MANGATANGI SCHOOL

'A thirst for learning'

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

What an incredible start to the term! I hope everyone had a fantastic school holiday and is feeling refreshed and ready for an action-packed Term 4.

Playground Joy!

A massive thank you to all the whānau who attended our recent playground blessing. It was a truly special morning, and seeing our tamariki (children) enjoying the new space is a highlight of my day. Speaking of the playground, we want to extend our deepest appreciation to our incredible community! The way everyone pitched in to help with the demolition of the old equipment and the organisation of the new area was a wonderful display of teamwork and generosity. We have the best community!

Get Ready to Go!

It's time to lace up those boots! Touch Rugby starts next week, and our dedicated managers should have already been in contact with parents regarding draws and details. Good luck to all our teams - go get 'em!

Mark your calendars! We are all incredibly excited for Calf Club next Friday, October 17th. It's a wonderful tradition and we can't wait to see all the hard work the students have put into their projects and animals.

Finally, we'll be stretching our legs and working on our speed as athletics will be a big focus this term. Keep an eye out for dates and event information coming home soon.

It's going to be an awesome Term 4, full of learning, laughter, and fun. We look forward to seeing you all around school!

Nga mihi nui,

Grace Hare
Acting Principal

Calendar

October 2025

- 7th TONIGHT! Home & School Committee meeting 7:00pm
- 8th Year 7/8 Technology
- 14th Ngatea Touch Rugby starts
- 17th Mangatangi School Calf & Lamb Day
- 22nd Year 7/8 Technology
- 23rd Teacher Strike Day
- 24th Group Day at Harrisville School
- 27th Labour Day Public Holiday
- 28th Nest Consulting Parent Evening
- 29th Mangatangi Athletics
- 30th Nest Consulting for Room 1 students

November 2025

- 1st & 2nd Trail Bike Ride Working Bee
- 3rd East Group Athletics
- 5th Year 7/8 Technology

THUMBS UP

- To PGG Wrightsons Pukekohe for donating grass seed for repairs after the Trail Bike Ride!
- Alan & Jane Jeffs, Craig & Jayden Anderson and Stephen Beazley for their help transporting concrete from the front gate to the playground during the holidays!
- To our kaumatua from Mangatangi Marae for blessing our new playground yesterday!
- To Waikato Mayor, Jacqui Church and all the parents for attending our playground opening
- To all the students who are playing fairly and taking turns on some of the equipment in our new playground!
- To WE Hale for the donation of gravel - again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Averly *(08/10)*
Olive *(09/10)*
Cohen *(11/10)*
Ayla *(11/10)*
Maeson *(18/10)*
Sam *(19/10)*
Lucas L *(19/10)*
Ms Clark *(19/10)*

MANGATANGI SCHOOL TERM 4 UNIFORM

Term 4 = summer uniform options! These are as follows:

- School hats must be worn during the morning tea and lunchtime breaks and for outside PE lessons (the "No hat, no play" rule will be enforced from tomorrow)
- Sports shirts can be worn as a standard uniform top
- Classroom swimming will start during the term. Swim caps are compulsory during these lessons
- All uniform items can be purchased from the school office ($10 school hat, $29 sports shirt, $5.50 swim cap)

ROOM 4'S BASIC FACT COMPETITION

Shout out to Room 4's Basic Fact Competition Winners from Mrs N-C!

The Room 4 students were all tested at the start of Term 3 and again on the last day. There was some amazing progress and I was extremely proud of their positive attitude!

Year 4 Overall Winners
Reef Rogers and Calais Burns

Year 4 Most Improved
Zac Wicks

Year 3 Overall Winner
Jakob Cummings

Year 3 Most Improved
Caesar Dave

Well done!

MANGATANGI SCHOOL POOL

We are still in the process of getting our school pool ready for the upcoming summer season - thank you for your patience!

In the meantime, keep an eye on the school newsletter (or your inbox if you have had a pool key in the past) for when pool keys will be available to purchase.

Congratulations to **Chad Anderson** for having an outstanding rugby league season with the Hauraki Maori League team and taking away both a Player of the Day and the Sportsmanship trophy! Nice one Chad, maybe we'll see your name in the Warriors starting line up one day…?

