



**MAUNGAKARAMEA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Growing Our Future*

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 3  
16 FEBRUARY 2024

## WEEK 3

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### **School Sponsors:**

**A huge thank you to our sponsors for 2023. We are now on the lookout for our 2024 sponsors and will be in touch with companies that we know of. If you would like to be a school sponsor please contact me directly via phone or email: [principal@mgk.school.nz](mailto:principal@mgk.school.nz)**

### **AFTER SCHOOL PARKING:**

**WE HAVE HAD THE FIRE STATION APPROACH US ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL PARKING. THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE BLOCKING THE FIRE STATION. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE FIRE TRUCK NEEDS A CLEAR WAY TO GET THROUGH AND FIRE STATION VOLUNTEERS NEED SPACE TO PARK THEIR VEHICLES. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE NOT PARKING IN FRONT OF THE FIRE STATION.**



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

### **Term 1: Some important dates to remember:**

**5th March** - Goal Setting Interviews School closes at 1.30pm

**6th March** - Goal setting interviews

**25th March** - Easter Raffle Draw

**26th - 28th March** - Year 3-6 Camp, Campbell Park

**29th March** - Good Friday (No school)

**1st & 2nd April** - Easter Holidays (No school)

**12th April** - Last day of Term 1

**25th April** - ANZAC Day

**29th April** - First day of Term 2

### **School Calendar:**

In order to keep up to date with the latest events and activities that Maungakaramea School has coming up, please join our school calendar!

<https://www.maungakaramea.school.nz/calendar/>

### **Mihi Whakatau:**

**Thank you Delphi for leading our first mihi whakatau for the year. A great welcoming ceremony for new students and whanau who have started since Term 3 last year.**

**Thank you to the parents who came, our kapahaka group for their contribution and to our senior leaders who stepped up on the day!**

### **First Assembly of the year:**

**It was great to get back into whole school assemblies yesterday.**

**Congratulations to all our tamariki who received an award.**

**Thank you to Isla and Caleb who shared their powerful writing with us too.**

### **Whānau BBQ:**

**A huge thank you to the families who came along last night. It was a lovely relaxed atmosphere to meet and greet. Good food, good korero and the chance for a swim.**



### **School parking:**

**A reminder that there is only parallel parking available outside the sponsorship board side of the parking area, at all times. Signs will be erected shortly.**



# RECOUNT WRITING

## XMAS

ISLA TAYLOR

WE WERE ALL AT POPPA'S, THE TAYLOR'S ,MCDUGULLS, AND THE NAISH'S. IT WAS OUR FIRST XMAS WITHOUT POPPA HE HAD PASSED AWAY EARLIER THAT YEAR.THE SUN ROSED HIGH IN THE SKY LIKE A NEWLY MADE MARBLE.MY HEART WAS JUMPING WITH XMAS SPRITE I RAN TO THE ROOM NEXT TO MINE TWO TEENAGE BOYS WERE SLEEPING LIKE PIGS SNORING THEIR HEARTS OUT WHILE DOING IT.I TOOK A DEEP BREATH AND SHOUTED "IT'S XMAS!"CONNOR(MY COUSIN)LEAPED OUT OF THE BOTTOM OF THE BUNK BED AND DONKED HIS HEAD VERY HARD.THE SOUND OF MOVING SPRINGS AND CONNOR CURSING UNDER HIS BREATH ECHOED THROUGH THE HOUSE.NOW THAT WAS THE SOUND OF XMAS AT POPPASI

IT TOOK A LITTLE WHILE FOR CONNOR TO RELAX AND EVERYONE ELSE TO WAKE UP.FINALLY WE WALKED OUT ONTO THE DECK OUR POPPA'S HOUSE WAS RIGHT NEXT TO THE BEACH.WE DECIDED TO OPEN OUR PRESENTS ON THE DECK THE SEA BREEZE FELT NICE AND REFRESHING.I GOT A HARRY POTTER LEGO SET, A WATER GUN, SOME CLOTHES FROM MY AUNT, CHOCOLATES FROM NANA LINDA A TOG BAG FROM NANA AND GRAMPS AND SOME OTHER SMALL STUFF.MY MUM AND AUNT ALANA GOT BREAKFAST READY (EGGS, TOAST, AND CROISSANTS WITH ALMONDS).THE DAY FLEW BY IN A BLUR FIRST WE WERE HAVING BREAKFAST THEN WE WERE SWIMMING NEXT IT WAS 9:00 PM AND WE WERE WATCHING CASTLE'S WITH EVERYONE.THIS XMAS HAD BEEN ONE TO REMEMBER FOREVER.

