



**Term 4, Week 9**

**5 DECEMBER 2025**

### **Kia ora koutou**

What a week—I am totally amazed by the community generosity and kindness towards Manchester House. We had so many donations of goods from the Community Food Drive to others in need. Manchester House were so impressed by the donation that I was thanked by them all on more than one occasion. Thank you to the Community Committee for co-ordinating, to Richard Ramson and Rachel Fletcher for transporting students and delivering the goods to Manchester house, and to all the other helpers on Sunday—your support and time is greatly appreciated.

Our Year 8 graduation on Tuesday night was a very special event. We got to celebrate our Year 8 leavers and spend time with these amazing young people. A night of games, food and real fruit ice-cream with a



sprinkling of kind words and thoughts to their fellow year group was a testament to how ready these young people are for their next learning adventure. Mā te huruhuru ka rere e te manu—Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly.

Next week we celebrate all our students at Wharite and Māharahara prizegivings. I am looking forward to hearing how amazing our students are and the progress that has been made in all areas of the curriculum, including the introduction of two new awards for 2025 and beyond.

As we prepare for the 2026 school year, we want to clearly outline what attendance success looks like for our school community.

*What Would Success Look Like?* Success means maintaining or increasing our regular/good attendance by significantly reducing areas of unjustified absences.

Our current baseline shows 80% of our students have regular/good attendance. To ensure every child can strive to Reach their PEAK, we need to focus on reducing the remaining 20% of absences that are irregular or concerning.

The most common examples of unjustified absences include:

- Families taking holidays in term time.
- Not returning to school immediately after a justified appointment/activity.

We urge all whānau to use the upcoming term breaks and scheduled school holidays to plan family trips and non-urgent appointments. By doing so, you help us reduce unjustified absences and ensure your child achieves the required 90% attendance for consistent learning success in 2026.

### **Staffing for 2026**

It is with great disappointment but huge respect that I announce that Dean has handed in his resignation and will finish up at the end of the year. I wish Dean all the very best as he takes on a new adventure. Dean has brought a real fun-loving atmosphere and structure to his class and his students will miss him. His love of maths always shines through when he shares what he is working on with his students. We will miss your presence Dean, but we know you are doing what is right for you. Kia kaha, Dean.

Daniel (Dan) Hodgetts will begin as our 0.4 teacher in the New Year and will do CRT release for Rooms 1-4. He will be teaching in classes on Monday and Tuesdays. Dan has a real passion for music and a strong connection to people and teaching others. Dan comes from Milson School where he has been teaching new entrants.

Michaela Curtis will continue her Friday 0.2 position where she will be releasing classroom teachers in Rooms 5 and 6. Thank you Michaela for your work in Room 6 throughout 2025, and we look forward to you returning in the New Year.

### **Our class make up for 2026**

- Room 6 Year 7-8 Mrs Freeman (Senior Team Leader)
- Room 5 Year 5-6 New Teacher (to be appointed)
- Room 4 Year 4-5 Pou Emma
- Room 3 Year 2-3 Pou Kendall
- Room 2 Year 1-2 Whaea Jo
- Room 1 Year 0-1 Pou Jo (DP/Junior Team Leader)

*(Note that Pou Jo and Whaea Jo will be teaching from the same spaces as they are currently, but we will be transposing the classroom names—Room 1 will become Room 2, and vice versa.)*

Also from the New Year, Rachelle and Jacki have altered their hours in the office. Rachelle will now work Monday through Wednesday, and Jacki will work Thursday and Friday.

That's a wrap for week 9—we look forward to seeing helpers and whānau on Saturday 8am-12pm at our school working bee to make our place look fantastic for the summer break and the year ahead.

*Ngā mihi nui, Anna Hagan, Principal*

# KA PAI KIDS

**Room 1:** *Neva*, your Pathfinder power this year has been amazing! You bravely tackle new learning challenges, and your confidence is growing every day. Thank you for consistently showing awhi to your peers, making Room 1 a warmer and more supportive place for everyone. Keep up that amazing effort!

**Room 2:** *Beau*, you have been working hard in your Literacy learning with an Energised attitude. You are beginning to read books which is so exciting! You have a wonderful imagination and I love the conversations we have around books. Keep up the awesome work!

**Room 3:** *Valerie*, what a fantastic start you have made in Room 3! I love seeing how you have adapted to new ways of learning and give things a go like an ultimate Pathfinder! Keep showing off those amazing PEAK skills right to the end of the year, what a superstar you are!

**Room 4:** *Grega*, you should be so pleased with all of your learning this term. You are really 'aceing' your mathematics! You have a fantastic, positive attitude! Well done, Grega. Keep being a Pathfinder!

