



MANGATANGI SCHOOL



‘A thirst for learning’

Issue 11

NEWSLETTER

22 July 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Fabulous start to Term 3!

We've had a wonderful start to Term 3, with students excited to return, reconnect with their friends and jump straight back into learning. The energy around the school has been really positive, and it's been great to see such enthusiastic engagement in classrooms and out in the playground.

While we've had some ongoing internet issues since day 2, staff and students have adapted well, showing resilience and flexibility throughout the week.

We were pleased to welcome two new students this term - Grayson to Room 4 and Caiden to Room 6. It is always so lovely to see our current students take new comers under their wings and help make starting at a new school just that little bit easier.

Each class has also taken part in practising earthquake drills this past week, ensuring everyone knows what to do to stay safe in an emergency.

The wet weather last week enforced inside play and the field being cordoned off; however, the fine weather we are now experiencing has meant great use of our field, swings and playground - lunchtimes have been full of laughter and activity.

Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for Calf & Lamb Day, with indoor exhibits taking shape beautifully. We can't wait to see the creativity on display!

A reminder that our Cross Country is Friday week and the information you will need is later in this newsletter.

Have a great week!

Ngā mihi,
Christine West, Principal

Calendar

July 2025

24th School Board meeting 6:30pm

*For more information, contact
bot@mangatangi.school.nz*

28th Last day for ICAS Test entries

30th Year 7/8 Technology

August 2025

1st Mangatangi School Cross Country

3rd **Playground Demolition Working Bee**
9:00am

7th East Group Cross Country

8th

12th Franklin Cross Country

13th Year 7/8 Technology

19th First Aid Training for students

27th Year 7/8 Technology

28th Thriving Tamariki evening with guest
speaker Nigel Latta 6:30pm at the



THUMBS UP

- To everyone who came and supported Room 1's Bingo Night last Friday
- To all the students who are remembering to put their polar fleeces with their bags if they take them off during the day - and therefore have them for the next morning when it is freezing!
- To our IT guru Patrick for trying so hard to get our internet working properly
- To the families who are supporting the fundraising lunches
- To all the families who were so organised when picking up their chickens



Congratulations to Ashley Soppet-Main! At the recent Pukekohe Swimming Club prize giving, Ashley was awarded a medal for 2nd in the 11/12 year Male age group Championships **and** also a trophy for the Most Improved 12 and Under Male.

What an amazing achievement, well done!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joe (15/07)
Marley (22/07)
Freddie (24/07)
Zac W (28/07)
Chad (28/07)



SPORTS RESULTS & DRAWS

RESULTS



TEAM	OPPOSITION	RESULT	PLAYER OF THE DAY
HOCKEY - 18th / 19th July			
Mangatangi Monsters	Ngatea Drakes	1 - 5	Gemma Johnston Oldham
Mangatangi Magic	Turua Titans		Ayla Wicks
RUGBY - 19th July			
Maramarua Year 1	Pukekohe Year 1 Gold	21 - 20	Jack Levers

HOCKEY DRAW

TEAM	DATE / TIME / OPPOSITION	DATE / TIME / OPPOSITION
Mangatangi Monsters	25 July / 7:15pm / Te Aroha Hurricanes	01 August / 6:15pm / Rua Rebels
Mangatangi Magic	26 July / 12:00pm / TK Taniwhas	02 August / 12:00pm / TK Raptors

If your child is playing any winter sport and you would like the results to be published in our newsletter, please advise Mrs Rowberry in the school office of their club, team and result.



2025 Kiwi Spelling Bee

Registrations are now open for the CAM 2025 Kiwi Spelling Bee competition. The aim of the Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will inspire confidence and a love of language that lasts a lifetime.

These are no ordinary spelling bees. In addition to the usual spelling, these competitions will include synonyms, antonyms, grammar and vocabulary! The question types will be multiple choice, fill in the gaps and short answer. The competitions have been designed by experienced New Zealand teachers.

If you are interested, please see the office for a registration form. The cost is just \$9.90 to enter and the online Spelling Bee will take place. The online Spelling Bee will take place from the 1st - 19th September.

Registrations close on THURSDAY 31st JULY



In readiness for the construction of our new playground, we have planned a **Playground Demolition Working Bee on Sunday 3rd August from 9:00am** and would love a hand.

BYO hand tools eg. hammer, sledge hammer, spade etc.

If you have any questions, or to let us know if you are able to make it, please contact Kurt Pogson on 027 379 6770 or email Shelley in the school office on admin@mangatangi.school.nz.



