

# Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2025



**Responsibility ~ Haepapa, Respect ~ Whakaute, Resilience ~ Aumangea It's the Mangatawhiri Way**  
**"In life we learn in school we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON**

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,  
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



Hasn't the summer gone quickly? Here we are again, back at the 'chalk face,' ready to do our thing once again at our great little school with awesome staff, cool kids, caring parents, and whanau.

The staff have been back at school for a couple of weeks already and last week had a busy week with Maths, Health, P.E & Sport and First Aid professional development days. They ended their week with team meetings on Friday! Along with Allan Bruce doing amazing work in the school grounds & Susan Ormsby in the office, it felt like our break up on the 16<sup>th</sup> December was a long time ago!

Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer break doing all things 'Kiwi'. We are looking forward to catching up with the children and checking out how much taller they have grown over the summer!



New faces to our school today ~ **Marcus Spillane** (brother of Thomas), **Tamara Millar** (Grand-daughter of Mrs M), **Chiron Henry-Jack** (brother of Aalyah) & **Ryan Smith** (brother of Alex)

Lovely to have you all here. Welcome.

There will be many messages going home over the next few days. Please take your time to work through them, and don't be afraid to ask questions if you need further clarification.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to our school year.

**Sharron Scouse**  
**PRINCIPAL**



Our thoughts and school love are with:

**Levi, Hosea, Veronica, Lawrence Were & Susan Ormsby** ~ on the passing of a much-loved grandad & cousin ~ **Johan Anema**

**Lexi, Kobi, Kayla & Peter** ~ on the passing of a very special mum ~ **Sharee Geaney**

**Sara Irwin, Dianne, Karyn, Wazza, Hayden, Dylan & Lauren Adams** ~ on the passing of a very special and admired man ~ **Murray Adams**

**Freya Kayes** ~ on the passing of your stepdad ~ **Craig**



- ☺ **Crest Clean Team** ~ our clean school inside
- ☺ **Allan Bruce** ~ keeping our school grounds clean & tidy over the holidays, & having them look awesome for the start of our school year
- ☺ **Staff** for all their 2025 planning and preparation including 3 x full teacher-only days last week
- ☺ **Cory McHardy, Jay Dee Ezekiela, Allan Bruce** ~ keeping our pool operational over the holidays with wonderful support from the **Bailey, Hall, Crawford, Parata, Ngaha Families**
- ☺ **Nana Lynsay** ~ preparing our new maths resources
- ☺ **Kerrin Clark** ~ helping with morning jobs to get us started

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## 2025 SCHOOL BOARD



**School Board 2025:** *Richard Van Dam* (Sam R9 & Mieke R6), *Larisa Ngaha* (Blake @ HPC), *Nicole Falkner* (Maddy R7 & Darcy R4), *Ellie Cockrell* (Theo R8 & Will R6), *David Dean* (Annabel R7 & Sophie R4), *Melissa van den Brink* (Aleah R9, Talan R6, Brax R7), *Sharron Scouse* & *Tracey Schumacher*.

Welcome Mangatawhiri Whanau to the 2025 school year! It is wonderful to get our school year started without builders & tradespeople on site and everyone set up in their spaces across the school. I hope everyone has had a great summer holiday break and is feeling refreshed and ready for another busy year at Mangatawhiri School.

Our staff have been busy with professional development with a focus on the refreshed mathematics & literacy curriculums. We have chosen 'Maths No Problem' as the ministry-funded resource to help implement the refreshed maths curriculum and staff are receiving further professional development to become more familiar with this new resource on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. A reminder this is a **TEACHER ONLY DAY** except for Room 9 who are attending Technology.

Having spent time at the school pool over the summer break with my own family, it was wonderful to see so many other families enjoying this fabulous resource, Many thanks to Jay-Dee Ezekiel who gave his own time to make sure the pool was running so well.

We look to begin our 2025 year with the appointment of our new house leaders next week – I wish every one of the 14 candidates the best of luck. I hope all our Year 9 students have got off to a good start at their high schools as well.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. I look forward to catching up with many of you in the next few weeks as we get back into the swing of school life at Mangatawhiri School.



