



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4. I hope you had a great holiday. We have a very exciting term planned. In two weeks we have the calf club day, which once again is being held on a Saturday so that we can get more people attending. A huge thank you to all the parents that are working really hard to get things organised. I am sure it will be a very successful day.

We also have our Mid Western athletics day coming up on the 9th November. We are hosting Waitotira, Portland and Otaika Valley Schools and this is our major fundraiser for the year. The PSG will be asking for support on the day – manning the food stalls, cooking on the BBQ or helping out with teams are the main jobs. If you are able to offer your services for either of these two events, please contact Jena Huntington who is the President of the PSG. Many thanks.

A huge welcome to our three new students this term. Sophy Campbell, Maia Shelford and Lilly Ryder. They have all settled in really well and we know they will be very happy here.

As you all will be aware, Trudi Bertie came runner up in the Warehouse Stationery most inspiring teacher award recently. We have had the Advocate out to write an article about this and this should be in the paper either tonight or on Saturday night. This is very exciting for us.

As always in term 4, it is compulsory for the children to wear their sunhats during break times or when doing outdoor activities. If they do not have a sun hat they are asked to stay in the shade so it is important that they have hats in their bags each day. We do have a number of school hats available for purchasing – please contact Tania if you would like one.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards
Kath Edwards

All sold and unsold calf club raffle books and money are due in next Friday 21st October and there are more books if needed.

Noticeboard

Flower Day & Calf Club

Notices and booklets with all the information about what will be needed were given to students this week and last term. They are on the website and facebook page if you need them.

Calf Club/ Prizegiving Trophies

A reminder to those of you who received trophies, cups or shields at last year's calf club day and prizegiving. Please can these be returned asap. Thank you.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our new students, Sophy Campbell and Maia Shelford who both turned 5 and Lilly Ryder who turned 13 during the holidays. We hope you enjoyed your day.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who has brought in fruit and other items for our breakfast club. We really appreciate it!

Swimming Pool Update - Offers of Help Needed

With summer coming along the pool is in the process of being readied for swimming. Last season along with a few parent helpers during the holidays, Tania was able to step into the breach and take on pool caretaker duties. This situation was never ideal given that a sole charge office person is always going to have difficulties leaving their station to spend the time required out at the pool. Do you have some pool care experience or just some spare time each week to lend a hand with things like vacuuming the pool? Please give it some thought and let us know if you have the time to lend a hand. The pool vacuum hose is also in need of some repairs. Do you have the skills to repair this for us? If you think you can help the school out with this please contact Tania.

Calendar Artwork

The students calf club day artwork exhibits will once again be available to parents to order as calendar, diary, mousepad, notebook or card artworks. Order forms will be sent home and examples of diaries, calendars, mousepads, cards and notepads are available to view at the office.

Caretaker Duties - Offers of Help Needed

As you are aware our caretaker Rodney is off with an injury and is awaiting surgery. As he will not be able to return to work any time soon we are asking if anyone is able to help out with the lawn mowing around the buildings and gardens. If so please contact Tania or Kath. Thank you.

Oct Mon	24	Labour Day holiday	Fri	11	Book Club Issue 7 Closes		
	Fri	28	Calf Club Flower Day	Mon	14	Book Club Issue 8 Opens	
	Sat	29	Calf Club Day	Dec Fri	9	Waterfall Trip	
Nov Thurs	3	Whg Group Calf Club Day		Thurs	15	Concert/Prizegiving	
	Fri	4	PP Whg Group Calf Club Day		Fri	16	Last Day Term 4
	Wed	9	Athletics Day		2017 Jan 31st	First Day Term 1, 2017	

In the holidays Dad, James, Ollie and I went to Mount Parihaka. We had to do a big walk to get to the top. When we were walking James got so much dog poop on his shoe. On our walk I felt scared because we were very high. When we were so close to the top I saw a white building with a locked door. Then when we were at the top I could see the whole of Whangarei, it was a glorious view. I could see so many beautiful buildings. I was hot and tired. I felt exhausted when we were walking back down the mountain. When we got to the bottom we got to play at the playground. By Max



One day me and Dad collected some rocks and some stones as well. I used a big shovel. I collected 60 rocks. I had to have a break because I was tired. We collected the rocks and stones by the garage. I earned ten dollars for helping. I got in my pyjamas when we finished working. I liked working with my Dad as a team. By Quinn

The Doggrilla

Classification: (What it is)

A Doggrilla is a humongous animal that is a cross between a pug dog and a gorilla. This animal has walked the earth for many years.

