



KIA ORA WHANAU!

There is a lot happening at school as time races on towards the end of term! Our teachers are busy working through assessments for the end of year reports, as well as planning for the end of year and looking forward to 2022. Our prizegiving and end of year celebration will be different this year because of covid restrictions - see below for further information on our plans. We are delighted to be welcoming a number of new students who are visiting ready to start in 2022, it's great to see the new entrants settling well into the school.

END OF YEAR

Prizegiving:

Due to Level 2/red light restrictions, the Ministry of Education has asked that schools do prizegiving differently this year.



How will prizegiving work for Maungakaramea School this year?

Date:

-Monday 13th December 2021

Times:

-Piwakawaka and Pukeko: 12pm

-Kereru and Korimako: 1.40pm

Parents:



-One family member of students receiving an award or a Year 8 student will be invited to attend.

Class items:

-Class items will be recorded before the day and uploaded to Facebook

How can I see the event?

-We will be livestreaming each prizegiving on our Facebook page

Reports and Class lists:

-Reports will be going home on Monday 13th December.

-Reports will contain a slip indicating the class children will be in for 2022

-A class list will be displayed on the office window and on our School Facebook Page

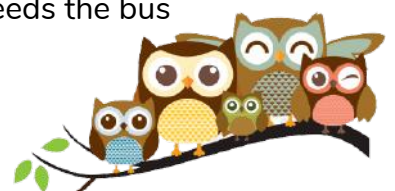
Last Day of School:

-The last day of school will be Tuesday 14th December.

-School will close at 1pm

-Ruru is not running after school on the last day of school
(before school bookings can be made manually via the office)

-Afternoon buses will run - please let us know if your child needs the bus



People of the Week:

- Jarrad for maintaining our School pool which has been a great relief to students and the community during the recent hot weather.
- Cooper W for taking care of younger students when they hurt themselves, and bringing them to the office for help.

THANK YOU

- Northland Cricket for donating two kwik cricket sets, and Wayne Child for requesting these for us.



TROPHIES

If you still have a trophy from 2020, please return this ASAP!!

LIBRARY

Please remember to return all library books before the end of year



A huge welcome to Charlie, George, Cameron and Carter in Piwakawaka who started visiting this week ready to start school in the new year.

We know that you will love being at Maungakaramea School!



RECYLCING & PAPER MAKING IN PUKEKO

On 9th November, Pukeko were lucky enough to invite Cezanne back into their classroom to talk about recycling and paper making. They learnt about the natural resources that are used to make paper, plastic, and aluminium. They shredded some paper, soaked it in water, stirred it, and then made new paper. Such a fun and informative day!



KAHUI AKO ASPIRATION DAY

Report by Elise

On Wednesday the 10th of November, the year 7's and 8's visited Tauraroa Area School for Kahui Ako aspiration and inspiration day. There were 3 very interesting workshops and 2 speakers. The first speaker was head boy Toby Lincoln, who talked to us about what highschool will be like. The last speaker, Kawiti Waetford, talked a bit about his life and career of being an opera singer. The event was to inspire us and help us get an idea on who we want to be or what we want to do.

The three workshops were about science, art and being general manager of a company, all half an hour for each. Dr Armand Sinclair showed us about his invention, tiny nano robots made out of protein that are injected into the bloodstream to fight off cancer. Helen Finlayson told us about her passion for art, and how she now works at the Hundertwasser art center. The last workshop, with Eleri Williams, talked about how she started an educational tourism company based on her love of the outdoors. These workshops help us to be inspired and aspired to follow what we love. For example, even though Eleri Williams knew little about what she might do for her job, she found she loved the outdoors and decided to start a company based on nature.

After the three workshops, Kawiti Waetford talked to us for about an hour. He talked about his life a bit, and even sang for us. After he finished talking to us all, the event started to come to an end. We went back to our bus and got in, all of us feeling more inspired and excited about what's to come in the future.

NORTHLAND CRICKET

On 10th and 12th November, we had a visit from Northland Cricket who showed the kids a few cricket skills. Here are some photos from Piwakawaka's session.



IMPORTANT DATES

****DUE TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL CHANGES, SOME OF OUR EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION****

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER - ATHLETICS

MONDAY, 13TH DECEMBER - PRIZEGIVING

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER - END OF YEAR

WEDNESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2022 - START OF 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

THURSDAYS - YEAR 7 & 8 TECH @ TAS

THURSDAYS - MUSIC LESSONS

ALTERNATE THURSDAYS - ASSEMBLY @ 2.30PM (unfortunately not open to parents at Covid Alert Level 2)

FRIDAYS - LUNCH ORDERS - CURRENTLY CANCELLED

ALTERNATE FRIDAYS - NEWSLETTER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:



SCHOOL POOL

Students and community members are taking advantage of our school pool being open. Just a reminder that under Alert Level 2, parents and community members cannot use the pool until after 5.30pm, when the last of our students leave from Ruru.



Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 is out now!
Order via the scholastic site or LOOP app (www.scholastic.co.nz), or in the office for cash or EFTPOS payments (no bank transfers to the school please).

Closing date for orders:
8 December 2021

With only three full weeks of school remaining students are finishing up assessments, practicing end of year items, preparing for school athletics and teachers are working hard completing student reports. It is certainly shaping up to be a fast end of the school year.

With the new traffic light system coming into force soon, it feels like we may be inching closer to 'normality' and further from Alert Level lockdowns. What the new normal will look like remains to be seen.

Parents are the unsung heroes in the COVID era and it is easy for society to underestimate the impact of not being able to fully participate in your child's school community.

With summer approaching and a new year on the horizon, we can only hope that 2022 brings with it more certainty and stability for all.

Thank you for the emails we have been receiving celebrating how staff and the Maungakarama School Board have been communicating and navigating the ever changing COVID-19 regulations, mandates and guidelines.

Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal

**THE
FINAL
WORD**