**Richard van Dam**  
*Presiding Member*

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2025 ~ EVERY MONDAY



An emailed copy will be sent to every parent on a Monday as well as being available on our school website. However, if you would like to receive a hard copy (sent home with your child) please let Susan Ormsby know.

### **IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER?**

Via email each week - It could be a grandparent, parent or family friend

Please provide a contact email address via email to: [office@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:office@mangatawhiri.school.nz) or text 027 498 0070

## SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2025

### Junior Team:

**Team Leader:** Tracey Schumacher  
[traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 1:** Year 1&2 **Cheryl McKinstry**  
[cherylm@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:cherylm@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 3:** Year 2 **Lorelle Dodds**  
[lorelled@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:lorelled@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 4:** Year 2&3 **Tamara Millar**  
[tamaram@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:tamaram@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

### Middle Team:

**Team Leader:** Richard Reid  
[richardr@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:richardr@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 5:** Year 3&4 **Marilyn Millar & Gail Tegg**  
[marilynm@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:marilynm@mangatawhiri.school.nz)  
[gailt@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:gailt@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 6:** Year 4,5&6 **Richard Reid**  
[richardr@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:richardr@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 7:** Year 5&6 **Hayley Vujcich**  
[hayleyv@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:hayleyv@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

### Senior Team:

**Team Leader:** Laura Biggelaar  
[lauram@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:lauram@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 8:** Year 7&8 **Tracey Weight**  
[tarceyw@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:tarceyw@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Room 9:** Year 7&8 **Laura Biggelaar**  
[lauram@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:lauram@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

### Support Team:

**Principal:** Sharron Scouse  
[principal@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:principal@mangatawhiri.school.nz)  
**Deputy Principal:** Tracey Schumacher  
[traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz)

**Release Support:** Sara Irwin  
**PRT Support:** Rachael Stanton  
**Music Specialist:** Stu Green  
**Class Support:** Tania Bush

**Jenna Leenen**

**Office Admin:** Susan Ormsby

**Cleaners:** Crest Clean

**Caretaker:** Allan Bruce

**After School Care:** Tammy Andrew

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday 8am ~ 3pm

### CONTACTING SCHOOL STAFF:

All staff can be contacted regarding school queries on their school email account during school hours or through the office.

Please **DO NOT** use access to staff personal mobile phone numbers or staff personal social media accounts for any school-related matter unless it is an emergency concerning a school trip or activity. Please also refrain from contacting your child's teacher during weekends.

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# School Calendar!

## FEB

**Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing**

### WEEK 1

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

- School Newsletter
- Stationery Lists



#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:

- 8.30am Singing Assembly & House Leader Speeches
- Mr Green's music session for R6,7,8,9
- Mrs Biggelaar checking in with Y9 @ HPC

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:

- Last day for week 1

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February:

- Waitangi Day



#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:

- **TEACHER ONLY DAY**
- **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Except Room 9 – Technology Day / 8.45am Bus from our School
- 2.15pm Back from Technology

### WEEK 2:

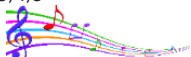
#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February:

- Piano Lessons with Jane Jeffs start
- School Newsletter
- Class Newsletter



#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:

- Mr Green's music session for R1,3,4,5



#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:

- House Leaders 2025 Voting Day



#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:

- Guitar Lessons with Sean Oasen start
- 2.15pm House Leader 2025 Announcement



#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:

- Happy Valentine's Day
- Fun Day Friday: House Colours
- 8.45am R8 Technology @ Maramarua Sch
- 2pm R9 School Assembly



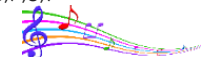
### WEEK 3:

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February:

- School Newsletter
- 3pm-7pm Meet the Teacher & Family BBQ

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February:

- Mr Green's music session for R6,7,8,9



#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February:

- 9.30am Y7&8 Vaccinations Talk

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February:

- School Swimming Sports
- Wear House Colours



#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:

- Fun Day Friday:
- Favourite Summer t-shirt
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R8 School Assembly



### WEEK 4:

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:

- School Newsletter
- Out of Zone Ballot closes for Term 2 start
- 6pm Board Mtg in R1