**Room 5:** *Paige*, you bring such a fun-loving attitude wherever you go. You spread the AWHI with your awesome sense of humour and this brings so much joy to others! We all appreciate the happiness you bring to our kura, students and teachers alike. Keep being you!

**Room 6:** *Lil*, you have been so energised over the last few weeks! I love the way you are always smiling and enjoying every part of school life. You are such a positive role model and I want to thank you for all your support and kindness this year. Our school has been so lucky to have you over the last eight years. Keep shining bright my friend!

**Principal:** *Pippa*, I love seeing you show awhi and kindness to others in your classroom. I was impressed with your number calculations and how much of a pathfinder you are in class. What amazing PEAK values you show everyday, you should be very proud!

## ✓ FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sat 6 Dec	School Working Bee, from 8am
Mon 8 Dec	Wharite Prizegiving, 5.30pm
Tues 9 Dec	Maharahara Prizegiving, 6pm
Mon 15 Dec	End of Term 4
Mon 2 Feb	<b>START OF TERM 1, 2026</b>
Thurs 2 Apr	Teacher Only Day—School Closed
Tues 2 Jun	Teacher Only Day—School Closed

## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to those who took part in the Junior Kainui athletics last week. Students displayed all of our PEAK values—well done, we are so proud of you all. The following overall placings were achieved:

Elijah, 1st Yr 4 Boys

Poppy, 2nd Yr 4 Girls

Maddy B, 3rd Yr 4 Girls

Louie, 3rd Yr 3 Boys

Caide, 2nd Yr 1 Boys



A selection of Year 5/6 students competed at Interschool Athletics this week. The competition was tough! Well done to Isla B who placed 3rd in the 100m sprint and 3= in the 800m sprint.

## SWIMMING POOL OPEN!

The pool is now open and keys are available from the school office. School families may hire a key for the season for \$75, which is discounted to \$50 if a family puts their name down on the pool cover roster. Non-school families may hire a key for \$100. Eftpos is available. **When using the school pool, don't forget to sign the log book, kept in the school desk!**

## SCHOOL WORKING BEE

We invite parents and community members along for a school working bee tomorrow, Saturday 6 December, from 8am. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible. These working bees are a great way to get to know other school families and to contribute to the school. We appreciate your help!

## HIWINUI PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy playgroup during the year—it's a great way for the kids to get familiar with Hiwinui School and initiate friendships, and for parents to get to know one another too. We hope to see more of you in the New Year for some more fun! We will kick off in the first week of term, Thursday 5 February from 9am, in The Leigh Centre.

## SPORTS GEAR BAGS AND PURPLE TOPS

As the year comes to an end and sports competitions are wrapping up could we please ask coaches to kindly return any gear bags they have, and students to return their purple sports tops, clean and in a named bag.

Thanks to all those who have helped manage and coach teams this season—we couldn't take part in these competitions without your support!



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# Friends & Family Christmas Deals are here!

4 - 10 December 2025

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# I Tri'd the Tri Series

## KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years



Manawatu & TRC  
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Register at  
[www.triclub.co.nz](http://www.triclub.co.nz)

## WIN SPORTS GEAR OF YOUR CHOICE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Manawatu Triathlon Club wants to reward schools with the best student participation numbers in the upcoming "Manawatu and TRC Toyota I Tri'd the Tri Series 2026" for kids 4-12 yrs. Prizes of sports vouchers will be presented to the winning schools. \*Note the winning schools will be determined by taking into account roll size & numbers of students taking part. There will be prizes for different categories of schools

**PRE-ENTER ONLINE BY 30th  
JANUARY 2026  
PAY ONLY \$25**



RUN - BIKE - SWIM

For kids  
4-12 YEARS

### FIVE EVENT DATES

Mon 2nd FEB 2026  
Mon 9th FEB 2026  
Mon 16th FEB 2026  
Mon 23rd FEB 2026  
Mon 2nd MAR 2026

# KIDS TRIATHLON

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### COURSE DISTANCES

4-6 years 300m run / 600m cycle / 1 length swim **in teaching pool**  
7 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 25m swim  
8-9 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 50m swim  
10-12 years 1.5k run / 3k cycle / 100m swim

### EVENT LOCATION

Skoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool  
Palmerston North

### HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 30th January  
Enter online at [triclub.co.nz](http://triclub.co.nz)

2. Register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm)

We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal  
Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.

