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"To meet the educational needs of the Pohangina Valley community by fostering individual excellence in a dynamic and caring environment."

EXCELLENT LEARNING FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

Week 5 Term 4, 2017

15th November, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,

Wow! I don't know where to start this week! There has been so many amazing happenings at school over the last couple of weeks, along with Pet Day this Friday and Awahou / Kainui Athletics next week – it's all go! First up, a huge well done to the students of Maharahara for their efforts at Camp Kaitoke last week (see photo montage below). You represented our school so well and upheld our school values at all times. It was amazing to see so many students challenging themselves to stray outside of their comfort zones and try new activities. I was also extremely proud to hear all of the feedback from the camp staff and instructors about what fantastic children you were and how impressed they were with your attitude, behaviour and friendliness. A huge thanks also to the camp parents who came along, and Mrs Young and Miss Barr for their efforts with making camp a huge success. Meanwhile back at school, it was also great to get feedback and updates from Ms Edmond about how the Wharite students were stepping up in the absence of the seniors and showing great leadership potential for the future. It looks like some amazing learning also took place while we were gone. Great stuff Ms Edmond and Wharite!

Of course, the biggest story of the week has to be the 'meteorite landing' here at school. As I'm sure you have read about by now, the main inspiration behind this activity was to spark children's inquiring minds, enthusiasm and engagement at a time of year when we're all getting tired and brains may be trying to switch off. This activity definitely had the desired effect of sparking questions and motivating learning, however we were totally unprepared (but gladly embraced) the extra learning that has been uncovered around the power of media and social media on influencing what people believe, and how quickly and widely information (or misinformation!) can spread! At the time of writing this (midday today) our original Facebook post about the meteorite has reached over 62,000 people and continues to climb! We have also monitored the reach globally and have received views from 19 different countries. We are gobsmacked!! (But we'll take the exposure!) What an amazing little school we are indeed! Arohanui, Matt Schmidt – Principal.



The mystery from the sky that got the world talking!

Virtue of the week:

Creativity

Creativity is the power of imagination. It is discovering your own special talents. Dare to see things in new ways to solve problems. With your creativity, you can bring something new to the world.

"Think left and think right, think low and think high. Oh the things you can think up, if only you try!" Dr Seuss

SCHOOL NOTICES

Pet Day

Thanks to everybody who has returned their raffle tickets, added grocery items to the grocery raffle, and donated a mystery tin for the mystery tin raffle. This year's Pet Day is looking to be a great one, with LOTS of pets, crafts and stalls to keep us entertained. Spread the word through the valley – we'd love to see you all there from 5pm. Don't worry about cooking dinner, just bring some \$\$ - we have you covered for that too!

Athletics

A reminder that next Wednesday afternoon will be our school Athletics Day. More detailed information will be home soon, but we can tell you **all** students are involved and it will be in the afternoon from 1pm onwards.

2018 Staffing / Enrolments

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, we are still looking at the complexities of what staffing will look like next year, according to student numbers, class make up, Ministry funding, etc. Thanks to those who have indicated any changes to student's circumstances next year. If you will not be here next year, or know of others planning to come here, please let us know asap as it does help for planning. We hope to have confirmed staffing for 2018 in our next newsletter in two weeks time.

2018 Start Date

I know some people like to know the start dates for the following year by now to enable summer holidays to be planned. While we haven't confirmed this yet, it is likely to be Thursday, February 1st. Hopefully this helps with your summer plans. ☺

Trophies

It's that time of year again where we start to look ahead to Prizegiving. If you have a trophy from last year, can you please return this to school asap so we can get these polished and off to the engravers for this year.

Term 4 SunSmart

As we are a SunSmart school, a reminder that Term 4 = sunhats (school issue) at all times when outside please. We also highly recommend water bottles with your children every day to stay hydrated, and smart clothing choices (not shoestrings strapped singlets etc)....

Thanks to Paul and Jed Jackson we also have a very impressive supply of SPF 30 Invisible Zinc, gifted to us by none other than Matt Watson from 'The Fishing Show'. We have placed tubes of these by every external door leading outside to remind our children to Slip Slop Slap. Thanks Paul & Jed!

