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Principal's Korero (continued on page 2)

Kia Ora Koutou

This week is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori. I really encourage all our school whanau to korero Maori and pick up a few new kupu as the week rolls out. It is great that as a nation we are growing up and realising that te reo is unique and that we are kaitiaki both Maori and Non Maori. Seldom do you hear negative comments about learning te reo Maori and more about why we should. I strongly believe that this is part of who we are as people who live in the Far North. Your tamariki will be bringing home some school-made resources this week to ensure we celebrate beyond this week. Kia Ora Te Reo Maori!

What a huge couple of weeks the students have had at Mangonui School. The Cross Country was once again a massive success with our students all attending the Peria Cross Country and giving it a 100% effort. I know that many of our students knew they were not going to win. A



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Principal's Korero (continued from front page)

number knew they were going to find it really difficult but they gave it a real nudge, applied a growth mindset and made it around an extremely challenging course. Well done tamariki! Many of our students (26) also did really well and made it into the Far North Finals and achieved outstanding results - Max, Caitlyn, Lexi, Lily, Shayla-Jade, Dylan, Zion, Kaylee and Te Wai all made it into the Top 10 with Soli running an incredible race and coming first in the 10 year old race.

Well done to all our students for the mahi you put in and the success that you achieved.

Poetry Slam day was absolutely brilliant. It was an event of such high quality. Students who wrote their own poetry and then performed it in front of the whole school. The work the students had put into this event was evident. If you missed this the top performers will be at the next Celebration Assembly and we also have some great footage on FaceBook. Again a big 'well done' to our awesome tamariki.

Thanks to Kohu Inch who came up with this idea. So cool seeing our students enjoying poetry.

Last week five Board of Trustee members spent the day in Auckland listening and observing to students, teachers and leaders of the Manaiakalani Cluster Schools. It was a really interesting day where we learnt in greater detail what it would mean to join this cluster of schools in their outreach programme. One of my burning questions was 'Why do they want to extend their model to other schools?' The answer was simple. The data stacks up and the philanthropic groups who finance the cluster have said they will support Manaiakalani to extend this model. They want other schools in lower decile schools to share this success. It is not small amounts of pūtea, over the last seven years they have received over 14 million dollars. Their model is digital and very similar to what we are already doing but with better resources and a larger group of teachers working together. It was the collaborative approach of everyone sharing and working together that really stood out to me. It was not about one school saying we are better than the other, it was about all the schools working together to make great schools for all the students.

We did have some good conversations over the negative perspectives some parents hold and voice in regards to the digital environments we have in our communities. All the schools have 'blended environments' where both traditional and modern tools are used. Just like at Mangonui they use both the pencil and the netbook, sports and cultural events are also extremely important. Like Mangonui School they have some people who suggest that going digital is throwing the kids a chromebook and expecting learning to happen. We know it will not...but.... having a combination of both will. Screen time is no different to book time. When was the last time a child developed cross eyes from reading too many books or square eyes from watching too much T.V? We just know that balance is important and we take that really seriously at Mangonui. Anyone who suggests Mangonui School does not have balance needs to come and spend time looking in our classrooms!

What I saw in Auckland was really exciting. I look at what Mangonui already does and can see that this will strengthen our systems and make learning even better for our children. Our curriculum is based around our local context, our land, our sea and our people and this digital ingredient will only enhance what we do. This week some of us are heading to Ohaeawai School who is on their third year as a Manaiakalani Cluster school. This again will give us more detail of what we can expect if we become part of this cluster.

I gave out three awards over the last two weeks to our students. Two of whom are learning to use mistakes as learning tool rather than see it as 'an upsetting experience'. If we teach our students this important lesson they will be more willing to take risks with their learning. Remember the days when the teacher yelled at us for getting it wrong! One award went to Peyton who simply is fitting in really well to her new school - she has the kaitiaki sorted! Well done.

We had a lovely visit from Duffy Hero June Pitman-Hayes who is the author of the book Tawhirimatea. Thank you for visiting our kura this week.

Have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi
Dave Sedcole



Term 3

Weeks 7 & 8

The Principal's Award went to

Cooper Hare - Growth Mindset
Jreh Van Iperen - Giving it his best shot - Positive thinking
Peyton Shaw - Making a great start at Mangonui School

Kotuku: Nick Tutini: For his fantastic knowledge about history and very enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge with others. **Ryon Walsh:** For working hard on his sketching skills. **Caught Being Good Hendrix Tomars:** for having a good attitude towards learning new maths strategies and for being honest and returning money back to Vicki. **Kaitiaki Award: Nevaeh Tomars:** for being kind to others at cross country - lots of other adults complemented Nevaeh on her beautiful nature.