BOARD CORNER

Our new Attendance Management Plan is due to be reviewed as a requirement from the Ministry of Education. Please keep an eye on your Hero account as our draft plan will be available to view and your feedback is welcome. If a paper copy is required once it has been shared with all parents/ caregivers, please reach out as this can be provided.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

WORKING BEE SAVE THE DATE!

We need your help preparing for our incredible Trail Bike Ride over the weekend of **01 - 02 November**!

It would be ideal if you have your own mode of transport on the farm and a chainsaw and/or hedge cutter - but neither are essential.

As they say, many hands make light work, and as this is the single biggest fundraising event in the Mangatangi School calendar, we would love as much help as possible.

Keep an eye out for a form coming home after Calf & Lamb Day regarding helpers for this working bee and over the weekend of the Trail Bike Ride, but in the meantime, add the 1st & 2nd to your calendar!

Mangatangi School Assembly - 18th September
Integrity

Room Awards:

	Name	Reason
Room 1:	**Catalina**	For settling in so well and becoming a valued part of our school community
	Lyric	For settling in so well and becoming a valued part of our school community
	Tai	For showing Manaakitanga towards others in our school community!
Room 2:	**Ariah**	For giving everything a go at camp
	Boston	For being a gentleman and helping an instructor when her torch went out
	Jordan-Lee	For giving everything a go at camp
	Victoria	For showing perseverance during challenging camp activities
	Quinn	For showing great perseverance during challenging camp activities
	Rayjun	For helping a classmate feel comfortable at camp
Room 4 :	**Lenix**	Amazing improvement in multiplication and division facts
	Nathan	Showing increased resilience in difficult situations
	Ava	Making a great effort to show resilience and learn new routines in Room 4
	Aaliyah	Showing resilience in all areas of her learning
Room 5:	**Averly**	Outstanding effort in all areas of her learning
	Cohen	Excellent listening and participation
	Labraye	Outstanding progress in reading
	Boston	Always completing his work to high standard
	Lucas	Enthusiastic participation in all areas of learning
Room 6:	**Kyrie**	Being responsible and respectful at all times
	James	For always working hard on tasks and never giving up
	Taylor	Working hard with his structured literacy

Principal Awards - Integrity: Be honest, responsible and accountable

	Name	Reason
Room 1:	**Ashley**	For being a helpful and caring member of the Mangatangi School Community!
Room 2:	**Chad**	For always being honest, accountable and taking responsibility for all that he does
Room 4:	**Matthias**	For always giving his best in all areas of his learning!
Room 5:	**Maeson**	For showing integrity by always doing the right thing
Room 6:	**Maeve**	For always thinking about others, being honest and kind

House Leader's Awards - Sport:

Name	Reason	
Air:	**Oskar**	Doing well in Rippa Rugby
Earth:	**Rayjun**	Great rugby skills
Fire:	**Brooklyn**	Doing so well in Rippa Rugby!
	Tai	Doing so well in Rippa Rugby!
Water:	**Sam**	Doing a great job at Rippa Rugby!

House Leader's Awards - Envirocare:

Name	Reason	
Air:	**Jack Levers**	Doing well with his envirocare job!
Earth:	**Abby**	Doing well to look after the environment!
Fire:		
Water:	**Rory**	Looking after our environment

WE'RE HIRING!

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY: BECOME A LEARNING ASSISTANT AT MANGATANGI SCHOOL!

JOIN OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL DREAM TEAM!

Are you energetic, enthusiastic, and ready to make a real difference in the lives of young learners? Mangatangi School, a vibrant and welcoming rural primary school, is looking for a fantastic **Learning Assistant** to join our junior school team!

We're not just looking for a helper; we're looking for a superstar who can bring fun, patience, and a positive attitude into our two junior classrooms. If you love working with kids, thrive in a supportive environment, and are ready for an adventure every day, this is the role for you!

