



Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2026



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

9th February 2026,

Dear Parents, Whanau & Community,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

We managed a 4-day week, just!! Let's see how a 5-day week goes! Thank you for all the stationery that has been sorted. This is really appreciated. So, with a 'normal' 5-day week comes our normal things like starting the week with a quick school assembly and piano lessons with Jane, Mr Green on Tuesday, ordering a Friday lunch on Wednesday, guitar lessons with Sean on Thursday and on Friday having buddy time, school sport and a school assembly to end the week.

Added to this, we have our class newsletter going home today, which outlines the learning and events happening in your child's classroom for term 1. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you require further clarification, but also come along to our parent information sessions tomorrow after school and stay for a BBQ and swim to catch up with everyone.



And our **BIG** corn picking fundraiser gets underway this week! We are very fortunate that **Dave Dean** has once again provided land for us to grow 1000's of corn cobs, as well as donations from the corn supplier and from the corn planter! We plan to pick every day from 9 am - 10 am, so if anyone can stay after drop off and help us, that would be appreciated! Sales will be from 2.15 pm each day out the front of the school. Please spread the word that we have the corn for sale!

Another exciting week next week with our school-wide EOTC week. Lots of outdoor adventures and school sleepovers! And of course, we can't do these things without our great parent support. Please make sure all permission forms are back so teachers can confirm arrangements and bookings. Have a wonderful week 2, everyone.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



Do you recognise some of these lovely ladies? Great billboard at the Counties race track with some of our mums!



- ☺ **Everyone** ~ a great start to school for 2026
- ☺ **Families** ~ who have purchased stationery - awesome!
- ☺ **Vennell Family** ~ Yummy homegrown avocados
- ☺ **Martin Family** ~ Pool caretakers last week

FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK



AMERICAN HOT DOG \$4.00



Order from Mrs Ormsby on Wednesday BEFORE school

 **Ice Blocks on Sale Every Lunchtime 50c**

PARENT HOMEWORK

EMERGENCY



PLEASE make sure we have the correct contact details for YOU, the EMERGENCY contact details and ALL HEALTH/MEDICAL needs regarding your child. Check with Susan that we are up to date.

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SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ & Parent Info Sessions



TUESDAY 10th February ~ Tomorrow

Parent Information Sessions held in Classrooms

@ 4 pm, 4.30 pm & 5 pm

You can attend any class at any of the times listed

5.30 pm School BBQ & Swim



Sausages & Bread will be supplied, bring your picnic bits & pieces & enjoy catching up with new & old families

RSVP to Susan Ormsby for Sausage numbers!

CORN FUNDRAISER



Thank you to **Dave Dean, Farm Source & Ingram Engineering** for organising the supply and planting of corn for our summer fundraiser. Each day between 9 am and 10 am, classes will be picking the corn and bringing it back to school for the junior team to count & bag, ready for sale. If you can help us pick and pack, please join us. Spread the word - **The best corn in Mangatawhiri is for sale ~ 6 cobs for \$5.00**

Senior Students will be selling corn bags every day at 2.15 pm in front of the office. (or bring your own bags!) Please get orders from friends, family, & workmates! All fundraising goes towards Stage 2 of our School Pool Upgrade.

CORN RECIPE TO TRY THIS WEEK!

Summer Corn Salad



Ingredients:

- Deselect All
- 5 ears corn, boiled or grilled
- 1 tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 lime, juiced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Fresh cilantro, to taste
- Salt
- Pepper

Directions:

Remove kernels with paring knife and place in large bowl. Add tomato, onion, and green pepper. Toss to combine. Add lime juice and olive oil. Snip in cilantro and season with salt and pepper. Serve.



All proceeds to our Swimming Pool Upgrade

Tell your friends!!

SWEET CORN FOR SALE

- Sweet & Delicious -

\$5.00 for a bag of 6

Sold on astro turf at the end of day.

Orders welcome: office@mangatawhiri.school.nz

Thanks to our sponsors:
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TERM 2, 2026 OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT



Applications for out-of-zone places for Term 2 are now open and close on Monday, 23 February. See Susan

COMMUNITY USE OF OUR SCHOOL POOL



Please note the school pool is **CLOSED** on **Monday, 9 February**, and **Tuesday, 10 February** due to building repairs being undertaken on the seating

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



TUESDAY 17 February NEXT WEEK

8.45 am Years 7&8

10 am Years 4,5,6

11.15 am Years 1,2,3

1 pm Whole School Events & Finals

- Wear House Colours
- Wear a hat
- Wear Sunblock
- Have plenty to eat & drink in your lunch box

Note: The school bus will run earlier to afternoon bus stops as there will be very few children on the bus

EOTC WEEK ~ Next Week



Due to all the outdoor events and activities next week, children may wear suitable mufti for the week, including a hat and enclosed shoes (no crocs, jandals, sandals). Please make sure all clothing is named.

