



MANGATANGI SCHOOL



'A thirst for learning'

Issue 36

NEWSLETTER

28 November 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Thank you very much to those of you who are assisting us with our 2024 Strategic Plan by returning your comments in the shields. Feel free to remove your child's name. Please return by this Friday, thanks.

Wheels Week is proving a great success. Thanks to all the parents who dropped off the 'wheels'. We have lots of happy children 'wheeling' around!

Classes are practicing for their end of year items for Prizegiving. I hope you are able to join us on Thursday 14th December at 12:30pm?

Have a great week!

Ngā mihi,
Christine West

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



WHEELS WEEK IS ON!

This is always such a popular week at school for the students so we are excited to be bringing it back this week! A reminder of the "rules" are as follows:

- Only non-motorised "wheels" are permitted such as bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates and roller blades
- You **MUST wear a helmet and covered footwear** (and any other appropriate safety gear you usually wear) whenever you are riding
- Your "wheels" must be checked prior to bringing them to school to ensure they are safe and sound to ride
- "Wheels" can be left here each night (locked in the classrooms).
- No sharing of "Wheels"
- Any questions, please contact the office

Calendar

November 2023

27th - 1st Dec Wheels Week

28th Franklin Basketball onsite

29th Room 6 Class Trip

December 2023

1st Year 7 only Technology

1st Year 8 students - Discovery Day at Hauraki Plains College

1st Scholastic Book Club Orders due

4th Rooms 1 & 2 Beach Education trip to Waihi Beach

5th Franklin Basketball onsite

6th Year 7/8 Technology (make up day)

11th 1pm End of Year Music Concert

12th Franklin Basketball onsite

14th 12:30pm Prizegiving, & Final day for students



END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

Mark it in your diaries! Our students who have been taking music lessons this year will be performing their end of year concert on **Monday 11th December** at 1:00pm Everyone is welcome.

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 our wonderful teachers who are very busy collating data and writing reports for your children.
- ◆ To the students who are also adding 'student voice' to their reports.
- ◆ To the students who are respecting the "Wheels Week" rules so everyone has a good time and stays safe.
- ◆ To the families who are putting the pool covers back on if they are the last to leave

 SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The final issue of the Scholastic Book Club for 2023 is out now! Copies were sent home with the children last week.

To ensure delivery before the end of the school year, **orders must be in by this Friday 1st December.** If you are wanting to purchase anything as a gift, you are able to order online and select the "Gift" option. The books are sent to school, but will be held in the office until you are able to collect them without being seen!



	Today's Game Times	Opposition
Mangatangi Minis (Years 1 - 3)	4:45pm, Field 5	Mangatangi Minions
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	Game 2 5:25pm, Field 7	Kere Kinis
Mangatangi Machines (Years 4 - 6)	4:45pm, Field 6	Ngatea Storm
Mangatangi Monsters (Years 6, 7 & 8)	3:25pm, Field 7	Ngatea Panthers

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!

CAMP AONGATETE

ARCHERY HITS THE MARK

Popping the Balloon

By Zac Rowberry

As I slowly walked up to get a bow, I was strongly hoping that I would get a good score. I picked a green bow and waited behind my arrow station. "Off you go boys." I heard the instructor say. I walked forward and picked up an arrow. I put it on my bow and raised up the bow. I closed one eye and slowly pulled the string back, aimed and released it and it went flying onto the white. "Damit!" I whispered to myself. It was only one point. It was time for shot number two. I picked up my next arrow and put it on my bow. I slowly raised it up and aimed at the target. I pulled the string back as far as I could and released. It went soaring through the air like Michael Schumacher in a Formula one car and landed right in the protective cover that was just hanging off the target. I wondered how I did it.

It was time for arrow number three. This one was pink, my lucky colour. I carefully raised it onto my bow and pulled back. I released and hit the target. There was a pop and I realised that there was an arrow where a balloon was supposed to be. I was about to say nice job to Leo when he said it to me. I was amazed. I hit the balloon! I felt like I had won the world cup. Everyone was clapping. It was the best I had ever done in archery.



