

Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2025



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

17th February 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

What an amazing week we had for our first 5-day week for 2025.

Everyone had the opportunity to pick corn and learn the difference between maize & corn! What a great memory our students will have. We have picked approximately 3,000 corn and all funds raised will assist the school subsidy on our EOTC programmes. Thank you to our community for your support. We have sold out for this year and hopefully, we can encourage our sponsors ~ **Dave Dean, Farm Source & Ingram Engineering** to support us again in the 2026 season. 🌱😊👍

Our swimming pool is all up and running again – just a slight glitch in our system but **Jay Dee Ezekiel** did his magic and got things back on track.

I am off-site from Tuesday until Thursday as I travel North to Waitangi with 10 other principals from our Hauraki Kahui Ako to upskill ourselves in New Zealand's history. It is many years since I was in that part of the country and I am looking forward to the workshops & presentations we will participate in. **Tracey Schu** is in the hot seat in my absence as she will be when I take leave from 10th March for the remainder of term 1 as I have left knee surgery.

We have lots of information going home regarding Rooms 6,7,8 & 9 upcoming camps. Thank you for the quick response with the information. As you will appreciate, there is a considerable amount of work to plan & prepare for these opportunities, and getting the paperwork back quickly is key for the staff.

👏🎉 Congratulations to our 2025 House Leadership Team – **Bronte Peter, Jax Walfer, Mason Brears, Maddison Black, Carter Black, Toby Johnson, Lewis Bodman, and Sam van Dam**. We are super keen to see this team shine!

Today we have our class information sessions however, **we have cancelled the planned BBQ due to the weather.** 🌧️🌂 We still look forward to seeing you at the classroom information sessions.



Room 6 welcomes **Jaxx Dawson** to their team.

Have a lovely week.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



- ☺ **Mark Picard, Nic Donaldson, Lorelle Dodds, Jenna Leenen, Tracey Weight** ~ Use of your trailers for corn picking
- ☺ **Dave Dean, Farm Source & Ingram Engineering** ~ Incredible support of a wonderful new & exciting fundraising opportunity
- ☺ **Donaldson Family** ~ Delicious pikelets for staff
- ☺ **Parents** ~ Who have done their homework and updated contact details with Susan Ormsby
- ☺ **Jay-Dee Ezekiel & James** ~ Pool magic!
- ☺ **Rubbish Fairy** ~ To the community member/parent who cleaned up our rubbish from last week

COMMUNITY BBQ CANCELLED DUE TO THE WEATHER

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

STILL ON TONIGHT



Monday 17th February

Parent information sessions held in classrooms

@ 4pm, @ 4.30pm @ 5pm

Come along, meet your child's teacher & hear more about how the classes tick!

You can attend any class at any of the times listed – no need to book just turn up

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School Calendar!

FEB

Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing

WEEK 3:

Monday 17th February:

- School Newsletter
- 4pm-5.30pm Class Info Sessions
- **School BBQ CANCELED**

Wednesday 19th February:

- 9.30am Y7&8 Vaccinations Talk

Friday 21st February:

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

Tuesday 25th February:

- House Leaders Team Building Day
- Mrs Biggelaar Y9 HPC Catch up
- Mr Green's music session for R1,3,4,5

Friday 28th February:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 2pm R7 School Assembly
- Farewell Cheryl McKinstry

WEEK 5:

Monday 3rd March:

- School Newsletter
- T2 Out of Zone closes

Thursday 6th March:

- House Leaders Burn Bright Leadership Day
- Synchronised Swimming Competition

WEEK 6:

Monday 10th March:

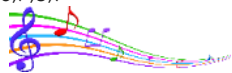
- School Newsletter
- Water Safety Sessions for all classes

Wednesday 12th March:

- 1.30pm-5pm Goal Setting Conferences

Tuesday 18th February:

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



Thursday 20th February:

- School Swimming Sports
- Wear House Colours



WEEK 4:

Monday 24th February:

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

Thursday 27th February:

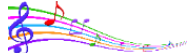
- East Group Swimming @ Maramarua School



MARCH

Tuesday 4th March:

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



Friday 7th March:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R6 School Assembly

Tuesday 11th March:

- Franklin Y7&8 Swimming
- Mr Green's music session for R1,3,4,5
- 3-6pm Goal Setting Conferences

Friday 13th March:

- Fun Day Friday:
- Franklin Y5&6 Swimming
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 2pm R5 School Assembly



Ice Blocks on Sale Every Lunchtime
50c

YOU DID IT! Congratulations

- ☺ **Kobi Geaney & Lily Caird** ~ Great assembly MC's
- ☺ **Room 9** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your graffiti name art



STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 2:



- Room 1:** **Ollie Bezuidenhout** ~ Fabulous role model for R1
Room 3: **Eva Parata** ~ Fabulous start to the year
Room 4: **Ryan McHardy** ~ Showing 'The Mangatawhiri Way'
Room 5: **Piper Campbell** ~ Amazing start to 2025
Room 6: **Felicity Donaldson** ~ Caring for others
Room 7: **Violet Lucioni** ~ Support, care, and respect shown toward others
Room 8: **Leighton Mitchell** ~ Stepping up & being an amazing senior
Room 9: **Noel Linton** ~ Great start to the senior school
Mrs Irwin: **Jack Dodds** ~ Outstanding leadership at corn picking
Maramarua Technology Award: **Carter Black** ~ Enthusiasm & leadership



SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 2:



- Class Award:** **Rooms 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9** ~ Great 2025 start
Staff Award: **Susan Ormsby** ~ Getting everything ready to start the year - you are a star
Parent Award: **Dave Dean** ~ Supporting our school with corn gate!
Parent Award: **Nick Donaldson** ~ Awesome corn-picking duties & sharing your knowledge
Mangatawhiri Way: **Felicity Donaldson** ~ A wonderful big buddy to Ruamei
Mr Green: **Ryan Smith** ~ Working so hard in music with the best musical smile!
Clean Class: **Room 1**



MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 2

- 1st** = **Rimu & Kauri** ~ 50 points
2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 30 points **3rd** **Manuka** ~ 20 points



MANGATAWHIRI WAY: TERM 1

- 1st** **Kauri** 250 points **2nd** **Manuka** 210 points
3rd **Rimu** 150 points **4th** **Tanekaha** 110 points

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HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 2:

KAURI:

Lewis Bodman ~ House Leadership 2025
 Sam van Dam ~ House Leadership 2025
 Theo Cockrell ~ Excellent House Leadership Presentation

MANUKA:

Carter Black ~ House Leadership 2025
 Toby Johnson ~ House Leadership 2025

RIMU:

Mason Brears ~ House Leadership 2025
 Maddison Black ~ House Leadership 2025
 Indi Styles ~ Excellent House Leadership Presentation
 Jackson Picard ~ Excellent House Leadership Presentation
 Sidney Lucioni ~ Excellent House Leadership Presentation

TANEKAHA:

Bronte Peter ~ House Leadership 2025
 Jax Walter ~ House Leadership 2025
 George Leenen ~ Excellent House Leadership Presentation
 Emma Powar ~ Excellent House Leadership Presentation

HOUSE POINTS: WEEK 2

1st Rimu ~ 320 points 2nd Kauri ~ 310 points
 3rd = Manuka & Tanekaha ~ 260 points

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1:

1st Kauri ~ 630 points 2nd Rimu ~ 550 points
 3rd Manuka 530 points 4th Tanekaha ~ 500 points

FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK: SUSHI

Order online

Term 1 Sushi Lunches!

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Friday Feb 21st



Friday Mar 14th



Friday Apr 4th



Order now or by 9am on the day

\$1 for every lunch goes to
 our School!



SCHOOL SPORTS LEADERSHIP TEAM 2025

Congratulations to our Middle Sports Leadership Team who will work with guidance from Hayley Vujcich to lead sports in our schools and organise school sport equipment



Back Row: Izaak Clark, Indie Vujcich, Phoebe Bodman, Jasmine Topp, Violet Lucioni, Harlan Peter, Alyssa Clarke, Phoebe Brears
Middle Row: Nate Caird, Phoenix Anderson, Willow Vennell, Phoebe Johnson, Will Cockrell, Sam Redmond
Front Row: Oliver Johnson, Coby Deihl, Rory Black

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



THURSDAY 20th February

THIS WEEK

8.45am: Rooms 8,9

10am: Rooms 5,6,7

11.15am: Rooms 1,3,4

12.45pm: 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

PLEASE NOTE:

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 11th April





Last day of TERM 1

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HOUSE LEADERS 2025



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 **Mason Brears, Maddison Black**
 **Carter Black, Toby Johnson**
 **Lewis Bodman, Sam van Dam**



BUS CODE OF CONDUCT 2025

All students who use our school bus have received a **Bus Code of Conduct form for 2025. Please return to Mrs Ormsby**



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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 24th Pukekohe High

March

Monday 3rd Papatoetoe High Monday 10th Rosehill College

Monday 17th Strathallan AGC Monday 24th Manurewa High

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

BEGINNERS PROGRAM

TERM 1
FREE
*FOR THE FIRST 2 TERMS. \$50 AFTER THAT



FOR GIRLS AGED 8-15

GIRLS GOT GAME

Open to girls of all abilities, whether it's their first time picking up a basketball or they've been bouncing a ball since they were born. The main purpose is to bring girls together to learn, grow and play some basketball.

RUNS FOR EIGHT WEEKS, WEDNESDAY'S STARTING 12.2.25

4-4:40PM





Franklin Pool & Leisure | 29 Franklin Road, Pukekohe

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Young Explorers Camp

NGAMUWAHINE LODGE

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14th-17th April, 2025

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, high rope activities, swimming, eeling, night activities and much more!

- Pick-up/Drop off available from Hamilton, Tauranga & NOW Auckland
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Ngamuwahine Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges (off SH29) in the beautiful Bay of Plenty

PRICE
\$575
4 days
Mon-Thu

MORE INFO :

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WEEK ONE OF THE APRIL HOLIDAYS!



UPCOMING PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF TEENS STARTING ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Monday 24th February: Session One – Understanding Love & Connection

Monday 3rd March Session Two – Understanding yourself as a Parent.

Monday 10th March Session Three – Understanding our teenager.

Monday 17th March Session Four – Understanding the world they live in

Monday 31st March Session Five – Understanding Discipline and Boundaries

Monday 7th April Session Six – Putting it All together. The sessions will be held at: Franklin Family Support, Community Services Hub, 201 King Street, Pukekohe
Ph: 092386233

Email: hlopeti@familysupport.org.nz

Web: <http://www.familysupport.org.nz/>

LOST 1 x SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT CLEARLY NAMED BANKS

Size 6

Please check

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Enquiries to: onepukehockey@gmail.com