

Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2021



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

8th November 2021

Dear Parents & Community Members,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



Hmmm what more could come our way! Thanks to Mr Schu for investigating our septic alarm. There has been some damage to the septic pump but at this stage we are unsure as to why. We have the septic team on site this morning to assess the damage and to see what is needed to repair or replace. In the meantime, school is CLOSED today (Monday). I await an update from Mr Schu as to if we can open tomorrow or not. PLEASE check the SKOOL LOOP and emails for updates.



It was wonderful to see family support for our school Cross Country on Friday, it felt like old times. We know of some Level 3 students who were running their own cross country at home at the same time - well done!

BREAKING NEWS This week we hope to have a clear announcement from the Government as to how schools can move forward and possibly open for Level 3 students. **HOWEVER, whatever the announcement is, it is the boundary that continues to be our problem.** Karyn Adams and I met with the Director, Manager and Senior Advisor from the Ministry of Education on Friday via zoom to discuss all the implications for us. While we await the Government announcement we are exploring how we could cater for the return of Level 3 students as we cannot have Level 2 and Level 3 students on site together. We will keep you updated.

In the meantime, enjoy some highlights from learning that continues to impress us all. Our students are totally awesome!

Take care.

Sharron Scouse

PRINCIPAL



- 😊 **Parents** who attended the classroom parent zoom session
- 😊 **Staff** for creating, contributing to and then delivering our very special care packages on Wednesday to our Waikato alert level 3 students
- 😊 **To the many many families** who have responded with thanks for the care packages
- 😊 **Young's** for the use of their farm for Cross Country
- 😊 **Family Support** at our Cross Country (and most adults wearing masks)
- 😊 **Lyn Stevens** for ongoing lunch duty support
- 😊 **Devlin Family** for delicious banana cake - the staff at school were very happy!
- 😊 **Kaitlin Cumming** for her wonderful poem of thanks

Dear Everyone at Mangatawhiri School

Thank you all for what you do

Seeing Mrs Ormsby happy, made me go woo!

With all my books and other things

I felt like I had got new wings

Thank you for all the great presents

Everything was so pleasant

I just have one thing to say

I hope you have a wonderful day!

I wish that we were all together

And that we had good weather

I know that lockdown has been hard

So thank you for the card

I hope your parents aren't going mad

Being without ya mate... Makes me sad :(

Even though lockdown has been long

We all need to stay strong!

I know that lockdown is getting old

And that it feels uncontrolled

But we're getting there

Take care!

So thank you all for everything

I hope to see you after this scary thing

THANK YOU ALL SO SO SO MUCH

By: Kaitlin Cumming

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YOU DID IT!
Congratulations

GO TEAM!



1st Tanekaha 107 points 2nd Rimu 95 points
3rd Manuka 87 points 4th Kauri 81 points

TERM 4

1st Tanekaha 156 points 2nd Rimu 144 points
3rd Manuka 142 points 4th Kauri 135 points



School Trustees News

Thank you to the School Trustees who met via zoom last week for our November meeting. Highlights from the meeting:

- Our thanks and appreciation to all staff for the work that has been undertaken to keep our students engaged whether on line or at school
- Congratulations to the 200 entrants in our virtual Calf Club
- 2022 School Trustee elections have been moved to 7th September 2022 (across NZ) to allow for on line voting to be established and approved for use
- All current Trustees will remain until this date
- Library is in the process of moving back to its original home with new shelving and furniture
- Discussed the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order for Mandatory Vaccinations for Education
- Students 12 years and older to be contacted for vaccine status in line with MoH regulations
- Wonderful response from the community for the care package deliveries made to level 3 families (and since the meeting, level 2 families)
- 2022 School planning confirmed for 9 classrooms operating and reading recovery



SCHOOL POOL:

The School Trustees have made the difficult decision to close the school pool to the community during the December / January holiday break. In line with COVID regulations the pool will not open until further notice. We know this will be disappointing for our community.

