



## WEEK 9

### Whanau Swimming

Last week the weather held just long enough for us to be able to join our school whanau together for our whanau swimming event. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support our tamariki, and a special thank you to those parents who were brave enough to jump in and pit themselves against the kids. The students were awarded points for participation, team placement and for demonstrating our beautiful GROW values. We had a wonderful energetic vibe and the students were super excited to get in and get involved.

#### Whanau Results

1st Nikau - 6300  
2nd Kauri - 6200  
3rd Pohutukawa - 5000



## THANK YOU

- Parents who came and supported our tamariki on our Whānau Fun Swimming Day.
- Lyn for amazing work and dedication to the Blind Foundation with her Puppy Bake Sale.
- Parents who have volunteers to support Trudi and Kiwi run the menu at this weeks Quiz Night. What a great camp fundraiser!

### People of the Week

- Our certificate recipients from last weeks assembly
- Parents who jumped in the pool on our swimming day.
- All the parents and students who supported Ruru's Puppy Bake Sale, by either making baked goods or purchasing them.



## TEACHER ONLY DAY: MONDAY 24TH APRIL

This is a reminder that the Ministry of Education has mandated a Teacher Only Day to all Primary schools for the development and introduction of the NZ Histories Curriculum. The date we have selected for this is Monday 24th April. The school will be closed for instruction.

### MORNING ARRIVAL TIME

This is a reminder that school is open for students to arrive from 8.15am. This is when staff are on-site and there is supervision available for students.

Students who arrive before 8.15am will be sent to Ruru and parents will be charged the morning rate.



## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

To support our fundraising efforts this year, we will be having a sausage sizzle every Wednesday. This is to fundraise for Chromebooks and Ipads to support our student learning.

Sausage Sizzle- \$2.50 each

## Pool Keys

*Pool keys now need to be returned for the end of the swimming season, please return to the office by the end of term one in order to receive your bond back.*

## Senior Camp Fundraiser MOVIE DAY Thursday 6th April



CHEESY PASTA \$5  
LOLLY BAGS \$2  
ICE BLOCKS \$2  
DRINKS \$2  
POPCORN \$2



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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 6 April: Movie day
- 6 April: Last Day of Term 1
- 24 April: Teacher Only Day
- 25 April: ANZAC Day
- 26 April: First Day of Term 2



**LUKA \* ANGUS H  
SAWYER \* BLAIR  
PETRA-LEE \* SABRE  
MARLEE \* KAYDEN  
BEAU**

## SCHOOL POLICY REVIEW

This term we are reviewing topics in the Legislation and Administration section of our policies.

Key review topics:

- Student Attendance
- Sending Students Home/Early Release
  - Enrolment
  - Out of School Care
  - Privacy
- Official Information Requests
  - Records Retention
- Length of School Year
  - Copyright
- Uniform/Dress

To contribute towards the review, please follow the instructions below:

Visit the website <https://maungakaramaea.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (maungakaramaea) and password (respect).

Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.

Read the policy.

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type.

Enter your name (optional).

Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



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

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the term. Thank you for your support throughout what has been a busy and varied term.

### **ANZAC Day- 25th April :**

As usual our school has been asked to support the local ceremony across the road at the memorial on Anzac Day.

There will be an opportunity for some students to place a cross, we will lead in the National Anthem and this year there will be a combined Kapahaka group performance with MGK, TAS and Waiotira Schools.

Please keep an eye out for the survey to let me know you are going to be there.

Students are to come in school uniform.

10.45am- Meeting at the MGK Hall

11am- Marching to the memorial

### **Farewell:**

This term we say farewell to our beloved Office Administrator Bekki. Bekki and her family, including Milly and Lewis, will be leaving to go back to England.

I know you are excited for this Bekki, but you will be missed here in Maungakaramaea.

Please take a moment to farewell Bekki and wish her and her family well.

### **New enrolments/families:**

We are currently having a growing number of unexpected enrolments at our school. This is always wonderful and I ask that you look out for our new families and welcome them to the Maungakaramaea School whānau.

If you know of anyone who is thinking of enrolling at our school during the year, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible. This helps us significantly with our planning.

### **Home Learning:**

At our recent goal setting interviews teachers discussed Home Learning with you. As you will know, you are able to opt out of Home Learning at any point. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not done so already.

Home Learning will consist of:

- Spelling words
  - Reading to or with
  - Mathswizz (Year 2+) or basic facts
  - Kiwi will also have any unfinished classwork coming home
- Home Learning will be coming home in a book or on Seesaw.

### **Parent Support Group:**

Calling a Term 1 meeting on Wednesday 5th April at 3.15pm in the Staffroom.

