



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Maungakaremea Whānau

Welcome to another exciting year full of new learning opportunities, exciting adventures and continual growth!

A special welcome to our 8 new students and their families, we hope that you are settling in well to our community and school. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest team member, Mrs Leanne Lonergan. Leanne has already immersed herself in MGK school life, making the most of every opportunity to get to know all of our incredible students and learning about the amazing opportunities we have on offer at our school. Leanne, we are thrilled to have you as a part of our teaching team!

The teachers worked hard over the holiday break to ensure that the year ahead will provide a range of opportunities to grow and extend your children's academic levels. In January, all teachers and support staff members also attended 'Understanding behaviour and responding safely' professional development with the Ministry of Education. During this professional development, we enhanced our skills to ensure that we are providing a safe space for our students where their social and emotional needs are protected, nurtured and developed in a safe space.

Thank you to everyone who came to our goal setting interviews last week. Please don't forget, you are able to book in and meet with your child's teacher any time throughout the year. It is important to have a strong home/school partnership as we are all striving for a common goal, to provide the best education for your children.

Last but not least, I would like to wish our wonderful Miss B a massive congratulations on becoming MRS B! Trudi, you were such a stunning bride and we know that you and Grady share a love that will last a lifetime.

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



SCHOOL NOTICES



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Once a fortnight our school newsletter will go home via email and in hard copy for those who prefer this option. It will also be posted on the

school facebook page
www.facebook.com/maungakaremeaprimarieschool, our school website www.maungakaremea.school.nz, School App, SKOOL LOOP and will be available in hard copy at the Maungakaremea Service Station. If you have any questions please contact the school via phone 4323-804 or email office@mgk.school.nz. If you have any questions or want

information about school events, please contact the school directly through either your child's teacher or the office. We do have staff who are active members in our community, but we ask you to respect their family time. Please contact the school if you have any questions about school organisation or other issues. NB: If you have changed your phone, email contact or address please make sure you update the school office.

MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL APP Once downloaded the school app ensures you can do quick and easy absentee updates, sign permission forms and get regular notices, newsletters and alerts relating to your child and upcoming events. Download "SKOOL LOOP" via Apple or Android app store; open the app and search for Maungakaramea School. Click on the link to download the app <https://www.skoolloop.com/>.

SCHOOL TIMES Our school day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. Pupils should not be at school before 8.15am. If they are being dropped off before 8.15am, please be aware that while there is staff present, they will not be directly supervised. It is important that pupils are at school before 9.00am so they do not miss roll call and the organisational information for their day. Teaching Times are: 9.00am - 10.30am 11.00am - 12.40pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

SCHOOL DONATION SCHEME The Board has opted in to the government donation scheme therefore in lieu of asking families for school donations, we receive \$150 per child. If the school opts in to the donations scheme, the board of trustees cannot ask you to make a donation unless it is for a school camp. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp if it is part of the school's core curriculum. Anyone can choose to make a donation to the school at any time. GST is not payable. Donation tax credits can be claimed. For more information please visit:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/>.

SWIMMING Swimming is part of the school curriculum therefore you need to ensure your child is prepared with swimming gear each day. If you would like your child to be excused from swimming please send along a note to the classroom teacher.

SWIMMING SPORTS We are hosting Waitotira School at our swimming sports next week on Tuesday 25 February. Postponement date will be Friday 28 February. Start time will be 10.30am. Sausages and drinks will be for sale on the day with orders needing to be placed by today. Costs will be \$2 for sausages and \$1.50 for drinks. If you are able to assist on the day please let your child's teacher or the office know. A notice has been sent home with a timetable. If you need a copy of this please pick one up from the school office.

POOL KEYS Pool key holders are able to continue using the pool after school from 3.30pm and during the weekends now that school has begun. The pool will remain available until the end of the term one holidays and keys will need to be returned to school in week one of term two.

NETBALL Students interested in playing Saturday netball need to complete the online form below so that we can organise school teams. We do need parent support for coaching and managing teams so please put your name forward if you're interested. Intermediate netball begins Saturday 28 March for grading. Junior Y3-6 netball is Saturday 2 May, with

Y1-2 Thursday 30 April. Please register your interest here: <https://forms.gle/ngMx4kBsKLdhk6pm8>.