THE ROLE: WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING

As our Learning Assistant, you'll be a vital part of the classroom environment, helping our youngest students learn, grow, and explore. Your day will be packed with rewarding moments:

- Supporting two engaging junior school classrooms.
- Assisting teachers with exciting learning activities and resources.
- Providing one-on-one and small- group support to students.
- Helping to create a safe, stimulating, and positive learning space
- Encouraging curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning!

THE DETAILS: GET READY TO START!

School: Mangatangi School
Start Date: Monday, 20th October (Get ready for a great start!)
Hours: 8:30 am – 2:45 pm (Perfect for a great work/life balance!)
Location: Supporting two junior school classrooms.

READY TO APPLY? WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

If this sounds like your dream job and you're eager to jump right in, we'd love to hear from you! Send your CV and a brief cover letter telling us why you're the perfect fit for our junior school kids.

To apply or for more information, please contact:

Grace Hare (Acting Principal) principal@mangatangi.school.nz

Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of our amazing Mangatangi whānau! Apply today and help us inspire the next generation!

MANGATANGI
Home and School

Join our Committee

Help us make a difference!

The Mangatangi Home and School Committee is looking for new members. From planning events to supporting fundraisers, it's a great way to connect with other parents/caregivers and support our school.

Join us – big or small, every bit helps!

COME ALONG TO OUR MEETING TONIGHT!
at 7pm in the Staff Room!

CALF & LAMB DAY 2025 - Friday 17th October

SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors! Sponsors like these ensure we raise as much as possible on Calf & Lamb Day, which then turns into resources and the new playground for our tamariki at Mangatangi School!

Adrenaline Forest	Anexa FVC	Auckland Zoo	Autobahn Café Bombay
Auto Super Shoppe Pukekohe		Bakers Delight	Balance Agri-Nutrients
Bayview Hotel	Bullswool Farm	Butterfly Creek	Chelle Beauty Therapy
Counties Custom Killing	Counties Energy	Farmlands Pukekohe	Fit360
FMG	Franklin Bulls	Franklin Vets	Greenlea Premier Meats
Haleh Clinic	Hauraki Golf Club	Hauraki Tree Services	Hellers
Hobbiton Movie Set	Home and Harry	John Hill Winery	Karl Davis - Bayleys
Kelly Tarltons	Kiwi Valley	LIC	Mangatangi Tree Services
Mapari Meats	Maramarua General Store	Maramarua Pork	McDonalds Bombay
Metal Made	Mitre 10 Mega Pukekohe	Naro Creative	Ninja Valley
NZ Drinks Ltd	On Road Transport	Pak n Save Pukekohe	Pak n Save Thames
Paper Plus Pukekohe	PGG Wrightson Pukekohe	Protune	Red Fox Tavern
Roundhill Fencing Suppiles	Sal's Pizza Pukekohe	Scholastic Books	Smythes Quarries
Soppet Family	Stihl Thames	Strawberry Fields	Takanini Feeds
Te Puriri Nursery	Woolworths Pokeno	Z Bombay (Kennerley Retail Investments	
Young at Art			

THINGS TO KNOW

- Thanks to the amazing sponsors above, we have some amazing prizes up for offer on Calf & Lamb Day - and before! Keep an eye out on the Mangatangi School Facebook page over the next few weeks as we will be adding a number of **auctions** which you can bid for on online, or if you desperately want it, can choose the Buy Now option!
- Last term the children brought home a book of raffle tickets. This is a **multi draw raffle**, tickets are $5 each and there are some amazing prizes up for grabs! Each family has one book of 10 tickets issued to them which we hope you will be able to sell. Need more tickets? No problem! Simply come to the school office or Remember, the family who sells the most tickets will win a prize themselves! If you have sold all yours, feel free to bring back your cash *(or pay the total value of your tickets sold directly into the Home & School Committee account - ASB 12-3023-0416010-00 using your child's name and Raffle in the reference fields)* now.
- Men in the community, this is for you! Our infamous **Men's Bake Off** is back for its 6th year - so lets make it bigger and better than ever! Start your planning now as judging is by public vote, so it has to look incredible to improve your chances of success. We can't wait to see your creations on Calf & Lamb Day!
- Remember on Calf and Lamb Day there will also be **raffles, silent auctions and Mystery Envelopes** and the very popular **treasure chest** for the children with $100 cash up for grabs!

