

MAUNGAKARAMEA SCHOOL NOTICE

Week Two - Term Two - 2018

7 May 2018

SORE THROATS NEED CHECKING

Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat that is known as ‘**strep throat**’ – a throat infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus.

Most sore throats get better on their own, but **if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics it can cause rheumatic fever** in at-risk children. Because rheumatic fever is such a serious illness that can cause heart damage, all sore throats in Māori and Pacific children and young people (aged 4 and above) need to be checked.

As strep throat is a **highly contagious** illness please keep an eye out for symptoms and if your child does test positive for strep throat they will need to stay home until it is cleared.

When to see your doctor

You must see your GP if you or a family member experiences any of the following:

- a sore throat that lasts more than a few days
- difficulty swallowing
- your tonsils are enlarged or coated
- a high temperature (above 39°C)
- swelling in your neck
- earache or joint pain.

To make it easier on parents who may have difficulty getting to a doctor our **public health nurse** can come to school and carry out throat swabs. If the child is found to be positive for strep throat they can be treated with antibiotics at no cost. **Otaika Pharmacy** also do **free throat swabs**.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office.

Kind regards,
MGK School



BORROWED SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

If your child borrowed another student's school t-shirt for our Bunnings trip on Friday could you please wash these and return them to school asap. Thank you to the families who lent these out.

WHĀNAU HELP NEEDED FOR MULTICULTURAL WHANGAREI INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES - SCHOOL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

On Saturday 19 May, Maungakaramea School have a table reserved at the International Day of Families on Bank St in Whangarei. There are usually between 550-800 people that come and participate in the day. It will be a great fundraising opportunity for the school and also quite simple if people contribute baking.

If you are able to give up any time to help at this event, we would really appreciate it. Remember, it is your children who will benefit from this.

We need help to man the stall for an hour, provide baking, donate paper plates, forks or napkins. Set up time is between 9am-11am and the day is from 11am-2pm. We will organise a roster if there are enough helpers.

If you can help in any way please let us know asap so we can start organising.

Thank you to everyone who have already offered to bake and help on the day and to Jessie and Multicultural Whangarei for giving us the opportunity.

BOOK FAIR AND BOOK CHARACTER DAY

It's time to start thinking about what book character your child would like to dress up as. Our wild west book fair runs from Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June. Books will be available to view and purchase each morning and afternoon. On Friday 1st June we will have our book character parade where all students (and staff) will dress up as their favourite book character. There are prizes available for the best costumes so start thinking of ideas now.