REMINDERS HATS - Please ensure your child has a school bucket hat at school. These are required to play outside and for afternoon sports activities. If they do not have a hat they must play in the shaded areas during break times. We would appreciate hats being named and kept in the classroom so each student knows where to find them. Hats are available to purchase as part of the uniform from the school office for \$15.50. **SCHOOL ACCOUNT DETAILS** - 12 3099 0577638 00; **OSCAR ACCOUNT DETAILS** - 12 3099 0577638 01. **WHEELS DAY** - Students are able to bring their bikes, skates, scooters, rollerblades or skateboards to school to use during break times. There are designated areas for using their 'wheels' and a helmet must be worn at all times. Please remind your children to be respectful of others when riding their wheels, this includes keeping a clear path for parents at drop off time. **TOYS AT SCHOOL** - It is really important that students are not bringing toys to school. This has been causing problems and looking at specific behaviour incidents, this is often the starting point. If any children bring any type of toy to school, it will be put in the office until the end of the day.

OSCAR CLUB - AFTER SCHOOL AND BEFORE SCHOOL CARE Our OSCAR Club is available again this year for before and after school care. Before school care will run from 7.30am-8.15am weekdays and after-school care is available from 3pm-5.30pm weekdays. For a list of fees please contact the school office.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2020

PRINCIPAL - Mrs Sophia Roulston

Y1 TEACHER - Mrs Sara Abraham

Y2 TEACHERS - Mrs Leanne Lonergan / Mrs Sophia Roulston

Y3-5 TEACHER - Mrs Trudi Bertie

Y6-8 TEACHER - Mr Hanz Shanks

ADMINISTRATION STAFF - Tania Gardner

SUPPORT STAFF (TEACHER AIDES)-Jane Anderson, Barb Mose

CARETAKER / PROPERTY - Jarrad Pook

CLEANING - Jay Brighthouse

OSCAR CLUB BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - Lyn Dickinson and Barb Mose

UNIFORMS Our school uniform is compulsory and must be worn correctly each day. This consists of a Maungakaramea School polo shirt, fleece jacket or black softshell jacket and any black bottoms, a school bucket hat (compulsory during terms 1 and 4) and any shoes (with plain black or white socks if required). Students may also wear a plain black or white top underneath their polo shirt as an extra layer in colder months. A school sports t-shirt is to be worn with black shorts for any sports events during the year.

END OF DAY PICK UP Please ensure your child knows where they are to go at the end of each school day. If there are any changes to their usual end of day pick up or transport please let the school know at your earliest convenience.

BREAKFAST CLUB We need parent volunteers for the breakfast club. Supported by Sanitarium, Anchor and KidsCan the school is supplied with milk, weetbix and fruit. We need volunteers to supervise students at breakfast club from 8.30am-8.45am Monday to Friday. If you have any spare time to help out in the mornings, please contact the school office.

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS A big happy birthday to Daniella, Amelia, Luke and Cooper who have celebrated birthdays recently. We hope you all enjoyed your special days.

Y7/8 WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE We are excited to be the first primary school in Northland to run the William Pike Challenge. Throughout the year, our students in Years 7/8 will complete a range of outdoor pursuits, community service hours and a passion project. We look forward to helping our senior students grow as leaders and make the most of this opportunity. Find out all about it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVT7yJ0UV6o&fbclid=AR2DwnE6kTtR_h6eNKIsunC5FA8XRpAnE4gVWW9WwRRRB_UbTFGJMuKaFHco.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - NEW CHANGES You will have seen that our school lunches have had some changes made this term. On Wednesdays we will have the school menu available to purchase. This includes hot food, baked goods, popcorn and juices. To order, you will need to send money along to school in an envelope with your child's name and order details. This is then to be placed into the lunch order box at the office by 9am. Lunches will be distributed at lunchtime. Payment can also be made by eftpos and online into the school account. On Fridays we will have Raw Cakes and Sushi available to purchase online at lunchonline.co.nz. You will need to register online at lunchonline.co.nz, add your child's name and class, make payment and place order. Orders must be in by 8am on a Friday morning and will be delivered at lunchtime.

MUSIC LESSONS Lyn Moase is back this year teaching ukulele and guitar at school to students who are keen to learn. Lessons will be every Thursday before, during and after lunch. Ukulele is \$5 per lesson, guitar is \$15 per lesson. Payments are to be made directly to Lyn. 021 297 9437.

