

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
...WELCOME BACK...**



NEW YEAR, NEW EXPERIENCES

Nga mihi nui kia koutou,

It is so exciting to see all the smiling faces of children and teachers as they start their new classes for 2012. We are grateful to see everyone back safe and well. I hope that you were all able to spend lots of quality time with family and friends over the break. A new school year always provides plenty of new experiences and challenges to face; it is a chance to make new friends, get to know different classroom teachers, and of course - lot's of new learning to keep our minds busy!

This newsletter includes some of the basic information you need to know about the school in 2012 and some of the critical dates you should be aware of. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the Sun Safe information on the following page, and the 'Meet the Teacher' evening to be held next Thursday. A full newsletter will follow next week.

HELP NEEDED - over the past few years we have greatly appreciated the help of Carol Standish; Hugh Frostick; Maria and Doug Burdan and Rachel Austin in supervising morning and afternoon road patrols. Many of the parents who have been assisting us now have children who have moved on to other schools. When parents help us out with this (just half an hour a week!) it means teachers can be available to meet children and parents in their classrooms and start the day positively in the mornings, and are available to talk with parents as needed in the afternoons. If you think you would be able to help once a week (morning or afternoon) please get in touch with Janet Evans to register your interest. Full training will be provided!

Welcome to the following children who start on the first day of term one: *Ashlee Smith; Connor Hansen; Alyssa Briscoe; Bailey Robertson; Reihandima Kusnadi; Grace Connor; Issac Atienza; Jan Atienza; Lauren Krushka; Michael Tester; Peter Robertson; Sofia MacDonald; Viraj Gandhi; Jacob McHugh; Annalise Kruger; Ashleigh Baxter; Tayla Baxter; Iyah Ibrahim and Milla Mauriohooho-Apieneru.*

Naku noa,
Lisa Cavanagh, Principal.

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MAUNGARAKI SCHOOL STAFF

WELCOME



A very warm welcome to REBECCA PERKINS

Rebecca joins us from Naenae primary School. Rebecca will be teaching a Year 1 & 2 classroom and will be located in Room 6.

A map of the school and staff locations are on the following page of this newsletter.

Welcome back to all these teachers. I would also like to welcome back Maryann Hainsworth, Diane Schenkel; Julia Belcher (who will be providing fantastic support to our students); Ginelle De Villiers Higgins; Jane Cooper and Daryl Collingwood (who will support our teachers with teacher release and other special programmes); Lisa Grinling (who will be providing much appreciated PA support); Carol Standish (who provides seamless support as Librarian and Bursar) Brenda Schouten (who provides exemplary support in the office) and Sean Marsh (who keeps our grounds and classrooms in peak condition).

Our staff have attended two 'teacher only' days this week. This has given everyone the opportunity to share new ideas, re-energise and strengthen our joint focus for 2012. Information about some of the targets goals and priorities the BOT and staff have set for 2012 is on display in the foyer.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Next Thursday 9th February, we will be holding our usual 'Meet the Teacher' Evening. Each teaching team will meet with parents for half an hour to talk about the year ahead, discuss expectations, and answer your questions. Wine and Cheese will be available in the staffroom throughout the evening to mix and mingle with the Principal, DP and each other.

6:00 Kowhai team teachers and parents to meet in Room 4
(Rooms 11, 4, 5 & 6)

6:30 Nikau Team teachers and parents to meet in Room 10
(Rooms 8, 9, 10 & 1)

7:00 Totara team teachers and parents to meet in Room 3
(Rooms 2 & 3)

SUN SAFETY

Our school sunsafe policy states that all children will be expected to wear hats during Terms 1 & 4. We understand the difficulties of this on windy days, however, expect children to have a hat at school EVERY DAY, and to wear this during lunchtimes or any other time they are out and about. Those not wearing hats will be directed to the shady areas behind the junior block to play. If the wind is such that hats are not practical, teachers will supervise all children putting on sunblock before they go out for lunch. If your child/ren requires a particular sunblock for their skin type, please provide this for them, and ensure they know how to apply it appropriately. The office has a limited amount of sun hats available for sale for a cost of \$10.00 each.

We appreciate your support in relation to this!

TERM DATES FOR 2012

**Term One: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 5
April**

Term Two: Mon 23 April - Fri 29 June

**Term Three: Mon 16 July - Fri 28
September**

**Term Four: Mon 15 October -
Mon 17 December**

WAITANGI DAY - The Waitangi day holiday on Monday is a great opportunity for families to relax and spend some time together but it also is a day for celebrations, the Wellington City Council is hosting a celebration of the 172 anniversary of the Treaty.

