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Thursday 29th October 2020

Week 3, Term 4 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

I hope you all took advantage of the wonderful weather at the weekend?

The year is whipping by quickly, and Athletics is almost upon us. We are preparing the children for their events as part of the Health and Physical Education (Phys Ed) programme. For those new to this event, around 450 – 500 extra students arrive at our school for a day of Athletics. The Seniors compete in Year groups around Sprints, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot put and Discus, and the Juniors, Sprints and Run, jump and throw activities. We require many hands for this day, both on the BBQ, in the food tents and on the events. Please keep Wednesday 11th November in your Diaries.

On that note the Long Jump pits need 'weeding!' If you are able to help, please feel free to come down anytime and spend however much time you have helping to clear the pits ready for the top up of sand. No appointment necessary!



I enjoyed watching our Poroti kids playing touch rugby last Thursday night. They are in three different teams, and it is great to see them out there playing alongside kids from other schools.

I am working with the staff and BOT to get our Three- year Strategic Plan finalised and ready for action. This has been a long process taking into account views and opinions from many stakeholders in our community. The skeleton of the document is complete, and we are working on the Actions needed to achieve these goals over the next three years, with particular focus on the ANNUAL PLAN for 2021. These strategic goals and initiatives will form our Annual Plan of work for 2021, and be built on in 2022 and 2023.



Thanks to OXFORD TRUST we were successful in getting equipment for a Fundamental Movement programme for the Juniors, and Robots for the Senior class as part of our Digital Technology and STEAM focus.



Next Thursday we have 5 children attending Whangarei Central Day; Riley, Te Hina, Jethro and Marley with their calves, and Nevaeh with her lamb. We wish them all the best for the day.

Mrs J

Principal

BOT SPOT: The next BOT meeting will be held at the School on Monday 23 November. Minutes are available at school after the meetings if anyone should wish to read them.

Updates from the BOT: GREAT NEWS! We have had two property projects approved and hoping to get underway in the Christmas holidays – a new front fence, and turf on the court area.

The pool is causing problems again at present. A new motor has been installed and we will refill it hoping to have our students swimming this term. Depending on the timing of the property projects a decision to open the pool over the Christmas holidays is on hold at present. We may not have access to the pool.

SENIOR CAMP: We will be snorkelling at Goat Island during camp, and require life jackets for our students who are not so confident in the water. If you can help out please let Mrs Pye or Mrs J know. We will take very good care of them.

Mangakahia Festival - The annual festival is coming up on Thursday 12th November. Details will come home regarding this closer to the time. In the meantime if you would like to order one of their delicious hangi that they have available on the day, please complete the form on the bottom of this newsletter and return with your payment.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maunu Tennis Club Centenary Celebration.

Saturday November 28th 2020. Maunu Tennis Club 694 State Highway 14 Whangarei. Courts open at 12.00. Formal welcome 1.00. Come along and see the new courts, view the displays and catch up with club mates. Please pass this invitation to anyone else you think may be interested. For more information contact Sue & Ray Webb 09 434 6898.



Whangarei Lions Club

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR – Great family night out. Saturday 7th November. Gates open at 6 p.m. Semenoff Stadium. Tickets: Cash /Eftpos \$5 School Children,\$10 Single \$25 Family (2 adults 2 children or 1 adult 4 children)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR				
Thursday 5 th November	Central Day for calves and lambs			
Wednesday 11 th November	Annual Athletics Day at Poroti			
Thursday 12 th November	Kapa Haka Festival at Mangakahia Area School			
Tuesday 17 th November	Start of Senior Camp – at Pakiri			
Monday 23 rd November	BOT Meeting			
Tuesday 24 th November	BEE Friends			
Wednesday 25 th November	Junior Camp			
Thursday 26 th November	Junior Camp			

MANGAKAHIA KAPA HAPA FESTIVAL - HANGI ORDER

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