Karyn Adams

Presiding Member

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STUDENTS OF WEEK 3:



- Room 1: *Ariel Stanton*
Her growing enthusiasm at our zoom meetings and drop in sessions
- Room 1: *Chloe Harker*
Awesome start to school., she has such a positive attitude and gives everything a go
- Room 2: *Talan van den Brink*
For his growth in confidence to share his learning and for being a keen learner no matter what the activity
- Room 2: *Maddy Falkner*
Great sounding out in her story writing
- Room 3: *Riley Harvey*
Trying really hard with all his learning and remembering what we have done
- Room 4: *Aleah van den Brink*
Amazing effort with her online learning
- Room 5: *Reegan de Bruin*
Writing an amazing story with his code words
- Room 5: *Jackson Piccard*
Showing great Haepapa with his learning
- Room 6: *George Cockrell*
Endless excitement and enthusiasm towards his work!
- Room 6: *Olivia Richards*
Taking responsibility for her learning and challenging herself to step outside her comfort zone
- Room 7: *Vaughn Stanton*
Continuing to develop his sense of responsibility and resilience towards his learning
- Room 7: *Nicole Ramsay*
Taking responsibility for her learning and completing online learning tasks after school
- Room 8: *Mackenzie Braid*
Being a self-managing, self-motivated learner, pushing through the challenges she faces
- Room 8: *Tyler Fitzgerald*
Working on the learning tasks set without any fuss
- Room 9: *Mercedes Basevi*
Completing all learning to a high standard and striving to do her best always
- Room 9: *Hannah Baillie*
Remaining focused, on task and working well to complete tasks set

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Week 3 STAR Learners

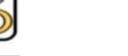


★ McKenna Ainsley ★

McKenna started school online and is doing such a great job with her online learning

COMPARING WEIGHT 

Circle the object that weighs more.

Circle the picture if its name starts with c.

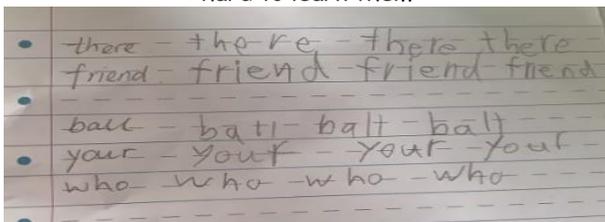
★ Harrison Vennell ★

My monster is feeling sad. Someone hit her. Her teeth are sharp for eating meat. The monster's legs are slow because her body is big.



★ Rex Liu ★

Challenging himself with his spelling words and working hard to learn them



★ Jair Tupou-Vea & Jackson Bullivant ★

★ Jackson Ramsay & Luka de Vries ★

Great collaborative creation of their 'Bad City' with such fantastic details



★ Jack Dodds ★

Sprinkle kindness donut



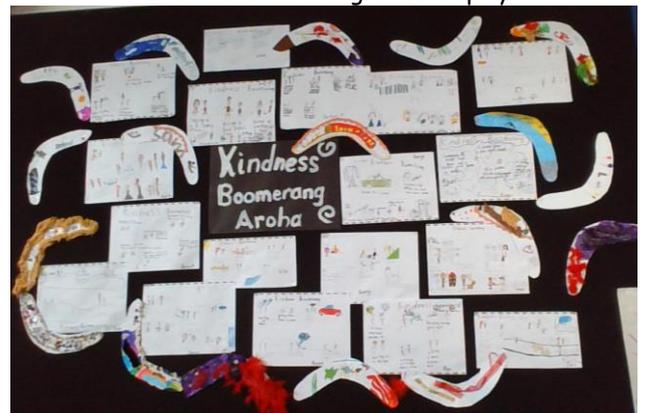
★ Leighton Mitchell ★

Kindness boomerang



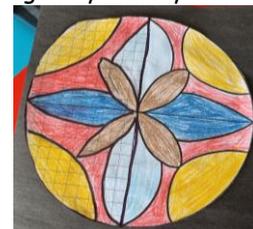
★ Room 45 ★

Kindness boomerang class display



★ Cooper Fitzgerald ★

Rangoli Symmetry Patterns



★ Hanna Feiten ★

Rangoli Symmetry Patterns



★ **Stevie Dodds** ★

Creative Writing

This wasn't an ordinary story, this is a legendary story about a little bird that just wanted some food.

Once there was a vulnerable seagull baby sitting in its nest waiting for his mother to come home. He looks for her and spots her eating all the food. The little seagull's tummy rumbled. "I want some food!" he said. He raced off down the beach and started to dig. Then, all his aunts and uncles fled... they were bolting for land. Nothing could be that scary, ohh but it was, it was a massive wave. He tossed and turned but couldn't get out of its grasp. It slowly shrunk into just a trickle of water. The seagull looked in every single corner of the beach but his mother was nowhere to be found, then he saw something. It was a little crab. He followed it down all the way to the ocean. Just then the wave came again he was terrified, but he couldn't run from it so he used his initiative and he burrowed into the ground. He saw something indescribable, a city of Pipi's. He dove and got a pipi. It was scrumptious. Then he found the group "Mum! Mum!" He yelled "there you are" his mum called. They had a big feast then went to sleep.

