



WEEK 4

As Covid becomes more prevalent in the wider Whangarei community, we have fortunately not had any positive cases, and minimal disruptions due to isolating students or staff. Students continue learning as normal (under red protocols), and we are busy planning for our swimming fun day next week. However, with Covid rates increasing in the community, we have updated our covid response plan for phases 2 & 3 of the Government's response to Omicron. If you haven't seen a copy of this plan, please ask the office for a copy.

COVID RED-LEVEL REMINDER

COVID Red level reminder:

- Pick-up and drop-off should be done off-site
- Parents of junior students can come on-site if needed to help settle their children.
- Parents are encouraged to come to the office if needing to come on-site.
- All parents/caregivers/whānau and visitors must wear a mask if coming on-site.
- Face coverings must be a mask. No scarfs, bandanas etc please
- When in the school office please social distance
- Parents dropping or collecting students from Ruru may come onto school grounds

COVID updates:

Please keep an eye on Facebook or your emails for updates about our schools COVID response. Procedures are changing regularly due to the rapidly changing environment and rules from the Government.

Thank you for your support.

Seesaw

This week you will have received your parent invite to Seesaw.

Seesaw is our schools main class communication tool.

If you download the Seesaw Family App, you will receive notifications on your phone. These notifications will consist of:

- telling you your child has new work to view
 - telling you that the teacher or another connected adult has commented on your child's work
 - telling you that the teacher has made an announcement. An announcement is a communication from the teacher. You are able to reply to these announcements from the class teacher.
- If you are having any concerns with Seesaw Sara Abraham is happy to help. She is in charge of IT at school.



Parking and Afterschool reminder:

Please no parking in the bus bay by the field gate

Please no parking in front of the firestation

Please use indicators when pulling out in the afternoon around the school

Please slow down around the school

THANK YOU

- To Dean Child from Quality Tree Care and David Heappey for clearing the broken branches after last week's storm to make it safe for us to return to school
- Miss B for all her work in preparation for our Swimming Sports next week.

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.

People of the Week:

- All our certificate and award recipients at this weeks assembly
- Nathaniel, for using his initiative on the bus and supporting Maungakaramea School students

Week 4 Assembly:

Congratulations to all our students who received a certificate or award today.
We are so proud of all the effort you put into our school.

Well done to our tamariki!



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Greetings from the Maungakaramaea School Board of Trustees

This week the Board held its first meeting for the year and we are pleased to announce that the Board's members remain the same as the previous year.

For those of you who are new to our school or if you're unfamiliar with who our members are here is a list with their key focuses:

David Heappey - Property
Kelly Campbell - Personnel
Leanne Lonergan - Staff Representative
Luana Misa - Presiding Member
Simon Schuster - Principal/Management
Steve Xue - Finance

The Board's aim is to ensure that your child receives the highest quality education possible. With this team, you'll continue to see improvements ahead with upgrading and maintenance of facilities and equipment, good strategic planning and governance practices. If this area of the school would be something of interest to you and you would like to look into joining our board please feel free to approach any of the members.

For the day-to-day management of the school, Simon and his team have this responsibility. They should be your first point of contact for any issues about the school that you should wish to discuss. You can find more information about the boards work by visiting www.nzsta.org.nz

Our next meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, 21st March in Room 2 (Pukeko) and all are welcome to attend.

Luana Misa, Presiding Member
021 070 8465, l.misa@mgk.school.nz



Help our kids succeed: Let's Smash our Fundraising Goal for 2022!

The Mates of Maungakaramea School (MoMS) is essentially our school's PTA Committee. The purpose of the MoMs is to raise funds so that all children at Maugakaramea Primary School have access to the best possible school environment, resources and opportunities over and above what the Ministry of Education funds. The MoMs also aim to offer practical support to the school/teachers in their efforts throughout the year and assist with building positive community relationships (school and beyond).

WE NEED YOUR HELP! COVID-19 means we have to think differently about how we fundraise. In the past we have relied on events run by a very small group of volunteers (mainly working parents), but that simply will not be possible in the environment we face this year.

This year's fundraising is goal is \$10,500 – which will support our kids with literacy resources and digital technology products.

Rather than bake sales or events, we will need embrace free tools which are available, digital fundraising tools, borrow ideas from other community organisations or schools and get creative in collaborating with others. **Can you help us by...**

- Sharing low or no-contact fundraising ideas (what have you seen others do that you thought was good?)
- Putting in a little of your time to help run a fundraiser? The MoMs will keep you up to date on opportunities to help through our school newsletters
- Having a great fundraising idea you're happy to organise yourself? You would be a star in the eyes of many!*
- Sharing your grant-seeking expertise or experience (e.g. knowledge of philanthropic trusts or groups that we should approach for grants or funding)
- Sharing your tech expertise to help us with better fundraising initiatives?

If even half of our parent community put in just a little time, or an idea, we can reach our goal. If we rely on just two or three people to magically organise something, simply, our children will miss out. Please put up your hand if you can help in any small way!

*Please note any fundraising done on behalf of school needs to be sanctioned as being appropriate and meeting relevant guidelines, so have a chat with us first please.