MANGATANGI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 1st August, 11:00am

As you are aware, the students have been busy training for our Cross Country. Our Cross Country is on **next** Friday 1st August and all the information you need is below:

- All students are expected to arrive at school in full school uniform, then they will be given time to change into their spare cross country clothes.
- House colours or school sports shirts are appropriate if you have them:
Air - yellow, Earth - green, Fire - red, Water - blue.
- Please remember to pack an extra bag to put dirty clothes in after the event.
- Students will be changing back into their uniforms if they are going home on the bus.
- Students need to remember their water bottle for after the race.
- The race will again be held on the farm across the road, thanks to the McCallum Family and Mark & Stephanie Alderlieste.
- Depending on the age of child, they will be running through paddocks, puddles, swamps and up and down hills, and approximate distances are as follows:

Years 1 & 2	500m	Years 3 & 4	1000m
Year 5	1500m	Year 6 & Years 7 & 8 Girls	2000m
Year 7 Boys	2500m	Year 8 Boys	3000m

- The first race will start at 11:00am and the order is as follows:
- Year 8's, Year 7 boys, Year 6 boys, Year 5's and Year 6 & 7 girls, Year 4's, Year 3's, Year 2's, Year 0/1's
- We cannot give you exact start times, however, each race should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes, although we may be forced to overlap the races depending on the weather.
- We will not be walking the course, so your children will be need to listen to and follow the instructions given prior to their race. The courses are clearly marked, so they should be able to follow the markers. Volunteers will be marshals on the day.
- Parking is between the school and the Playcentre, please do not park along the edge of the road as it is already narrow!
- Adults and children will walk across the field to the bottom field gate where they will cross the road. It is a fair little hike down a hill, across a swamp, up part of "Killer Hill" and through the paddock to the start.
- No children can cross the road without an adult.
- Spectators are **not** permitted to bring pets.
- There are no toilets available on the farm.
- Gumboots and warm jackets are essential for spectators. The start/finish area is very exposed, so please ensure you and your children are well wrapped up (children **MUST** take their school polar fleeces over with them)!
- If you would like to take your child home after the cross country event please remember to sign them out with their teacher, who will have a class list on them.
- If extreme weather causes it to be unsafe for us to hold all races, you will be notified via our Hero App and Facebook page. As it is a winter sport we will be endeavouring to go ahead though.
- **Please contact Mrs Rowberry in the office if you are able to help marshal on the day.**
- For those who are invited, East Group Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 12th August (at the same place as our cross country).



CALF & LAMB DAY 2025 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

It is the time of the year when we start to see calves and lambs in the paddocks around the area. If your children are planning on having an animal for Calf & Lamb Day, please note the birth date criteria below:

Lambs : Early: 01 July - 18 August
Late: 19 August onwards

Calves: Early: 24 June - 31 July
Late: 01 to 31 August
(September calves are ok)

Goats: After 01 July

Please also note the following criteria relating to the above animals:

- Students shall start caring for their animals within one week of its birth and thereafter, as far as is reasonably possible, personally care for the animal throughout the competition.
- Students shall use any kind of food in any amount and understand that the animal shall not be raised on its mother or a foster mother.

Animal registration forms will be made available from the school office from the start of Term 3.

HORTICULTURE

If children do not have an animal, Mangatangi School expectations are that they will participate in the Horticulture section of the day. Dates for planting will be detailed in the newsletters in Term 3. Students are welcome to enter both categories if they would like.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

This year's Technology project is a **Letterbox!** Technology is one of the four "indoor exhibits" categories, and this is the only one which is completed 100% at home (the other three are completed in class).

When the planning for your child's letterbox is underway, please ensure the following:

- It must be able to be kept outdoors
- It must be freestanding (though we do not need the stand for judging, just the box)
- It is to be no bigger than 500mm x 500mm

It will need to be brought to school during the week of 13 October (2nd week of Term 4).

WINTER WOOLLIES CAMP FUNDRAISER

Check out the gorgeous, hand knitted beanies, headbands, scarves and slippers in the school office.

Made from at least 50% wool, you can stay toasty warm with these gorgeous winter accessories. Even better, a portion of the sale of each item will be donated to Room 1's camp to Wellington later this year!

You can also contact Melissa Johnston with your order on:

Email: johnston.m707@gmail.com or
Phone: 027 245 2924.

You will need to advise your shoe size for the slippers and boots and your preferred main colour.



Thanks Melissa and Gemma from Room 1!



ICAS ASSESSMENTS 2025

What are ICAS assessments?

ICAS Assessments are online assessments which are designed to assess Years 3 and above students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level. For further information about ICAS assessments please visit:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>

Subjects include Digital Technologies, Writing, English, Science, Spelling Bee and Mathematics and tests will be sat between 4 - 29 August (dates are different for each subject).

If you would like your child to participate in any of the ICAS exams, please see the office to collect the permission form and to pay the entry fee (\$22.50 for all subjects except Writing which is \$28.75).

