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 **MANGAMAHU SCHOOL**

Respect Excellence Responsibility Resourcefulness

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Dear parents, whanau and community members,

I was remiss in the last newsletter for not thanking Dave Matthews for all the time he spent over the Christmas holidays helping pull out the plants along the front of the school. It was a big job and his assistance was an enormous help. I plan to replant next autumn, and in the meantime do some maintenance. The garden edging needs replacing and the fence repainting.

(I should also thank my family for all the work they also did over the holidays as well – doing some repairs, painting, as well as the gardening.)



There are a couple of health and safety issues that are concerning us; could parents please ensure that children are seat belted in, even for small trips. Also can drivers going past the school please keep their speed down – we all know how unpredictable young children can be, and we certainly do not want any accidents.



One of the children recently found a key in our swimming pool, so if you have lost one, give us a call.

**Fund-Raising** – There are a couple of businesses in town that we are registered with that will give us money / books if you spend with them-

Warehouse Stationery will give us 5% of your purchase price, so simply mention our school.

New World – if you buy Kellogg’s products, pop your receipt into our school box in the store. For every 2 receipts we receive a book.

**Pumpkin Off** – Just a reminder that if you are growing a giant pumpkin and are entered into our competition, the weigh in is at school on Sunday 2nd April from 10am to 12pm. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.



**Cluster Leadership Camp** – The cluster recently held a 2 day leadership camp at Green Pastures. Although Brooklynne did not know anyone attending (as Whangaehu School who we do know did not go), she showed lots of intestinal fortitude and went along. She made new friends and had a great time.

Brooklynne

2017 Leadership Camp

“Oh no, people!” I thought

Mum dropped me off at Fordell School because I was going on a camp with them to Green Pastures. Mr Reddish told me to sit next to these 2 girls named Rose and Alisha, then he told us what to do and what not to do when we got there. We put all of our bags into the back of a ute in a crate, then we hopped into the vehicles.

Mr Reddish said I should hop into a car with girls instead of the boys, he said it would be less smelly!

Once we arrived at the camp we had to wait for the ute with our bags to come. Rose and Alisha started to talk to me and then I talked to them while we waited. I enjoyed spending time with them. The luggage finally arrived after one million years, well, not that long but you get what I mean.

Upok and Kaitoke schools were there as well. Rose and Alisha asked Mr Reddish if I could be in the same cabin as them, and I was hoping I could so I didn’t need to talk to any other people I didn’t know. He said he isn’t the one who picks, but we were in the same cabin anyway. Our cabin groups were different to our activity ones so I still had to talk to other people.

The man there joked about there being no eels in the lake because the crocodiles ate them all, then he laughed and said he was joking about that too, there are only mini crocodiles called croquets!

Most of the activities we had to do at camp made us work together and I became less shy because we had to talk a lot.

One of my favourite things were the Initiatives. The first thing we did was to get our whole team onto a seesaw and try to make it balance for 10 seconds! We couldn’t do it even though we moved people around. The second thing we did was swinging on a rope and without touching the ground try to get our whole team onto a car tyre. We were able to get 5 of our 8 team members on. Then we had to use 2 wooden planks to walk across tyres that were spread apart, but my favourite initiative activity was… walking along a chain (covered in black plastic) without falling off! We let one person walk across and grab onto the next pole, then another person walks across and grabs their hand and so on.

I also loved rafting! Again, our group split up so there would be a competition! The challenge was to build a raft that could carry two or more people and that could actually float. Our supplies were… 5 small ropes, 2 big ones, 4 wooden planks and 6 bottles that looked like spray bottles. The raft had to make it to the other side of the lake, the people on the raft had to grab a pretty tree and bring it back. Our team brought back ONE leaf.

“OH, did I mention that that it has to be THIS big?” said the man.

“Do we have to go back?”

“No, I’m just joking!”

“Awww dammit!”

After we did the 3 activities for the day we got to go swimming in the green, mucky lake, yeah. I thought it would be really, really, deep, but it wasn’t. There was a thick, long rope we could walk across over the lake, it was REALLY wobbly because EVERYONE would be going left and right trying not to fall off! Someone did a bomb in the shallow part (they weren't supposed to!) and I got some water in my mouth! I spat it out quicker than you could say potato. I really enjoyed that!

When Mum picked me up she asked what we did and I wouldn’t shut up about it!

The children were asked to write about something they loved when they were little and have now grown out of. This is what they produced.

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 My Best Treasure

When I was little, I had a

very, very special treasure and

that was …Mr. No Nose who is

pink and fluffy.

Mr. No Nose was my best teddy. I think one of my parents named Mr. No Nose because I picked off his nose when I was about couple of months old.

I took Mr. No Nose everywhere. To town, trips, pre-school and the best spot, bed.

One terrible day, Mum washed Mr. No Nose, and I hated it so, so much. I hated seeing him on the line hung by his pink ears! I would sit there and wait until he was all dried. Sometimes when he was in the dryer, I would watch him go round, and round and I would make my head go round, and round too.

Mum used to take videos of us when we were little and now that I’m turning ten, I can see what I did when I was little.

I look at all the videos and I saw most of them had Mr. No Nose in them. So that means she is very popular to me.

Mr. No Nose is going to always be in my happy memories!!!

By Jilyzah

 My Blanket

When I was a young human I had a blanket, an important blanket because it controlled if I slept or not.

My special blanket was light pink and had darker coloured stars. I think I really liked pink back then. Well I don’t like it anymore!

I remember that in the mornings I would put it on my head and walk around. I used to look at the ground so I wouldn’t crash into the walls or doors. I don’t think I ever crashed.

Because I couldn’t sleep without it, Mum and Dad had “back up” bright blankets. When I lost one or Mum was washing it, they would give me a “back up”. I could never tell the difference because they looked very, very similar.

I don’t have it anymore but I will always remember it!

By Brooklynne

My Bike

I had a bike when I was a baby and it was one of my favourite toys.

My bike was red and yellow and it had three white wheels and a white seat. It was made of plastic. I used to ride it lots. I used to crash into the wall and go backwards and forwards from my room to the kitchen.

By Karma

**Student Awards**

Brooklynne Budge - for putting a great effort into writing.

Braxton Budge –for a great start to school

Jilyzah Tonihi – for showing increased maturity and becoming very responsible

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**Board of Trustees News**

Next Meeting – Monday 22nd May at 6pm.

All welcome to attend.

**Upcoming events –** There are a couple of events coming up and more details will be sent home closer to the time. **Student Led Conferences** will be held on Tuesday 11th April, and the cluster **Cross Country** is being held on Friday 19th May, with the postponement day one week later. Expect a call from Tiff soon!

.**Dates to remember –**

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| C:\Users\Educator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\N3VBLD59\happy_children[1].jpgEvery Monday from 10am to about 11.30am – **Playgroup.**Everyone welcome to attend. Come along for a coffee and a chat even if you don’t have a preschooler. . |
|   |  Term 1 2017 |
| Week 9 | Sunday 2nd April | Pumpkin Off at 10am |
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| Week 10 | Friday 7th April | Assembly at 2.30pm |
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| Week 11 | Tuesday 11th April | Student Led Conferences |
|  | Wednesday 12th April | Hadi Gurton visit |
|  | Thursday 13th April | Last day of term |
|  | Term 2 2017 |
| Week 1 | Monday 1st May | First day back  |
|  |   |  |
| Week 3 | Friday 19th May | Cross Country |

Rosalie Matthews

Principal