Here we will be discussing fundraising initiatives for the year ahead.

Please come along if you would like to get involved.

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### **Ruru Image:**

A huge thank you to Barb who has managed to get a beautiful image of a Ruru created for this wonderful space in our school.

A big thank you to the creators Mau & Bec Rako for the effort that has gone into creating this and for the donation.



### **100th Student:**

Last week we mentioned that we had our 100th enrolment start.

Marlee is in Piwakawaka and loves being at school.

This number is very significant for our school, as it was not too many years ago that the school had a role of around 30 students.

A huge thank you from me to the staff, Board and parents that have been around since those days and for the work/mahi that has gone into changing and strengthening our school for the better.



### **Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC):**

EOTC includes everything from camps, class trips, educational trips to sporting events.

With a growing school teachers and I have got together to look at what we would like EOTC to look like going forward.

We have decided on a two year cycle which ensures a balance of opportunities for students moving throughout the school.

#### **Camp:**

- Year 0-2 students will have an overnight camp at school in even years.

- Year 3-6 students will have a 3 day camp in even years.

- Our Intermediate students will have a camp each year.

We have already booked our Year 3-6 camp for Term 1 2024 at Campbell Park Camp in Mangawhai Heads. 26th-28th March 2024. We are excited by the opportunities this campsite provides.

Our Intermediate class is already preparing for their trip to Rotorua and Mt Ruapehu. They are having to do some excellent fundraising for this very expensive camp.

Trips- Each year we do a number of sports trips/events including:

- Whole School Cross Country at Portland School

- Year 5/6 Winter Sports

- Year 7/8 Winter Sports

- Year 5/6 town athletics

- Year 7/8 town athletics

- Whole School athletics

This year we had a Year 3/4 cricket tournament and we are trying to help create a regular Year 3/4 competition with other local schools. Watch this space.

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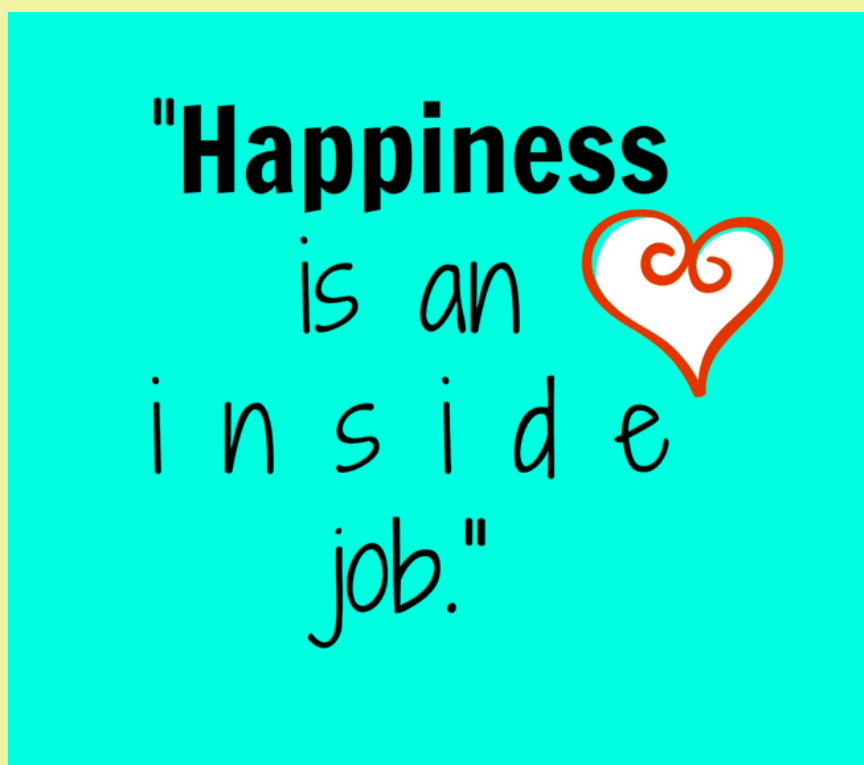
### **Trips in odd years:**

In odd years we will be doing extra trips that are budgeted for by the school. This year our syndicates have decided to go to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beach Trip</li><li>• Heritage Park</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beach education trip</li><li>• Heritage Park</li><li>• Bush Walk</li></ul>

We are really excited by this new plan and will always be looking for new opportunities for our students to have.

### **A Wellbeing quote (an image this week):**



Stay safe throughout the holidays!

I roto i ngā mihi,  
With greetings

Simon Schuster  
Tumuaki/Principal

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