

Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2025



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

10th February 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



Room 1 welcomes **Anhad**

Singh, so lovely to have you join us.



On a sad note, Room 1 will be saying goodbye. **Cheryl McKinstry** is leaving us on the 28th of February as she relocates with her family to Christchurch. She would like to take us all with her! It has been a pleasure to have Cheryl and all her early learning skills as a big part of our team. We wish her & her family the very best as they make new connections in the south. **Jenna Leenen** will be the class teacher in Room 1 for the remainder of 2025 so they are in very good hands. Jenna & Cheryl will work closely over the next 3 weeks to make the transition as smooth as possible.



We had a little fun with Mr Green last Tuesday with all our staff wearing their new school T-shirts! We joked he was the odd one out until we presented him with his very own!



Mr Bruce, Mr Reid, Mr Green

Our 3 blokes enjoyed boy-team bonding while wearing their smart new shirts!

Sophie & Spencer Crawford have some lovely news – their new brother Brodie arrived on 7.2.25. Congratulations to the whanau.



Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



- ☺ **All our Families** ~ 100% School Stationery sorted! Thank you HEAPS
- ☺ **Banks Family** ~ Yummy home-grown fruit for staff
- ☺ **Vennell Family** ~ Yummy home-grown avocados for staff
- ☺ **Allan Bruce** ~ The detail you have gone to, to paint vehicle access markings on our bike track & painting our playground hut roof – these all look amazing!

PARENT HOMEWORK:

EMERGENCY






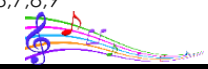






Please make sure we have the **correct contact details** for you, the **emergency contact details** AND all **health information/medical needs** regarding your child. Check with Susan Ormsby that we are up to date PLEASE.

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School Calendar!

FEB Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing	WEEK 2: Monday 10th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piano Lessons with Jane Jeffs start School Newsletter Class Newsletter 
Tuesday 11th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music session for R1,3,4,5 	Wednesday 12th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Leaders 2025 Voting Day 
Thursday 13th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar Lessons with Sean Oasen start 2.15pm House Leader 2025 Announcement 	Friday 14th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Valentine's Day Fun Day Friday: Favourite summer T-shirt (all other parts of the school uniform must be worn correctly)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.45am R8 Technology @ Maramarua Sch 2pm R9 School Assembly
WEEK 3: Monday 17th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter 3pm-7pm Meet the Teacher & Family BBQ 	Tuesday 18th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music session for R6,7,8,9 
Wednesday 19th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am Y7&8 Vaccinations Talk 	Thursday 20th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Sports Wear House Colours 
Friday 21st February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday: Favourite Summer Hat  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.45am R9 Technology 2pm R8 School Assembly 	WEEK 4: Monday 24th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter Out of Zone Ballot closes for Term 2 start 6pm Board Mtg in R1
Tuesday 25th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Leaders Team Building Day Mrs Biggelaar Y9 HPC Catch up Mr Green's music session for R1,3,4,5 	Thursday 27th February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Group Swimming @ Maramarua School 
MARCH	WEEK 5: Monday 3rd March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter T2 Out of Zone closes
Tuesday 4th March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music session for R6,7,8,9 	Thursday 6th March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Leaders Burn Bright Leadership Day Synchronised swimming



MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 1

1st **Kauri** 200 points 2nd **Manuka** 190 points
 3rd **Rimu** 100 points 4th **Tanekaha** 80 points



HOUSE POINTS: WEEK 1

1st **Kauri** 320 points 2nd **Manuka** 270 points
 3rd **Tanekaha** 240 points 4th **Rimu** 230 points

FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK:



American Hot Dog \$4.00



Order from Mrs Ormsby on Wednesday

Calcium Flavoured Milk Banana OR Strawberry
 50c ON SALE EVERYDAY



Ice Blocks on Sale Every Lunchtime 50c

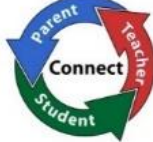
We would appreciate some parent support to help out on a roster from 12.15pm until 1pm on Fridays. All ingredients are supplied and senior students help out. If you can assist please let Susan Ormsby know



CARPARK PICK UP

Please come into school to pick up your children at 2.30pm either from their classroom or from the tennis astro court. The hall carpark is very busy and potentially dangerous. We require all children to be escorted to their car. We ask that senior students follow this request to model safety for the juniors.

