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Week 8
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Term 3

Kia ora koutou,

Friday was a day of many questions from our students, as we learned of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. They were curious about how long she had been Queen, how old she was when she became Queen and what happens now that she's passed away. It's great to hear them being curious about the world, but also expressing their sorrow for the Queen's family at this sad time.

This week is Te wiki ō te reo Māori, Maori language week. It has even more special significance this year as it marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori language petition being delivered to Parliament. This petition asked for active recognition of te reo Māori and became the starting point for the significant revitalisation of te reo. Te reo Māori is integrated into what we do everyday at school, through the use of karakia, Māori phrases, greetings, pepeha, and weekly kapahaka sessions to name a few things. We aim to nurture the language and ensure our students learn about Maori culture, traditions and history.

"Ka Whāngai, ka tipu, ka puāwai - Nurture it and it will grow, then blossom".

ngā mihi nui,
Kim

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Thursday 15 Sept
Te Rerenga Ake

Friday 16 Sept
Designcraft

Thursday 22 Sept
Te Rerenga Ake
Graduation—School
Hall

Friday 23 Sept
Designcraft

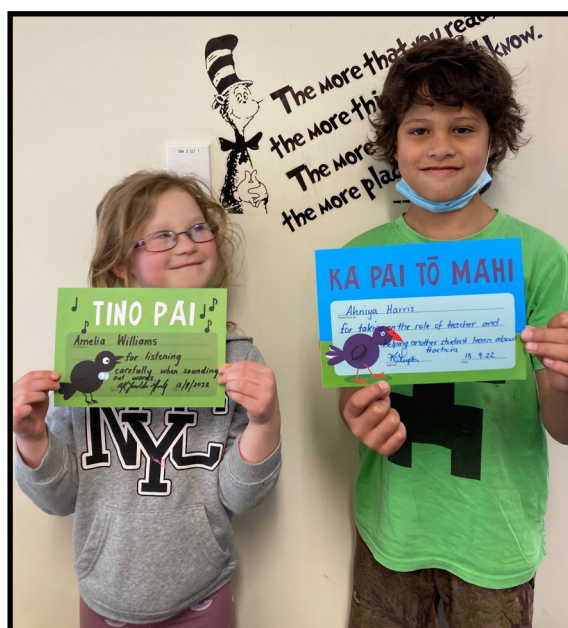
Monday 26 Sept
Public Holiday
School Closed

Friday 30 Sept
Last day of the term

Students of the Week

Amelia for listening
carefully when sound-
ing out words

Ahniya for taking on the
role of teacher and
helping another
student learn about
fractions



Covid Changes

As of midnight last night the Covid traffic light system has ended.

Mask wearing is no longer required. We will support those who wish to continue wearing masks but as from today we no longer require staff, parents or students to wear masks at school. This includes while travelling in school vans.

The other big change is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 no longer need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days.

This means if students are a household contact but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms they should continue to attend school. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

We still have a supply of RAT tests at school if anyone is in need.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

Noho ora mai

Public Holiday—School Closed

A one-off national holiday to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II has been announced by the government for Monday 26 September. School will be closed on this day.

Wolf Cubs

How amazing are our junior wolf cub readers!!! They are all doing such a great job of reading at home and returning their book bags to school each day. Thank you to their parents for supporting them and helping to establish this important routine.

Term Dates

The last day of the term is Friday 30 September. School resumes for Term 4 on Monday 17 October.

Have a Go sports day

Our students had a blast at this day last week, thank you Tedi for helping out. See back page for some photos.

Awhi Mai Awhi Atu Wellbeing Specialist

Just a reminder that Mauriceville School is fortunate to have the services of Silena Martin, our wellbeing and counselling facilitator available to work individually with students, whānau or groups, to support them to understand and cope with problems they may be experiencing such as anxiety; friendships; grief or other situations they may be dealing with. She can work with you at home or school. If you would like to know more about Awhi Mai Awhi Atu, you can visit www.healthcarenz.co.nz/wellbeing-in-schools. Or, if you'd like to make a time to chat, you can email Silena at : silena.martin@explore.org.nz

Vision Checks

Ravi Dass, from the charity Mr. Four Eyes, has offered the school the opportunity for students to have their vision checked with a mobile PlusOptix screener. This takes a couple of seconds per child and will be carried out by our Learning Support Coordinator, Allison Boyce.



Information from the screening tool will be sent to Ravi for analysis and parents will be sent a letter if any anomalies are found that require a further eye sight test. As a charity, Mr. Four Eyes (based at Whaiora) is able to offer free eye sight checks and free glasses should they be required. This would be optional.

The PlusOptix screener will only be available to the school at the end of October.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be screened, could you please let Brigie know by the end of Term 3, and they will be removed from the list.

If you wish to discuss the process further, please feel free to contact Allison Boyce at school.

Information on the screener itself can be found online

<https://www.plusoptix.com/products/vision-screener/vision-screening>

Have a Go sports day



Mauriceville Community Association

Quiz Night

Saturday 17th September, 7.30pm start

Teams of 5-6 people, \$5 per person

\$50 1st prize

BYO Drinks and Nibbles and a plate to share for supper

Raffle
All Welcome