Te Ra o Waitangi Celebration:

Wharewaka, near Frank Kitts Lagoon. 10am - 4pm. Free entry. Celebrations will begin with a formal opening and traditional salute by kaihoe / paddlers on the waka Te Rerenga Kōtare and Te Hononga. This will be followed by a public concert at the wharewaka Te Raukura.

Enjoy Māori / Kiwiana-themed food, craft stalls and children's story telling.



MAUNGARAKI SCHOOL MAP - 2012



COMMUNITY CENTRE	Car Park
Walkway	
Driveway to Barberry Grove	

**DENTAL
CLINIC**

CARETAKER
Sean Marsh

DP'S OFFICE Janet Evans	Work room	KITCHEN
FOYER AREA		
ADMIN. OFFICE Brenda Schouten, Office Mgr Lisa Grinling, PA to Principal		STAFF TOILETS
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE Lisa Cavanagh		MEDICAL ROOM
ROOM 1 Michelle Lax Yr 5 & 6		
ROOM 2 Darrel Greaney Yr 7 & 8		
ROOM 3 Eric Pampalone Yrs 7 & 8		
OFFICE	LIBRARY Carol Standish, Librarian	
OFFICE		
OFFICE		
OFFICE C Standish Bursar		

NEW STAFFROOM	ROOM 11 Caroline Wardle NE & Y1
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INTERVIEW ROOM Liz Coyle, SENCO
ROOM 10 Jackie Sutherland, Yrs 5 & 6
ROOM 9 Sacha Fawbert, Yr 5
ROOM 8 Sophie Jackson, Yr 4
ROOM 7
SCIENCE/MATHS STORAGE

OFFICE	ROOM 4 Belinda Postma, Yrs 3 & 4	ROOM 5 Krista Match Yr 2
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ROOM 6 Rebecca Perkins Yrs 1 & 2	MUSIC ROOM
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Maungaraki School TERM 1 2012

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30 January Teacher only day	31 January Teacher only day	1 February Term 1 begins Newsletter Home	2 February	3 February Yr 7&8 Technology (9am – 12 noon) Rm 3 Assembly 1:30
2	6 February Waitangi Day	7 February Yr 7&8 Technology (9am – 12 noon)	8 February Yr 7&8 Technology (9am – 12 noon)	9 February Yr 7&8 Technology (9am – 12 noon) Meet the Teacher Newsletter Home	10 February Yr 7&8 Technology (9am – 12 noon) Rm 2 Assembly 1:30
3	13 February Grasshopper Tennis Reading in Schools starts this week 7.30pm Home and School Meeting	14 February Grasshopper Tennis Life Education	15 February Grasshopper Tennis Life Education BOT Mtg	16 February Life Education	17 February Grasshopper Tennis Life Education Rm 1 Assembly 12:00
4	20 February Grasshopper Tennis Life Education	21 February Grasshopper Tennis	22 February Grasshopper Tennis	23 February Newsletter Home	24 February Grasshopper Tennis Home & School Japanese Cooking Rm 10 Assembly 12:00
5	27 February Grasshopper Tennis	28 February Grasshopper Tennis	29 February Grasshopper Tennis	1 March Immunisations Gardasil Yr 8 girls	2 March Grasshopper Tennis Rm 9 Assembly 12:00
6	5 March Grasshopper Tennis	6 March Grasshopper Tennis Fonterra Science Roadshow (Nikau Syndicate) New Parents Evening	7 March Grasshopper Tennis 11:00 TA Mtg	8 March Newsletter Home	9 March Grasshopper Tennis 9am -1pm Y5/8 Touch Tournament Rm 8 Assembly 12:00
7 Whole school swimming 9.30am to 12.30pm	12 March	13 March HRSA Athletics	14 March Yr 7 / 8 PCT Challenge	15 March HRSA Athletics alternative	16 March Home and School Disco and Wine & Cheese Rm 4 Assembly 12:00
8 Whole school swimming 9.30am to 12.30pm	19 March	20 March	21 March BOT Mtg	22 March Newsletter Home Students from Shibuya Makuhari visiting	23 March Rm 5 Assembly 10.00 Swimming Sports 12.30pm – 2.30pm
9	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March Rm 6 Assembly 12:00
10	2 April HRSA Swimming	3 April	4 April	5 April Multicolour Mahem Day Newsletter Home Rm 11 Assembly 12:00 End of Term One	