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Title

Newsletter - 5/6/20

## Principals Message

Good afternoon

Our students are settling back into their school routines very well. I do hope your lives are getting back to as normal as possible as well.

This has ended up being quite a long newsletter so I will keep my message short.

It looks like we have played the game as a country and could possibly be moving into Alert level 1 next week. From what we know now, we believe the following are the key changes for schools at Alert Level 1:

- there are no specific public health requirements.
- there are no restrictions on personal movement at so all students, children and staff continue to be safe to go to school / early learning, and all students must attend school.
- you are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register but will continue with the usual practice of having a visitor and an attendance register (and will need to work with local health authorities to identify close contacts, should there be a case connected with the school).
- physical distancing is not a requirement but is encouraged when you are around people you don't know.
- there are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.

I will update you further as information is sent to us.

Thank you to parents who call the office and leave a message if your child will be absent. If you need to leave a message please leave a reason for the absence. We are required to enter this in our Student Management System. Remember you can also use the **skool app** to notify the office of absences and there will be a link on the new website when it is up and running in a couple of weeks.

School photos will happen on the 18th June. If families would like sibling photos taken, could you please let the office know. The photographers would like us to compile a list before they visit.

Lastly I would like to thank Nicki and the Board for their comments below and in particular for the consideration given to our school donation. Although the school donation is important to the running of the school it doesn't outweigh the effects recent events may have had on some of our families. Thank you.

On that positive note I wish all of you a fantastic weekend which thankfully can involve sport.

Kia haumaru te noho (stay safe)

John

## A message from the Board of Trustees

Update from the Board of Trustees

It's wonderful to have the school open and to welcome the children and staff back. We hope you have all managed to experience some positives during the COVID situation. Whether it's the opportunity to take a break from the hectic schedule many of us have or enjoyed spending more time with family.

I would like to thank John, the teachers and all the support staff for what they have done over the last few months. Getting distance learning successfully underway, keeping things ticking along and then preparing the school for operation under level 2 has been complex and challenging.

There are several things I would like to update you on.

### 2020 Donation

The board was reviewing the donation amount prior to level 4 lockdown and agreed to defer the decision until after level 3. Subsequently, the 2020 donation amount was discussed at the recent Board meeting. In its decision, the Board took into consideration the unique COVID situation, the financial impact this is having on many families and that we are already in June. We felt in these exceptional circumstances, and to assist our school community, we will severely reduce the 2020 donation amount from previous years. The Board agreed to the following:

\$60 for first child, \$30 for second and subsequent child/ren.

School donations are important. The funds are used for running the school and providing additional services for students, such as classroom resources and teacher aides.

The office will send out donation notices and like always, happy to discuss and set up payment options.

The donation is voluntary and you may be able to get a rebate of up to one third of the voluntary school donations you have paid (refer to the IRD website).

As Mangaroa school is a decile 10, we don't qualify for the Donations Scheme. This is available to 1-7 decile schools, who can choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment instead of seeking donations from parents.

Thank you for your continued support of Mangaroa School.

### **Asbestos Situation**

Work came to a halt under level 3 and 4. Specialists consultants, 4sight, were able to resume the detailed site investigation under level 2, where they took 40 soil samples between 0.2 and 0.5 metres depth along the western boundary. Air monitoring also resumed and continues.

The results are excellent; no buried asbestos / asbestos containing material (ACM) was identified during soil investigation, and the results of soil sample analysis do not indicate asbestos throughout the soil profile. The results of ongoing air monitoring indicate that asbestos fibres/fines are not airborne, and it is considered highly unlikely that a risk to human health is present.

Based on the findings of this investigation, 4sight made the following recommendations:

- It is recommended that removal of surface asbestos / ACM is completed via a comprehensive surface collection and surface rake of the surface.

Following the comprehensive collection, a Licensed Asbestos Assessor will prepare a Clearance Report confirming the removal of all visible ACM.

At the time of this newsletter, we have not received a date for the remediation works, but are hopeful this will be done promptly, followed by issuing of a Clearance Certificate and removal of the fence.

Board of Trustees

Nicki Bouchereau, chairperson.

## **Student Achievement**

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**Room 1** have been exploring the Samoan culture during Samoan Language Week. They have made fale's, Ulafala (flower necklaces) and dressed themselves in a Samoan cultural dress.



## General Information

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser



It's That time of year again - Entertainment Memberships are now available. You can order online or via the app today...

The link below will take you directly to the Mangaroa School Link. Every sale contributes to our school.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10z4146>  
(<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10z4146>)

### Pool Key & Sport Top Return

Could you please return your pool key to the office to receive your \$10 refund. Any outstanding sports tops also need to be returned as soon as possible.

### A message from Skool Loop

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Families, Staff and Friends of Mangaroa School,

Mangaroa School is using our Skool Loop App for parents and community members. This is a free download to the whole community to smartphones or tablet devices.

The Skool Loop App allows for instant viewing of events, receiving of notifications, easy advise of absences, submitting permission forms, booking interviews and access of contact details.

This app greatly enhances our communication to the whole community and works alongside other communication tools.

The app is funded totally free by sponsorship of businesses for a small annual fee of \$275. We can only feature a limited amount of businesses.

We would appreciate it if you would consider featuring your business in our app, however there is no pressure for you to do so.

We would very much appreciate your decision as soon as you're able. All artwork can be done complimentary for you.

For further information please feel free to contact Michelle at The Skool Loop App [michelle@skoolloop.com](mailto:michelle@skoolloop.com) (<mailto:michelle@skoolloop.com>) or phone 0800 238 379.


Warm Regards,

## Youthtown - Holiday Programme

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If you are interested in the July Holiday Programme for primary and intermediate students please click on the link below for the information and booking form or head to their website - [www.youthtown.org.nz](http://www.youthtown.org.nz)  
(<https://booking.youthtown.org.nz/home>)

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## Helpful Information

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|   | <b>Mangaroa School</b>   |   |
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| <p><b><u>Term Dates 2020</u></b></p> <p><b>Term 1:</b> 4 Feb - 9 April</p> <p><b>Term 2:</b> 28 April - 3 July</p> <p><b>Term 3:</b> 20 July - 25 Sep</p> <p><b>Term 4:</b> 12 Oct - 16 Dec (12.30pm Finish)</p> |  | <p><b>School Information</b></p> <p><b>Bank Account Details</b><br/>12-3142-0333330-00</p> <p><b>School Office Hours</b><br/>8.30 - 3.15<br/>(Please note that the office may be unattended on<br/>Mon &amp; Tue after 1pm)</p> <p><b>Email Address</b><br/><a href="mailto:office@mangaroa.school.nz">office@mangaroa.school.nz</a></p> |