



It has been a busy 4 weeks starting back into the school year, great to see everyone getting back in to routine. Our Whanau BBQ held last Tuesday was a great chance for parents and community members to meet the teachers, thanks to all of those who attended.

Ruru is open! Students using our before and after school care service are able to make their way to Ruru's new home from Monday morning.

Announcements:

Goal Setting Interviews:

Goal Setting Interviews will be held in week 6 on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March. Be keep a look out for the Interview booking form.

Upcoming:

Ngahere Beach Trip:

Ngahere Beach Trip is on Thursday 6th March. If you have not filled in your permission slip be do so asap.

Me titiro ki te wiki e heke mai nei (Looking towards the week ahead),

Dates to remember - Week 4, Term 1

Monday 24th February:

-WaterSafe sessions with external providers

Tuesday 25th February:

-Year 5/6 camp begins!

-Year 4 students will be split between Kākano for the rest of the week

Wednesday 26th February:

-Lunch orders due by 5pm today

-Year 5/6 camp continues

Thursday 27th February:

-School lunch orders

-Year 5/6 camp continues

-9.10am School Assembly

Friday 28th February:

-Parent Pānui

-Year 5/6 Camp finishes

-1.30pm: Year 7/8 Fire Brigade visit



Notices/Reminders:

School Hats:

A reminder that this is a summer term. All students must wear their school hats (no other hats allowed). Students with no school hat must play on the Kākano deck or Monkey Tree.

Ka nui tēnā mō tēnei wā (That's enough for now)

Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal



2025 Whanau Leaders

Introducing our 2025 Whanau Leaders!

Puriri - Winnie and Michael

Pōhutukawa - Henry and Fynn

Kauri - Georgia and Isla

Nikau - Tane and Isla

Congratulations to this group of amazing people! It was so tricky to make a choice with all the awesome applications!



SUPER STARS OF THE WEEK!

Thank you:

- Our wonderful builders who are doing an amazing job!
- All the parents and families that came along to our Whānau BBQ

People of the Week:

- All those children who received Whānau Leaders Badge this week
- Tom for doing such an amazing job maintaining our pool
- Carlyn and Rhiana for all the work that has gone into preparing for our Year 5/6 camp to Russell. It's going to be amazing!



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25TH
OCTOBER
2025**

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MAUNGAKARAMEA
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TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

25-28 February	Year 5&6 Russell Camp
27-28 February	Years 0-4 NAMP
3rd & 4th March	Goal Setting Interviews
6th March	Ngahere Beach Day
12th March	WPSSA Swimming Years 5-8
19th March	RURU Puppy Bake Sale
11th April	Last Day of Term 1
28th April	First day of Term 2

School Calendar:

In order to keep up to date with the latest events and activities that Maungakaramea School has coming up, please join our school calendar!

<https://www.maungakaramea.school.nz/calendar/>

Mid-Western Junior Rugby Fishing Competition

Auction starts at 5pm



Followed by prize giving

Fish filleting available



Saturday 22nd February 2025

Mid Western Rugby Club

All fish and crayfish/packhorses from the competition are to be auctioned.

A key part of the Mid Western Junior fishing competition is the FISH AUCTION that occurs on the Saturday night after weigh in. All funds raised from the fish auction are used to support the Mid Western Junior Rugby Teams in their upcoming season. All fish and crayfish/packhorses caught and weighed in as part of the competition go under the hammer and are auctioned off. The auction starts at 5pm and the prizegiving for the competition will take place once the auction has finished. This year we will again have Fish 2 Fish on site, ready to fillet the fish you purchase for an additional \$10. All you need to do is show up ready to place a bid at 5pm.



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KORIMAKO'S WONDERFUL WRITING

Catching a Tuna

In the holidays, I went to my bach. One day, we got bored and went game fishing because it was the junior game fishing competition. It took about 1 hour to get out to trolling depth. After about 2 hours a Yellowfin Tuna ate the artificial lure. So, I got the harness and stuff on and played the fish. It took 40 minutes to wind in. When we got it in the boat it went crazy! So, we killed it and it still shook. We went back to the game fishing club and weighed it in. It weighed 47 kg. I came first place for Yellowfin Tuna.

By Charlie

Zip Lining

In the holidays, my cousins, my sister, my Aunty and I went to the Auckland Adventure Park. When we got there we waited at an old, small bus stop. Once the bus got there we hopped on and sat in the dusty seats. The bus took us to the top of the hill. When we jumped off we went to the zipline, we were the second people in line. The sun was beating down on us and I had already drunk half of my drink bottle. After waiting for ten minutes it was finally my turn. I put on an old helmet and the crew brought the harness back to the top of the hill. The worn, old cable stretched long into the distance I could feel butterflies in the pit of my stomach the crew buckled me into the harness "3...2...1!" the crew member shouted. I felt a small drop as I flew through the blue sky. I could see the end fast approaching. Suddenly I jolted forward in my harness. It was a good ride!

By Gus

My Fishing Trip

On Wednesday, my Dad and I went fishing in the harbour. We unloaded the jet ski and put the fishing rods on the back of the jetski. Dad helped me put on my Blue life jacket. I walked down the boat ramp and pushed myself on to the seats. The engine purred as we drove through the marine reserve. We headed out into the big ocean

We drove at an alarming speed across the bumpy waves. We came to a halt! We dropped our lines and Dad got a bite.

"Haha" he chuckled.

I grinned and said, "Alright, just because you caught the first fish doesn't mean you're going to catch the most."

I smirked.

"Game on!" he said.

He pulled in a fine sized snapper. Then my line started pulling.

I reeled it in vigorously just to be greeted by a baby fish. Dad unhooked it and let it go. After some time dad saw some kahawai.

"Do you want to catch one?" he asked.

I replied with a quick, "Yes!"

So Dad changed the hook and dropped it in. We drove around the kahawai to make the hook look like a fish. Then, CHOMP! A kahawai bit on it and we stopped driving. I wound it in, but it got away. The same thing happened with another Kahawai. Then I caught something. I pulled and pulled and it turned out to be a Kingfish. We headed home with a total of 8 fish. It was Miraculous experience.

The end.

By Morgan

OUR HOLIDAY RECOUNTS!

Water Safety



In Water Safety sessions with Geoff we have been learning basic water safety/survival skills. Some things we have been learning:

- Safe entry/exit from the pool
- Confidence in the water
- Floating and treading water
- Swimming in currents

LITERACY IN ACTION

Here are Tui showing us the multitude of ways literacy learning can look in our class room. At this age, our most important learning is often happening by what we see, hear and do. We are still very active and need to be busy, doing our learning in different ways. We might be using play-dough to make letters or heart words - which also strengthens our fingers for writing, we might be listening to books on the iPad - exposing us to text we can't access ourselves yet, we might be outside writing really big on the concrete - using our whole bodies - or using creative resources to make and create about what we have seen or heard. Then...you might see us reading a book or a text.