CALF & LAMB DAY 2025 - Friday 17th October

IMPORTANT DATES

Please make a note of the following dates on your calendar:

Friday 10th October:

- Plates sent home for you to use for your home baking which will be sold in the Cake Stall

Wednesday 15th October:

- Last day for Multi-draw raffle tickets money, sold ticket stubs AND any unsold tickets to be returned to the school office (though feel free to bring these back now)

Thursday 16th October:

- All students who have plants, bring them and your plant diary to school **by 9:00am.** Deliver and register outside Room 3.
- Bring your letterbox to school no later than today
- Bring your home baking for the Cake Stall in this afternoon (or Friday morning)
- Calf and Lamb Day set up from 2:00pm. Many hands make light work so if you have no plans, we would love your help for an hour or so.

Friday 17th October:

- **Calf & Lamb Day!**

Mangatangi Men! Do you fancy your skills at baking and decorating a cake? Enter the Men's Bake Off competition at our Calf & Lamb Day next Friday to see how you rate!

Make sure you check out their creations once they are on show and vote for your favourite.

Prizes are on offer and the cakes may be available for purchase at the conclusion of Calf & Lamb Day.

PLACE GETTERS GUIDE

This is the guide we use for determining place getters with animals at Calf & Lamb Day:

Calves:

1. *Champion Dairy Calf* – Awarded to the competitor in the Dairy Calf section with the highest aggregate points of leading and rearing and combining Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
2. *Champion Beef Calf* – Awarded to the competitor in the Beef Calf section with the highest aggregate points of leading and rearing and combining Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
3. *Champion Calf Leading* - Awarded to the competitor in the Dairy and Beef Calf sections with the highest points in leading combining Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
4. *Child Effort* (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) - Awarded to the competitor in the Dairy and Beef Calf sections with the highest total of points over leading and rearing.
5. In case of equal points in a championship the competitor with the highest Leading points shall be determined the winner.

Lambs:

1. *Most Obvious Pet* – Awarded to the competitor with the highest points in Calling (Most Obvious Pet) combining Junior Intermediate and Senior.
2. *Child Effort* (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) - Awarded to the competitor with the highest total of points over all three classes (Leading, Rearing and Calling).
3. *Champion Lamb* – the highest total of points over all sections and combining Junior, Intermediate and Senior
4. In case of equal points in a championship the competitor with the highest Leading points shall be determined the winner.

Goats:

1. Most Obvious Pet – Awarded to the Competitor with the highest points in Calling (Most Obvious Pet) combining Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
2. Champion Goat – The highest total of points over all sections and combining Junior and Senior
3. In case of equal points in a championship the competitor with the highest Leading points shall be determined the winner.

Poultry:

Shall be determined by the highest points in the growth section.

NOTICES

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
At Mangatangi School
Available Monday - Friday
by prior arrangement only
7:15am - 8:10am
Contact Ashleigh on
021 047 1655

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
At Mangatangi School
Monday - Friday,
by prior arrangement only
3:00 - 5:00pm
Contact: Danneke Toenders on
027 294 1684

RUBBISH STICKERS

The new pink Waikato District Council / Community rubbish stickers are now available from the Mangatangi School Office during school hours. Each sticker is now $3.00.

As always for our school families, if you do need any, you are welcome to pay on-line (use no. of stickers and your name as

Young at Art offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe.

Our Young at Art Term 4 after school classes are available for 6 - 8yrs, 9 - 12yrs and 13yrs+ in Pukekohe. Our Adult classes run regularly on Wednesday evenings (6.30pm-8.00pm for 6x weeks) & also some weekend workshops are available.

For more information or to book please check out:

www.youngatart.co.nz
or email: admin@youngatart.co.nz

Bookings are essential as places are limited

Mangatangi & Districts Playcentre

Monday and Thursday 9am - 12pm during term time

Come along and meet others in the community while our children explore, play and learn together as well as having fun!

For more information find us on Facebook or phone Nelly on 021 314 668