



MANGATANGI SCHOOL



'A thirst for learning'

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Community BBQ on Sunday! Congratulations to our families who contributed to, and those who took away prizes in the Spud in the Bucket!

The end of year is nigh!

- ⇒ Graduation for our former students has been held at Hauraki Plains College
- ⇒ Your children's school reports are being finalised
- ⇒ The 2023 Year Book is being printed
- ⇒ Items for Prize Giving are being practised
- ⇒ The Year 8 end of year activities have been finalised
- ⇒ The final Technology day for Year 7 & 8 is this week

And this is almost the final newsletter for the 2023 school year! The year has definitely gone fast!

On that note, I hope you have a great week!

Ngā mihi,
Christine West, Principal



END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

CANCELLED
Our students who have completed their music lessons this year will be performing their end of year concert on Monday 11th December at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to the following ex-students from Mangatangi School who were recognised at the Hauraki Plains College Junior prize giving last week:

Junior Certificate

Jordyn Tomkinson	Mio Avila
Noah Jenner	Shakira Kerehoma

Junior Certificate with Merit

Charles Pompey	Ella Morgan
Finlay Jensen	Tohaline Ikiua-Fuhiniu

Junior Certificate with Excellence

Adam Kelly	James Boyd-Beazley
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Other Awards

Charles Pompey - Commendation in Te Reo Māori
 Ella Morgan - Commendation in Science & Hauora
 James Boyd-Beazley - Commendations in Mathematics & Humanities
 Tohaline Ikiua-Fuhiniu - Commendation in Te Reo Māori
 Ella Morgan - Year 9 Manaakitanga Award

Calendar

December 2023

- 5th Franklin Basketball onsite
- 6th Year 7/8 Technology (make up day)
- 8th Year 8's vs Parents Game
- 11th 1pm End of Year Music Concert **CANCELLED**
- 12th Franklin Basketball onsite
- 14th 12:30pm Prizegiving, & Final day for students

2024

- 30th January - Office open for stationery and uniform purchases 9:00am - 2:00pm
- 6th February - Waitangi Day
- 7th February - First day of school!

2023 YEAR BOOKS



Great news, the 2023 Year Books will be available to purchase this week!

Only \$8.00 from the school office.

You can also contact Mrs Rowberry in the school office by phone or email to order yours and pay online.

END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING

Make a note in your calendars as our End of Year Prize Giving is fast approaching!

Details are as follows:

WHEN: Thursday 14th December

TIME: 12:30pm

WHERE: Mangatangi School

Note, this is the last day of school for the students



THUMBS UP

- ◆ To the builders who are working hard and will hopefully complete the new shelter by the 14th in case we need it for our prizegiving
- ◆ To Ms Clark for the amazing 2023 Yearbook!
- ◆ To Corey from Franklin Basketball for his enthusiasm in teaching basketball skills to the students
- ◆ To Mr Hunt and Ms West for keeping our pool in ship-shape condition!

2024 TERM DATES

- Term 1: 7th February - 12 April
- Term 2: 29 April – 05 July
- Term 3: 22 July - 27 September
- Term 4: 07 October - 20 December



Stationery Lists for 2024 for each classroom have been finalised and lists will be sent home before the end of term.

We will have the full packs available to purchase from the school office on **Tuesday 30th January 2024** and then again from Wednesday 7th February (first day of Term 1).

NB You are welcome to purchase the items yourselves or you can make it easier for yourself (and a little cheaper on most items!) and purchase as a pack from school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Today's Game Times

Opposition

Mangatangi Minis (Years 1 - 3)	4:05pm, Field 4	Turua Turbos
Mangatangi Minions (Years 1 - 3)	4:05pm, Field 2	Waitak Wildfire SEMI-FINAL
Mangatangi Machines (Years 4 - 6)	4:45pm, Field 2	Mangatawhiri Int Mixed
Mangatangi Monsters (Years 6, 7 & 8) Game 1	4:05pm, Field 6	Ngatea Pumas
Game 2	5:25pm, Field 3	Ngatea Dragons SEMI-FINAL

We have also received confirmation of the playing fees and these are **\$10 per player**. Can you please make arrangements for this to be paid with cash or eftpos in the school office or online (12-3023-0387504-01 using your child's name and Touch in the reference fields) as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already paid!

