



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Maungakaramea Whānau

Last week, all of our teachers attended the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) conference in Auckland. This year, the PB4L conference theme was "Global initiative, local design. He kaupapa o te au, he whakatairanga a-rohe." Over the 2 days, there was a large focus on how New Zealand teachers, schools, students, parents and education community are adapting and localising Positive Behaviour for Learning – Schoolwide, into kiwi schools. We heard from external professionals including our keynote speakers Nathan Wallis, Sanja MacFarlane and George Sugai, who challenged our thinking and compared our practice with those around the globe. As we are in our second year of PB4L, we are always seeking ways to improve our practice, and this conference definitely equipped us with tools and knowledge to provide the best learning space to our changing educational world.

Thank you to everyone who purchased the school uniform on time, and make sure that your children are wearing it correctly everyday. We have also been receiving a lot of positive feedback from community members about how great it is to have a uniform now and how wonderful they look. We have now implemented a new uniform policy, this can be found on School Docs link on our school website.

Don't forget to spread the word about our Open Day on Thursday 12 September. Classrooms will be open from 9am - 11am with a shared morning tea for parents from 10:30am in the staffroom.

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.

Sophia Roulston
 Principal

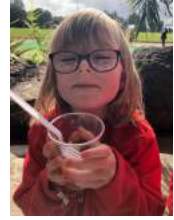
DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **Thurs 12 Sep** - BoT Meeting
- ❖ **Thurs 12 Sep** - Open Day
- ❖ **Fri 13 Sep** - Assembly
- ❖ **Tues 17 Sep - Sat 21 Sep** - Y7/8 Wellington Trip
- ❖ **Fri 27 Sep** - Last Day Term 3 / Assembly
- ❖ **Mon 14 Oct** - First Day Term 4
- ❖ **Wed 16 Oct** - BoT Meeting
- ❖ **Sun 20 Oct** - Working Bee @ MGK School
- ❖ **Fri 25 Oct** - Assembly

- ❖ **Mon 28 Oct** - Labour Day Holiday
- ❖ **Sat 2 Nov** - Country Day
- ❖ **Fri 8 Nov** - Assembly
- ❖ **Wed 20 Nov** - Athletics Day / BoT Meeting
- ❖ **Fri 22 Nov** - Athletics Day PP / Assembly
- ❖ **Fri 27 Nov** - WPSSA Y7/8 Athletics Day
- ❖ **Wed 4 Dec** - WPSSA Y4-6 Athletics Day / BoT Meeting
- ❖ **Fri 6 Dec** - Assembly
- ❖ **Thurs 12 Dec** - Reports Home
- ❖ **Fri 13 Dec** - Last Day Term 4



Team Piwakawaka loved making fruit salad as a part of their Healthy Me unit.



Last week the **Science** elective students went into Forum North to visit the Northland Schools Science Fair. When we were there, students learned and looked at Kauri Dieback through a microscope, looked at how Kauri Dieback affects Kauri trees and learned a lot more about keeping our forests safe!

We looked at all the amazing science fair boards and ideas so that we are super prepared for next year! Our students science fair boards will be available to look at in week 9 in the library. Please pop in to come see their fantastic work.



EPro8 is a team building and problem solving engineering challenges. The were based at a workstation. This workstation contained a generous variety of easy to use equipment, including aluminium extrusion, brackets, gears, pulleys, motors, axles and electronics. The equipment had been specially designed for the EPro8 Challenge. It was fun to use and allowed the students to focus on the problem solving aspects of the challenges.

The teams did well to compete and finish a variety of science and technology based challenges. There were four challenges with each challenge covering a different aspect of physics or technology. Each challenge is made of parts - some are easy and some more challenging. The more difficult challenges are worth more points.

Our year 7 team placed 4th and just ran out of time to complete their last challenge. Our year 5 and 6 team placed 5th out of 12 teams. Both teams persevered to overcome the difficulties and complete the challenges.

Pippa: It was fun and challenging. We worked together to creature a range of structures. Our goal was to make a working elevator.



Team Kereru Cross Country Recount Writing



Cross Country Eek!

By Ava

When we were going to cross country we went by bus. I sat with my friend Layla and I was by the window. As we were driving I saw the trees, the cars, and the other people that were on the bus. The bus was noisy with excitement. I was feeling nervous to run.

After a few minutes we were at the Waiotira Pony Club. It was very busy with all the kids and teachers. Miss B said to go and put our bags under the gazebo and have a little snack. I felt a little bit nervous. After a few minutes we were supposed to have a walk through of the course so that we knew where to go when we are running.

My mum came and I was very muddy. We had to go through a very muddy creek. I dove into the big puddle that was in the creek, I had to jump over a log and run through a pit! I stepped on a stick and got a piece in my foot. It hurt.

I was very tired at the end and mum had to get the stick out of my foot.

Cross Country

By Sophy

Yesterday I ran cross country. I usually hate cross country but this year I loved it so much! I got so muddy and I splashed in the water! I cried at the start because I clicked my ankle. Tyla helped me to get around the course! He is the best big brother ever! At the end I got 1 donut, 2 pies a 2 and some lollies (zombie chews).

Cross Country

By Keanu

At cross country, I was in front of everyone with Oliver. We had to jump over a big log. It was so long that some people had to climb over it. I was in front of everyone after the log.

