



### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Dear Maungakaramea Whānau

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Country Day last Saturday. It was such an amazing day filled with lots of animals, laughter, beautiful sunshine and a few soaking wet staff members! Once again, throughout the day I was receiving lots of positive feedback about how well the event was run, the great food and activities on offer, the quality of animals and the happy and welcoming vibe that our school consistently provides. Thank you so much to everyone who made this event possible, our families, staff and community are truly amazing. I would especially like to thank our incredible Parent Support Group, I can't thank you enough for the time and effort that you put into this event.

I would like to warmly welcome two new staff members to MGK School. Jarrad Pook, who is coming on as our new caretaker, and Jacqueline Brighthouse who is our new cleaner. We are excited to have you both join our team! We look forward to sharing more information with you about Jarrad and Jacqueline in the upcoming newsletters.

In term 4, school hats are compulsory for all students. Please make sure that your child has a school hat to wear everyday. If your child does not have one, they are available for purchase from the school office.

Our annual Athletics Sports is being held this Tuesday 19 November (pp. 22 November). The teachers are all teaching their

classes run, jump and throw techniques to prepare our students for the competition. If you are able to help out on the day on either the BBQ, selling food inside or on one of the rotations, please let Tania know.

Please remember, our school hours are 9am - 3pm. Although, staff are often at school quite early, we are not able to provide supervision to students before 8:15am. At the end of the day, it is important that parents are at school as close to 3pm as possible. If you are running late and you need us to keep an eye on your child until you arrive, please don't hesitate to let us know. For safety reasons, if students are unaccompanied onsite after 3:15pm, we will need to book them into our OSCAR Club and send you an invoice for their attendance.

Thank you to the families who were able to make it to our Community Consultation. It is important that you share your thoughts and ideas on your child's education. We will look closely at the feedback, using it to guide the successful future direction of our school.

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.

Kind regards

Sophia Roulston  
Principal

## COUNTRY DAY 2019

A huge thank you to everyone that made our Country Day so great. This year we are pleased to let you know the PSG raised over \$3,000.



**Congratulations to all our prizewinners and well done to all the participants. Here are the results from the day.....**

### Indoor Exhibits

**Junior**  
**1st place - Maungakaramea Garage Trophy winner: Quinn Le Breton**  
**Runner up: Sam Gillette**  
**3rd place: Lewis Fedarb**

**Senior**  
**1st place - Indoor Show Cup winners: Layla Graham and Petra McGough**  
**Runner up: Kurtis Ryder**  
**3rd place: Pippa Ryder**

### Pets

**Junior**  
**1st place: Fynn**  
**2nd place: Jaxon H**

**Senior**  
**1st place: Elise**

**Community Preschool**  
**1st place: Rowan**

**Community Adult**  
**1st place: Miss B**

**Champion Pet: Fynn Rosandich**  
**Reserve Champion Pet: Jaxon Hurley**  
**Community Champion Pet: Trudi Bertie**

### Goats

**Calling**  
**Junior - 1st: Hayley**  
**Senior 1st: Petra**  
**2nd: Hamish**  
**Preschool: 1st: Matilda**

**Leading**  
**Junior - 1st: Hayley**  
**Senior 1st: Petra**  
**2nd: Hamish**  
**Preschool - 1st: Matilda**  
**2nd: Millie**

**Rearing**  
**Junior - 1st: Hayley**  
**Senior 1st: Hamish**  
**2nd: Petra**  
**Preschool: 1st: Matilda**

**Champion Goat - Twin Coast Helicopters Cup winner: Petra McGough**  
**Reserve Champion Goat: Hamish Twaddle**

### Lambs

**Calling**  
**Junior - 1st: Peyton**  
**2nd: Grace**  
**3rd: Charlie**  
  
**Senior 1st: Paige**  
**2nd: Nicholas**  
**3rd: Pippa**  
**4th: Hamish**

**Leading**  
**Junior - 1st place: Peyton**  
**2nd: Hayley**  
**3rd: Michaela**  
**4th: Fergus**  
  
**Senior 1st: Nicholas**  
**2nd: Paige**  
**3rd: Pippa**  
**4th: Hamish**

**Rearing**  
**Junior - 1st: Peyton**  
**2nd: Fergus**  
**3rd: Hayley**  
**4th: Grace**  
  
**Senior 1st: Hamish**  
**2nd: Nicholas**  
**3rd: Pippa**  
**4th: Paige**

**Preschool - 1st: Willow**  
**2nd: Luka**  
**Adult - 1st: Emily**

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**2nd: Luka**  
**Adult - 1st: Emily**