COMMUNITY BBQ & PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



Monday 17th February

**Parent sessions held in classrooms
 @ 4pm, @ 4.30pm @ 5pm**

You can attend any class at any of the times listed

5.30pm School BBQ & Swim



Sausages & bread will be supplied, bring your picnic bits & pieces & enjoy the evening catching up with new and old families, meeting the staff and hearing about your child's classroom.

**PLEASE RSVP Numbers to
 Mrs Ormsby for Sausages!**

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2025 ENROLMENT ZONE BALLOT



Applications for out-of-zone places for **TERM 2** are **now open and close on Monday 3rd March 2025.**

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Mangatawhiri School Board

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



THURSDAY 20th February

NEXT WEEK

8.45am: Rooms 8,9

10am: Rooms 5,6,7

11.15am: Rooms 1,3,4

1pm: Whole School events

(Including our parent race)

We love our parents coming along to support us but we ask that you remember it is a school day. Children are expected to remain with their house groups inside the swimming pool. We ask for quiet when races are being announced so children can hear their races being called. Feel free to cheer and make noise during the races though!

- Wear house colours
- Wear a hat
- Wear sunblock
- The school bus will run early on this day in the afternoon as there will be less children going home on the bus

COMMUNITY USE OF OUR SCHOOL POOL

FOR KEY HOLDERS ONLY

It is not too late if you would like to purchase a key - See Susan Ormsby

Monday ~ Friday 5pm~ 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am~ 8pm



***Please note: NO manu's into the pool
- it is too shallow and therefore
dangerous plus it is a waste of the
water& chemicals being splashed out
of the pool***

HOUSE LEADER CANDIDATES 2025



Good luck to our 2025 candidates. Interviews are underway Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday followed by school voting on Wednesday and our announcement at 2.15pm on Thursday.



Back Row: *Sidney*

Back Row on Steps: *Mason, Jackson, Lewis, Theo, Jax, Sam, Toby*

Seated: *Carter*

Front Row: *George, Emma, Maddison, Bronte, Indi*



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Please collect any Yummy fruit stickers or Yummy fruit labels from bags of apples and bring them to Mrs Ormsby so we can redeem them for new sports equipment. Or if you would like a sticker collection sheet to have on your fridge door to fill in, please see her for one of those too.



BUS CODE OF CONDUCT 2025

All students who use our school bus will receive a **Bus Code of Conduct form for 2025** today. Please take the time to read through this with your child before signing. Return to Susan Ormsby.

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Foodbank available for people in need

Contact Sue on 022 126 9059



Service Times:

Mangatawhiri
10:30am – 12pm

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



ENROL NOW

20 FREE ECE HOURS*

**3 Years Old*

021 272 2520

mangatawhirichildcare@gmail.com
252 MANGATAWHIRI RD

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Weekdays after school
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Andria Studman

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Dyslexia (Read)
Dysphasia (Comprehend)
Dysgraphia (Write)
Dyspraxia (Coordinate)
Dyscalculia (Maths)
Dysnomia (Recall)
ADHD (Attention)
Autism (Social)
ODD (Behaviour)
Tourette Syndrome (Tics)

4-5pm Thursday 6 th March @ Ngāruawāhia Library (4 Woodward Street)	10-11am Saturday 8 th March @ Raglan Library (1 New Street)	4-5pm Thursday 13 th March @ Huntly Library (142 Main Street)	10-11am Saturday 15 th March @ Tairāhema Library (17 George Street)	4-5pm Thursday 20 th March @ Te Kōwhiri Library (1 Main Road)	10-11am Saturday 22 nd March @ Ngāruawāhia Library (4 Woodward Street)
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SPRINT ORIENTEERING SERIES PROGRAM 2025

The sprint series is an orienteering event run after school with rolling starts from 4pm. These are individual events and students can enter one or as many events as you like. There is a points system with the top ten qualify for the finals. The event is run in two age grades Y7 and Y8
Y 7/8 entries to johnandval78@gmail.com
Entries close Thursday prior to the event

February

Monday 17th Papakura High

Monday 24th Pukekohe High

March

Monday 3rd Papatoetoe High

Monday 10th Rosehill College

Monday 17th Strathallan AGC

Monday 24th Manurewa High

Sunday April 6th ~ Sprint finals McLeans College and St Kentigern College

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