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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Week 1, Term 1 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

I am sure we still need to be lying on the beach, dipping ourselves in the water, and sitting in the shade! We are one of the lucky schools that have air- conditioning to keep our students and staff cool as they return to school for Term One.

Lots of people have been busy at school over the holidays and I would like to publicly thank them. Moera looking after the pool and security has been awesome. Apart from a leaking pool everything else has run smoothly. Jake who has started the tree trimming, and mowing of the front paddock; Mr J for his on-going help with the clean- up, weed eating, rubbish tip runs; the Teaching staff, Mrs L-K and Mrs Pye coming in and getting prepared for the first term, and Donna for ensuring our school is sparkling inside and out ready for the new year. It is always hard at this term of the year with the growth of the gardens and weeds, but my personal thanks to everyone who has contributed.

The Axemans's carnival is this weekend and we would love to have a good number of people supporting this event. Spread the word. Hopefully you have filled in the form and can offer your support for some of the time on our stall. There is still time and lots of spaces to be filled.

Our School Powhiri will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February in the morning. More details further on in the newsletter.

During the term we are having a couple of fun events: A Triathlon and the School Inter-house Swimming Sports afternoon. These have been successful events in previous years. We will let you know when they are nearer the time.

We have developed a School Booklet that explains most things and are updating with this year's information and it will be sent home as a reference when completed.

**MRS J**

**PRINCIPAL**

**AXEMAN'S CARNIVAL:** We still urgently need volunteers to help with our stall. I have just had confirmed that we are also on clearing the wood after each axeman's event onto a trailer beside the events then when it is filled unloading at school. Any help with this will be appreciated as well- our Senior students Years 7 & 8 can also help here. If anyone has a small gazebo we can use on the day to put over the Nail Drive for shade please let me know, or drop it off to school on Friday.

**SCHOOL STATIONERY:** Just a reminder that your student can purchase their stationery from school and this is now needed. Your child will have brought home a list of what they required. Packs are available at school. Payment can be made at the office or online.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES:** Available from tomorrow and each Friday. Option of hot dog for \$2.50 and iceblocks for 50c each. Pay at the office in the morning before school starts.

**SWIMMING:** Swimming is part of our curriculum and we expect our students to take part unless they have a good excuse. Part of managing self is getting organised themselves. Knowing we swim each day, so they pack their togs and towel as part of their getting ready routine.

**GYMNASTICS:** The Junior Class will be participating in Gymnastic sessions on Friday mornings at school. Active Attitude instructors will be taking the sessions. "Gymnastics is one of the most comprehensive lifestyle exercise programs available to children, incorporating strength, flexibility, speed, balance, coordination, power, and discipline. Whether they are involved in recreational gymnastics or with a competition squad, skills learned in gymnastics can benefit a child's overall development. Gymnastics helps children build a range of motor and coordination skills, and assists in developing a good sense of body awareness."

**HATS:** As we are a Sunsmart School we all wear Term Three. We have school hats available, but wear their own this year. **No caps.** They need hats neck and ears – bucket hats. They need to be named responsibility for their own hat.



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**Our Policy states:** When outside and involved in school activities, staff model appropriate sun-safe behaviour by wearing hats that shade the face, neck, and ears, and making use of shade whenever possible. Hats are to be worn by students whenever they are outside. No hat then they stay in the shade area. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.

**COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY:** In order to enhance our learning the school has purchased chrome books and more iPad minis for the Senior Class and iPads for the Junior class. This is a result of our Professional Learning Development contract. We will be learning how to use these devices to enhance our learning programmes, particularly in the Literacy curriculum area, and develop safety around their use. We intend to hold a Parent Evening later in the term to show you what we are learning. We have had requests for bringing personal devices to school. At present we are setting up our systems and agreements and will let you know when this is an option.

**POWHIRI:** This will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February to welcome new students and new families. Everyone is welcome to attend.

9.15 – 9.45 a.m. Bring a plate of food to share to school. Prepare and present the kai (food).

9.45 a.m. Walk to the Marae

10 – 11 a.m. Powhiri

11 a.m. Back to school for kai

**SCHOOL PICNIC AND CLASS MEETINGS:** Our School Picnic will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February starting at 6 p.m. The pool will be open and during this evening each class will have an Open meeting to talk with parents or interested parties about classroom expectations, homework, programmes of work etc. More specific times will come home nearer the event. Opportunities for individual parents to meet the teachers will also be offered at a different time should you request this.

**AMNESTY:** No questions asked! Please hunt high and low and return any school Library books, reading books, t-shirts etc to school. After my clean out at home and school I have to say I was guilty of finding Poroti School items. Pleased to say they are safely returned!

### **BOT SPOT:**

Next BOT meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Public minutes of the meetings are in a clear file just in by the Principal's Office on the magazine stand should you wish to look at them.

## **Community Notices**

**ACTIVE ATTITUDE** : Active Attitude (9 Commerce St) is all about having fun while participating in physical activity! They have classes for gymnastics, tumble, trampoline, fitness, and aerobic gymnastics. They offer both recreational and competitive classes. Contact them on (09) 945 4876, [admin@activeattitude.co.nz](mailto:admin@activeattitude.co.nz) or [activeattitude.co.nz](http://activeattitude.co.nz)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>TERM ONE</b>	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Axeman's Carnival – Mangakahia complex and Maungarongo Marae. 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	BOT Meeting 7pm in staffroom
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 & 8 students attending Mangakahia Area School Powhiri Staff attending Write That Essay workshops – staggered so there will be staff at school.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 7 & 8 attending Mangakahia Area School Powhiri to welcome them
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Powhiri at Maungarongo Marae
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School Picnic evening and Classroom meetings (more details closer to the time)