and the local Mid Western Lions Club, project managed (kept in line!) by Lyn Dickinson and painted by Luana Misa and Jordan White. We have also had the huge pile of organic waste moved by Jane and Craig Anderson, with the help of Ray Lowe. Thank you so much to our amazing community who have helped us both on these and other projects. We are truly grateful for your support.

Thank you so much to everyone who came and met with our visitors from the Education Review Office last week. It was fantastic for ERO to get different perspectives on how the community feels our school is going and how parents feel their child's education is progressing. We have received oral feedback at the end of their week here, and this will be translated into a draft report in 4 - 6 weeks. We then have 15 working days to review this draft and provide evidence for differing facts if needed. After the draft is confirmed, we then receive another copy to review for 2 weeks, after this the report is available for the public. We will let you know as soon as this is available.

Attendance at school is vital to your child's academic progress. When a child attends school regularly, not only does it help their achievement levels, but also their social and emotional wellbeing in relation to learning and

interactions with others. When a child misses school, especially for multiple days they often lack confidence on their return and are also less inclined to take risks. Coming home today with this newsletter is a copy of our school policy on students attendance. As you will see in our policy, all absences are unjustified unless the student is too sick to attend school, or has suffered a bereavement. We do understand that there are a lot of bugs going around at the moment, and if your child is sick, the best place for them to be is at home resting. A main factor that is hindering attendance is holidays, please remember that these should only be taken during school holidays and if you need to take your child out of school during term time, you need to apply verbally or in writing. Any student who has less than 90% attendance this year will be contacted by the classroom teacher over the next week. If the attendance rate does not approve by the end of the term, this will be followed by a formal letter from the school explaining that we will need to look into referring the case to attendance services.

Don't forget, nominations for our Board of Trustees close at noon on Friday 24 May 2019. If you are interested in becoming a trustee or would like to know more about this, please come in and speak to myself or one of the current board members.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Sophia Roulston
Principal

WHANAU LEADER PROFILES

Pohutukawa

NICHOLAS MERRY

Characteristics:

Age: 11

Blonde Hair

Blue Eyes

Left Handed

Height: 5 foot 2

Weight: 53 KG

Sports: I've played hockey for 4 years and cricket for 3 years. I have been learning karate for 2 years and I am now a green belt.

Pohutukawa: I will help my whanau group to win the whanau cup by always trying my best and encouraging my whanau to overcome the obstacles in front of them.



KURTIS RYDER

Characteristics:

Age: 11

Eye Colour: Brown

Height: 161cm

Sports: I have played rugby for 5 years and I have played cricket and hockey for a year. I enjoy sports because they are physical, you get a lot of exercise and they are fun.

Pohutukawa: I am going to lead Pohutukawa by helping people to do their best and by being a good role model.

OSCAR CLUB

Lyn and Barb have been shopping for new resources for our OSCAR Club. The children were so excited to discover, unbox and play with the new equipment. Miss Roulston loved playing with the new gear and winning a game of Headbanz too!



SCHOOL NOTICES

- **Board of Trustee Elections** - As per the Ministry's requirements this year we will be holding our Board of Trustee elections so that we are insync with the other boards around the country. This election is what is known as the triennial election (which is done every three years), this will take place on Friday, noon 7th June 2019.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance and the control of the management of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school, is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and ensuring that it's school provides a safe environment and quality education for all it's students.

We are seeking nominations for the Board of Trustee Elections this month and these must be submitted by Friday, noon 24th May. The new board will take office on Friday, 14th June.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Board of Trustee at our school please contact our Returning Officer, Tania at the school office, or any of our current board members by phoning the school office on 09 4323804.



MAUNGAKARAMEA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Growing Our Future

Maungakaramea School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.
A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.
You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.
Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.
Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.
Signed Tania Mokaraka
Returning Officer
Post completed nomination forms to:
Returning Officer, PO Box 89, Maungakaramea 0146
or hand deliver to:
Maungakaramea School Office, Tangihua Rd,
Maungakaramea.

