



Family Newsletter

Kia ora families and whanau,

There is nothing as long as a short week or so the saying goes. Add two short weeks together and we feel like we are already well into term one. Welcome back every one I trust that you are ready for another action packed year full of noteworthy accomplishments in our education mahi tahi. I especially welcome all our new enrolments. I'm reliably informed that we have had more new enrolments so far this year than we did in the first six months of last year. Also a big Mangakahia welcome to our new staff members Karen Corbett (Social Science), Heather Willcoxson (Food tech/Careers) and Chris Williams (Maths) We have been very fortunate to appoint staff with such a wide range of skills and experience. I also welcome back from study leave Carolyn Henwood (Room1). To all our parents and caregivers and especially to those we have yet to meet I invite you to join us at our whanau barbeque on 23 February from 3.30-5 pm.

Our 2015 year level 2 and 3 NCEA results were very pleasing and place us among top achieving schools. 100% of our year 12 students gained NCEA level 2 and 67% of our year 13 students gained NCEA level 3 with others gaining awards for courses that lead to vocational pathways. An excellent effort all round for these students well done! It was particularly pleasing to note the number of merit and excellent endorsements in art. It surely attests that we have some very talented creative students.

We have started the year by emphasising the first concept in our school motto 'STRIVE' as last years achievers so adequately demonstrated there is no substitute for sustained effort in achieving worthwhile goals. Our school value of Maturanga (striving for excellence) will be to the forefront of all that we do— individually and collectively, once again in 2016 we will not settle for second best.

Ka kite ano

Phil Reynolds
Principal

Town Bus:

We are now operating our own school van/bus on the town run. As the van is only able to transport 11 passengers seats are limited. This puts a restriction on numbers being able to use the van. Spaces are reserved for regular, fare paying students. Other students wishing to use the van **MUST RESERVE A PLACE in advance** and pay for the ticket on the day of travel.

The school is not in the position to extend credit for bus tickets.

Community & Admin News

WHANUA BARBEQUE: Everyone is invited attend our family BBQ on Tuesday 23 February from 3.30pm to 5pm. Bring your togs!

HEALTH FORMS: For students to participate in activities such as swimming or class trips/camps we need the 2016 health forms completed and returned to school as soon as possible. All students have received one and should have taken them home to be completed by a parent or caregiver.

SWIMMING SPORTS are being held on Wednesday 24 February.
10.00am - Championship races
12.00pm - School fun events
1.30pm - Primary beginner swimming

SUNSMART: It is compulsory for all junior school students to be wearing sunhats at all break-times this term.

NO CAPS. The hats are blue and they must have a brim right round. Sunhats can be purchased from the office for \$5. Or you can buy bucket hats or hats with large brims from the Warehouse.

KAPA HAKA TUTOR: We are looking for a Kapa Haka tutor for our senior group. If you can help or know of someone that might be interested please contact the school office on 4331 702.

ABSENCES: Please remember to contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know if your child will be absent.

Dates to Remember:

22-23 Feb Swim, Bike, Run.
Yrs 1-8

23 Feb Whanau BBQ
24 Feb Swimming Sports
2 March Valley Swim Sports
11 March Country Meal
21 March Senior Athletics
Yrs 7-13

25-29 March Easter Break.
NB Tuesday 29 March is a school holiday.

30 March –1 April Camp for
Yrs 7, 8 & 9 at Mangawhai.

Country Meal Friday 11 March 2016



Each month the Mangakahia Sports Complex at Poroti is the venue for the local Community Country Meals, which are held on the second Friday of each month. **Come along and join us as Friday 11 March is our month to host.**

Proceeds from the Country Meals are shared with a community group, sports club or local school that hosts the meal each month. They are a great way to meet the local community and have a relaxed night out. Meals cost \$6 for children and \$12-\$15 for adult's meals. A delicious range of salads plus dessert is included with the meals. There is a fully licenced bar.

A salad contribution by school families is appreciated. If you can't make it to the dinner they can be dropped off at the school office. We also need people to help set up, from 6.00pm and to serve meals, from 6.30pm.

The Incredible Years Parenting Program

The Incredible Years Parenting program (over 14 weeks) is being offered to parents/grandparents/care-givers of children in the Mangakahia district. The course is ideally suited for those parents / adults who have care/custody of children aged between 3 and 9 yrs old. The course is free of charge, petrol vouchers available for those people travelling more than 10 mins from course venue, certificates awarded upon course completion.

The Incredible Years kaupapa is a parenting program aimed at helping parents:

- To have a better relationship with their children
- Stimulate their children's development
- Gain skills to feel more confident about their parenting
- Have a positive and nurturing parenting style
- Lessen harsh parenting practices
- Establish better relationships with the child's teacher

Who is presenting this program? New Era Tangata Solutions
Gilbert Paki – Accredited Group Leader (*Patu Harakeke/Ngati Wai*)
Dianna Paki – Trained Group Leader (*Ngati Hau/Ngapuhi*)

How long is the training? Each course consists of 14 (2.5 hr) sessions.

Who can attend? Parents, Grand Parents and caregivers of children 3-8 years old with challenging behaviors attend our course. You are welcome to contact us if you are interested. Once a course is full parents will be put on a waiting list for the next course.

Contact Details: For further information, please contact: Gilbert Paki Ph: 0210410867, Dianna Paki Ph: 0211833107, Email gilbertp@clear.net.nz, or phone 435 5026 Whangarei. <http://www.incredibleyears.com>

Mangakahia Swimming Club has requested that the school look after their trophies. There is quite a list of outstanding trophies so if you have any stashed away in a cupboard or under the bed could you please drop them off at school.

Maungatapere Community Market Green Fingers Challenge and Bake Off.

When: Sunday 3 April 2016 9.00am - 10am. Entry close off is at 8.30 a.m.

Where: Office Cafe carpark area between the Old Dairy Factory and the Office Café.

Please get growing for the 'Largest Pumpkin' (by weight), and 'Largest Tomato' (by weight) competitions to be held at the April 2016 Community Market. Also, for the cooking enthusiasts the 'Tastiest Apple Pie' will be judged on the day.

If you are interested in further information about the competition please phone: Geoff Mansell 027 434 7041, Maungatapere Community Markets Produce Plus Market Organisers. We look forward to seeing your entries.



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