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:

- House Leaders Team Building Day
- Mrs Biggelaar Y9 HPC Catch up
- Mr Green's music session for aR1,3,4,5

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February:

- East Group Swimming @ Maramarua School



## NO FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK:

Calcium Flavoured Milk Banana OR Strawberry  
50c ON SALE EVERYDAY



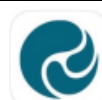
Ice Blocks on Sale Every Lunchtime 50c

## SCHOOL CELL PHONE:

027 498 0070



## HERO Communication APP:



Hero by LINC-ED

Making Education Heroic

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## HERO APP:

This APP is the **MAIN** source of communication for all parents, so please make sure that your phone has this APP.

Follow this [LINK](#) for instructions on how to log in etc. Please let Tracey Schu know if you are having any problems.

To set your password and log into Hero for the first time:

1. Download the Hero by LINC-ED app from the app store

Note: use the keywords Hero LINC-ED when searching for the app



Alternatively, open your browser and enter [app.linc-ed.com](http://app.linc-ed.com)

2. Click **NEW USER**

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We strictly enforce our school hat policy in terms 1 & 4 as well as eating in well-shaded areas. Parents are welcome to pack sunscreen in their child's bag. Teach your child how to apply the sunscreen as staff will not apply it however, they will remind children to do so as they go out to morning tea and lunch.

### SCHOOL HATS & UNIFORM:



Can be purchased from the office. We also have some second-hand school uniforms for sale. See Susan Ormsby. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHES worn to school are CLEARLY NAMED (Including UNDERWEAR, TOGS AND TOWELS)**

### COMMUNITY USE OF OUR SCHOOL POOL



**Monday ~ Friday 5pm~ 8pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday 10am~ 8pm**

### HOUSE LEADER CANDIDATES 2025



We have 14 students standing for House Leadership roles in 2025. These students will be busy in our school showing us why they would make a great leader in our school. This week they are on playground and swimming duty as well as reading in classes and doing jobs around the school. Good luck to all those standing.



**Our Year 9 HPC Students Ready for Day 1!**



### SEASONS FOR GROWTH

This is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, death, and other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts this term on Thursday 13th February 4-5pm, held in Pukekohe running once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more info, please go to: [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)

### BRASS BAND LEARNER'S LESSONS



**Tuesdays (excluding school holidays)**

**Time: 4:15 PM**


**Kerepehi Brass Band Hall, 14 Matai St, Kerepehi**

**Just \$5 per week**

Instruments: Cornet, Tenor Horn, Flugel Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba Instrument Hire: Available Lessons are open to everyone. We're passionate about nurturing the next generation of band players and are committed to giving you or your child the best possible start on this exciting journey. If you have any questions, feel free to drop in or email us - [kerepehibrass@gmail.com](mailto:kerepehibrass@gmail.com). We are also having an Open Day on Tuesday 11 February at 5.30pm if you would like to catch up with us then. We hope to see you soon! [www.kerepehibrass.co.nz](http://www.kerepehibrass.co.nz)

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**Little Dribblers**  
Football Club

**Free**

**HAVE A GO DAY!**  
FEB 9TH @ POKENO SCHOOL

FOOTBALL FOR KIDS AGED 1 TO 7 YEARS  
SUNDAYS @ POKENO SCHOOL  
TERM 1 NOW **FREE** FOR NEW PLAYERS 3 YEARS AND UNDER!  
EMAIL [BRETTGOODCHILD@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BRETTGOODCHILD@HOTMAIL.COM)  
**SIGN UP ONLINE @ [LITTLE-DRIBBLERS.CO.NZ](http://LITTLE-DRIBBLERS.CO.NZ)**



**2025 REGISTRATIONS OPEN!**



**FROM YEAR 5- ADULTS**  
**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10/02**

👉 **CHECKOUT BOMBAY NETBALL**  
**FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO**



**Foodbank available for  
people in need**

Contact Sue on 022 126 9059

**CROSSROADS**  
CHURCH

**Service Times:**

Mangatangi  
10:30am – 12pm

**If you or your family know someone in  
need, please pass on our number to them.**

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