SCHOOL CAMP Our school camp is coming up in March with Korimako students at camp from Tuesday 10th March - Friday 13th March, Pukeko and Kereru students at camp from Wednesday 11th March - Friday 13th March and Piwakawaka students at camp from Thursday 12 March - Friday 13 March. Permission slips are now due back to school. If you have not returned your child's permission slip, please do this asap. We have started fundraising for this therefore any families that have already paid the original costs for camp will be credited any amounts due once the final figures have been calculated. A gear list has also been sent home but if you require another, you can pick one up from the school office.

CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS If you have any concerns or you are not happy about something, please talk with your child's teacher (if it is classroom related) or the principal. It is important that we sort out issues early. Where problems have not been solved by talking with the teacher or principal you can write to the Board of Trustees.

AGRIKIDS 2020 On Saturday 1 February a few of our students took part in the Agrikids Competition held at the Paparoa A&P Show. Teams competed in a series of modules before the top seven teams out of 15 headed into 'The Race Off'. Here they went head-to-head and completed a series of challenges in a time and points race. Although our students did not place in the top three, one of our students Pippa Ryder, did take out the prize for Agri Kids Competitor of the day, judged on enthusiasm, teamwork and positivity. Well done Pippa!



SCHOOL AWARDS AND WELCOMES Congratulations to last week's award winners, Paige M, April, Grace, Kurtis, Skye and Kaea. An awesome start to the year! A huge welcome back to Lily, Spencer and Stevie and we would also like to welcome our new students, Lizzy, Eli, Daniela, Shakyla and Amelia. We know you will have a fabulous year!



FOOD AND RUBBISH Students need to bring morning tea and lunch each day. This is eaten in the outdoor area with a duty teacher, and all rubbish is returned to their lunch box or a bag to go home again.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE The public health nurse service is available for health assessments, or consultations by arranged appointments. This year our health nurse is Kimberley Keeble. Her contact details are: 021 579 380, (09) 431 8576 or Kimberley.Keeble@northlanddhhb.govt.nz.

BOT MEETINGS Our first Board of Trustees meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday 26 February. The Board parent representatives are: Luana Misa, Steve Xue, Jessie Manney, Kelly Campbell, David Heapey and Rebecca Fedarb. Staff Board members are Sophia Roulston and Trudi Bertie.

Y7/8 TECHNOLOGY Y7/8 students have a 2 hour technology curriculum session at TAS once a week on a Friday. Students will need to be at school by 8.30am on Fridays as they will be travelling to and from school by bus which will pick them up from outside of school. This is a normal school day so they need to wear uniform and covered shoes for safety; they are not allowed to take cell phones or electronic gear. They are also to take a pen along too. There will be a charge by Tauraroa Area School for the year which will be sent home with students.

ATTENDANCE Please contact the school office by phone, email or through the School App before 9am if children are absent. Children marked as absent are followed up by a text or phone call home. Sometimes children arriving late miss roll call and the office is not always informed. They are asked to go to the school office if they are late to school.

PARKING LINES NEEDED / PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL If anyone is able to paint our no parking lines/area in front of school which has faded please contact the school office. Also, please be reminded that if you are dropping off or picking up your children, please ensure you are not parking to the left of the sharing shed in front of the school gate as we need this area clear to enable full visibility of students arriving and leaving school. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ Tues 25 Feb - Swimming sports
- ★ Wed 26 Feb - BoT meeting
- ★ Wednesdays - School lunch order day
- ★ Thursdays - Music lessons / Assembly
- ★ Fri 28 Feb - Swimmings sports postponement date
- ★ Fridays - Online lunch order day / Y7/8 Technology at TAS
- ★ Tues 10-Fri 13 - School camp week
- ★ Wed 18 Mar - BoT meeting / WPSSA swimming sports
- ★ Thurs 9 Apr - Last day of term one

COMMUNITY NOTICES

EMR KAI IWI LAKES OPEN DAY 2020 Saturday 21 March, 10am-3pm, Pine Beach. Activities include day and night snorkelling, waka ama and water safety, interactive games, food and drinks to purchase and lots more. For more information please head along to www.whitebaitconnections.co.nz.

NORTHLAND YOUTH THEATRE Next week Plumb Theatre will be bringing their show Ghost Trees to ONEONESIX.

