



The Pukeko Call

OUR VISION - SUCCEEDING TOGETHER - TE ANGITU TAHI

He waka eke noa - We're all in this together.

School Picnic

We are all looking forward to our annual school picnic at Martins Bay tomorrow. Families need to make their own way there for 10am. Thanks to Carol and Kerry Jones for keeping the water melon tradition alive and well. Just a reminder, there will be nobody at school in the morning and although a bus will run, it will not be picking any Kaipara Flats children up.

Parent Interviews - 16th March 3.30-5pm and 17th March - 3.30- 6.45pm

Those of you that made an appointment for a parent interview, should have received a slip giving you the time and date. The interviews are 10 minutes long. Please respect the bell as any extended interviews cause a backlog. If you need a longer interview please make another time to speak with your child's teacher.

The meetings are for the parent and teacher to discuss how the children have settled in and any concerns that may have arisen.

Swim Sports

We hosted the other Primary Schools in our area at Mahurangi College for the annual inter-school swimming competition. The event ran really smoothly thanks to **Donna Wech** who organised the event. Our children swam their hearts out against tough opposition and were giving it their all until the final race. I was very proud of them. Thanks to the **PTA** for organising the food stall and to the people who provided the home baking. I had the most delicious brownie!

Website Upgrade

I will be working on the website upgrade with our providers very soon. I am keen to hear what you would like to see on our website and any important functions you think we could include. If you have any ideas, please get in touch.

Our combined rain dances did have some impact as most of us have had at least some rain. We're now keeping a close eye on the cyclone headed our way for next week. Hopefully it will lessen and not cause any potential damage.

Debbie

Principal

Corona Virus

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)
- [Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and

practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

At school we are:

'Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence:

- **wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet**
- **cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow**
- **put used tissues in the bin.**

I will continue to share any further updates.

Important Dates Term 1, 2020:	
Week 6 9-13th - March	11th March - Inter-school Swimming at Mahu 13th March - School Picnic at Martins Bay
Week 7 16-20th March	Junior Assembly/ Senior Sport 16th March 3.30-5pm and 17th March - 3.30- 6.45pm Parent Interviews
Week 8 23rd - 27th March	Senior Assembly/ Junior Sport 26th March - School Open Day to Celebrate Learning
Week 9 30th - 3rd April	Junior Assembly/ Senior Sport
Week 10 6th - 9th April	Senior Assembly/ Junior Sport

Pukeko Points

House Points Winners Week 5 and 6 **KAURI! Great job everyone!**

Our 3Rs

Respect Yourself

(respect, integrity, ambition)

Respect Others

(respect, inclusion, integrity and community)

Respect Our Environment

(respect, inclusion, integrity and community)

Line Dancing

Are you directionally challenged like me i.e. go left when you should be going right? Do you enjoy laughing out loud when your feet behave like out of control spaghetti but then with a wee bit of practice, miraculously start to behave themselves? If that sounds like you, come along to the Ranfurly Hall on Wednesday evening at 7pm to have a go at line dancing. It's good for your brain as well as your fitness! Great fun and at only \$7 for an hour and a half workout, cheaper than any gym!

Hockey

Hockey season is coming up with registrations opening on 20 February. All games are played Saturday mornings on the turf at the WW Showgrounds. Players are needed for both Junior (Yr2-4) & Senior (Yr5-6) teams, along with co-ordinator/coaches/managers. We play mixed teams so we must have both boys and girls on our teams. If you have children interested please get in touch with Lisa - jandlberger@outlook.com



The poster features a dark blue header with the club's logo on the left and the text 'MAHURANGI JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB' on the right. Below the header is a green field background with the text 'SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2020 HOCKEY SEASON!!' in large white letters. At the bottom of the poster is an orange button with the text 'ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN'.

FUNSTICKS

An introduction to hockey for years 0 - 2
Confident preschoolers aged 4 and above also welcome

JUNIOR HOCKEY

A mixed hockey competition for years 3 - 6
Experienced / confident year 2's welcome as appropriate

The MJHC welcomes beginners and experienced players to join our hockey competition (teams are a mix of boys & girls). All games are played locally at the Warkworth Hockey Turf (A&P Showgrounds) on Saturday mornings. Season commences Saturday 2nd May

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER ONLINE GO TO:
www.mahujuniorhockey.co.nz**

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