

# Mangaweka School & Community Newsletter

Monday 18th March 2019

TERM 1 WEEK 8

Effort Achieves Excellence



Takahia te ara teitei

## From the Principal

Dear Parents / Whanau

Another busy fortnight has flown by with a range of EoTC events being undertaken.

Congratulation to all of our children for their participation and effort shown at the annual Moawhango School Athletics with special recognition to **Sereana Vagiri** and **Logan Ryder** for coming overall first place in their age groups. **Serena** and **Logan** will also have the opportunity to participate in the up-coming **Hunternville Interschool Athletics** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Today we have 4 of our children participating in the **Palmerston North Weetbix Tryathlon** – **Alex Hoyle**, **Anika Corbett**, **Logan Ryder** and **Sereana Vagiri**. Thank you to **Marione Williams** for being our parent helper and taking the children to and from this event.

**Junior and Senior Rural Swimming Sports:** Well done to all of our children for the effort put into these events. It was great to see the progress they have made in swimming since last year – whether that be in water confidence or swimming skills. **Anika Corbett**, **Maia MacMillan** and **Atarau Finn-Wipaki** also gained entry into the Taihape Interschool Swimming Sports that was undertaken last Friday. Well done girls! You were all fabulous ambassadors for the Rural Country Schools team.

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S39° 48.485, E175° 47.438,

Elevation: 1042ft

(317m)

## Term Dates 2018

### Term One

28 January - 12 April

Waitangi Break—4 Feb to 6 Feb

### Term two

29 April - 5 July

### Term Three

22 July - 27 September

### Term Four

14 October - 11 December

## For the Calendar

### Next Assembly

Thursday 28th March 2019

@ 2.30pm

### Next BOT Meeting

Monday 10th April

@ 6pmTBC

### Weetbix Tryathlon

Tuesday 19th March

### Kapa Haka

Monday 1st April

### Hunternville Interschool

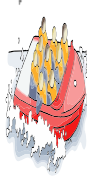
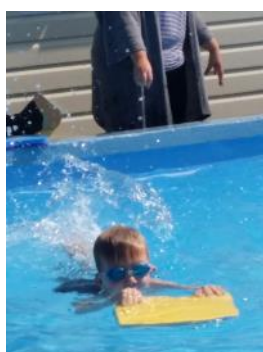
Athletics

Friday 5th April

### National Gumbootup Day

Coin trail & Sausage sizzle

Friday 5th April 12.30pm @ school



**Kapa Haka:** We had our 1<sup>st</sup> session for Kapa Haka on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. It was a great session and our children enjoyed meeting their new Kaiako Bobby-Jay Morunga-Te Huna who is working with Whaea Leah this year. Our next session is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Parents are more than welcome to call in and participate in these sessions.

**School Assembly:** Please note date change from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 2:30pm. Remember to jot down on your calendars. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Reminders:**

**Friday Heat-up:** As usual, the school pie warmer is available on a Friday for our children to bring a heat up from home.

**School Lunches:** Now that our children are back at school and the weather is warmer, they will be spending a lot more time outdoors using more energy and needing lots of fuel – snacks and a hearty lunch. Could parents please ensure lunch boxes have enough in them to carry our children through the day.

**Student Absences:** If your child/ren are going to be absent from school please let us know on the day or before-hand if possible. This ensures the school is notified of absenteeism and lessens the need to make phone calls to parents / caregivers. Thank you!

**Open-door Policy:** We have an open-door policy at Mangaweka School. If you have any questions, queries or great suggestions or ideas, do call in and let us know.

Have a great week!

Maree, Dianne & Ann

## WEKA KIDS CORNER:

### Showing Kindness & Caring

This week at school we are working on 2 art works – One will be sent to the Muslim Community in Christchurch to show our support for them due to the horrible event that happened last Friday and the other will be sent to Christchurch Hospital for display. Both artworks are colourful and include different people from different ethnicities holding hands. When we have finished these, we will take a photo of them and place them in our school newsletter.

Written by  
Weka Kids



## EYE ON THE BOARD

Kia Ora Everyone,

It was lovely to welcome so many visitors to our school over the weekend of the Mangaweka and District Schools 125<sup>th</sup> reunion and hearing everyone sharing stories, reliving old memories, laughing and reminiscing. Our friends at the Play-Centre out did themselves with the lunches supplied, which everyone enjoyed.



A beautiful Liquid Amber tree was planted to mark this special occasion, along with a plaque on the memorial gates. I really enjoyed meeting ex-students and teachers and learning more about our school and how it has evolved; and how Mangaweka and the surrounding areas have changed over the years.

I was lucky enough to receive a copy of Mrs Joyce O'Callaghan's (nee Smith) book "The Legacy of the Axe" which tells the story of her family along with other early pioneers in the district. It has been really interesting looking at some of the early photos and comparing them to today's landscape; also recognising some of the family names that are still in the area and now knowing where and how roads around the place were named. If you have any memories you would like to share, please let me know and we can add it to our School and Community newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please contact our school office.

Photographed at the reunion are Mr Barry and Mrs Bunnie Adams. At present, they are our furthest recipients of our school newsletter – we have gone international and are read all the way in Arkansas, USA!

We were also lucky to have been presented with the original school clock by Mrs Eileen Jane, and learnt about some of its history. The clock is currently at Bonds Jewellers in Taihape and we look forward to keeping you all informed of its progress.

It was suggested to me that there may be interest in establishing a "Friends of the School" group who are willing to come in and assist us with garden working bees and the like. We really appreciate that offer and thank you in advance for giving up your time to help us out. Please feel free to contact me if you're keen and I can put a list together and let you know of any upcoming events.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April is National Gumbootup NZ Day. This event, created by Mike King, is to raise funds for our young people to access free counselling and help throughout our country. We're hoping our school whanau and community will join us on this day – wear your gummies, bring some coins for our gumboot coin trail and a sausie sizzle from 12.30pm at school. A reminder will go out closer to the time and we would love to see you.

Sarah King  
Chairperson, Mangaweka School Board of Trustees  
(email: [spking@inspire.net.nz](mailto:spking@inspire.net.nz))

**Next Meeting: Monday 25th March @ 10.15am Mangaweka Plunket Rooms**

Home Help Service

Mangaweka area Plunket Group offer 5 hours of home help to ALL families living within the sub branch area at the time of the birth of the baby. Ideally these hours are offered to help support families with a newborn baby, however, they can also be used at any time until the your child turns 5 years of age.

10 Hours Home Help for Caesarean Births

Mangaweka area Plunket Group offer 10 hours of home help to all families within our sub branch area where a caesarean birth has occurred. These hours are ideally for use while Mum is recovering from her c-section. As Plunket doesn't take over from the midwives until baby is a few weeks old, anyone not with the Taihape Midwives may be unaware that this service exists. If you have a caesarean birth, or know of anyone within our sub branch area that has a caesarean birth, home help can be arranged by contacting our Home Help Co-coordinator.

If you would like more information, please contact our home help co-ordinator,  
Ange Ramsay on 06 3229756

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### Mangaweka Playcentre on Broadway

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**Monday & Wednesday 8.30am -  
12.30pm**

*or phone 022 3285649 Everyone with  
pre-schooler's is welcome to join  
Come and visit during session and*

## Plunket - Caring for Young Families - Whanau Awhina

**Friendly monthly meetings:** 3rd Monday of each month, 7.30pm  
at the Mangaweka Plunket Rooms

**Home Help** contact Ange Ramsay on 06 3229756

**Mangaweka Plunket is proud to support Mangaweka School and Community**