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- **Parent Volunteers Needed** - Do you have any spare time before or after school? If so we are looking for parent help for the following days/times.
 - Breakfast Club - 8.20am - 8.40am - Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs
 - Kea Crossing Supervision - 3.50pm - 4.10pm - Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs
 If you can assist with any of the above days/times, please contact Tania in the office. Thank you.
- **ERO Parent Meeting** - Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and school community who were able to attend our ERO parent meeting last week. We appreciate your feedback and support.
- **Scholastic Book Fair and Book Character Dress Up Day** - A reminder that our annual book fair is coming up from 27-31 May. There will be a wide range of Scholastic books available to purchase direct from school. Our book character dress up day and parade will take place on Thursday 30 May with prizes up for grabs for students in a costume. This year's book fair theme is Enchanted Forest - Let Your Imagination Grow!
- **Art & Music Lessons** - Please can all parents/caregivers of music and art students ensure that payments for these lessons are being kept up to date. We are really lucky to have Linda and Lyn here to bring their classes to our students and we need to make sure they are receiving their payments on time. Thank you.

- **Bake Sale and Kapa Haka at International Day of Families** - Don't forget that the International Day of Families is on tomorrow, Saturday 18 May from 11am-2pm at Forum North. We welcome any donations of baked goods for our bake sale or just come along and be part of the multicultural family fun day. Thank you to the families who have offered to supply baking and their time to help on the stall. Kapa haka students please be at our school stand from 12.30pm for a 12.45pm performance.
- **Yummy sticker time** - The Yummy Sticker promotion has kicked off again for this year, so we thought it would be a good time to remind everyone to collect Yummy stickers and bag cut-outs from The Yummy Fruit Co fruit and bring them to school. Last year our school won a small share of the prize pool to purchase new sports gear. Thank you to everyone who got involved. Stickers are due in at the end of Term 3 (Friday 27 September), a reminder will be sent out closer to the time. Meanwhile crunch on some Yummy apples, there are around ten different varieties of apples available at the moment, with a couple more on their way.
- **Birthdays** - A big happy birthday to the lovely Winnie and our wonderful Jane. We hope you enjoy your special day!

Mana Award Winners



TEAM PIWAKAWAKA

SHOWING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Piwakawaka have been learning about our School Values, Genuine, Respect, Ownership, and Whanau. Here are some ways we can show our School Values through our learning.

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We show kindness
to others and help
them when they
need it.



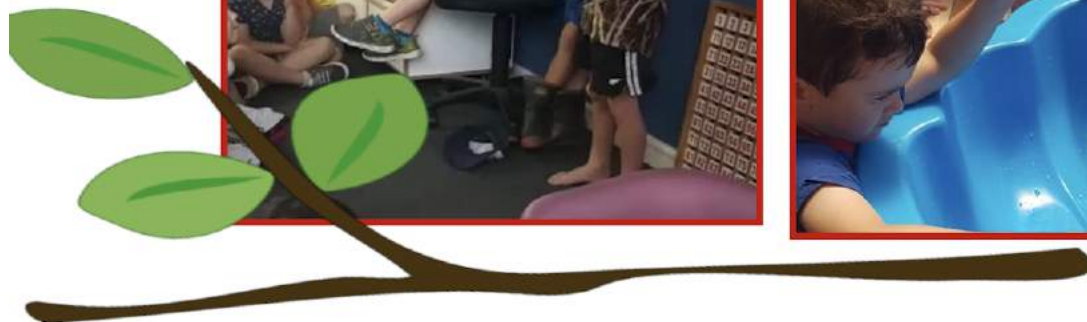
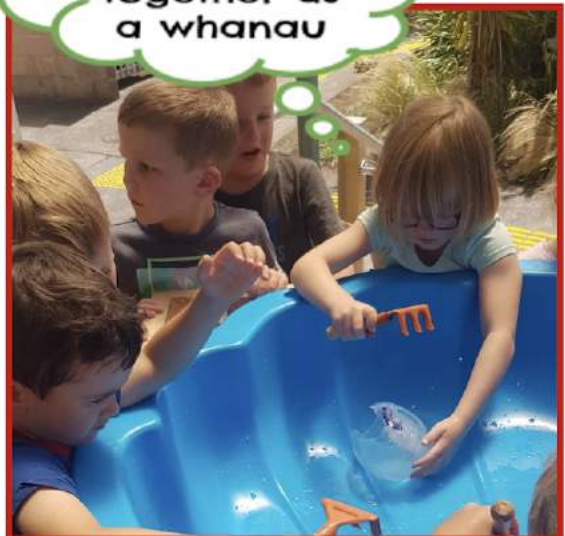
We show
respect by
listening to
others