### ENTRY FEES By 30th Jan

- Individual child (all 5 events) \$25 OR
- Family of 3 or more (all 5 events) \$75

### ENTRY FEES After 30th Jan

- Individual child \$30 OR
- Family of 3 or more \$90

<https://www.triclub.co.nz/events/2025-i-trid-the-tri-series>

<https://www.facebook.com/Palmy-I-Trid-the-Tri-Series-165002316882569/>

### GOT A QUESTION?

To find out more please call Andy or Lenka (021 0349989)  
or Deb (027 439 0651)

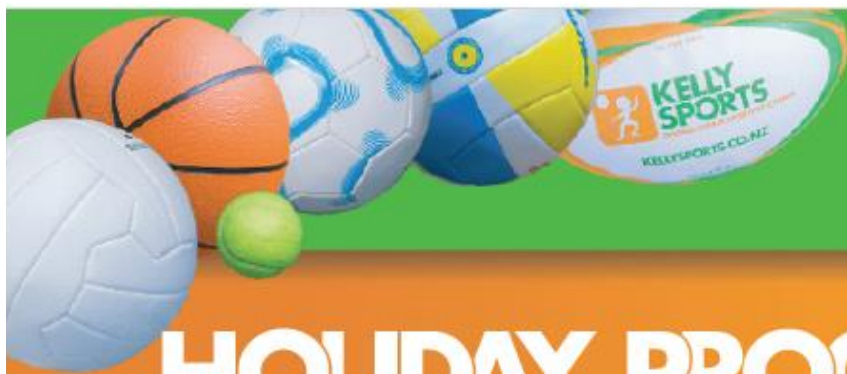
  
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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 17TH DEC - TUESDAY 23RD DEC  
MONDAY 5TH JAN - FRIDAY 30TH JAN



**This summer, dive into our action-packed holiday programme. Whether you're a baseball superstar, a fast-footed athlete, or just all about the splash - we've got games & activities that will keep the fun going all day long!**

*Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones.  
Go online to check out a full up-to-date timetable for your venue.*

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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## COLLEGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

**JAN  
2026**

**WEEK 01**

<b>MON 5</b>  <b>Mine &amp; Craft</b>	<b>TUE 6</b>  <b>Here Batter Batter</b>	<b>WED 7</b>  <b>30 Seconds or Less</b>	<b>THUR 8</b>  <b>PJ Party</b>	<b>FRI 9</b>  <b>Motorsport Mania</b>
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**WEEK 02**

<b>MON 12</b>  <b>SOAKED</b>	<b>TUE 13</b>  <b>Kiwi Classic</b>	<b>WED 14</b>  <b>Fun-O-Rama Carnival</b>	<b>THUR 15</b>  <b>Let's Ride</b>	<b>FRI 16</b>  <b>GOATS</b>
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**WEEK 03**

<b>MON 19</b> <b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b>	<b>TUE 20</b>  <b>Old Fashioned Fun</b>	<b>WED 21</b>  <b>Wet &amp; Wild Wednesday</b>	<b>THUR 22</b>  <b>Football Frenzy</b>	<b>FRI 23</b>  <b>Squad Showdown</b>
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**WEEK 04**

<b>MON 26</b>  <b>*WINTER GAMES</b> Today's Programme will run at <b>Carncot School</b> , see timetable for more information.	<b>TUE 27</b>  <b>*Around the World</b> Today's Programme will run at <b>Carncot School</b> , see timetable for more information.	<b>WED 28</b>  <b>*Dodgeball Blitz</b> Today's Programme will run at <b>Carncot School</b> , see timetable for more information.	<b>THUR 29</b>  <b>*Beyond All Limits</b> Today's Programme will run at <b>Carncot School</b> , see timetable for more information.	<b>FRI 30</b>  <b>*Rewind</b> Today's Programme will run at <b>Carncot School</b> , see timetable for more information.
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**USE CODE 'D31FQHTO' FOR AN EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT**

(DISCOUNT EXPIRES 5TH DEC)

T&CS APPLY - SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

IF YOUR CHILD/REN ARE COLLECTED LATE AFTER THE CONCLUION OF THE PROGRAMME YOU WILL CHARGED \$20 PER 15 MINUTES OR PART THERE OF

**Go online to check out a full activity timetable for your venue, which may include additional dates.**

**\* Please note the programme will run from Carncot School from 26th-30th Jan. See our other timetable for more info.**

**\$295 FULL WEEK\*** 8AM-5PM

\*(INCLUDES TRIP DAY)

**\$59 FULL DAY** 8AM-5PM

**\$49 SCHOOL DAY** 9AM-3PM

**\$39 HALF DAY** 8AM-12PM/12PM-5PM



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