



MANGATANGI SCHOOL



'A thirst for learning'

Issue 4

NEWSLETTER

18th March 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

We have had a busy two weeks since our last newsletter. A highlight for the Year 8 Students was attending the Burn Bright day at Ngatea with other Year 8 students in our Kahui Ako. Thank you to the parents who were able to take transport. We survived the power cut, thanks to Counties Power for supplying a generator to allow us to keep operating. Our Year 7/8 and Year 6 & below swimmers did very well at the Franklin events, definitely next level! Hockey Big Day Out saw some stars shine! I hope they are able to further develop their skills and play this season. Hockey is run on Friday nights for Year 7/8 and Saturday mornings for Year 6 & below, and netball is played on a Wednesday after school. This means for those who wish to they can play a variety of sports.

This Friday sees a culmination of much enthusiasm and commitment to training for our school Triathlon. All the information you should require is later in this newsletter. I hope you can come and support. Thank you for bringing your child's bike to school to enable full training and participation. Remember bikes are to go home after the triathlon.

Thank you to all our parents who contact the school with a variety of reasons including when their child is sick or pick up changes. Please use the school cell phone number 027 232 7892.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Ngā mihi, Christine West, Principal

Calendar

March 2025

- 19th Year 7/8 Technology
- 20th Mufti Day (bring an Easter treat)
- 21st Mangatangi School Triathlon
- 26th Year 7/8 Ultra Rip Rugby

April 2025

- 2nd Year 7/8 Technology
- 3rd School Board meeting 6:30pm
*For more information, contact
bot@mangatangi.school.nz*
- 6th Daylight Savings ends
- 6th Colour Run
- 8th Whole School Trip to Waharau Regional Park
- 11th Last day Term 1
- 18th Good Friday
- 21st Easter Monday
- 25th Anzac Day
- 28th First day Term 2



THUMBS UP

- To the students who remember to wear their helmets and covered shoes when riding their bikes at school
- To Mr Hunt for mowing strips for running and cycling on for our upcoming Triathlon
- To the families collecting Yummy stickers for our school
- To the students who put their polar fleece, shoes and socks with their bag as soon as they take them off so they don't forget and have them end up in our Lost Property box!
- To the parents who ensure their children's belongings are named!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lyla
Rylee
Lara
Xavier
Rory

BOARD CORNER

The School Board held their first meeting for 2025 at the end of February.

- The resignation of our Chair Mr David Millar was accepted. We all agreed that David's commitment, knowledge and dedication has been extremely valuable. Thank you David.
- Ms Arianna Ashworth was nominated as our new Chair. Arianna also holds the finance portfolio.
- Mr Kurt Pogson keeps the property portfolio.
- Mrs Marianna Ormsby holds the Cultural portfolio.
- Mrs Michelle van Mil is the Staff representative.
- The School Board has co-opted Mrs Alice Smith to manage the Health & Safety portfolio. Welcome Alice.
- Ms Christine West is on the School Board as the Principal.
- Ms Donna Clark is the Minutes Secretary.
- The 2025 Budget was approved.
- The 2024 Analysis of Variance was presented whereby 2024 data is compared with the start of the year with the end of the year and is presented to the School Board. This data includes our SWAN children (Students with additional needs). Writing at the beginning of the year 50% of students were at or above the appropriate level, by the end of the year 83%; Reading at the beginning of the year 67% were at or above the appropriate level, by the end of the year 76%; Maths at the beginning of the year 60% were at the appropriate level by the end of the year 84%. Congratulations to students and staff.
- The School Board supports the Home & School Colour Run.
- Our 2025 Calf & Lamb Day date has been set as Friday 17th October.
- The 2025 Trail Bike Ride date is confirmed as 22 & 23 November.
- The two policies which were read, discussed and approved were the Health, Safety and Welfare Policy, and the Safety Management System. (our policies can be viewed on the School Docs website)
- Our next School Board meeting will be Thursday 3rd April.



WINTER SPORTS

Are you children keen to play a winter sport? Most school sports are due to start in Term 2, so we are starting the planning! Netball and hockey are organised through school, rugby and soccer are through independent clubs (the closest rugby club is in Maramarua, and soccer is in Ngatea).

We unfortunately do not have confirmed details of practise days/times, however we do know that Hauraki Plains Junior netball is played on a Wednesday afternoon at the courts in Ngatea, Years 6 & below hockey on a Saturday morning/early afternoon and Year 7/8 hockey on Friday afternoon (all hockey is played at the turf in Ngatea). If your child is keen to play hockey or netball, please let us know! Registration forms are available from the school office (and were given out to students who attended Hockey Big Day Out) Simply complete this and return it to Mrs Rowberry.

At this stage, we are also looking for parents who indicate they will be willing to coach/manage their child's team. Without parent help, we may not be able to enter the team.

