

28 November 2008

Dear Parents and Caregivers

My time as the Principal of Mangonui School has come to an end. Last week I formally resigned from my position to take up a new position in Hawkes Bay.

Greta and I have enjoyed our time in Mangonui and have made really good friends here. We are sad to leave such a beautiful school and area and I am sure we are going to miss the lifestyle, fresh snapper and the wonderful community.

I leave Mangonui School in the very capable hands of Lesley Holembly who will step in as Acting Principal until a new principal is appointed. Rest assured that Lesley and the staff are all very capable and Mangonui School will run as smoothly as ever.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parents and BOT Members past and present for their support over the last 3 and a bit years. Many new parents to the school ask me why Mangonui is such a special school with such a warm and positive atmosphere and I respond with the same answer, it's the wonderful people we have at our school. Talented teachers and fantastic support staff, but most of all it's the wonderful, caring and loving children we have at our school. On many occasions I have been to school events and compared our students to others and Mangonui children stand out in their behaviour, manners and what they achieve and that is a testament to the teachers, staff and you the parents. Well done to you all.

Tim Van Zyl

Principal

There was no assembly this week but here is a list of certificates that went to children in Rm 4.

Marijka-Rose received the Duffy Book Award for caring for others. Isaac received a certificate for working well in all areas. Isaiah received a 125 nights reading certificate, Rory and Heath 150 nights and Rameka 225 and 250 nights.

During the junior camp a hammer was used to help set up tents. This was most appreciated, however it has gone missing. Liam's parents would love it returned. It is a Fuller brand, with a black handle. We think there is also a blue handled hammer missing. Please can you help.

Rm 6 & 7 Camp Out.....It's official—neither of the Archibalds will try weather forecasting as a new career! Camping at Matai Bay would have no doubt been a lot of fun but we had a great time with Plan B. Swimming at the Municipal Pools, dining out at the Sea Dragon, a sleep-over at school and kayaking the next day. At each venue people complimented the children on their manners and friendliness. Thanks to the parents for your continued support. It was much appreciated.

Tomorrow is the official opening of the Mangonui Waterfront Development. It gets under way at 10 o'clock, and they have lots of activities planned throughout the day. Our Kapa Haka group will be performing at approximately 11.30am and we will also have a float in the parade. If there is any Mangonui School children who would like to join our float entry please meet at the Old Oak at 11.15am. Please wear a school shirt if you have one. If you would like to come along and support our children on the day we would love to see you.

Rangiawhia Kura has asked for expressions of interest into the planning of an afternoon, 1 day a week for 5 weeks, basketball competition to be held at Taipa next year. We are looking for a parent or 2 who would be interested in giving this a go. The age group is Yr 3-4 and Yr 5-6. If this sounds like you please give us a call, we'd love to hear from you.

PARENTS—please check your children's lunch boxes and pockets as pupils are coming to school with full cordial sachets. It is not good to see a child eating these as it is just pure sugar. If we can have your support on this, it would be greatly appreciated.

GRAND OPENING INVITATION

On Sunday the 7th of December 2008 commencing at 1pm, you are cordially invited to attend the opening of the new tennis courts at Coopers Beach. You can find them by going up Berghan's Road (by Coopers Sport Shop/Hammer Hardware), past St Johns Hall (on right), into Torsby Road and down to Loke Crescent (behind Bowling Club). Bring your tennis shoes and racket and join in a fun day. Any queries please phone Joy 09 4060767, Clara 09 4062030 or Michael 09 4061289.

THE WINNER OF THE ROOM 6/7 \$100 RAFFLE WAS NO 65. TINA WALKER WAS THE LUCKY WINNER! (Thanks Oliver) IT WAS DONE OFFICIALLY WITH MR POOLEY IN ATTENDANCE.

THE WINNER OF THE RM 5 RAFFLES WERE:

LAUREEN, 1ST PRIZE OF A MOUNTAIN BIKE OF CHOICE.

J SPRATT, 2ND PRIZE \$100 WATERFRONT CAFÉ VOUCHER