I had to jump over a swamp. I made it over the water, it was cold. I felt sore and was all muddy. My shoe came off and I went back to get it.

When I finished, Mum and Dad left but she gave me some money. I got a zombie chew, a hotdog and a drink. The hot dog was yummy. After cross country we went back to school on the bus.

Cross Country

By Sienna

Yesterday I ran cross country and I came first! My mum thought it was boys running but it was year 2 girls! She also thought I cut a corner but I did not! We jumped over log and I went through a creek, through the mud and over a bridge. The mud went in between my toes. I was nervous but once I got started I wasn't nervous anymore. I was on the right track. I did not give up on cross country.

Mud splashed up on my legs. My mum said that I needed to be a year three and do two laps! I didn't like it at first but by the end I actually liked it. Now that I like cross country I can't wait till next year. One of the Otaika Valley kids came in second place. She did not look like a year two, but neither did I.

I was very muddy and Mum was very proud of me. She asked if I got hot in my jumper and I said no. I was puffing a lot so I had to drink all of my water and I tipped my water on my legs. I knew that the water would help the plants grow.

FUNDRAISING

Bingo Night - Many thanks to everyone who helped organise and supported our Bingo Night. It was a great success which raised just over \$3000 for our school. Funds raised will go towards our Year 7 Leadership Trip to Wellington in week 9 and new art supplies for all of our students.

Yummy Stickers - Thank you to everyone who brought in yummy fruit stickers for the Yummy Sticker competition. This competition has now closed and we look forward to hearing if we have won any sports gear for our school.

Y4-8 BARGE PARK CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to Mr Shanks and the parents who transported and supervised our students at the Barge Park Cross Country event last week. We are very proud of all our students and the efforts you put in to this tough event. Well done.

COUNTRY DAY ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS

Animal Registration online forms have been sent out today. This is also available on our school facebook page and hardcopies can be picked up from the school office. Please can all animal entries be in to school by the end of term. Unfortunately no late entries will be accepted.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder that our new school uniform consisting of a red polo tee and a red fleece jacket or black softshell jacket along with plain black bottoms are now compulsory for all students. Students may wear a black or white short or long sleeved top under their polo tee for an extra layer and/or their black KidsCan warriors jackets. They are also able to wear any type of shoes (with plain black or white socks if required). The school bucket hats are compulsory during terms one and four but can be worn at any time. These bucket hats are to be kept at school in their classrooms. If you require any uniform items please come and see Tania in the office.

MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL PSG - TEA TOWELS

The PSG would like to produce a 2019 version of the Maungakaramea School tea towel. The tea towel will feature self-portraits of all of the kids and staff at MGK School this year, and will be a great memory people can keep, or just use for the dishes! And of course, they are also an excellent, easy to post, Christmas gift for relatives. All funds raised from the sale of tea towels will go towards a new PE equipment shed for the school. The tea towels will sell for \$12 each, or two for \$20. To help us gauge how many to have printed, (if you haven't already) please visit the link below to tell us how many you think you'd like to order and what colour you would prefer (less than 1 minute to do!). <https://wrmk.typeform.com/to/eeZkhK>



WELCOMES & BIRTHDAYS

This week we welcomed Zeke to Team Piwakawaka. We hope you have enjoyed your first week at Maungakaramea School Zeke. Wishing Kurtis a big happy birthday!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Maungakaramea School Open Day** - Thursday 12 September - 9am-11am - morning tea from 10.30am. Come along and experience our wonderful rural school in the heart of Maungakaramea. Meet our team of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers and staff. All welcome! Phone 4323 804 if you have any questions.
- **Maungakaramea School Community Country Day**- Saturday 2 November 2019 - 10am-2pm - Come along to our annual Community Country Day where we will have animals, indoor exhibits, community sections, food, fun and entertainment. Put it in your diaries. This year the members of the community are able to enter an animal in the community and preschool section. If you are interested in entering an animal please complete the online registration [here](#) or pop in to the school office. All welcome!
- **Mangapai Playcentre 50th Anniversary** - Sunday 22 September - 2pm-4pm. 6 McAlister Rd, Mangapai. Reunion at Playcentre then afternoon tea at Mangapai Hall. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. mangapai@playcentre.org.nz or find us on fb.
- **Mid Western TOUCH Tournament** - Dates: Thursday 31st October - Thursday 5th December. Time: 5pm 1st round. Fee: \$10 per team per week, or \$50 for all 6 weeks, Pay Online via internet banking or cash before/at the first game. Grades: Family Grade & Mixed Grade. 7 players per team. Contact: Katrina Holder to register your team, by 24 Oct. Ph 021 028 42144
Kitchen and Bar will be OPEN from 5pm
- **Ferrum Classics** - specialising in panel beating, rust repairs, light welding, restoration. Chris Bettison 021 071 3599. ferrumclassics19@gmail.com. 959 Maungakaramea Rd, RD 8, Whangarei.
- **Maungakaramea Cricket** is having its junior rally day on Thursday 26th September at the Maungakaramea domain at 4.00pm. For the very little interested players we will discuss whether we enter a team into the competition or just have a fun Friday night session for them for one hour on a Friday at Maungakaramea where they can learn some skills and play some fun games. If you can't make the rally and your child is interested in playing please let Emma know and also for more information please contact Emma on 021 456 907. We look forward to seeing you all there!