Entries close THURSDAY 24th JULY

Mangatangi School Assembly 27th June

Room Awards:

	Name	Reason
Room 1:	Hailey	Consistent effort and always striving to achieve her best in all tasks and responsibilities
	Jack J	Outstanding effort and diligent work on his natural disaster presentation
	Stefan	Outstanding effort and diligent work on his natural disaster presentation
Room 2:	Olive	Thinking hard about her work and sharing that thinking with others
	Chad	Being an enthusiastic tree planter
	Finn	Being an enthusiastic tree planter
	Oskar	Being an enthusiastic tree planter
Room 4 :	Archie	Fantastic writing using new ideas for sentence structure
	Jack L	Working hard in all areas of learning
	Lenix	Working hard in all areas of learning
	Ayla	Working hard in all areas of learning
	Nico	Working hard on his story writing
	Cooper	Working hard on his reading comprehension
Room 5:	Sean	Always being enthusiastic about his learning
	Jack K	Excellent progress in maths
	Willow	Excellent progress in reading and writing
	Elmarie	Excellent progress in maths and writing
	Keanu	Wonderful ideas in art and writing
Room 6:	Ivy	All round focus and attitude, what a superstar!
	Lenny	Fantastic effort and progress in all areas of learning
	Adaline	Settling into routine and sharing her ideas in class
	James	Becoming more confident in class
	Keizhlee	Merging into our school so well and being kind to all her new friends

Principal Awards - Think: Critically, creatively and reflectively

	Name	Reason
Room 1:	Ashley	Displaying the value of thinking by using out of the box ideas to create his natural disaster presentation
Room 2:	Quinn	Thinking reflectively and making changes to hugely improve written presentation
Room 4:	Reef	Demonstrating the value of thinking in our reading comprehension activities
Room 5:	Joe	Always thinking carefully in all areas of his learning
Room 6:	Jack L	Being a curious and thoughtful thinker as he makes connections within his learning

Mangatangi Manaakitanga - Year 7 & 8 Only

Name: Julianne, Gemma, Hailey, Brooklyn, CJ, Jodeci, Sienna

Letter earnt: T for Think - Critically, creatively and reflectively

House Leader's Awards - Sport:

Name	Reason
Air: Aria	Trying her best at hockey
Earth: Lucas P	Amazing touch rugby skills
Fire: Chad	Participating and showing sportsmanship in tackle rugby
Water: Stefan	Trying his best at hockey

House Leader's Awards - Envirocare:

Name	Reason
Air: Archie	Always doing his job on time
Earth: Lyla	Great Enviro Care
Fire: James	Doing his enviro care job properly
Water: Tayla	Looking out for the environment

Bucket Filler Winners:

Jack Levers, Kyrie, Nyah, Keanu, Jack Lydford, Rory, Spencer, Jakob, Archie, Isla, Miguel, Freddie

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOUSE FOR SALE



Family home for sale in Mangatangi

3 bedroom, 1 bathroom

2647m2

Asking \$820,000

Please call Stephanie Alderlieste 027 246 7911
or Grace Hare 021 103 9550 for more
information



Auckland Council intends to undertake an aerial application of 1080 (Sodium fluoroacetate) in the Hūnua Ranges this winter. This notification is required as part of the Ministry of Health requirements for the operation.

The operation area includes Hūnua Ranges regional park, including Waharau and Whakatiwai regional parks and the Department of Conservation (DOC) administered Mātaitai Conservation Area, Mātaitai Scenic Reserve, Papa Turoa Scenic Reserve, Whakatiri Scenic Reserve, Plows Road Conservation Area, Paparimu Conservation Area and Mātaitai Forest Conservation Area Mangatawhiri Forest Conservation Area, Vining Scenic Reserve and Richard Sylvan Memorial Reserves as well as some adjoining private land.

The application of both toxic and non-toxic bait remains weather dependant, with operations planned for between late July and October 2025.

FRANKLIN BASKETBALL

JUNIOR CLUB LEAGUE

GRADES: U10 / U12 / U14

TERM 3 REGOS

OPEN NOW

Please get in contact with your nearest club..

★ Squash Stars @ Maramarua Squash 2025 ★

COMING SOON

SQUASH STARS

- ❖ Term 3
- ❖ Starting 15th July
- ❖ Tuesday's @4:30
- ❖ 6 week programme to learn the basics and have some fun!!
- ❖ Ages 5-14 yo
- ❖ \$40 or free with a juni membership

See the link below for more information and registration

Registration link for squash stars@maramaruasquash

40 Golf Road,
Maramarua

A sports reference guide to **CREATING SMILES**

JOIN THE TEAM

Any queries, contact Linda Whyte lindawhyte2@gmail.com

READY SET SQUASH • READY SET SQUASH • READY SET SQUASH

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PGG Wrightson



School Ag Day

Come in to PGG Wrightsons Pukekohe and tell us what school you are from to receive 8% discount on selected Ag Day items.