## My recount

By sienna

During the holidays, I went to the beach. Most of the time I was in the water or building castles in the sand. Me and Ferg built a really good castle with heaps of walls to stop the water, which it stopped all of the waves but some came and stood over the castle. They threw a bunch of rocks all over the castle.

The next day me and Ferg came back we were so annoyed at the people who did it, so we made it better. We took out all the stones and Ferg chucked them all over the beach so i had to go collect them back up so i could make a stone wall at the front, then i scooped out sand behind that wall with a shovel and added that to the front wall and some sand to the wall behind i was building.

As Ferg ran down to the water with a bucket he called out to me and said that there was jelly fish so I ran down and as I was getting closer to him I almost slipped over because of all of the clear little jellyfish. When I finally caught up to ferg he was in the water so I went and stood with him. As I was standing in the water I could feel all of the little bits of jelly fish swaying back and forth on my legs. Then Ferg got some in his bucket and kept them as pets at our castle until we had to go.

## Holidays

Caleb

Waiting for dad to fire a shot, we sit silently BANG a heine drops to the ground there are three more shots fired on the last one a little spiker drops we go up the hill there are the two deer dad shot Samuel and Ephraim gut them. Ephraim says he wants to cary the little one on his shoulders as were walking back we see something Samuel says its a pig but its a goat dad loads two bullets he tells me to shot it i see it in the scope my hands are shaking BANG straight through the neck Samuel guts it and we head up the hill.

It's my turn to have the goat on my shoulders it's about thirty to forty kgs gutted the head keeps bouncing on my back the goat is not bleeding as much as the deer because the goat was a neck shot and the deer was a shoulder shot when it's my turn with the deer it feels ten to twenty kgs lighter than the goat and the head doesn't knock around as much finally it's my turn to have a rest but then i carry the goat up the final hill we have a quick photo and chuck them in the shade.

Finally it's time to eat the little deer tonight were eating the back legs. It was cooked in Gavin's weber for a couple of hours when i bite into it, it's so tender it was so nice i had a whole bone i ate so much meat that night i didn't eat anything else.

## FISHING COMPETITION



On Friday after school I went fishing with Benny, Henry and Dad. I caught two 28cm snapper, Benny caught one 28cm snapper, Henry caught zero and dad caught six or seven good size snapper. We kept one of his 40cm size snapper and we threw the rest back. We were out in the Oakleigh Estuary for 6 hours straight. We got home late.

I had a good nights sleep, then we went out the next morning at the same place. Ben caught zero fish, I caught zero fish and Henry caught zero fish.

Dad battled a stingray, SNAP! went his line. The Stingray put up a tough fight. That was another 3 hours of fishing done.

At the fishing comp prize giving I had a Mr Whippy Ice-cream, it was very chocolatey. I had not one, but two saussies. I had three lamb and coleslaw buns for dinner at the fishing comp prize giving. The auction took one hour and a half. I won no rewards or spot prizes. That was my weekend.

By Charlie

## AT THE FISHING COMP



On the weekend Uncle Ben caught an eel and I caught an eel and it wriggled and giggled around on the rod and Uncle Ben had to cut the fishing line off.

Poppy, my cousin, caught a seagull and it squawked and squawked and finally we got it off and chucked it as hard as we could in the water and it never came back again! I was the only one who didn't power chuck!

My brother was in the sprat competition and caught five sprats. We bumped into AJ and his kid, and WOW, they caught three sprats as well. We saw a photo of Jagger and his new friend and when Jagger's rod had a fish on it, he nearly fell off and was scared so he started crying and dad grabbed Jagger before he fell in the water, luckily. They had a great day!