Taniwha The Duffy Caught Being Good Awards went to **Melodie Vahaakolo**, you lead by example each day in our classroom. Academic Awards went to **Tyrell Duval-McKay** for his excellent writing, two pieces in one week! **Riley Marsh** for your growth mindset when approaching a writing task, tino pai! The Kaitiaki Awards went to **Sahara Ruissen-Hohaia**, for her growth mindset when approaching challenging tasks like poetry and cross country. **Emma Maginness**, for her perseverance and determination during cross country training and final event! 100 nights reading went to **Melodie Vahaakolo**. 200 nights reading went to **Kendra Thompson-Harris**.

Active Ferns The Duffy Caught Being Good Awards went to **Fern Tracey, Brock Muller**, and **Josie Millichamp**. Fern's confidence and presentation was incredible at the Poetry Slam! Brock led his learning and did an incredible performance of his favourite poem. Josie's hard work in maths is helping her thrive! The Kaitiaki Awards went to **Lucas Baker** and **Samuel Russell**. Lucas is always doing the right thing in class and shows integrity and a desire to learn every day. He's an amazing part of our class! Samuel has been an amazing Waste Warrior who does his job well, and cares about Papatuanuku. The Star Student awards went to **Jordan Thoresen** for his hard work and focus in reading. 25 nights to **Katie George**. 100 nights to **Te Ahere Henderson**. 150 nights to **Thomas Russell**. 200 nights to **Brock Muller** and **Cooper Hare**.

Taonga The Duffy Caught Being Good Awards went to **Vincent Tomars-Monsall** for writing an excellent letter about our worm farm and **Te Ohu Broughton** for thoughtful responses to text. The Kaitiaki Awards went to **Kowhai Tomars** (Kaitiaki of Others) for always being a kind and caring class member and **Arkiel Lloyd** (Kaitiaki of Self) for taking risks to share his ideas about texts in reading. **Alyssa Duval** received a class award for working hard to remember to produce good quality work as opposed to completing it quickly!

Anthony Tepania received a class award for progress and effort in writing - Ka Pai! Reading Awards went to **Starlie Rapihana-Duval** - 25 nights.. **Husayn Nohotati, Cooper Hibbard** - 175 nights.

Nga Ringa Awhina The certificates this week went to **Rata Smith** for being a kaitiaki to the reliever teacher when **Miss Williams** was away and **Katiana Meti** received the superstar award for always being a superstar in class. 175 Nights reading awards went to **Hoani Pike-Venner** and **Luka Owen-Natoealofa**.

Pukeko The certificates this week go to **Titan Broughton** and **Cleveland Turnbull** for Mahi whakamataku i te poetry slam. Tumeke! (Awesome performance at poetry slam.) And **Gracie Hare** - He wiki tino whakamataku i te kura. Ka Pai. (Having an awesome first week at school and trying everything.)

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Week 8

11 Sep - 15 Sep

Fri 15th Sep

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Disco @ Mangonui Hall

Week 9

Fri 22 Sep

Sat 23 Sep

Celebration Assembly/ Whanau Day

Quiz Night 6:30pm @ Coopers Beach Bowling Club

Week 10

Fri 29 Sep

Term 3 ends

Week 1

Mon 16 Oct

Term 4 begins

Week 6

Sat 25 Nov

Christmas in the Park Whanau Day

Kotuku Akomanga Mahi

*Scan our QR Code to watch Soli and
Te Wai battle out their poetry slam!!!!*



Te Wiki o te Reo Maori in Kotuku Akomanga





quiz night?

Fundraising for Kotuku Year 6 Students, End of Year Camp

WHEN: Saturday 23rd September 2017

WHERE: Coopers Beach Bowling Club

TIME: 6:30pm

COST: \$20 per person (*includes supper & a fun night out*)

TEAMS: 6 in a team

THEME: The letter 'T' (*dress in something beginning with the letter T*)

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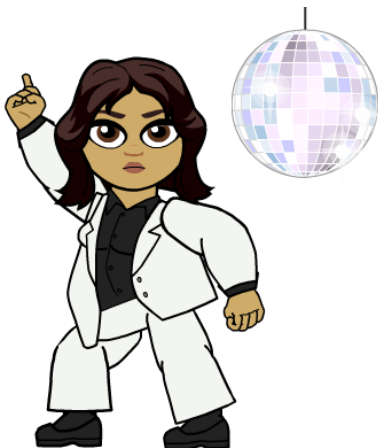
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