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Tahi Haratua 2025

From The Principal

Tena Koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

It is great to see everyone back at school ready to learn in Term 2. We have a busy term, please make sure that you read your notices.

Regular Attendance: We were very pleased with the overall attendance last term. Children with attendance over 92% all received a certificate at the end of the term. At next week's assembly, I will be drawing out the name of two children who attended school at least 92% of the term. These children will be invited to go to lunch with me at a café.

Please contact me if you have any trouble getting your child to school, or if there are any barriers that are making regular attendance difficult.

At the end of this term we will be once again sharing your child's attendance with you. Once again we will be doing a draw for all children who attend school at least 92% of the term.

Change of Clothes: Please make sure your child has a change of clothes so if they do slip over it is easy for them to stay dry. Our grounds are very wet, but we still like everyone getting outside when possible.

ANZAC Parade: Thank you to Mr Barker and the children who represented our school at the ANZAC parade – Photo below

Hearing and Vision Testing: On Thursday 15th May we will have nurses here doing screening tests for hearing and vision. They test any new entrants who have not been previously tested, and any children who may have been marked for a retest, or any children teachers have asked to have a test. If you have concerns about your child's hearing or vision, please contact Kerry and we will get them tested. This test is only a simple test, and then from there recommendations are made to go for further testing if the nurses feel this is necessary.

After School Arrangements: This term there are many after school changes due to sports practises. Kerry does a fabulous job with after school arrangements. It is really important that if you have a change for your child, this change is given to Kerry **before 2p.m.** Kerry will acknowledge your change if she is not talking to you in person, so if she has not acknowledged the change, it is important that you contact her again as she probably has not got the message.

We can only take instructions from parents/caregivers so if a sports practise is cancelled for the day, and you have arranged for your child to stay at school on this day, we cannot put them on a bus without your instruction.



Welcome to our new students

Adrian Hay, Kate Johnson,
Braiden Day and Lelani Tavioni.

Important Dates

May

Wednesday 14th

BOT meeting
(staffroom)

Thursday 29th

PTA AGM

June

Monday 2nd

(Kings Bday)
No school

Thursday 5th

Winter sports Day

Thursday 12th

School Speech Finals

Monday 16th

Paparoa Speech
Finals

Friday 20th

(Matariki day) No
School

Monday 23rd-26th

Book Fair

Tuesday 24th & Wed 25th

PLP Meetings

27th Friday

Last day of Term 2

SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday - Roast Beef
Salad Roll & Trail Mix

Tuesday - Tuna Pasta
Bake

Wednesday - Cottage
Pie & Garlic Bread

Thursday - Crispy
Chicken Burger & Slice

Friday - Meat Lovers
Pizza & Fruit Bar

From The Board of Trustees

This September there will be Board Elections for a new Board for the next three year. If you are interested in becoming a member, come along to our next meeting which is

Wednesday 14th May.

What is a School Board? Every state and state-integrated school/kura in New Zealand is governed by a school board (formerly known as a board of trustees). The school board is a crown entity – that is, an organisation that is part of the New Zealand public sector. One of the board's primary objectives is making sure every child reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

What do boards do? The board has overall responsibility and accountability for the school/kura. School board's legal responsibilities are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020. The Act sets out boards' four primary objectives. These are ensuring every student at the school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement; and the school is safe place for all, is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs, and gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. As part of its focus on these four objectives, boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Approving policies
- Financial stewardship

• Building community engagement and support It's important to note that the board does NOT get involved in the day-to-day running of the school. What skills do board members need? Board members (formerly called 'trustees') are active leaders in their school/kura. People often think board members need to have a legal or business background - but that's not the case at all. The most valuable skills board members can bring to the board table are:

- Work well as part of a team.
- Not afraid to ask challenging questions.
- Have good communication skills.
- Be connected to their community.

Who can become a board member? There are board members who are tradies, office workers farmers, doctors, stay-at-home parents and caregivers, bus drivers and retired people. It doesn't matter what you do – it matters that you care about education in your community and you want to make a difference. It's also really important for boards to reflect the diversity within their school community.

How do I become a board member? Schools hold elections every three years. If one of these elected parent representatives resigns during their 3-year term, the board holds a by-election. Boards can also sometimes follow the "selection" process to fill a parent representative vacancy. All parents, legal guardians and immediate caregivers of students enrolled full-time in a state, state-integrated school or kura can, and should, vote in the elections for parent representatives. To find out when your school's next election is, get in touch with them or go to the school trustee elections website: www.trustee-election.co.nz

How are boards structured?

Boards are typically made up of between 3 and 7 members.

(Maungaturoto School has 5 parent members, a staff rep and the Principal) It all depends on the size and structure of the school. Boards also include a staff representative - voted in by staff. Everyone has equal standing on the board – that means an equal voice and opinion on the issues being discussed, an equal vote and equal accountability. The Education and Training Act 2020 provides some discretion and flexibility around how boards can be structured. This is to ensure boards are able to attract candidates with the required skills to deliver good governance and also that they reflect the diversity within their community.

Scholastic Book Club

The Book Club catalogue has arrived for this term and has been given out to the children this week. It's packed with hundreds of books to help you on your child's reading journey. The orders are either due to be done online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or sent back to the school office by Friday 9th May midday. For any queries please contact me by email:





Maungaturoto Primary School "Book Fair" 23rd - 26th June

(Last week of Term Two)

During this week we will be holding a Book Fair with the theme of an "Arctic Adventure".

There will be a selection of books provided by Scholastic for you to come along and view in the school library. You will be able to purchase/order books if you wish. We are only able to accept cash or credit card for payments.



The Book Fair will be open Monday 23rd June 8.30am-3.00pm, Tuesday 24th June 8.30am-7.00pm, Wednesday 8.30am-5.00pm and Thursday 8.30am-12.30pm



Colouring in competition pages for the students were given out to the students this week and are due back to the library by Friday 16th May. Winners will be announced at assembly on Friday 23rd of May.



We will also be holding a dress up day on **Thursday 26th June** with the theme of the Arctic and dressing up for the colder weather. There will be certificates/prizes for "Most Creative Costume" and "Best Look Alike" and hopefully weather permitting we will be able to walk through the main street after morning tea, followed by prizegiving. Parents/caregivers are very welcome to join us.

Any queries please contact me - Debbie Thornton (Librarian)



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- are more able to calm down when upset or angry

Where: Kaiwaka KSA, 2 Gibbons Rd, Kaiwaka

When: 16 May 2025 - 6 Fridays (excluding Matariki).

Finishing date: 27 June 2025

Time: 9.30 - 11.30. **Cost:** FREE

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