By Elliot

## THE FISHING COMP



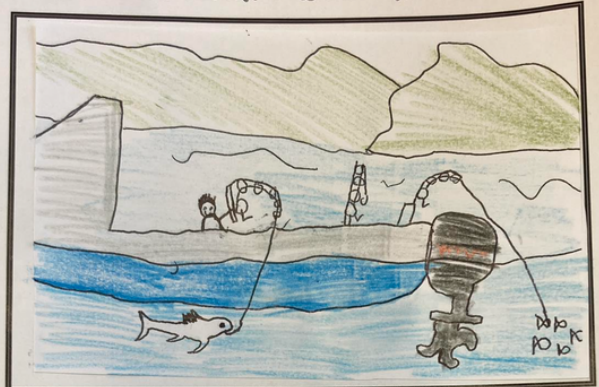
On the weekend we went on the boat and my dad caught some bait and then he put it on the rod. Then he caught a big kingfish, it was SO BIG! I caught a snapper and then Jed tried to catch a kingfish but he caught a stingray but it ate the whole rod!

Then we went home and then we went to the fishing comp. I got a couple prizes and there was lots of ice to keep the fish cold. But then Jed and Jagger started to throw the ice and then all the kids were throwing the ice and it turned into an ice fight.

Then it was the prizes. My dad got two chilly bins, four hats, three drink bottles and one fishing rod. We went home and we stunk from the ice and we had a swim in our pool. It was fun!

By Quinn

## FISHING WEEKEND



On the weekend I went to Tinopai and we went fishing. We caught ten GIGANTIC snapper and I caught my first ever kingfish.

We smoked half the kingy and took half home. Then smoked the snapper. I set the net and next we got six mullet and one baby stingray.

When we got back I did a puzzle and I had a lot of fun!

By Rex

**Goal setting interviews are coming up:**

**Tuesday 5th March 1.30pm to 6.00pm  
and  
Wednesday 6th March 3.30pm to 6.00pm**

**We will be sending home a Goal Setting sheet for parents and children to fill in and bring to the meeting.**

**We will be closing at 1.00pm on Tuesday 5th March. Normal school hours on Wednesday. After School Care will be available from 1.00pm to 5.30pm. Please book early to ensure there is space available. NB – you only need to book the 1.00–3.00 session (for \$5) if you are not booking a later session. After School Care bookings will be automatically included in the Early Close supervision.**

**Interview times are 10 minutes long. Please Complete the emailed form to indicate your availability.**

**Please select all timeslots that you are available. We will allocate timeslots as close together as possible for siblings.**

**This needs to be completed and return by Friday 23 February. All confirmed interview times will be emailed to you on the 28th February.**

**PORTLAND  
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Te Whare Kohungahunga o Portland



Portland Kindergarten has space available on the waiting list for two to four year old children. Please don't hesitate to contact the office on 09 432 2533 or email [portland@nka.org.nz](mailto:portland@nka.org.nz) for further details for enrolment. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

**THE  
FINAL  
WORD**

**Notices/Reminders:**

**School Fundraising Committee meeting:**

**The meeting scheduled for this afternoon has been canceled. A new date will be advertised shortly.**

**School Lunches:**

**School lunches are every Thursday this year. This is due to a change in day for our Senior Tech Day at TAS. Lunch orders must be made by no later than Wednesday night.**

**Kindo or cash.**

**Year 3–6 Camp permission slips:**

**Please ensure permission slips, either hard copy or electronic are filled out and returned to school no later than 1st March.**

**Any questions to Sara Abraham (TIC) [s.abraham@mgk.school.nz](mailto:s.abraham@mgk.school.nz)**

**Me titiro ki te wiki e heke mai nei (Looking towards the week ahead),**

**Tuesday 20th February:**

**5.30pm: School Board Meeting in the staffroom**

**Wednesday 21st February:**

**2pm: School Assembly. We would love to see you there.**

**Thursday 22nd February:**

**Swim Safe through Sports Northland are in. Please ensure all children bring their togs.**

**5.30pm: Kiwi Camp meeting in Kiwi. All Kiwi parents/caregivers are invited to attend.**

**Ka nui tēnā mō tēnei wā (That's enough for now)**

**Simon Schuster  
Tumuaki/Principal**