



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Maungakaramea Whānau

I hope you had an amazing long weekend and enjoyed the taste of summer that the winterless North gifted us with.

Our students and teachers have been working hard this week to construct wonderful Country Day treasures. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and grandparents who organised supplies to send along to this student led week. Please remember, you are not allowed into classrooms after school on Friday to view what your child has created, you must wait until our Country Day on Saturday.

Last week, our students were very lucky to have the opportunity to be visited by seven PHD students from Auckland University of Technology. The AUT team worked on a range of different science experiments with the students throughout the day. They had a great time making bottle rockets, looking at light and holograms, using static electricity and forces to make power, as well as looking at how hot and cold can shrink and expand different items. The students loved watching the AUT Crew play with liquid nitrogen and fruit! Thank you AUT, it was a fantastic day had by all.

As we move closer to the summer days, and as everyone is feeling a little tired, attendance often seems to slip. When students are well, it is important that they are at school, on time to make the most of their education. Research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. An 80% mark in many aspects of life may be good, but 80% attendance through four years of school equal a full school year lost. Not only is it important to attend school, but it is important to arrive on time, ready to start learning by 9am. Being five minutes late every day adds up to three days lost each year! Being on time means your child is not missing out on valuable learning and information from the teacher and time with their friends.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on preparing the Country Day. We look forward to spending the day with you on Saturday, showcasing our wonderful school, talented students and supportive community.

Ngā mihi nui

Sophia Roulston
Principal

WELCOMES

A big warm welcome to April McNeill who started at Maungakarema School this week in Piwakawaka.

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to last week's certificate recipients, Samantha, Layla, Jaxon, Jeremy, Pippa, Paige M and Zeke. Well done on all of your efforts.



CLASSES FOR 2020

Our teaching staff and classes for next year are:

- Piwakawaka** - Sara Abraham - Year 1
- Pukeko** - Leanne Lonergan and Sophia Roulston - Year 2
- Kereru** - Trudi Bertie - Years 3 - 5
- Korimako** - Hanz Shanks - Years 6 - 8

BOT MEMBER PROFILE - DAVID HEAPPEY

My name is David Heappey. I was born and raised in Maungakarema and love living here. My wife Kellie and I are Dairy Farmers, we have been working together for 10 years and have a real commitment to growing our business. My son Henry 5 attends Maungakarema Primary - he started school at the beginning of this year. Charlie my youngest son is 2 and attends Portland Kindergarten. I am passionate about the community and love to lend a hand and help where I can. In my spare time you'll find me either playing Cricket, spending time with my family or doing some sort of DIY project.



BIRTHDAYS

Wishing April, Jamie G & Quin L a huge happy birthday!!

COUNTRY DAY

Helpers Needed - If you are available on Saturday to help out with any of the activities please pop in to the school office and let us know as we will be able to place you somewhere. Thank you.

Community Entries - Don't forget to enter the Community section for Best homemade pickled onions, sweet preserve, savoury preserve, homegrown single bloom or decorated cake at this year's Country Day. You can enter online <https://forms.gle/KwGk7h1Y5Z42CMme8>. Entries to be dropped off at the MGK School office on Friday 1 November between 8am and 4pm. (Cakes and homegrown blooms can be dropped off at the office on Saturday 2 November before 9.30am). For more info please phone the office on 4323804.

Market Stall Bookings - To book a stall site please contact Emma or Mel at psg@mgk.school.nz. Stalls cost \$10. Please bring your own table/gazebo.

MAUNGAKAREMA SCHOOL PSG - TEA TOWELS

The PSG are producing a 2019 Maungakarema 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 (less than 1 minute to do!). <https://wrmk.typeform.com/to/eeZkhK>



YUMMY STICKER COMPETITION

The results are in and we have won \$60 worth of new sports equipment for our school. Thank you to everyone who brought their yummy stickers in to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please remember to send back your school photo order forms by 5 November. There are spare order forms available from the school office.

BELLBIRD FILM SCREENING

If you are interested in coming along to the private screening of locally made film Bellbird please contact the school office to put your name down for tickets. Koha welcome at the school office or on the night. Wednesday 6 November, 6.30pm sharp, Event Cinemas Whangarei. Rated M.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2 Nov - Country Day 10am	11 Nov - Y7/8 tech starts
5 Nov - Photo orders due	14 Nov - Community Consultation / Music
6 Nov - School photos/Bellbird screening 6.30pm	19 Nov - Athletics Day
7 Nov - Calf Club Central Day / Music lessons	20 Nov - BoT Meeting / Watersafe
8 Nov - Assembly	21 Nov - Music
	22 Nov - Athletics PP

Piwakawaka

Acrostic Poems

Piwakawaka have had a focus on Poetry writing this term. We have been learning how to write Acrostic Poems about ourselves - writing sentences beginning with the first letter of our names.

Terrific at riding bikes
Awesome at rugby
Nice to Hamish
Eating yummy lollies

Terrific at writing
Yes I am helpful
Laughing all the time
Excited about lego building
Reading really well

Wind blows in my hair
Ice cream is my favourite
Nana is my cat's name
Never be mean
I'm a princess
Excellent at climbing

Pinky-pie and toy sparkles
Are my favourite toys
I love my little ponies
Great at sharing stories
Enjoys eating delicious food

Pretty princess that loves cats
Excellent at reading
Yoghurt is delicious
Tomato sauce is yummy
Oranges make a good snack
November is not my birthday

PIWAKAWAKA

'KANDINSKY' INSPIRED

TREE ART

We have been exploring using warm and cool colours.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Cleaner Required**

Monday to Friday school term time - 2 hours per day (before or after school) plus school holidays. Must be reliable, honest and efficient. Experience preferred. If you require more details or are interested in applying, please contact the Principal, Sophia Roulston at Maungakaramea School. Ph: 09 4323804 or email principal@mgk.school.nz. Applications close: 1 November 2019.