Bulls Eye

By Mieke Scholtz

"Come on". The Instructor said. I stood up, took one of the bigger bows and stood in front of the target in my spot. My heart was beating because of nervousness. "This is the last shot we have to beat the boys and win for eternity!". I said, while laughing at myself inside. "Start". The instructor said. I stared at the arrows for a second while hearing my heart beat wildly. I picked my first one up while everybody had

already shot one. I placed the arrows softly on the bow, clicking it on the band. "Ready, aim, FIRE!" I said to myself, firing the arrow to the board, just watching it fly through the air. BULLSEYE! The whole team screamed as I hit the middle of the target. My heart pounded very fast with relief and excitement while all of us were screaming with happiness because it was the best shot of the day.

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NIGHT WALK SURPRISES



The Night Walk

By Hineiturama Clayton

Once the sun was going down everyone started to get ready for the amazing night walk. When we were in our dorms Emily the teacher called us out. Everyone started running outside so we could go on the night walk. Everyone brought their torch so we could see all the amazing things. At first I was feeling a little scared but my friends told me I was going to be okay. I took a big breath and went into the forest. We saw a lot of cool things like a spider and a lot of mosquitos. I was amazed at what you could see in the forest at night. I didn't really feel scared any more, I felt happy that I could see all the amazing bugs. Everyone was talking about the glow worms. "When are we going to see the glow worms?" I said.

"We will see them at the end of the trail," Emily said. But I couldn't wait so I started running and then... I saw the glow worms. I was so happy. Yay what a good night walk.



The lights in the dark

By Julianne Mladenov

Click went the torches as we turned them off, dousing us into darkness with only the dim light of the stars to see by. Karen, who is our night walk instructor, whispered, "shhh the glow worms don't like a lot of noise". Suddenly like stars coming out at night glow worms as bright as Christmas lights came out one by one surrounding the little group of

my fellow year sixes and me. "Oh" Gemma gasped, breaking the spell like silence that enveloped us. For a second I couldn't breathe as my heart stopped. It was a wonderful sight seeing all of the twinkling sparkling glow worms. This has been an amazing experience seeing the glow worms and it was my favorite thing to see at camp.

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TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGES



The Wall

By Maia Smith

"EVERYONE GET INTO YOUR GROUPS!" Mrs Van Mil shouted. My whole group was with my Mum in seconds. The people in my group were Richie, Charlie, Sam, Kaley and I. The first team building activity was the stackers but that wasn't my favorite activity. My favorite one was the wall. It was about 3 metres tall and we had to work as a team to get over the top. First to get over was Charlie, then me, then Sam and last was Richie. Kaley didn't want to do the wall. As I was going up I heard Ms Clark shout to me "Good upper body strength Maia." Because I could pull myself up. I went rushing over to the other side and I got down. We all worked as a team to get up and down safely and carefully.



New High Score

By Sienna Charlie

As soon as Emily let us go everyone sped off like hungry cheetahs hunting their prey to finish all the activities but there was one that everyone was interested in, the stacking challenge. Everyone took turns some more than others. I wondered why they were so interested in this specific challenge until I figured it out, they were trying to get the high score. Lucas came up to me and Leo trying to get people from his team to join him so he could try too so we agreed. As we got closer and closer I got nervous trying to think about different tactics and strategies to win that high score. The time to beat was one minute, thirty eight seconds. A couple seconds after we sat down on

the stiff bark Mrs van Mil shouted "3,2,1 Go!!" We started off strongly moving the orange on an empty pole along with blue then orange on blue. Not long after we got a bit stuck but luckily we were able to communicate with each other we moved the green alone then orange and blue on top. After completing our task we were excited and anxious to find out what we had gotten. Mrs van Mil and Ms Clark compared their times before Mrs van Mil looked at us with a smile on her face and said "one minute and thirty five seconds!" we had won the new high score plus no one was able to try to beat us because time was just about up. In conclusion, that's how Me, Leo and Lucas won the stacking challenge.