**Preschool - 1st: Luka**  
**2nd: Willow**  
**Adult - 1st: Emily**

**Champion Lamb - Shayne O'Shea Award winner: Peyton Barrett**  
**Reserve Champion Lamb: Nicholas Merry**  
**Best First Year Lamb - Winner of Codlin Trophy Cup: Peyton Barrett**  
**Community Champion Lamb: Emily Merry**

### Calves (Virtual)

**Leading**  
**Junior - 1st place: Henry**

**Rearing**  
**Junior - 1st place: Henry**

**Breed Type**  
**Junior - 1st place: Henry**

**Champion Calf - Winner of Dennis Deeming Family Trophy: Henry Heapey**  
**Best Breed - Winner of AW Telfer Shield: Henry Heapey**  
**Best First Year Calf - Winner of Hudson Trophy: Henry Heapey**



We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their **amazing** support at our Country Day!



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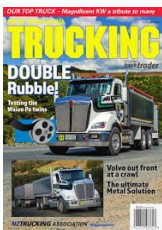
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Maungakarama School PSG, staff & their families, students & their families and the local community!

## Kereru Writing

### Country Day!

By Ava

On Saturday it was Country day. My mum, dad and nana took me to Country Day. First we went inside to see my work. When I saw my fairy garden I was so surprised! I had won first place! I was very excited about that. Then I showed everyone my recyclable creation, pinecone critter, flower design and roadside arrangement. Then we looked at my calendar art and photo!

When we had finished inside, I watched Jaxon dunk Miss B! It was funny. We then looked at stalls and I got a chocolate cupcake, it had a cocoa rose on top! Then I got my face painted. I was a fairy butterfly.

After Country Day we went into town for lunch.

### Country day!

By Paige T

On Saturday I competed with my lamb Poppy. We did really well! We came first in calling, second in leading and forth in rearing. Poppy is so so cute! The good thing about Poppy is she is warm and resistant to Barbis Pole, which is a blood sucking worm in the tummy!

It was funny watching the water dump with 'dunk the staff member'! Mr Shanks, Miss B, Miss Roulston and Tania were soaked! It was hilarious! Miss B was shivering at the end of the dunking! I felt sorry for her because she was so, so cold!

The bouncy castle was really fun! I got an all day pass so I could go on without having to buy a ticket every time. We played tag on the bouncy castle and I was never in because I was very fast at getting up the slide! It was very wet because people went on the water slide and then jumped on the climbing wall.

I loved Country Day!

### Country Day!

By Sienna

When I got to Country Day I got Charlotte out of the car and Mum tied her up. She is my pet lamb and we were going to compete in the lamb section of calf club! I ran away from her and when I ran away she tried to follow me. She couldn't because she was tied tightly to the tree.

For a while I untied Charlotte from the tree and went around the ring. I was feeling nervous with all the people watching me. I led her around and after that I had to call her, she ran right past me.

After I had finished everything I went to get my face painted and go on the bouncy castle.

### Country Day

By Terangi

On Country Day I saw Miss B get dunked! It was funny. Mum had to be dunked as well, I wanted to get her wet so I kept my ticket to throw at Mum's dunking station. Mum got dunked so many times by people! It was funny.

I heard people playing on the bouncy castle and I smelled the sausages cooking in the sausage sizzle! Mum bought me a piece of cake and it tasted delicious!