From there, we will contact you with the information we have been given and teams can be created.



SCHOOL TRIATHLON

The Mangatangi School Triathlon will be held on this coming **Friday 21st March** from **9.15am**.

The order of events is as follows:

Year 8: 6 lengths swim / 6 laps biking / 4 laps running

Year 7: 6 lengths swim / 6 laps biking / 4 laps running

Year 6: 4 lengths swim / 5 laps biking / 3 laps running

Year 5: 4 lengths swim / 5 laps biking / 3 laps running

MORNING TEA BREAK (until 11:30am)

Room 6: 4 widths swim / 1 lap biking / 1 lap running

Room 5: 4 widths swim / 2 laps biking / 1 laps running

Year 3 1 length swim / 3 laps biking / 2 laps running

Year 4: 2 lengths swim / 4 laps biking / 2 laps running

Please note:

- The teachers may have to negotiate some distances, especially on the swim leg and for students who do not have access to bikes with your child. Please check with your child.
- The transition from pool to bike will be roped off.
- The biking course across the court will be coned off.
- Please respect our competitors by keeping clear of the track and transition areas. Please stay on the outside of the track while you are supporting the competitors.
- Each swimming event will start in the water (no diving in), with the Year 8 boys first, followed by the Year 8 girls. Once all Year 8's have finished their triathlon then it will be the Year 7 boys, followed by the Year 7 girls and so on.
- There will be no overlap of Year groups. **(The only reason this could happen is if the weather makes it necessary)**
- For some races larger groups will be timed.
- There will be no parent help in the transition areas.
- Please ensure your children have sunscreen on if they are not wearing a shirt.
- Students can wear their sports shirt or a T shirt in their house colours for the bike and run (no other decorations).
- Swimming caps are required in the pool.
- Children will have access to flutter boards or noodles in the pool if they need them.
- Covered shoes with velcro or laces (Crocs or wetsuit/reef shoes are not permissible) and helmets are compulsory for the bike leg.
- Every child will get house points (if your child is not able to complete in full each of the swim, bike and run legs in the triathlon for some reason, they will still get house participation points, but they will be ineligible for an overall placing).
- Students are to stay where their teacher has instructed, not with their parents (unless on their way home)
- Bikes **must** go home afterwards.
- You are able to take your child home following their race (note, the Year 8's are to stay to help the Year 1 & 2 children). If you do so, please ensure you advise their classroom teacher.

Mangatangi School Assembly 7th March

Room Awards:

	Name	Reason
Room 1:	Brooklyn	Working really hard across all learning areas!
	CJ	Always showing Respect towards both teachers and students!
Room 2:	Macy	Always working to a high standard and delivering quality work
	Lyla	Striving to do her best and asking for help when she needs it
Room 4 :	Jakob	Always being ready and eager for learning
	Caesar	Always being ready and eager for learning
	Tayla	Always being ready and eager for learning
	Isla	Always being ready and eager for learning
Room 5:	Maeson	Excellent listening and incredible focus
	Marlow	Determination to succeed in all areas of her learning
	Joe	Awesome focus on all learning tasks
	Averly	Being an excellent leader and role model
Room 6:	Tangaroa	Amazing swimming technique and effort
	Halo	Settling into school and joining in more classroom activities

Principal Awards - Respect; for Self, Others and Human Rights

	Name	Reason
Room 1:	Julianne	Upholding Mangatangi school's values with respect and pride
Room 2:	Finn	Honesty and standing up to protect his classmates' right to be respected
Room 4:	Zac	Consistently demonstrating respect for his and his classmates' right to learn
Room 5:	Eli	Always showing respect to everyone - a wonderful leader
Room 6:	Ivy	Demonstrating respect to everyone at all times

Mangatangi Manaakitanga - Year 7 & 8 Only

Name:	Gemma	Letter earned: R for Respect - for self, others and human rights
	Julianne	Letter earned: R for Respect - for self, others and human rights
	Hailey	Letter earned: R for Respect - for self, others and human rights
	Brooklyn	Letter earned: R for Respect - for self, others and human rights
	CJ	Letter earned: R for Respect - for self, others and human rights
	Nathaniel	Letter earned: R for Respect - for self, others and human rights

House Leader's Awards - Sport:

	Name	Reason
Air:	Spencer	Doing amazing at East Group
Earth:	Charlie	Great swimming at East Group
Fire:	Jordan-Lee	Doing well at East Group
Water:	Macy	Doing well at East Group

Bucket Filler Winners:

<i>Jack Levers</i> - Cleaning up the class	<i>Eli</i> - Great job at being a Bucket Filler
<i>Jack K</i> - Outstanding kindness!!	<i>Calais</i> - Great job at being a Bucket Filler
<i>Tayla</i> - Great job at being a Bucket Filler	<i>Lenix</i> - Great job at being a Bucket Filler
<i>Archie</i> - Bringing his drink bottle	<i>Ariah</i> - Integrity! Be honest, responsible and accountable
<i>Victoria</i> - Integrity! Be honest, responsible and accountable	<i>Jack J</i> - Cleaning up sandpit toys after school

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SCHOOL STICKER PROMO

As we had such great support with sticker collecting last year, we have decided to do it again!