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ROCK CLIMBING WAS A HIT



Rock Climbing

By Ritchie Henry

I walked into the hall curiously to see what I was going to do. We all sat down as Emily showed us the massive wall and asked if we had done belaying rock climbing. We all said no so Emily called for an example belayer. I shot my hand straight up and got picked as I bravely walked over to the wall as tall as a mountain. I grabbed my carabiner and began to tighten it onto my

harness. Braxton was the example climber, his life was in Gregory's hands. Gregory was a machine as small as a rat that would tension the rope but if a climber fell it would lock. I checked the carabiners were tight. I gave Braxton a huge wedgie then we were ready to start. Braxton started to use all his might to climb. I had to tense the tension as hard as my biceps could take it.

Step by step Braxton made his way up the wall as I kept tension on the rope so he could get safely up the top. Once he arrived at the top he went into spiderman position and he was hanging there like a wrecking ball. I pulled the black lever and ran my hand with the rope until his bum touched the ground safely. I celebrated with Gregory for saving Braxton's life!

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FIRE LIGHTING AND COOKING DINNER



Cooked

By Gemma Johnston-Oldham

SsssssPOPsssss. The smell of meat patties filled my nose. It smelled like over cooked meat that was making me hungrier by the second. They were nearly ready. "I'll get the buns!" I called to Mieke as I ran like sonic to collect them. When I came back Mieke, Rosanna and Julianne were crowded around the fire waiting. I gave them each a plate along with a bun, careful not to drop any. Mieke

put a patty on my tomato sauce soaked bun then one on hers. Meanwhile Julianne and Rosanna had gone off to get some filling. As I sat on the bank to eat I took a big bite. The patty filled my mouth with deliciousness as I watched the other three trudge back to the fire.

Later Julianne and I decided to cook one more to share between us. SsssssPOPsssss.

Then when Julianne went to take it out she dropped it in the fire! As quick as lighting I fished it out and put it back on the grill. Luckily the patty hadn't fallen completely in the ashes. Once most of the charcoal had cooked off I plopped the patty on a plate so I could slice it in half. I offered one to Julianne who put it on her half bun and I took the other. 'Munch munch, munch'. Best dinner ever.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUBLIC SIGNING SESSION
SUN 19 NOV
SPARK ARENA

MASCOT PARTY
SAT 20 JAN
SPARK ARENA

DC MULTIVERSE ROUND
SAT 9 DEC
SPARK ARENA

BACK TO THE FUTURE
FRI 26 JAN
EVENTFINDA STADIUM

CHRISTMAS GAME
FRI 22 DEC
SPARK ARENA

CHINESE NEW YEAR
FRI 9 FEB
SPARK ARENA

CARNIVAL DAY
SUN 7 JAN
SPARK ARENA

FAN APPRECIATION DAY
FRI 16 FEB
SPARK ARENA

8 REMAINING AUCKLAND GAMES

bnz breakers

Tickets at ticketmaster.co.nz

RED FOX TAVERN

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BINGO

HOUSIE NIGHT

THURSDAY
30 November
2023
7pm Onwards

\$5 for per 25 games book
\$6 per super sheet.

Email us for inquiries - Redfoxtavern17@gmail.com

MANGATANGI-MARAMARUA CATCHMENT

Community BBQ

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS!

3 Dec

SUNDAY
AT MANGATANGI FIRE STATION
12.30 BBQ
12 NOON SPUD IN THE BUCKET
JUDGING BEGINS, CLOSES 1.30PM
2PM SPUD PRIZEGIVING

PLUS
FIRE STATION OPEN DAY
PLAYCENTRE GOODIES
CASH BAR
FREE BBQ

COMMUNITY EVENT - FREE BBQ, CASH BAR, MEET THE NEIGHBOURS, SPUD IN THE BUCKET - ENTRIES - BUCKET MUST NOT BE EMPTIED, BRING COMPLETE BUCKET. THANKS TO GREENLEA MEATS.