★ **James Gallaher** ★

The Lonely Bee

So, how many times have you looked outside and saw a lonely bee? Impossible right? Wrong, I did, and this is a story about my encounter. I will tell you about it from the bee's very tiny perspective. (Yawn). "Morning Mum, what what are you doing? "Asked the tired, confused bee. "What bruh? Why do I have to do all the cleaning!?" Yelled the now angry bee. "You always make me clean the toilet, you know I hate doing it! You know what, I'll do it when I turn 9!" The 8 year old bee yelled, "I'm going out to pollinate." "Alright then, the whole hive will come with you", Mum said. "No!!!!!! I'll do it myself," screamed the now enraged bee. But the worried, drunk Mum didn't like the idea. She felt like something was going to happen to her little defenceless bee. So she ordered the whole hive to protect him while he pollinates. Being the smallest bee in the hive means he urgently needed to be protected from wind but he didn't care so continued to storm out of the hive. At the time, it wasn't windy, some would say peaceful. He lowered his guard. But sadly the big bee's couldn't come quick enough because a big gust of wind came right at the wrong time. He got blown away so far, he accidentally stung a dog and passed away. Just before he died he regretted being rude to his mum and died a sad bee. R.I.P.

★ **Arisha Ram** ★

Sharing all about her knowledge of Diwali with us and creating a dance for Room 8 and 9 to learn



★ **Aliyah Burns** ★

Fireworks Writing

The magic of the night.

The black still night was filled with anticipation. The sky was a vast sea of black, it was cold, clear and silent.

Suddenly the moment we had awaited for became the present. Bang! Fireworks burst filling the sky with colour, light, excitement, wonder and magic replacing the anticipation. As we watched colourful flames explode and dance across the sky. Coiling, twirling, zipping. Scattering, blazing sparkles like a fairy throwing pixie dust. Frisking, frolicking, pirouetting and prancing. The fireworks reminded me of a speed up flower blooming and opening in the light. Except these flowers opened in the moonlight, the black sky creating a powerful background for the dazzling glow of the flaming beauty of the fireworks.

Down below on the ground each and every child up late for this one special occasion stood in awe with their necks craned upwards. Wow, they whispered. Shivering and huddled up together not one noticed the cold. Would they sleep well tonight? The magic captivated them. Speechless mouths hang open with delight. The magic of the night.



RESULTS

Room 1&2:

1st Lily O'Connell 2nd Violet Lucioni 3rd Maia Mchardy
1st Millar Campbell 2nd Jair Tupou-Vea 3rd Harry Vujcich

Room 3:

1st Willow Vennell 2nd Marni Burns 3rd Indie Vujcich
1st Luca de Vries 2nd Riley Harvey

Room 4&5 Year 3:

1st Emily McHardy
2nd Niko Varga 2nd Dominic Tupou-Vea 3rd Benny Liversedge

Room 4&5 Year 4:

1st Lexie Pope 2nd Emily Baillie
1st George Leenen 2nd Bennett Smith 3rd Jackson Picard

Room 6&7:

1st Freya Hayes 2nd Nicole Ramsay 3rd Isabella Picard
1st Cooper Fitzgerald 2nd Nate Roberts 3rd Lachlan Grant

Room 8&9:

1st Rebecca Richards 2nd Aliyah Burns 3rd Olivia Devlin
1st Fletcher Grant 2nd Tyler Fitzgerald 3rd Lucas Liversedge

House Teams:

Junior: 1st Rimu 2nd Tanekaha 3rd Kauri 4th Manuka
Senior: 1st Manuka 2nd Kauri 3rd Tanekaha 4th Rimu

CROSS COUNTRY HOUSE POINTS:



1st Tanekaha 74 points
2nd Rimu 50 points
3rd Manuka 40 points
4th Kauri 36 points



Happy Birthday

8 November *Mackenzie Braid* turning 13
8 November *Bronte Peter* turning 9
12 November *Lee Walter* turning 11
12 November *Noel Linton* turning 8
13 November *Leighton Mitchell* turning 8

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