Collect the Yummy Fruit Company apple stickers (at home or at school) and bring them to the school office - easy! The more we can submit, the bigger our share of the \$200,000 worth of sports gear may be! We have to submit these by 20 October 2025 - so there is plenty of time to collect these.

You can help us increase our share by asking friends and family to save theirs too! There is also a cut-out label on the apple bags, make sure you send these in too as one cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers!

If you'd like a collection sheet at home, pop into the school office and we can give you one. Once you have filled it, you can return it to us and swap for an empty one.

Let's all work together to see how many stickers we can collect.



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

14th - 17th April 2025, 9am - 4pm daily
(4 day workshop)

Held at Karaka War Memorial Hall,
319 Linwood Road, Karaka

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or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129**



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SR CAMP (AGES 11-13)
21-26 APRIL, 2025
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



THAMES VALLEY

Year 6, 7 & 8 Development Day

Sunday 30th March 2025

Morrinsville Events Centre

Registrations start 9.15 a.m. finishes 1 p.m.

We welcome along Year 6, Year 7 & Year 8 players in Thames Valley



Come along and have fun learning new skills and drills
Players to bring the following:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- Warm change of clothing (just in case it rains)
 - Water bottle
 - Nutritious lunch and snacks
- and most importantly - A GOOD ATTITUDE

Players MUST register to haurakinetsball@gmail.com
By Monday 24th March 2025

Whangamarino Action Plan community session

Waikato Regional Council is partnering with others to develop a plan to improve the Whangamarino Wetland, Lake Waikare and their inter-connected waterways.

We want to hear from you. Please come along and help identify and prioritise options to improve the health of the local waterways

Council staff will speak about the work and the outcomes we want to achieve and take questions before we hear your ideas.

Wednesday, March 19, 11.30am–1.00pm

Mangatangi Hall, 1517 Kalaua Road, Mangatangi

Lunch and real coffee from Sweet Somethings

Any questions please contact Tracy Nelson, Manager – Primary Industry Engagement pie@waikatoregion.govt.nz

Or Robyn Budd, Catchment Coordinator, Mangatangi Maramarua Catchment Inc. mmcatchment@gmail.com



Farm Assured Programme - Discussion and Q&A

Join us on Wednesday 19th March with meat industry experts from Wilson Hellaby and Greenlea to discuss The Farm Assurance Programme (NZFAP) and why farmers should get involved, aims of the programmes and benefits for meat and wool producers.

When: Wednesday 19 March 2025

Time: 9.30 - 11:00am

Where: Mangatangi Hall, Kaiua Road,

Register here:

[Farm Assured Programme - Discussion and Q&Q](#)

Immediately following this from 11:30am - 1:00pm is the Whangamarino Action Plan community session (see right), so make a morning of it and come to both!



RUBBISH STICKERS

Waikato District Council / Community rubbish stickers are available from the Mangatangi School Office during school hours for \$1.50.

If you do need any, you are welcome to pay on-line (use no. of stickers and your name as reference) and they can be sent home with your child.

MANGATANGI
SCHOOL

Colour RUN

Fundraiser

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH 2025

✦ 11AM - 2PM ✦ Mangatangi School

2047 Miranda Road, Mangatangi

Get ready for a day full of laughter, colour, and community fun!

- ✦ Auction - Place a bid for the chance to drench a well known local under the 'dunker bucket'
- ✦ Easter Raffle and 18+ Raffle - Drawn on the day
 - ✦ Spot prizes to be won!
 - ✦ Colour powder available for purchase
- ✦ Delicious food and drinks - Enjoy tasty bites from Kōtuku Collective, Firewood Pizza Garden, and Sweet Somethings Coffee Cart, plus a variety of other snacks and treats.
- ✦ BYO white shirt or grab one at the event!

Limited shirts available - \$10 for kids, \$15 for adults.

✦ Price ✦

\$5.00

for 4yrs and under

\$10.00

for 5yrs to 13yrs

\$15.00

for 14yr plus

Pre-sale tickets available at the school office — visit Shelley or contact her at 09 232 7898 / 027 232 7892 / admin@mangatangi.school.nz for account details. Tickets will also be available on the day via cash or EFTPOS.

Bring a camp chair or picnic blanket and enjoy the fun!

SCHOOL *Holiday* PROGRAMME

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