



WEEK 6

The term is flying by as we reach the end of week 6. Last week we held a fun swimming sports day in place of our usual swimming sports, which wasn't able to go ahead due to Covid. A huge thank you to Miss B for organising this - everyone had a great time. The sausage sizzle raised almost \$500 towards digital technology for our school. Check out the photos from the day later in this newsletter.

Whilst we fortunately haven't had any cases of Covid-19 at our School so far, we are seeing an increase in other illnesses. Thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell, and for keeping us informed. Remember you can report absences by phone, email, or through the absence form on the School website.



We have a number of new starters over the next couple of weeks. Welcome to **Abby** who started in Kiwi this week, **Carter and Rex** who start in Piwakawaka on Monday, and **Georgia** who joins Kereru on 21 March.

Welcome to all our new students and families, we hope that you love your time at Maungakaramea School!

THANK YOU

- Jane, our amazing Teacher Aide who does so much more to help keep our school running. As well as all her usual extra support, over the last couple of weeks she has been incredibly flexible, taking on other roles to help cover staff sickness.
- Cara and the MoMs group who work incredibly hard behind the scenes.

People of the Week:

- All our certificate and award recipients at this weeks assembly
- All our students who are currently doing class assessments

VACANCY - ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (3.5 hours per week, Fixed-Term)

We are looking for an Administration Assistant to help in our busy School Office for 3.5 hours per week on a fixed-term basis. Ideally this will be on Friday mornings, although this can be negotiable for the right person.

Main duties include dealing with queries in person, by phone, email and Facebook (including receiving and recording cash and EFTPOS payments); following up unexplained absences and updating attendance registers; collecting and processing mail; entering Ruru fees into Kindo, and checking and fulfilling Kindo orders. Other duties may include checking and replenishing stocks, updating office records and filing systems, and other tasks as they arise.

The ideal person will be friendly and welcoming, have previous administrative experience and be a confident computer user. Experience working with children would be an advantage. For further information or an application pack, contact Simon Schuster at principal@mgk.school.nz.

Week 6 Assembly:

Congratulations to all our students who received a certificate or award yesterday.

We are so proud of all the effort you put into our school.

Well done to our tamariki!



VACANCY - Casual Before and After School Care Assistant

Ruru, our Before and After School Care programme, needs an assistant to cover staff sick leave. If you are interested in helping, and available at short notice 7.15-8.15am, or 3.00-5.30pm please contact the office for further details.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Fun Swimming Sports 2022:

What an amazing day the kids had last week. All Whānau Groups participated to their fullest in what was both fun and competitive.

We were especially proud of our Year 7 and 8 students who showed exceptional leadership skills throughout the day, supporting their whānau group as a whole and also taking special care of our younger students.

A huge thank you to all staff for supporting the day, Barb and Jane for doing the BBQ and to Trudi (Miss B) for all the organisation that went into the day.





EASTER RAFFLE

Over the next few weeks, the MoMS will be collecting donations at the school office for the 2022 Easter Fundraising Raffle Hampers.

Tickets will be on sale as of 5/04 and the raffle will be drawn 15/04 (just in time for Easter Weekend).

Proceeds will be going towards literary and robotic science resources for the school.

If each family could please donate at least one item to the raffle that would be amazing.

Please no fresh food or perishable baking. Non-food items welcomed.

PIWAKAWAKA ZEBRA ART

The learning intention was to follow a set of step by step instructions

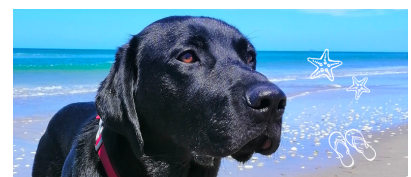


RURU BAKE SALE – 15TH MARCH



**Blind
Low Vision NZ
Guide Dogs**

Ruru will be hosting a bake sale on Tuesday, 15th March to raise money for York, the Blind & Low Vision NZ guide dog that they sponsor. There will be a variety of items available for \$1 or \$2 each.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE
FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

**BLAIR
PETRA
MAX
ANGUS**

IMPORTANT DATES:



March:

15th- Ruru bake sale
24th- School Assembly

April:

7th - Movie Day
7th- School Assembly
14th- Last day of Term 1
& Colour Run

SCHOOL AND LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP (SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME):

In 2022 Maungakaramaea School will be adopting a Sponsorship programme to strengthen the link between the school and local businesses.

A brochure is attached outlining how the programme will operate.

If you are interested, please contact the school office directly. office@mgk.school.nz

Scholastic Book Club

- Issue 1 Out Now!

Order online through the Scholastic LOOP website or app, or using the order form through the school office (cash payments only please).
Orders close 8th April.



Senior Tech:

Senior Technology at Tauraroa Area School is weekly on Wednesdays, 11-1pm.

A reminder that students must wear a mask when traveling on the bus to and from tech.

We are halfway through the term and so far COVID free. Thank you to all the parents who have been keeping sick children home and communicating so effectively with us about RAT results. This is a huge part of keeping COVID at bay in our community.

COVID Update:

From 11:59pm Friday 11 March isolation requirements for positive cases of COVID-19 and their household contacts will be reduced from 10 to seven days.

This change has been made due to up-to-date public health advice: there is a decline in infectiousness of Omicron over time and in most cases, transmission occurs within seven days.

Please continue to contact myself directly for any positive cases in your household.

Ngā Mihi,

Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal

**THE
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