

MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL NOTICE

Week Three - Term Two - 2019

14 May 2019

SWIMMING POOL KEYS

Please can all swimming pool keys be returned to school asap as the swimming season has now finished. Pool keys will be available again in term four. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Please ensure your children know who will be picking them up and where they are meant to be at the end of the school day. If there are changes to their normal pick up, please also let the school know asap. We need to ensure the safety of our students.

After 3pm staff members are not actively supervising children therefore they need to either be booked into after school care (OSCAR Club) or the school needs to be contacted in the event that you may be running late. There are a lot of cars in the carpark around 3pm so if you can please come into the school gates to collect your children to avoid children wandering outside the school gates near the road.

We still require adult supervisors for road safety crossing from 2.45pm - 3.15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let us know if you are available for any of these days. Thank you.

ART CLASS TODAY

Just a reminder that art class is on this afternoon from 3.15pm.

PSG MEETING - THURSDAY 16 MAY

All welcome to the next PSG meeting, Thursday 16 May 6pm, in the school staffroom. If you have any ideas, or questions about what the PSG is/does, please get in touch - email psg@mgk.school.nz.

MUSIC LESSONS

Musics lessons are on again this Thursday 16 May. Please remember to bring instruments and payment. If you owe anything from previous weeks please ensure you get up to date with these payments. Money is to go direct to Lyn Moase or can be handed in at the office to be passed on to Lyn. Thank you.

HOTDAY DAY / PJ DAY

Don't forget to get your hotdog orders in today. Spare order forms are available in the office or you can email office@mgk.school.nz. Hotdogs are \$2.50 and will be served at lunchtime on Friday 17 May.

In conjunction with hotdog day we are also having a PJ Day on Friday. Students can come to school in their pjs and we ask that students bring a gold coin donation. These funds will also go towards our year 7 trip to Wellington later on in the year.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE AND BAKE SALE

Our school is holding a bake sale at the International Day of Families event at Forum North this Saturday 18 May. A notice went home last week asking for helpers to run the stall and/or provide baking. If you can help out please complete the **form and return to school asap.**

Kapa haka students will be performing at 12.45pm. Please let us know if your child will be able to perform by Thursday 16 April. Kapa haka students will need to meet at our school stall at 12.30pm and are asked to wear black clothing.

If you are not available to help out on the day we encourage you to come down to Forum North, buy some baking, watch our kapa haka performance and support our students. There is also plenty of other entertainment and fun family activities to see and do.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR WEEK

Just a reminder that our book fair is coming up in week 5 from 27 May-31 May with our book character dress up day on **Thursday 30 May**. Start thinking about your book character costumes now. Although the scholastics book fair theme is Enchanted Forest, students do no have to dress up to this theme. They are welcome to choose any character they would like to come as. All students dressed up will be in to win some great prizes.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School Trustee Elections are coming up. Nomination forms for 5 parent representatives along with were sent out last week. If you have not received one by post or in person please pick one up from the office. Don't forget to get your nominations forms in by the **24 May 2019**.

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.