Discounts valid from 16th June – 10th October 2025

We look forward to seeing you!

Phone 09 237 2020 | pukekohe@pggwrightson.co.nz

Helping grow the country

? Trivia Night Fundraiser ?

18+ **\$160 PER TABLE** **UP TO 8 PEOPLE** **NO BYO**

FRIDAY AUGUST 22 | **QUIZ STARTS 7PM**

NGATEA WAR MEMORIAL HALL

TO BOOK: Email epnjones@gmail.com
Ring 0274632892

RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS | FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE

THRIVING TAMARIKI PUKEKOHE

Free EVENT FOR PARENTS

Highlights

- Free sausage sizzle
- Food Trucks on site for kai purchase
- Local service stalls
- Explore support services available
- Free Childcare available
- Provided by Kids After School
- Book your space (09) 236 4078

About Our Event!

An evening focused on parenting, building resilience, and awhi. Supporting strong, thriving tamariki in our community!

Thursday, 28 August 2025

Event starts: 6.30 pm
Doors open from 5:45 pm
Pukekohe Indian Hall

Register Here >

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YCA>

Guest Speaker:
Nigel Latta
Clinical Psychologist & Author

Our Community Providers:

Kids Social Services, Kids After School, Kids Light House, Kids After School, Kids After School

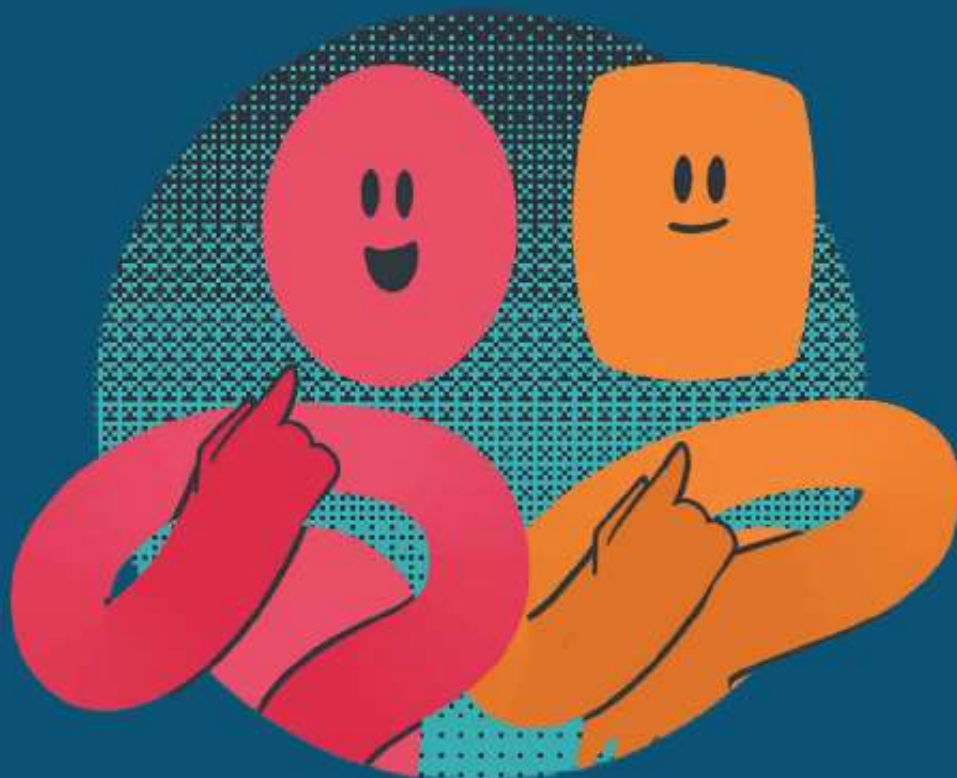
Wednesday 23 July 2025 6.30pm
Mangatangi Hall

AN EVENING WITH DAVEY HUGHES

Join us for a fun evening of entertainment, filled with stories and adventures from the founder of Swazi clothing, global conservationist, hunter, author and businessman. \$20pp inc BBQ Supper, BYO.

Book Your Tickets Now

www.mmcatchment.co.nz/events/mmcatchment@gmail.com
027 350 4491



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know
to be a school board member.

Mangatangi School - 09 232 7898 or email admin@mangatangi.school.nz



Nominations are now open for the election of **4** parent representatives to the Mangatangi School Board. Nomination forms will be emailed to all school parents/caregivers. Nominations close at **noon on 06 August 2025**. Contact Mangatangi School with any questions.