We take
ownership
of our
learning



We work
together as
a whanau





Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Mon 20 May** - Life Education Trust visit
- ❖ **Tues 21 May** - Life Ed / Art Class
- ❖ **Wed 22 May** - Y7/8 Winter Sports
- ❖ **Thurs 23 May** - Music Lessons
- ❖ **Fri 24 May** - **BoT Election Nominations Close** / Vision & Hearing Testing / Assembly
- ❖ **Mon 27-Fri 31 May** - Book Fair Week
- ❖ **Tues 28 May** - Art Class
- ❖ **Thurs 30 May** - Book Character Dress Up Day / Music Lessons
- ❖ **Mon 3 Jun** - Queen's Birthday Holiday
- ❖ **Tues 4 Jun** - Art Class
- ❖ **Wed 5 Jun** - Y4-6 Winter Sports
- ❖ **Thurs 6 Jun** - Music Lessons
- ❖ **Fri 7 Jun** - **BoT Election Voting Closes** / Assembly

- ❖ **Tues 11 Jun** - Art Class
- ❖ **Thurs 13 Jun** - Music Lessons
- ❖ **Fri 14 Jun** - **New BoT Takes Office** / Movie Night
- ❖ **Tues 18 Jun** - Art Class
- ❖ **Wed 19 Jun** - BoT Meeting
- ❖ **Thurs 20 Jun** - Music Lessons
- ❖ **Fri 21 Jun** - Assembly
- ❖ **Tues 25 Jun** - Art Class
- ❖ **Thurs 27 Jun** - Music Lessons / Cultural Festival
- ❖ **Tues 2 Jul** - Art Class
- ❖ **Wed 3-Thurs 4 Jul** - Mid Year Interviews
- ❖ **Thurs 4 Jul** - Music Lessons
- ❖ **Fri 5 Jul** - Last Day Term 2 / Assembly

Community Notices

- ❑ **Maungakaramaea Hall Market** - Saturday 18 May from 10am - 2pm. - Please ring or txt Julie on 021 323573 to book a table @ \$10 per table.
- ❑ **Kiwi North Kiwi Survey** - The first official 'listening window' for the 2019 Annual Northland Kiwi Call Count Survey runs from May 22nd – June 10th. Find more details at: <https://kiwicoast.org.nz/events/northland-annual-kiwi-call-count-survey/>. You can take part and contribute to our understanding of the increasing numbers of kiwi in our area.
- ❑ **Stonewood Homes King of the Hill 6km Fun Run/Walk** - Sunday 19 May - 10 am start @ Huanui College. Entries: www.huanuicollege.school.nz
- ❑ **Need a dental appointment for your child?** CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384) - Eat a range of healthy foods. The best food is food that is fresh and in season.

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If more than 5 parent representative nominations are received we will go to a vote.

Signed Tania Mokaraka

Returning Officer

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Multicultural Whangarei

cordially invites you to

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

Family fun, children's activities, entertainment, market stalls, henna, face painting & ethnic food

Date: Saturday May 18, 2019

Venue: Forum North, Whangarei

Time: 11am - 2pm

Contact:

Jessie at 09 430 0571

info@multiculturalwhangarei.co.nz