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### CENTRAL CALF CLUB DAY

Well done to all of our students who attended Central Calf Club Day at Barge Park last week. Scott received the Jean Tito Trophy Shield for the Saddest Story after losing his lamb the day before Country Day. A big congratulations to Paige T for getting the prize for Reserve Champion lamb and winning ribbons for all sections.



## 2019 TEA TOWELS - ORDER NOW

Our 2019 tea towels are now in production - pre-order now! The tea towel features 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.

\$12 each, or two for \$20.

Please return your order form to the office ASAP. Payment can be made at the office (cash or EFTPOS) or deposit by internet banking 12-3099-0712289-00. Tea towels will be available for collection Week 6 or 7 of term.

## BOT MEMBER PROFILE - BEKKI FEDARB (Secretary)

Hi, I'm Bekki, and I live in Maungakaramea with my husband Craig, and our two kids, Lewis and Milly. We've been in this awesome little community for the last 8 years, and in Whangarei since 2009. I'm originally from Oxford, UK, and have also lived in Coventry where I met Craig.



I've worked at NorthTec and the DHB in management and administration roles, but am currently enjoying a break from work.

I enjoy being part of the school community, contributing to the Parents Support Group, and more recently in my appointment as Secretary to the Board.

I also serve on the committee of Whangarei Parents Centre, holding the role of membership officer and helping with fundraising events.

In my spare time I love getting outdoors for a run or a walk, spending time with the family, or having new adventures.

## ATHLETICS DAY HELPERS NEEDED

We need the help of any parents or grandparents who can come along to our interschools athletics day next Tuesday and lend a hand selling food, cooking sausages or supervising with the junior events. If you can help please contact Tania in the office. Thanks.

## TROPHIES

Please can all Country Day trophies be returned to school by Monday 18 November to be sent away for engraving. Thank you.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS

Happy Birthday to Quinn W, Sam and Curti who have birthdays coming up. We hope you all enjoy your day.

## SWIMMING AND POOL KEY

The school swimming pool is now officially open with the first lot of students jumping in last week. We will be selling pool keys for the summer season for \$70. Discounted price for families willing to be on the roster to maintain the pool over the holidays. Pool keys will be available to purchase from the school office from Monday 18 November.



## CALENDAR ART FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased calendar art items through school last week, we raised \$375. Funds raised through calendar art sales will go towards student school values resources. Orders have been sent off and are now in production and will be ready before the end of term.

## BELLBIRD FILM SCREENING

We were lucky to get the opportunity to host a private screening of locally made film Bellbird last week at Event Cinemas. The film that was directed by Hamish Bennett (ex MGK School teacher) is a heartwarming drama/comedy set in rural NZ and we highly recommend getting to the cinemas to see it. Thank you to the Bellbird team for allowing us to bring this film to our local community and thank you to Whittackers for supplying the treats. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the film and the school. Kohas received totalled just over \$1,000. Funds received will go towards our 2020 school camp.





## THANK YOU

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the **Maungakaremea Saleyards** for their donation towards a new sound system for our school. We were able to use this for the first time at Country Day! We are very grateful for the local support. Thank you.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>18 Nov</b> - Pool keys available / Y7 tech classes	<b>4 Dec</b> - Watersafe/BoT meeting/WPPSA Y4-6 athletics
<b>19 Nov</b> - Athletics Day	<b>5 Dec</b> - Music
<b>20 Nov</b> - BoT Meeting / Watersafe	<b>6 Dec</b> - Assembly
<b>21 Nov</b> - Music	<b>9 Dec</b> - Y7 tech classes
<b>22 Nov</b> - Athletics PP/Assembly	<b>10 Dec</b> - End of year concert whole school dress rehearsal
<b>25 Nov</b> - Y7 tech classes	<b>11 Dec</b> - Watersafe
<b>27 Nov</b> - WPSSA Y7 Athletics	<b>12 Dec</b> - Prizegiving/End of year concert
<b>28 Nov</b> - Music	<b>13 Dec</b> - Last day of school
<b>29 Nov</b> - Hotdog Day	12o'clock finish
<b>2 Dec</b> - Y7 tech classes	

