



WEEK 4

Wow! What awesome camps we had! Thank you so much to the teachers who worked so hard to put these together, and the parent helpers - without you we wouldn't be able to do it. We are so proud of our students who truly challenged themselves and supported each other over these days.



People of the Week

- All the students for pushing their limits at camp.
- Whaea Delphi & the Kapa Haka group for their amazing performance at Mangakahia Kapa Haka festival

THANK YOU

- Teachers and parent helpers for 3 amazing camps!
- Parent helpers for Mangakahia Kapa Haka festival
- Leigh from Images Naturally for our wonderful school photos

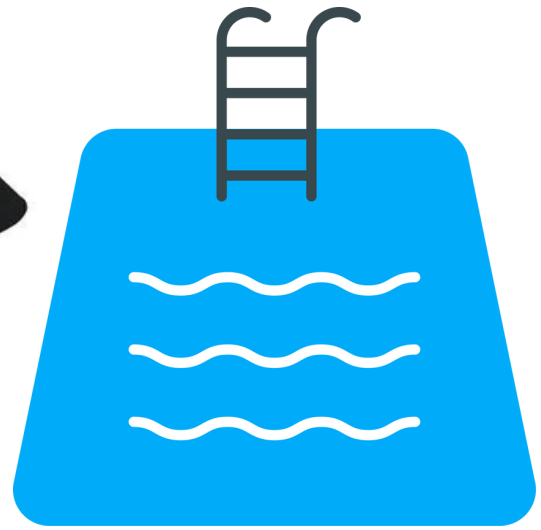
Hats:

Term 1 and 4 are compulsory hat terms at Maungakaramaea School. As part of our school uniform, children have purchased a wide brimmed school hat. These are redistributed at the beginning of the term. Caps and beanies are not permitted at school in Term 1 and 4.



Drink Bottles:

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day.



SCHOOL POOL

The School Pool is scheduled to be open from Monday 14th November.

Keys are on sale now! Cash at the office or Kindo.

Cost: \$100 and you will receive a refund of \$30 upon returning your key by the end of Term 1 2023.

LUNCH ORDERS

As we approach the end of the year, we are running down our lunch order stock. You may notice less selection available than usual.



WELCOME

George B in Piwakawaka! We hope you enjoy your time at school!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 14 November: Pool opens
- 15 November: Athletics
- 23 November: WPSSA Yr 7/8 Athletics
- 24 November: Poor Knights (Kiwi)
- 5 December: Board meeting
- 14 December: Prizegiving @ 12.30pm
- 15 December: Last Day of School - school finishes at 12pm.
- No buses running in the afternoon.
- 2 February 2023: First Day of 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SAM GEORGE B



Tenā koutou i ngā āhuratanga o te wā,
Greetings to you all at this time

Newsletter:

For the rest of the term our school newsletter will come out in odd weeks on a Monday.

First Day 2023:

Our first day back in 2023 is Thursday 2nd February.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):

School Boards around the country (in fact schools globally), are wrestling with the challenging question of how they meet the demands of the digital age. No matter where we position ourselves on this matter, there are three indisputable facts, digital technologies are becoming a bigger and bigger part of learning (in fact of life), this costs money (quite a bit of money), school communities, by and large, will have to fund this themselves. You may know that many schools have gone BYOD, these schools generally require parents to purchase a device for their children for use at school. We are mindful of the cost of this to families.

This year our Board decided to adopt an **optional BYOD programme. This has been very successful and for 2023 we will be extending it to Year 4-8 students.**

Our device of preference is a Chromebook, however a laptop will work as well.

Please keep an eye out for BYOD pricing from Noel Leeming that we will send out. It may also pay to look at some headphones (which will be needed) and a cover for the chromebook for extra protection.

There is no doubt that the right technologies, used the right way, have real potential to add value to your child's schooling.