LOOKING AHEAD



Friday November 17th – Pet Day

Monday November 20th / Tuesday 21st – Life Education Trust Truck at school

Wednesday November 22nd – Awahou School Athletics

Friday November 24th – Kainui Cluster Athletics (Maharahara)

Friday 1st December – Bush School

Friday 8th December – Whole School day out (tbc)

Wednesday, December 13th – Prizegiving

Thursday, December 14th – School picnic / Water Fight!

Friday, December 15th – Last day of school year

Thursday, February 1st 2018 – First day of school



STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Congratulations to this week's student achievers – Sophie, Narnia, Rebecca, Gemma, Belle, Carter and Harley!



*** Pet Day - see you Friday!**

*** Term 4 = Sunhats (school issue), sunblock, water bottles and Sun Smart clothing.**

*** School Athletics next Wednesday afternoon.**

CAMP KAITOKE, 2017 – MAHARAHARA



COMMUNITY NOTICES



RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

HAVE YOUR SAY!

This is your chance to have your say on the future of your local park or reserve and express to us your vision for our Districts reserves for the future.

Our Reserve Management Plans are currently being reviewed and now is your opportunity to let us know your thoughts and ideas for our reserves.

What is a Reserve Management Plan?

Reserve Management Plans provide a framework for decision making and guide the development of parks and reserves. They also identify policies for the use and protection of the reserve, as well as providing a vision for the long-term future of the reserve.

Why is Council reviewing its Reserve Management Plans?

Many of our Reserve Management Plans are nearly ten years old, with our communities needs and expectations of our reserves having changed over this time.

Reserve Management Plans are a legal requirement under the Reserves Act 1977 and as best practice should be under 'continuous review'.

To ensure our reserves meet the needs of our community now and into the future, we are undertaking a comprehensive review of our Reserve Management Plans over the next two years.

Puppies for Sale

8 HeadingxHuntaway puppies looking for awesome new homes. 3 girls, 5 boys currently available. Well socialised with kids, cats, and other dogs. Have been wormed and defleaed but not vaccinated. \$100 each, but if you want them vaccinated the cost will be \$150. Expressions of genuine interest please call Victoria on 027 4640577 to arrange to meet the pups.



Have your say!

We encourage you to write down your ideas and suggestions for the development and management of our communities reserves and to send them to us by Friday 15 December 2017.

Visiting our website: www.haveyoursay.kiwi.nz

Emailing: reservereview@mdc.govt.nz

Posting: Reserve Management Review
Manawatu District Council
Private Bag 10001
Feilding 4743

Overview of Process

The review process is set out in full in the Reserves Act 1977, however the key phases are:

- 1 Publicly notify intention to Review Reserve Management Plan
- 2 Seek feedback from stakeholders and the community on suggestions and ideas for the use and development of reserves
- 3 Prepare a draft Reserve Management Plan
- 4 Publicly notify the Draft Reserve Management Plan for consultation, seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders
- 5 Receive and summarise submissions
- 6 Consider submissions and approve final Reserve Management Plan
- 7 Implement approved Reserve Management Plan

What happens next?

From here Council pulls together everyone's ideas and suggestions into a Draft Reserve Management Plan. There will be a further opportunity to formally submit on the Draft Reserve Management Plan once it is publicly notified.

For more information:

Visit www.haveyoursay.kiwi.nz

Contact our Parks and Property Team

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Christmas shopping how it should be – girlfriends, glass of wine and stressless!

Bring a friend or three, leave the kids at home & join us for a...

Christmas Twilight Market

Monday 20th November

6pm – 9pm

**Mt Biggs School Community Hall
707 Sandon Road, Feilding**

\$5 entry

(includes glass of wine or juice and Christmas nibbles)

**Art – Crafts – Olive Oil – Christmas Gifts – Cards
Jewellery – Home Ware – Make Up – Candles
Cakes & Slices – Tea & Coffee – Soaps – Skin Care
Home Décor – Lavender – Wood Craft
Children's Gifts – Lamb Sliders – Hall Committee Raffle
and much more.**

Cash preferable, few stalls have EFTPOS

For more information you can contact Louise at Mt Biggs School 3293646 or on 021 06 27952