To contact the MoMs, you can email moms@mgk.school.nz, message Cara Lockie via Facebook Messenger (look for the Jersey cow profile pic) or text 021905728.

FUN SWIMMING DAY

Tuesday, 1st March

Kia Ora Team,

On Tuesday 1 March, we are going to be having a fun swimming day at school! Information has been sent home about our whānau day. As parents are not allowed on site under COVID restrictions, we will be posting short videos and photos during the day.

Students will be able to purchase sausages, drinks and ice blocks - please fill out and return the form ASAP so that we have an idea of numbers. Bekki has set up orders on

Kindo, so you are able to pay via Kindo app, otherwise you can pay with cash.

Students are encouraged to dress up in their whānau colours to support their teams! If you need information on which whānau group your child is in, please contact their classroom teachers.

If you require any more information regarding our fun day, please contact me at t.bertie@mgk.school.nz. You can send an email to order sausages, ice blocks and drinks if you want, otherwise your child will be bringing home a notice that you can return to Team Kiwi.

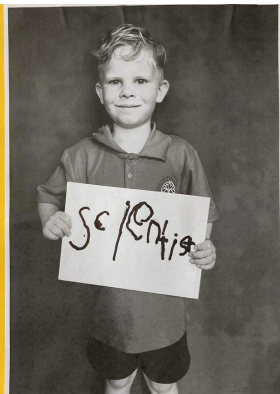
Thanks,
Trudi Bertie (Miss B)

Piwakawaka When I Grow Up Writing



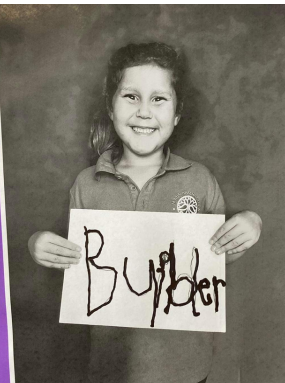
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to be a vet.

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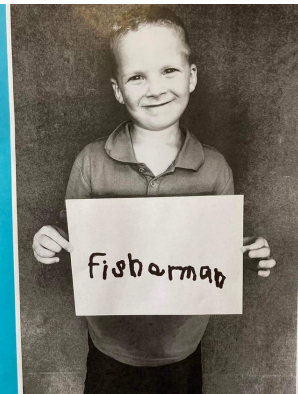
When I grow up I want
to be a scientist.

- cameron



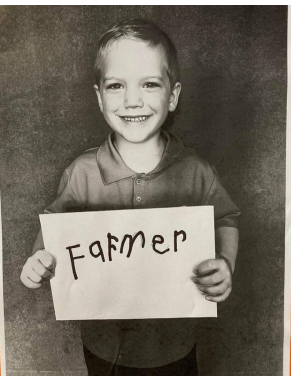
When I grow up I want
to be a builder.

- Luca



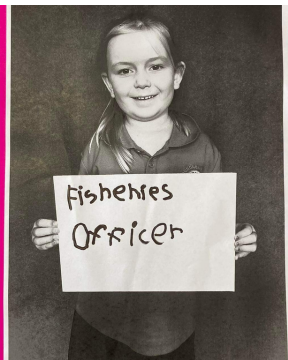
When I grow up I want
to be a fisherman.

- Charlie



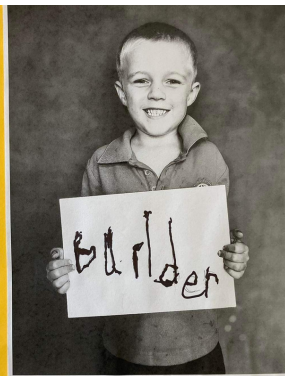
When I grow up I want
to be a farmer.

- George



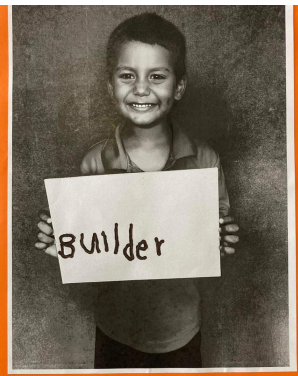
When I grow up I want
to be a fisheries
officer.

- Elliot



When I grow up I want
to be a builder.

- Leon



When I grow up I want
to be a builder.

- Lucas



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE
FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

**MICHAEL
&
HAMISH**

SCHOOL AND LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP (SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME):

In 2022 Maungakarama 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).



IMPORTANT DATES:



March:

1st- Swimming Sports &
Sausage sizzle

7th- Assessment Week

10th- School Assembly

24th- School Assembly

April:

7th- School Assembly

14th- Last day of Term 1
& Colour Run

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 the Whangarei Swimming Sports day has been canceled.

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.

This year we have restarted Monday morning meetings as a whole school called Tūtaki Talk. Here we practice our Taumata Time as a whole school, talk about exciting things that are coming up and focus on our school Values. We are finding this is a great way to set up our week for success.

Students have been working hard on their values this year. We have started the year with a focus around Respect. Please feel free to reinforce this at home to support the learning that is happening at school.

Ngā Mihi,

Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal

**THE
FINAL
WORD**