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ❖ **Maungakaremea School Community Country Day Entry Results:**

Thank you and congratulations to all our community members who participated in the community entries section of our Country Day. Congratulations to the winners of *Maungakaremea's Best.....*

#### Savoury Preserve:

**1st:** Kate Smith **2nd:** Jenny Ryder **3rd=:** Sarah Ata & Melanie Pook

#### Sweet Preserve:

**1st:** Jenny Ryder **2nd:** Melanie Pook **3rd:** Jenny Ryder

#### Pickled Onions:

**1st:** Jenny Ryder **2nd:** Judith Gibson **3rd:** Jenny Ryder

#### Decorated Cake - Adult:

**1st:** Jen Sephton **2nd:** Aimee Moore **3rd:** Nicole Mokaraka

#### Decorated Cake - Juniors:

**1st:** Tyler Tomich **2nd:** Hayley Twaddle **3rd:** Quinn Le Breton

#### Decorated Cake - Seniors:

**1st:** Hamish Twaddle **2nd:** Jasper King  
**3rd:** Isabella Manney-McConnell

- ❖ **Maungakaremea Croquet Club** - Club Days are Tuesdays and Saturdays starting at 9:30am. Parents and children welcome. All that is needed are flat soled shoes. Contact: John or Wendy Schollum 4323091 or 0211208301.

- ❖ **Student Exchange** - Welcome a new family member into your home - host families needed in 2020 - experience a foreign culture firsthand - be exposed to a new language at home - rediscover and share the beauty of Australia - develop friendships that last a lifetime. Students arrive in January, May and July and stay for 3, 5 or 10 months. All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today 0800 440 079 or [info@studentexchange.org.nz](mailto:info@studentexchange.org.nz). [www.studentexchange.org.nz/hosting](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz/hosting).

- ❖ **XMAS TWILIGHT MARKET, Mangapai Community Hall** - Friday 6 December, 5-8pm, xmas arts, crafts, presents, fresh local produce, bargains, stuff, food, entertainment Book a space, call Delphine 022 6716143.

- ❖ **Kiwi North's Summer Events Programme** - Opens 13 December 2019 "Inside Out" Summer Exhibition. Starts 20 December 2019 School Holidays - 26 January 2020 Medieval Madness - 23 February 2020 Crank Up Day - 14/15 March 2020 Rock Mineral Show - 12 April 2020 Story Book Easter Sunday. [www.kiwinorth.co.nz](http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz).

- ❖ **Cricket - NZ XI v England at Cobham Oval in Whangarei** - Don't miss out on the Cricket action between England and the NZXI. Come and see England's world cup winning stars in action at Cobham Oval on November 12/13 and November 15/16/17. Ben Stokes, Joe Root, Jofra Archer, Jos Buttler and Stuart Broad, to name but a few, will be playing a NZ XI and looking to light up Cobham Oval. FREE entry, so bring the whole family for a great day out in Whangarei!

- ❖ **Host families wanted** - Introduce another country into your home - host a STS student in January. Niklas from Sweden - Niklas is here for a year long exchange. Matheo from France - Matheo is here for a semester length exchange. Contact us for more details or to apply to become a host family today! [www.sts.eu/en-nz/hostfamily/](http://www.sts.eu/en-nz/hostfamily/). 0800 991 991.

- ❖ **Market at the Maungakaremea Hall 16 November 2019** - Saturday at 10 AM – 2 PM - It's nearly xmas folks so come on down to our market this month. We have lots of crafts and bits and pieces for those xmas stockings. We will also have produce, preserves, jams, chutneys, sauces, plants, books, glassware, china, bric a brac, clothing, toys, baby clothes and knitting and more.

David Huffman will be there with his beautiful pottery If you would like to have a stall, inside or out, phone Julie on 021 323573 to book. \$10 per table (provided)

- ❖ **Parent Help for parent and family support** - free parenting helpline - all issues - all ages - [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz) - 0800 568 856



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