This show has had amazing reviews and is only on for 3 nights. We at NYT have been given a Discount code to share to any Students (NYT and other all other students within Whangarei)

Please use the code **KAURI** when purchasing a ticket for a student for Ghost trees for a \$10 discount

Here is the link: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/ghost-trees/whangarei>

GIRLS' BRIGADE invites you to join a fun and energetic group for young women aged between 5 and 18 who want to make the most out of life. Our motto is 'To Seek, Serve, and Follow Christ'. There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei and we meet on Thursday nights during term time commencing 20 February: 1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 - 7.45pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington, contact Brenda 027 2771159 or 2nd Whangarei Company meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei, contact Sue 021 2600792

DYSLEXIA PLUS OPEN DAY Thursday 27 February, 5.30pm-7.30pm, First Floor, Civic Arcade, Bank St - Is your child being well taught but still not making the progress you would expect? Could your child be dyslexic? Have a specific learning disability? Come and see where we are based, meet our teaching team and learn what we can offer to support your child's learning. All welcome. Entry is through the fire escape on Bank St.

MID WESTERN OPEN SQUASH NIGHT AND BBQ Friday 21 February from 5.30pm at the Mid Western Squash Club - Bring the kids and come down for a fun evening. It's a chance for kids and parents to try a new sport. Players will need non marking shoes, racquets will be available for newbies.

TE MANAWA TAHI Learning Support (formerly Special Education) and the RTLB service (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/kura, early childhood, iwi and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs. Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service. The Te Manawa Tahī flag will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our timetable with dates and times is posted on our Facebook page. You can come into the hub without an appointment or you can call to make one. Your school/kura/early childhood service can also make an appointment for you. 0800 5248 4256.

THANKS

FROM THE ENVIRO GROUP



SENDING OUT A HUGE THANK YOU TO DAVID HEAPPEY WHO, OVER THE HOLIDAYS, PUT IN OUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN OUR GARDENS. THIS WILL COME IN HANDY WHEN THE WEATHER COOLS DOWN AND WE CAN PLANT AGAIN AFTER THE DROUGHT!

THE ENVIRO GROUP THANK YOU FOR GIVING UP YOUR TIME AND WORKING HARD TO HELP US OUT WITH OUR PROJECTS! WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO STOCKING OUR HONESTY BOX WITH FRESH VEGGIES AND FRUIT IN THE MONTHS TO COME!

ANOTHER MASSIVE THANK YOU TO CHRIS NEWSON AND GRADY WHO, DURING THE HOLIDAYS, HELPED INSTALL OUR NEW HONESTY BOX! THIS HAS BEEN SO AMAZING TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS USING THIS AND SHARING PRODUCE AROUND THE PLACE! ALSO, THE KOHA DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS PLANTING OUR GARDENS AND INTO OUR PEST CONTROL FOR THE YEAR!

WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN A KOHA AND WHO HAVE PUT FRESH PRODUCE IN THE SHER.





Hi, from Mrs Lonergan



Kiaora Whanau,

ABOUT ME...

Hi, my name is Leanne and I am the new teacher in Pukeko.

I grew up in Kaikohe, a small town in the beautiful far north. I am the youngest of three children. As a kid, I played hockey throughout my schooling, and learnt the piano for many years. After high school, I moved to Whangarei to attend the Auckland College of Education. Since graduating in 2001, I have worked at schools within the Whangarei district.



INTERESTS

I love camping, fishing, and spending time with friends and family. I like most arts and crafts - especially painting. I like travelling too. Recently, I have been doing a lot of gardening, and have enjoyed learning HEAPS about different kinds of plants.

FAMILY

I live on a lifestyle block (10 acres) just off MGK Rd with my husband and four year old daughter. We have a little puppy called Pepper, a cat called Pixie, and three guppies. On the farm, we have twelve chickens, two sheep, and seven cows.

WORK HISTORY

I have been teaching for over 18 years, and have spent most of my career working with juniors. Most recently, I have been doing Principal release at Tangiteroria School (Year 0-3) and Waitotira School (Year 3-6). Prior to this, I worked at Parua Bay School and Kokopu School.

MORE ABOUT ME...



Team Kereru asked me a few questions:

Why did you want to work at Maungakaramea School? While I was on maternity leave, a colleague recommended putting my name down to relieve at MGK. I did, and really loved it. There is such a lovely culture at MGK - caring, nurturing, and supporting - it really left an impression on me. Life took me in a different direction for a while, so I was really excited when this opportunity came up.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Kaikohe. My mum grew up in Ohaeawai, and my Dad in Paihia, so we have strong connections in the North.