Some questions you might have:

- 1. Will there be advantages to our child having their own chromebook/laptop?** Yes, we think so. They will have more access and can use these at home. They can also use them for some of their home learning.
- 2. Will my child be disadvantaged if they do not have one?** They will still have access to shared technologies at school.
- 3. If my child has their own chromebook/laptop can they use the school devices?** Yes, when they need to.
- 4. If I do not buy them a chromebook/laptop will there be enough school ones to go around?** We will do our best, but these will inevitably be shared. We are constantly maintaining our fleet and looking to expand wherever funding allows.
- 5. Will my child need to purchase programmes for their device if I choose to purchase one?** No, everything we will be using them for is online and will be through school email accounts.
- 6. If I can get a chromebook/laptop cheaper than the Noel Leeming offer is this a problem?** No, go for it.

7. Will digital technologies replace the conventional teaching and learning methods that we value and know make a difference?

No. Where possible we will use them in ways that complement and enhance the traditional ways of learning and teaching.

8. Will digital technologies make children less mobile and active?

We recognise the traditional rural feel of Maungakaramaea School and its community and understand that there needs to be a balance and that children get plenty of opportunities to run and play and interact.

9. Will there be measures to ensure my child's chromebook/laptop is looked after while at school?

We will need to put protocols in place but will do our best. Your child has a part to play here also.

Senior Uniforms:

This year we introduced a new uniform for our Year 7 and 8 students. This uniform is not compulsory to wear until 2024.

If you would like to order a uniform this needs to be done before the end of this week. Payment is not due until the uniforms arrive.

Order form:

<https://forms.gle/4EBMd9mW6ipSbZGs8>

Kapahaka:

We were so proud of our tamariki at the Mangakahia Area School Cultural Festival. Our roopu did us proud, performing alongside Waiotira School. Our tutor, Whaea Delphi, did an amazing job leading our group and we are looking forward to attending again next year. Photo is of us practicing. Please check our school Facebook page for a video of the performance.



COVID:

As you will have seen, we are having a resurgence of COVID at school at the moment. Although we are no longer informing you of every active case, we are letting you know when it is affecting our day to day operations.

Please remind your children to sanitise their hands regularly, cough into their elbow and bring a drink bottle if they can.

If your child is showing any COVID symptoms please give them a test before sending them into school.

A Wellbeing quote:

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'" — Audrey Hepburn

**THE
FINAL
WORD**

I roto i ngā mihi,
With greetings

Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal



THANK YOU!

We currently have \$759 towards our \$1,000 target for Sports, Technology, Literacy or Music packages from Fern Fuels for Schools.

Thank you to the following community members who support us through this scheme:

Nobull Farming Ltd
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MJ and KE Child and Sons Ltd
John Herbert
Martinvale Farms Ltd
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MI & SM Ballard
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JS & CL White



13 NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

KENSINGTON PARK
WHANGĀREI

FAMILY FUN DAY

We want to prevent death and serious harm in our community by improving the wellbeing of us all ... And let Northlanders know what networks are there for them - 24/7. Let's help each other ... bring the family down! We'll crank up the BBQ for the kids, you can watch involved in a car crash rescue ... And loads more fun, displays and giveaways.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

NZ Police | Northland Regional Council | New Zealand Red Cross | Blue Light | Northland DHB
Northland and Rescue Helicopter Service | NZ Defence Force | Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management
Fire and Emergency NZ | Whangārei District Council | Northland Rugby Union | NZME | St John | Stonewood Homes
Plunket | NRC Maritime | Coastguard Boating Education | PAK'R'S/VE Whangārei | Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving | Northland Waste
Business Finder | NZ Customs | Search and Rescue | Sport Northland WaterSafe and Water Safety NZ | Neighbourhood Support
Whangārei PROUD | Bike Northland | JOP (Jeff Oliver Print) | Northland Transport Alliance | Active Attitude | Northland Road Safety Trust
Northern Street Rods | Whangārei Lions Club | Parafed Northland | Healthy Homes Tai Tokerau

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COMMUNITY DAY

Trucks

Line up of Curtainsiders, Loggers,
Stock trucks, Concrete mixers

Equipment

Tractors, Telehandlers,
Graders, Cranes

Emergency Services

Police, Fire, Ambulance

Food

Coffee, Icecreams, Cold
drinks, Hot food and more

Fundraiser

Gold coin donation per
person

Supporting

Funds help to support the
Kamo and Ngunguru Volunteer
Fire Brigades

Sunday 29th January 2023
10am - 2pm

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