Monday: Mt William School Walk

Tuesday: School Swimming Sports

Wednesday: Offsite optional adventures & Senior Team sleepover

Thursday: Youth town Events at school & Junior Team sleepover

Friday: Activities at school (R8 Technology) & School Sausage Sizzle lunch



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Please collect any 'YUMMY' fruit labels from bags of apples or stickers from individual fruit, as we can collate them and swap them for sports equipment. Attach a collection sheet to your fridge door!



BUS CODE OF CONDUCT 2026

All students who use our school bus have received a Bus Code of Conduct form for 2026 today. Please take the time to read through this with your child before signing. Please return to Susan.

PLEASE NOTE:

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Ministry of Education Maths Development Day for Teachers



Thursday 10 April ~ Last Day of Term 1
Friday is Good Friday



School Calendar!

FEB

Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing

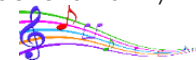
WEEK 2:

Monday 9th February:

- Piano Lessons with Jane
- Jeffs start
- School Newsletter
- Term 1 Class Newsletter

Tuesday 10th February:

- Mr Green's music sessions
- 4 pm-6.30 pm Meet the Teacher & Family BBQ



Thursday 12th February:

- Guitar Lessons with Sean



Friday 13th February:

- **Fun Day Friday:**
House Colours
- 8.50am R9 Technology @ Maramarua Sch
- 1.50 pm R8 School Assembly in R1



WEEK 3:

Monday 16th February:

- EOTC Week
- Outdoor Mufti Week
- Mt William School Walk
- School Newsletter



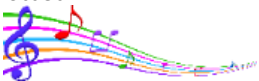


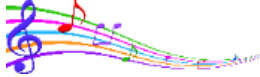

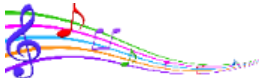


Tuesday 17th February:

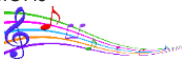

- School Swimming Sports
- Wear House Colours



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<p>Wednesday 18th February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Team Trip to WERO & Edge Senior Team School Sleepover Junior Team Trip to Tapapakanga Regional Park 	<p>Thursday 19th February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EOTC Youth Town Whole School Adventure Day Junior Team School Sleepover 
<p>Friday 20th February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.50am R8 Technology @ Maramarua Sch Y7&8 Sweatshirt Orders close 	<p>WEEK 4: Monday 23rd February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-learning Starts St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team Swim safe Sessions for all classes School Newsletter Out of Zone Ballot closes for Term 2 start 6pm Board Mtg in R3
<p>Tuesday 24th February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music sessions Swim safe sessions for all classes 	<p>Thursday 26th February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swim safe sessions for all classes Guitar lessons with Sean East Group Swimming @ Maramarua School 
<p>Friday 27th February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday: Swim safe sessions for all classes 8.50 am R9 technology House Leaders WERO Trip School Sport 1.50pm R6's Assembly in R1 	
<p>WEEK 5: Monday 2nd March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team Swim safe Sessions for all classes School Newsletter 	<p>Tuesday 3rd March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music sessions 
<p>Thursday 5th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar lessons with Sean 	<p>Friday 6th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday: 8.50 am R8 technology School Sport 1.50pm R7's Assembly in R1
<p>WEEK 6: Monday 9th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team School Photo Day School Newsletter 	<p>Tuesday 10th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music sessions 
<p>Wednesday 11th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7&8 Franklin Swimming 	<p>Thursday 12th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar lessons with Sean 

<p>Friday 13th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday: Y5&6 Franklin Swimming 8.50 am R9 technology School Sport 1.50pm R5's Assembly in R1 	<p>WEEK 7: Monday 16th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team School Newsletter
<p>Tuesday 17th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's music sessions 	<p>Thursday 19th March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar lessons with Sean 



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2026

LEARNER'S LESSONS

TUESDAYS - 4.15PM (excluding school holidays)

First Lesson for new students is on Tuesday 17 February 2026.

Our Learner's Lessons group is perfect for children eager to learn a brass instrument. They'll master the basics of playing and reading music. We're incredibly fortunate to have Hamilton-based music teacher Clive Burnell as our tutor. Our lessons are open to everyone, and we've welcomed students from Ngatea, Kerepehi, Netherton, Thames, Te Kauwhata, Waikino, and Paeroa. Our goal is to inspire and nurture the next generation of band players, providing your child with the ideal foundation for their musical journey.

Instruments: Cornet, Tenor Horn, Flugel Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium

Lessons are just \$5 per week, and instrument hire is available!

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