



Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2020



Responsibility ~ Haepapa, Respect ~ Whakaute, Resilience ~ Aumangea It's the Mangatawhiri Way
 "In life we learn In school we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON

12th May 2020

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

I have attached a separate newsletter regarding COVID 19 Alert Level 2 in relation to our school opening on **MONDAY 18TH MAY**.

We enjoyed another on line School Assembly on Friday with 71 computers linked in. Along with our house meetings last week, we had some lovely opportunities to mix as a whole school. Obviously, we are all really looking forward to seeing everyone for 'real' next week!



Staff are well into the organisation of reopening school. A reminder, only morning zoom sessions will be held this week. I have asked teachers to reduce the number of tasks this week and to finish off what has been set rather than starting new projects with the students.

I was thinking the other day we might need to organise parent - teacher interviews where parents tell us what the children have been like with their learning!!!

I have made it very clear to staff that our return to school is about positive well-being and as such, we will not immediately return to school, as we know it. Rather we will take time to process what we have experienced, allow children to share about their experiences, reconnect as friends, class groups and as a school.

There have been many positives that have come from our recent experiences and we want to build on these as well as take the opportunity to review what it is we need to do in regards to learning moving forward.

Re-establishing who we are as a school and the expectations around this will also be key. Very much like starting the year together again, the staff have planned some fun things to do to get us started.

If your child is apprehensive about returning to school, (more than what you would consider normal) then please make contact with your child's teacher via email in the first instance so we can talk with you and know what to expect.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT RETURNING TO SCHOOL UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2 PLEASE LET ME KNOW URGENTLY as staff will need time to prepare distance learning along with on-site learning.



We have made the decision to cancel our Whole School Camp this year, which we were due to attend in term 3. There are too many unknowns around keeping ourselves safe. We know children will be disappointed but it is just so uncertain in regards to how things will go. Parents who have deposited payments into our school account will have these fully refunded.



Dominic & Jair Tupou-Vea have some exciting baby news - their new brother, Remy, has arrived. We look forward to meeting the new member of the family.

I gave out 300 house points for readers of last week's newsletter who found mistakes I thought weren't there! Well done spotters.

Sharron Scouse
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- ☺ **Students & Families** who attended our whole school zoom assembly on Friday
- ☺ **Senior Team** for hosting our school assembly
- ☺ **Martie Devlin, Holly Timmins, Azayleia Hughes, Emma Geck** for hosting house meetings and house members who came along to the Zoom meetings



May	
Wednesday 13th May:	Friday 15th May:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher only day – all staff on site No Zoom sessions today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crazy Hair 1pm Whole School Assembly via Zoom Class emails Home
Monday 18th May:	Friday 22nd May:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1 back at school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday: Wear what you like 1.45pm Whole School Assembly via Zoom



Jaimee Blackbourn turning 8 on 16th May
Olivia Richards turning 9 on 16th May

happy birthday!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:



- Room 1: Willow Vennell**
 Consistently working hard every day of lockdown and posting such original learning
- Hub: Emily McHardy**
 Fabulous and consistent effort in maths learning
- Hub: George Leenen**
 Impressive effort and attitude to learning in maths
- Room 4: Jaimee Blackbourn**
 Massive effort in maths, going above and beyond what is asked of her
- Room 5: Luca Varga**
 Amazing learning from home every week, often doing more than is asked of him

Room 6: Kobe Leenen
 Being resilient in his learning and completing all the week's tasks to a high standard!

Room 7: Fletcher Grant
 Outstanding online learning!

Room 8: Olivia Devlin
 Amazing job with online learning!



SCHOOL AWARDS:

- Class Award: Room 1**
 Fabulous photos with their wonderful mums
- Academic Award: Kacey Soppet**
 Engaging in the senior school daily challenge task to a high standard with loads of enthusiasm
- Staff Award: Miss Dearlove**
 Creativity with Kevin the carrot and his entertaining Zoom adventures
- Mangatawhiri Way: Indie Vujcich & Jack Vujcich**
 For the very respectful, way they begin every seesaw video post by greeting Mrs Dodds or Miss Kroef and explaining what they are showing in the video



STAR WRITERS:

- Room 1: Georgia Koppens**
 Princess writing
- Hub: Billie Devlin**
 Munchie the Goat
- Hub: Theo Cockrell**
 Fire on the farm
- Room 4: Caughey Tawhiti**
 Descriptive cricket story
- Room 5: Kate McSaveney, Hana Burns, Stevie Dodds**
 Neat pangrams - sentences that use every letter of the alphabet
- Room 6: Summer Lupeiki**
 Fabulous Autumn poem
- Room 7: Jordan Johnston**
 My fascinating insect
- Room 8: Rory Cordes**
 Wonderful Autumn poem



HOUSE PEOPLE OF THE WEEK:



- Kauri: Will Cockrell**
- Manuka: Holly Smith & Stevie Dodds**
- Rimu: Violet Lucioni**
- Tanekaha: Declan Chitekwe**

GO TEAM!

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 4:

- 1st Manuka 365 points, 2nd Kauri 265 points
 3rd Rimu 135 points 4th Tanekaha 131 points

TERM 2:

- 1st Manuka 471 points, 2nd Kauri 351 points
 3rd Rimu 227 points 4th Tanekaha 225 points

LEARNING IN LOCKDOWN:



6 SENTENCE STORY - TRENT BOULT

By Caughey Tawhiti

Trent Boulton is super tall and so fit with chocolate brown hair. He is on a cricket pitch, it is bright green. He is a very fast bowler. He needs to bowl out the best batsman so far, Virat Kohli. He is anxious his hands are shaking like a leaf. He is brave and believed in himself and bowled without shaking.



FIRE ON THE FARM

By Theo Cockrell

Charlie came up to our house and he asked us if we would like to light a fire. Then we were excited to go with Charlie. Then the fire got out of control. Then we had to call 111. It was crazy. There were four fire trucks. Dad was busy helping the fireman. The fire was massive!



MUNCHIE

By Billie Devlin

Miller and I played with Munchie. Munchie is a funny goat. He has a little house.



AUTUMN

By Rory Cordes

As the cool Autumn breeze, wraps swiftly around the leaves attached to the trees. They slowly start to fall to the cold, wet, ground. As you walk over them they crumble under the weight of your body. Then all that is left behind is the bits of leaf looking like ash. All the different colours like red, green and purple all mix with each other forming colourful patterns. Then as the people run through them, they all get pushed to the sides where no one can see them. Eventually new leaves fall and make more patterns. But slowly disappear with each soft blow of the wind. They disappear with every refreshing drop of rain that falls from the foggy clouds up in the light blue sky. As it comes to the middle of Autumn, leaves and petals fall from the trees making a thick layer of colour. It becomes too thick so the leaf blowers start up and blow all of the bits of leaves and petals into piles and piles. After the poor men and woman blow all their leaves into a pile the dogs and children decide it would be great to jump in them creating a mess once more. Once the season come to end the leaves disappear into nowhere, never to be seen again. The people cheer and celebrate because there are no more leaves.



MY FAVOURITE INSECT

By Jordan Johnston

My favourite insect is a fly. The body is quite fat and its eyes are quite fascinating there are two eyes but if you take a close look there are a ton of smaller eyes called ommatidia which are made up of thousands of individual visual receptors which in their own make an eye but together create a fly's field of vision. But my favourite part is how easy it is to kill them. Flies are pretty annoying and most of you can agree with that but they're honestly quite fascinating.



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