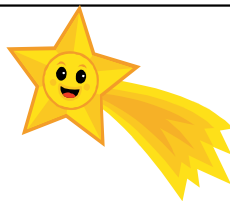


Events Term 1 2010



Hiwi the Kiwi Goes Fishing	11 th February
Beach Day	12 th February
Room 4 Camp Ko Te Ahua Marae	25 February
Room 6 / 7 Camp Waiari	24 / 25 February (Classes will go on separate days)
Swimming Zone Finals	19 th April
Celebration Assemblies	19 th February / 5 March / 19 March
Pet Day	26th March
End of Term 1	1 st April

All classrooms will have a camp this term. In the past these have been held in Term 4.

Due to the fickle nature of the weather in this Term 4 we have decided to make this change to Term 1. You will be given plenty of notice of these dates.

Some classrooms will be having noho Marae (stay on a Marae) this term. As part of our school curriculum focus, investigating our local area and Maori achievement focus all classrooms will visit a local marae each year. We hope that you able to support this.

Pet Day – This will be held in the second to last week. Details of events will be in the next newsletter. I have it on good authority that there will be a prize for the trickiest dog!

The New Zealand Curriculum – The Principles

The Principles are eight statements presented in the revised New Zealand Curriculum that embody our beliefs of what is important and desirable in our school curriculum. The Ministry of Education state that all schools should be consistent with these eight statements as they make decisions about their curriculum design. As a staff we reviewed our ‘consistency’ by asking ‘What do these look like in our classrooms?’ Below are the descriptions of each Principle. Have a read of each one, what do you see as a parent?

High expectations

The curriculum supports and empowers all students to learn and achieve personal excellence, regardless of their individual circumstances.

Treaty of Waitangi

The curriculum acknowledges the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand. All students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

Cultural diversity

The curriculum reflects New Zealand’s cultural diversity and values the histories and traditions of all its people.

Inclusion

The curriculum is non-sexist, non-racist, and non-discriminatory; it ensures that students’ identities, languages, abilities, and talents are recognised and affirmed and that their learning needs are addressed.

Learning to learn

The curriculum encourages all students to reflect on their own learning processes and to learn how to learn.

Community engagement

The curriculum has meaning for students, connects with their wider lives, and engages the support of their families, whānau, and communities.

Coherence

The curriculum offers all students a broad education that makes links within and across learning areas, provides for coherent transitions, and opens up pathways to further learning.

Future focus

The curriculum encourages students to look to the future by exploring such significant future-focused issues as sustainability, citizenship, enterprise, and globalisation.

Kia Ora Koutou 3rd February 2010

Welcome back to 2010. It is good to see everyone is healthy and happy ready for another great year at Mangonui School. Over the last few days we have enrolled quite a number of new students. A special welcome to you all, nau mai haere mai.. Mangonui School is an 'open door' school, you are encouraged to get involved and participate in your child's learning. If you have questions please do not hesitate to approach your child's teacher or myself.

Next **Friday 12 February** we are having a Beach Day with Peria School. This is an opportunity for you to come and meet your child's teacher in an informal setting. This year we will be involved with a number of fun events with our local schools to develop closer relationships.

On Monday and Tuesday (8 / 9 February) Taipa Area School is closed for Teacher Only Days. This will interfere with travel plans for students who are dropped off at Taipa (Parapara, Whatuwhiwhi). Alternative plans will need to be developed.

Next Thursday we have the Hiwi the Kiwi goes fishing show coming to our school. This show is based around teaching sustainability of our fishing resources. There is a small cost of \$3.00 per student or \$7.00 for a family of three students or more. Looking forward to catching up with you on Beach Day next Friday.