- **Caretaker Position**

Maungakaramea School has a part time position as school caretaker. We require someone who is experienced in maintaining buildings and grounds. This position is for 8 hours per week, including school holidays. We are looking for a reliable, energetic Caretaker for our school. The position involves carrying out a wide range of duties to help us ensure that our school is maintained as a clean, safe and secure environment. The successful applicant will be required to identify hazards and address building and ground maintenance. You will be responsible for carrying out and recording Building Warrant checks. You will be responsible for lawn mowing, weed removal, garden maintenance and pool maintenance. This position requires a proactive, reliable person who is able to work alongside staff and pupils in a busy school environment. The successful candidate will have a clean police record, full driver's license, good health, excellent time management skills, flexibility and a willingness to learn and have basic handyman skills to carry out repairs and maintenance. If you require more details or are interested in applying, please contact the Principal, Sophia Roulston at Maungakaramea School. Phone 09 4323804 or email principal@mgk.school.nz. Applications close 1 November 2019.

- **DO YOU MAKE THE BEST HOMEMADE PICKLED ONIONS, RELISH OR JAM IN MAUNGAKARAMEA?** If you think you do, enter the Maungakaramea School Country Day Community sections for BEST PRESERVE competition which will be judged by the public on Saturday 2 November at the MGK School Country Day. We will also be running a BEST HOMEGROWN SINGLE BLOOM and DECORATED CAKE competition. Online entries welcome by completing the form here: <https://forms.gle/KwGk7h1Y5Z42CMme8> or entering on the day. Entries can be dropped off at the MGK School office on Friday 1 November between 8am and 4pm. (Cakes & blooms can be dropped off at the office on Saturday morning before 9.30am). Anyone welcome to enter. For more info or if you would like please phone the school office on 4323804.

- **Maungakaramea School Country Day Market Stalls**

- To book a stall at this year's Country Day for \$10, please contact Emma or Mel psg@mgk.school.nz or phone the school office on 09 4323804.

- **Bellbird Movie Screening** - 6 November, 6.30pm, Event Cinemas Whangarei. Limited tickets for a koha. First in, first served. MGK School 4323804.

- **Mangapai Hall Kids Market**- Sunday 3 November - Toys and clothes sale. Hey kids, come and sell your old toys, clothes and games at the Mangapai Hall Market. There will be food, music and face painting. Sunday 3 November, 9am-12pm. Phone Delphine to book a stall, it's only \$3 per meter of space for kids! 022 671 6143
- **Fireworks Night run by the Maungakaramea Fire Brigade.** Starts 6pm. Grab the family and head down to the vacant section next to the turf. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on. The sports club next door will be open for refreshments, meals and takeaways, but there will also be a sausage sizzle run by the Fire Brigade. Rides, firework displays, bonfire and lolly scramble for the kids. The night will be supervised by the fire brigade members but please remember to supervise your own children. All welcome. No charge.
- **Mid Western TOUCH Tournament** - Thursdays from 31/10-5/12 - 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. 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
- **Whangarei Lions Club Fireworks Spectacular with Music** - Great family night out. Saturday 2 November. Gates open 6pm. Semenoff Stadium. Reserve day Sunday 3 November. No alcohol or fireworks allowed on grounds. All proceeds go to local Northland charities. Awesome entertainment. Tickets: Cash/Eftpos only. \$5 school children, \$10 single, \$25 family (2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult, 3 children).
- **Friday night SOCIAL twilight netball** starting 8th November at the turf at MGK. \$20 per team, 5 rounds so \$100 per team. If you would like to enter a team or have any questions, leave a comment or flick me a text on 0272492036. There will be no more than two rounds so there will only be space for 8 teams. Also, if you are capable of umpiring let me know as you will be paid.
- **Kiwi North** - Saturday 2nd NOV 2019 10:00-15:00 -Pacific Voyaging Education & Stardome · Hosted by Tuia250 ki Tai tokerau and Tuia 250 - Mass Haka Pōwhiri - Kai - Live Entertainment · Hosted by Tuia250 ki Tai tokerau and 4 others - Sat 2 Nov from 10:00-11:30 - Hihiaua Cultural Centre, 56-58 Herekino St - Free. Learn about Pacific voyaging with experienced navigators & the crew of the Tuia 250 flotilla. Beneath the stunning Stardome, gain instruction about the practice of celestial navigation – the art & science of finding your way by the sun, moon, stars and planets. Learn about one of the oldest practices in human history, a technique used by the earliest voyagers who journeyed from Hawaiki to navigate across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, the Pacific Ocean, to Aotearoa. A haka pōwhiri for the flotilla will be hosted at the Hihiaua Cultural Centre.



Community **COUNTRY DAY**

Maungakaramea Primary School
Saturday 2 November
10am - 2pm

GOATS, LAMBS AND PETS AUCTIONS
ICE CREAM AND DRINKS BAKING SAUSAGE SIZZLE PRIZES
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FAMILY FUN

Market stalls available - book today!

PET COMPETITIONS HELD FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN,
SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

**Community competitions for best sweet preserve, best
savoury preserve, best bloom, best pickled onion and best
decorated cake.**

PLEASE CONTACT MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS
AND ENTRY FORMS (09) 432 3804 OFFICE@MGK.SCHOOL.NZ