ROOM 1 NEWS

Room 1 have had an extremely busy term with Calf & Lamb Day, Group Day (for some students), athletics (Mangatangi, then some students moving on to East Group, Franklin and even Auckland for Moana & Toby), swimming has started, the Year 8's are counting down their last few days at primary school but the highlight was definitely our camp to Aongatete Lodge! These are some students' writing about their experiences there.

River Challenge



The hike down to the river was like walking on mossy wet rocks. Once we arrived to the rocky river, we started our trek up stream through the icy waters. After about 10 minutes of scrambling over rocks, we came to our first challenge - climbing through a tight crevice. My heart was pumping as I waited for my turn. I faced my fears, maneuvering my body around the wet rocks, and squeezed my way through, . "That was great" I said. We then started the 30 minute walk further upstream to an amazing rock waterslide and swimming hole, where everyone had turns jumping in and sliding down into the freezing cold water. Everyone had turns trying to touch the bottom. (no one could.) To warm up we all shared hot raro and cookies sitting on the rocks together. It was one of the best experiences at camp.

Luke Rowberry

ARCHERY AT AONGATETE CAMP

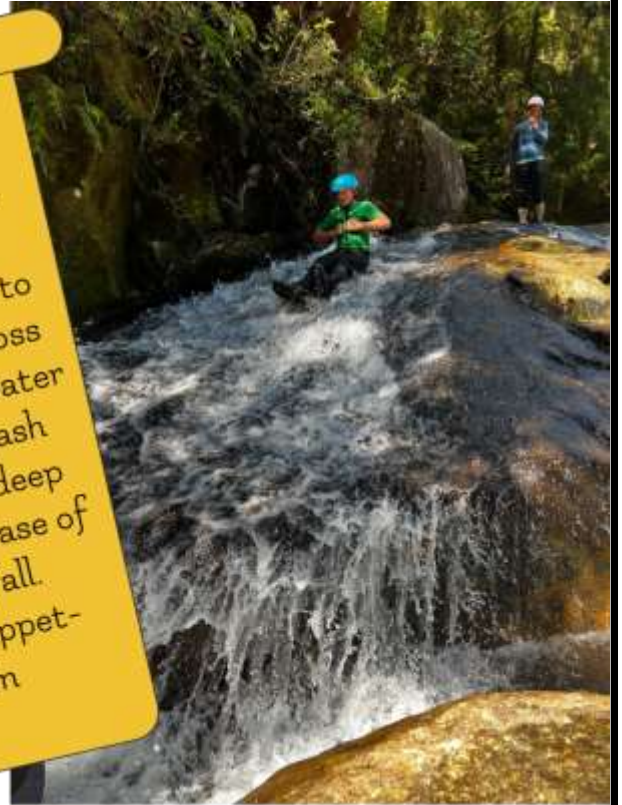
I am walking up to get ready and grab a bow, I take the smallest bow as I call it my "Lucky bow". I take my stance getting ready to shoot. The instructor says "Go on boys," I take my arrow, put it on the string, hear the click and start aiming at the far off target and shoot. It soars through the air and hits blue "Oi I got a blue!" I say to my teammates. No response - they are our locked in, since this is our last round. I shoot the second arrow; it soars through the air and just flies over the top of the target and into the ground "Damn, how did I mess that up?" I say. Going on to my last arrow, no more messing around. I take a deep breath in, and a deep breath out. I click the arrow on to the string. It soars through the air like a jet plane going 300 kph... It hits the bottom corner which means 200 points! We go on to beat the other team by 22 points at the end of the day. We are the winners. Taylor-James Adamson



ROOM 1 NEWS cont...



After a cup of boiling raro and some yummy biscuits, we got to slide down a moss covered, rock water slide and splash around in a deep pool at the base of a waterfall.
Bailey Soppet-Main



As night fell and the stars twinkled bright, we set out to do the 'Burma Trail'. We walked up to the trail and patiently waited in line to go into the bush. We grabbed the rope and steadily walked through the trees. I kept tripping over and screaming. I could feel Fletcher grabbing my shirt and I was grabbing Luke's! All anyone could hear was the screams of their friends. Half way through the trail, we had to go into a ditch full of water. we lost the rope a few times but it was lots of fun.
By Hemi Smith