Description: (What it's like)

The Doggrilla has a big gut, long skinny arms and short, strong legs. The Doggrilla has an hairy face with a long tongue poking out of its mouth. The Doggrilla has long hands to reach fruit from high places.



Dynamics: (What it does)

The Doggrilla can climb big trees. The Doggrilla eats dog food. The Doggrilla's long arms and strong legs make it able to climb high to the tops of trees.

Location: (Where it comes from)

The Doggrilla used to live in America and Africa in the forest but it was captured by poachers and now lives in special zoos around the world. The poachers stole the Doggrilla from it's natural habitat.

By Ollie Shelford

On Wednesday last week I went to Paige's house for a play-date for her birthday party. I was really excited to go! Jamie, Pippa, Elise and Max went too. Pippa, Paige and I played horses until...we had vanilla cupcakes with blue and purple icing. Paige, Pippa and I had two. After our cupcakes we went to Tracey's work, she sells orchids. When we started going back it rained and rained... we got soaked! Then the other kids were playing with balloons and water but I didn't. Next it was lunch. Then we played. After that Max and Pippa went home. Jamie watched movies while Elise, Paige and I played. I had another cupcake. Then later Paige and I shared the last cupcake. It was the best day ever!

By Isabella

In the holidays I went to Mair Park to feed the ducks. When we got there I grabbed the bread which is not very good for the ducks. Mum and Kurt went to the toilet. Dad, Jock and I started going to the ducks. I asked Dad if we could have a photo and he said OK. A man came past and Jock said, "doggy", the man let him pat his dog. Then Mum and Kurt came back. Next we started going to the ducks. When we got there I saw a goose. After we fed the ducks we went for a big walk. When we were walking we saw that there were a lot of bridges. We went so far down the path our legs were getting sore. It was a long way back to the car so we turned around and started walking back. Mum said we could go to the playground for five minutes. I played on the swing, Dad pushed me really high. Then we dropped Mum off at New World and we went to McDonalds to get something to eat. The toy I got in my Happy Meal was a little bunny called Snowball. When you press his tail his eyes change. He has cute and then mystery eyes. It was the best day ever!

By Dalana

Community Notices

- ▶ **MGK Calf Club Stalls** - \$10 per stall - If you would like to hold a stall at our calf club day on Saturday 29th October, please contact Jena on 021 473 380.
- ▶ **MGK School Calf Club Day** - Saturday 29th October. 10am - 2pm. Stalls, bouncy castle, rides, food, drinks and lots lots more! Come along to join in on the fun! All welcome!
- ▶ **Kamo Round the Mountain Fun Run/Walk** - Sunday 16th October. This is a fun event for students and families to be involved in...as well as the opportunity to win \$100 for the school. Entries can be made online and paid for at <http://tinyurl.com/j5teljw> or enter on the day. Students (up to year 8) entry fee is \$5 and adult entry fee is \$15 (until 14/10/16).
- ▶ **Girls Only Football** - Term 4 2016, Tikipunga Sports Park. Commencing Tuesday 18th October. 4.30pm to 5.30pm for 8 weeks.

- \$48 for the 8 week block. For girls aged 7 to 12 years. Register and pay online: www.nff.org.nz or contact Christina 4377 294.
- ▶ **Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Junior Surf** - for kids aged between 4-13yrs. Your kids will learn surf sports and water safety, have heaps of fun, make new friends and belong to an awesome club. Club Open Day and enrolment is Sunday 23rd October, 10.00am 12.00pm. Junior Surf starts 10.00am on Sunday 1st November. For more info visit www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz/junior-surf or contact Nicola Thompson 022 354 9623.
- ▶ **Junior Twilight Hockey Competition** - Yr 4-6 and Yr 7&8. This is super fun quarter-field hockey for all skill levels to jump on the turf with their mates and have a blast in the Northland sun! 6-a-side. Tuesday nights. Begins Tuesday 25th October, ends Tuesday 29th November. For more info visit www.bit.do/JNRTVW12016.