



MAUNGAKARAMEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Growing Our Future

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 4
27 May 2022

WEEK 4

Term 2 continues to be full of activity, with Winter Sports for Years 6-8 then Years 4-5, the start of our Rocket Challenge, and our Book Fair and character parade. Thank you to all our parent helpers for winter sports, to Natalie Child for leading our Rocket Challenge, and to everyone who came to support our Book Fair. The Book Fair raised almost \$450 for us to spend on books for our School.



Thank you Giles for sharing your photos from our Book Character parade!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE BOARD

School board members play an important role in shaping the education experience and achievements of students. One of the board's primary objectives is making sure every child reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

The boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
 - Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
 - Approving policies
 - Financial stewardship
- Building community engagement and support

It's important to note that the board does NOT get involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

Board members (formerly called 'trustees') are active leaders in the school.

The most valuable skills board members bring to the board table are:

- Working well as part of a team.
- Not afraid to ask challenging questions.
 - Have good communication skills.
 - Be connected to their community.

Every three years, schools hold elections, and we have one this September. If you'd like further information about joining our school Board, please contact Simon.

THANK YOU

- Parent Helpers for winter sports
- Natalie Child for her help with the rocket challenge
- Sara for coordinating the Book Fair
- Cara & Nikki who have helped make lunch orders happen over the last few weeks

People of the Week:

- All the students who participated in winter sports over the last couple of weeks
- All the students who dressed up for our Book Character parade



VACANCY: ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT AND TEACHER AIDE - FIXED TERM 10 HOURS PER WEEK- TERM TIME ONLY

Our amazing, friendly team is looking for someone to fill a dual role at Maungakaramea School. We are looking for an Administration Assistant to help in our busy School Office for 4 hours per week. 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.

We are also looking for a Teacher Aide. This person would be working primarily with one class to support the class teacher with teaching and learning programmes. Teacher Aiding experience is not necessary, however any experience working with children would be an advantage.

For further information or an application pack, contact Simon Schuster at principal@mgk.school.nz. Applications close 5pm Friday 3rd June.



Clothing

With the change in season, the weather can often be variable throughout the day. Please make sure your child has a jumper and raincoat, and a change of clothes in case they get wet or muddy.

Students are able to wear a long-sleeved black or white top under their uniform for an extra layer if needed.

We are able to order waterproof jackets from KidsCan - contact the office if you would like us to order one for your child.

Sickness

As we head into winter, we are starting to see an increase in cold and flu germs around school. Thank you for keeping your children home when they are sick.

Remember, they need to stay home if they are unwell, whether or not it is covid-related. Help us to stop the spread of germs so we can keep our students and staff healthy and well!

Students who become unwell at school will be sent home. If they have covid-related symptoms, they will be given a RAT test to take home with them.

LOCAL BUSINESSES - WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in helping grow the future STEM workforce in this community? We are a House of Science member school, and this charity is offering a great opportunity that will help every child in this region. For \$3,000 a year you can 'Adopt' a House of Science resource kit, giving our local primary and intermediate schools the tools to deliver engaging hands-on science lessons.

But wait, there's more: every new kit sponsor that signs up before June 17th gets to nominate a school who will receive a digital microscope to keep and will go into the draw to win one of seven \$100 packs of CookieTime goodies. Our teachers and students would LOVE a digital microscope! The kit sponsor also gets to put their logo on the outside of the kit, acknowledging their commitment to supporting the local community. Each kit reaches 1,000-2,000 students a year so this is a great investment. Contact the House of Science head office today on 0508 468 724 or email info@houseofscience.nz (Note: sponsorship is tax deductible as HoS is a registered charity). To find out more about House of Science, see <https://houseofscience.nz>



AIR NZ TICKET OFFER

As a result of not being able to go on our Wellington trip last year we are offering parents/caregivers an opportunity to buy the tickets and transfer them to themselves.

The original cost of these tickets was around \$334.35 return. We would like to offer them for \$250.

If you are interested in these tickets, please contact Bekki in the office to confirm your purchase.

It would come to you in the way of Air NZ credits.

If you have any questions related to these tickets, feel free to contact Tania Gardner who has been helping us regarding the ticket cancellations and transfers.
tansgards@gmail.com

Ticket sales are a first in first served basis.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS (FRIDAYS)



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HOT FOOD	
MINCE AND CHEESE PIE (LARGE)	\$3.20
SMALL MINCE SAVOURY	\$1.50
SAUSAGE ROLL (LARGE)	\$3.00
SMALL SAUSAGE ROLL	\$1.50
MINI PIZZA - HAWAIIAN	\$3.20
MINI PIZZA - MEAT LOVERS	\$3.20
CHICKEN CUP NOODLES	\$3.00
BEEF CUP NOODLES	\$3.00
COLD FOOD / DRINKS	
RAINBOW CUPCAKE	\$2.00
MUFFIN	\$2.00
JUICIE - LEMONADE	\$1.50
JUICIE - TROPICAL	\$1.50
BAG OF POPCORN	\$1.20
HOT CHOCOLATE	\$2.50



IMPORTANT DATES:

June:

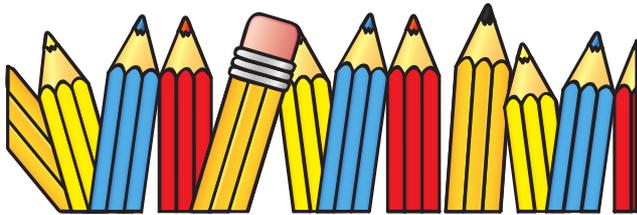
- 6th - Queen's birthday (school closed)
- Tuesdays - Small sticks hockey sessions
- 20th- Board meeting
- 23rd- Matariki celebration
- 24th- Matariki holiday (school closed)
- 27th- Teacher Only Day (school closed)
- 30th- Jump Rope Challenge

July:

- 4th & 5th- Parent teacher interviews (school closes 12.30pm)
- 8th- End of Term 2

Ongoing:

- Wednesdays 8th & 22nd June, 6th July - Assembly @ 2.30pm
- Thursdays from 19th May - Rocket Challenge
- Fridays - Lunch Orders



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

SIENNA * EMILY

JIYA



Scholastic Book Club

- Issue 3 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 1st July.

Tūtaki Talk: On Monday mornings classes get together for Tūtaki Talk. This is an opportunity for students to collectively do Tāumata Time, share sports news from the week prior and talk about anything important coming up. One of the things we do is have a Whakataukī/Maori proverb chosen by Barbie, our LSC, that relates to something we are focussing on or have been reminded about. This week students were reminded about caring for the school property and environment. The whakataukī chosen for this was “He tangata takahi manuhiri, he marae puehu”.

THE FINAL WORD

COVID-19 is still around, with a new variant now in the NZ community. It is important we remember to be vigilant and test children and whānau when symptoms emerge. We are aware of schools that are having to close due a significant portion of the school having COVID. At this stage we are seeing a plateau and even a reduction in the number of active cases we have within our school community, which is an encouraging sign. It is really pleasing to see classes going on trips and interacting with students from other schools again!

We are looking forward to our next school community event, Matariki on 23rd June. We hope to see you all there.

Ngā Mihi,
Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal