



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Maungakaramaea Whānau,

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us at the Swimming Sports last week, it was fantastic to have you there helping with timing, record keeping, cooking the BBQ, cheering on our students and competing in the relay! The children displayed fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship, I am very proud of you all! We were very fortunate to have sponsorship from Hellers for our BBQ, supplying us with all the sausages that we needed for our camp fundraiser! Thank you Hellers!

It is with great sadness that I need to farewell Tania in this newsletter as she is finishing her time with us next week, on Friday 13 March. Tania has been an instrumental part of Maungakaramaea School for over 5 years. We have been so fortunate to have such a warm presence at our reception, making each person who walks through our doors feel valued.

Reflecting on Tania's time at Maungakaramaea School, we can't help but wonder how we are going to survive without her! She has an incredible memory and attention to detail that keeps us inline, and has such a caring nature that the students adore. Tania is an expert in building relationships, listening to never ending stories from our gorgeous students and is our resident, master pickle remover.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Tania for being my rock throughout my first principalship. I can't thank you enough for jumping for joy when celebrating our successes, the copious amounts of laughing sessions that brought on uncontrollable tears, our shared attempt at code words and actions to build our own way of communicating and offering to share your custard squares with me.

Tania, we will miss you terribly. We know you are going to excel in your new career. We look forward to hearing about all your new adventures and sharing our new adventures with you too. We are proud of you for taking this leap and embracing change. Good luck!

I hope you all have a fantastic, restful weekend in the preparation for camp next week!

Ngā mihi nui,

Sophia Roulston
Principal

STAFF PROFILE

Hi, I'm Jarrad – the caretaker at Maungakaramaea school. I am married to Melanie and have two daughters, Winnie who is in Pukeko and Morgan who is 4 years old.

Prior to moving to Maungakaramaea at the end of 2018 we lived in North West Auckland. We decided to move north to get away from the hustle and bustle and found the perfect spot!

I have been self employed for the last ten years, my property maintenance business in Auckland was focused mainly on rental properties. Currently in Whangarei I have the maintenance contract for Educare, as well as looking after Maungakaramaea school.

In my spare time I enjoy working on our lifestyle block and try to fit the surfcasting rod in whenever we go to the beach (but if anyone has a spare space on their boat.....)

I also love creating things in my shed with wood, am a keen woodturner, and I am in love with Pink Floyd!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ Tues 10 Mar - Korimako leave for camp
- ❖ Wed 11 Mar - Pukeko / Kereru leave for camp
- ❖ - Lunch order day
- ❖ Thurs 12 Mar - Piwakawaka camp day/ school sleepover
- ❖ Fri 13 Mar - Students return from camp
- ❖ Wed 18 Mar - BoT meeting
- ❖ - Lunch order day
- ❖ Thurs 19 Mar - Music lessons with Lyn
- ❖ Fri 20 Mar - Sushi and Raw Cakes lunch order day
- ❖ - Y7/8 Tech
- ❖ Tues 24 Mar - Interschool Cricket Festival Day
- ❖ Wed 25 Mar - Lunch order day
- ❖ Thurs 26 Mar - Music lessons with Lyn
- ❖ - Assembly

SCHOOL NOTICES

SWIM SAFE WITH SPORT NORTHLAND



TEAM PUKEKO

Pukeko have been learning about floating and sinking. They built boats and asked to test them in the pool. Henry's boat floated with him in it, but only for a short time! Great discussion about the importance of appropriate materials.



Laura sharing her ME Bag.

Hut building by the monkey tree. I've been so pleased to see our kids showing

our school GROW values while they problem solve, work collaboratively, share, and negotiate.

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>.

SCHOOL CAMP Our school camp is next week. Statements have gone home with final costs for camp. A final gear list has also gone home today. Everyone is looking forward to the fun camp activities we have planned.

BREAKFAST CLUB We still need parent volunteers for the breakfast club from 8.30am-8.45am Tuesday to Friday. Thank you to Jarrad for helping out on a Monday. If you have any spare time to help out in the mornings, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DON'T MISS THE MAUNGA MAYHEM MAUNGATAPERE OBSTACLE RACE Saturday 21 March - Registrations from 9am, 1st race starts 10am. 3 Full-on races. Obstacles and challenges designed to be fun for all ages...Mini mayhem \$20, 6-12yr olds 1.5km, Mixed mayhem \$25, child (4-8yrs) and adult team 1.5km, Major mayhem \$25, 12yrs and over. Amazing spot prizes plus medals for top 3 placings. A Maungatapere School PTA fundraiser. Get tickets and info online www.maungamayhem.co.nz.

IRISH NIGHT AT MAUNGAKARAMEA SPORTS CLUB Friday 20 March - bar and kitchen opens 6pm, happy hour 6.30-7.30pm. Prize for best Irish costume - \$10 tickets includes meal and are available from the MGK Sports Club and MGK School. Enquires 021323573.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND WELCOMES Congratulations to this week's award winners, Paige T, Caleb, Nathaniel, Isabella, Milly, Lizzy, Petra, Quinn L and Sam! Well deserved, keep up the fantastic work!



EPRO8 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

A few of our Y7/8 students attended the Epro8 challenge at WIS last week and won! Congratulations to Dylan, Curti, Troy and Cooper on your teamwork and problem solving skills. The team went on to compete at the regional grand finals this week and were placed 10th overall. Well done!

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!

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS Wishing Michael, Lily, Pippa and Hamish a big Maungakaramea School Happy Birthday!



Our week 2 and 3 mana award winners were Hamish for being a great role model by using positive conflict resolution skills in the playground and Keanu for sitting beautifully.

HEART FOUNDATION WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY 20 March 2020 - Taking care of your mouth is important for your health and wellbeing. Good oral hygiene, regular dental check ups and a healthy diet will help protect your mouth. Top tips for a healthy smile include: Brush teeth twice a day for 2 minutes using a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste, brush in circular motions not back and forth, spit - don't rinse, choose health snacks like fruit, cheese, plain crackers and vegetable sticks, drink water and milk; avoid sugary drinks such as juice and fizzy drinks. Basic dental care in NZ is free for 0-17 yr olds. Contact your community oral health service on 0800 TALK TEETH 0800 825 583.

SMOKEFREE COMMUNITY HIP HOP WORKSHOPS NORTHLAND Sunday 15 March - Whangarei Intermediate, 32 Rust Ave, Whangarei - 10am, Choreographers Chris Teava and Sheldon - Free event.