

Mangonui School Newsletter

5 March 2009 - week 5

Nga Mihi Mahana ki a Koutou Katoa, Warm Greetings to You All,

It is hard to believe that this term is already half way through. It has been such a busy term.

We had a wonderful day at the beach on Tuesday. It is always a real buzz to see our school all out together and behaving so well. Feed-back from the parents who went was that they thoroughly enjoyed the day as well.

Next week we have our swimmers competing in the Eastern Zone Swimming Sports at Taipa. The Duffy Theatre Group will be at school on Tuesday at 10.30. Do come along and watch them if you like. AND I still have my fingers crossed that it will be fine on Wednesday for the Family Barbecue!!!

Inside this newsletter are details of two exciting new projects. We would love to see you all involved in these.

Lesley Holembly

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Room 7: The Duffy Book Award went to Maya for being thoughtful and responsible. She also received a 25 night reading certificate. Samantha received a certificate for putting in the hard yards.

Room 6: Certificates went to Haukura for making a huge effort to be "one of the gang in Room 6" and Rangi-Sue for thoughtful behaviour and hard work!. The Duffy Book Award went to Maia for her "innovative homework". Reading certificates went to Laura for 25 nights and Siobhan for 100 nights.

Room 4: The Duffy Book Award went to Daniel for excellence in reading. Certificates went to Kiri for always using her manners and Isaac for working hard in class and great reading with Linda.

Room 3: Piripi received the Duffy Book Award for his wonderful attitude and help in class.

Room 2: The Duffy Book Award went to Ethan for fabulous art and stories. Certificates went to Aaliyah for sensible behaviour in class and Ashley for perfect handwriting.

Room 1: Leah received the Duffy Book Award for her confidence to give everything a go. Kahurangi received a certificate for having a great 2 weeks at school.

Our **Awahi Award** went to Isiaha for taking his little sister back to her class and Rangi-Sue received the **Womble Award** for keeping our school grounds clean and tidy!!!

BOT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH STARTING AT
7.30 pm.

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Eastern Zone Swimming Sports will be held at Taipa on Monday the 9th of March. If your child is chosen to represent our school they will receive notification from their teacher.
- Duffy Theatre will be performing at school on Tuesday the 10th of March from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.
- One last try - on Wednesday the 11th of March we will try to have our Family Barbeque. **It had better not rain this time!**
- Because of the bad weather the Mangonui Mayoral Challenge cycle event was postponed until Saturday the 14th of March. You can register on the morning from 9.15 am at the Mangonui Waterfront Development. The event will kick off at 10am. Everyone welcome.

Emailing newsletters

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email then please send a note to school or drop an email to office@mangonui.school.nz

Absences:

We are still having a lot of unexplained absences. If your child is going to be away you need to phone us on 4060182, fax 4060183, email office@mangonui.school.nz or txt 027 3673613. If your child is late, they need to see Tina in the office before they go to class. We are following up all absent children as it is a requirement from the Ministry that they attend school regularly. It is also a safety measure to ensure your child has arrived at school.

Home School Numeracy Partnership

This year our school is working with the Ministry of Education to develop a Home/School Numeracy Partnership. The idea behind this is for parents and the school to work together to give parents as first teachers the understanding they need to assist and support their child's learning. Donna Yates will be the Facilitator and Lesley Holembly the Lead Teacher. They will be working with a group of lead parents to run numeracy sessions for parents, caregivers, whanau, intending parents etc.

The first community sessions are planned for:

Friday 8th May 9.30 in the Oscar Room

Friday 15th " " " " " "

Friday 22nd " " " " " "

Friday 29th " " " " " "

Watch out for Next Week's Flyer.....

ORGANIPONICO RAISED GARDEN WORKSHOP

The Far North Environment Centre in conjunction with Te Oranga and Northtec are proposing to run a **fees free** workshop at school on the 25th and 26th of March teaching adult students (16 and over) how to construct "Organiponico Raised Gardens" (see photo)



Tutor—Grant Steven (Northtec)

Dates—25-26 March (You will need to commit to full days)

Times—9.30-3pm

Cost—Nil

Eligibility—Adults—16 years or over.

ARE YOU INTERESTED? WHAT DO YOU DO? - If you want to take part in this 2 day workshop please ring the office on 4060182 and register your interest. We need at least 8-10 adults. The school will gain one (or more) raised garden beds, filled with soil and compost, with drip irrigation and cloche frames. You will gain the knowledge and skill to build your own Organiponico Raised Gardens at your place!! Cool eh!

Whole school picnic

Here are some photos of the whole school picnic. We would like to thank all the wonderful parents, families, friends and extended whanau that came and helped out on the day. From walking with our kids to the beach, supervision and transport. We had a record turnout of volunteers and that's just fabulous!! WELL DONE ALL.

