

# 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,  
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



New faces in Room 1 are **Manaia Miru and Jenna Leenen** and in Room 8 **Martina Rosas** joins us.



Home learning is well underway in all classes now so no excuses from your children! Please do your best to support this learning at home. It does help. Please make sure you book a conference to catch up with your child's teacher about how the year has started and learning goals that we can all help support.

Our new house leadership team has done themselves proud with their first task, creating their house chant, being a huge success, and leading their house for school swimming sports. Last week I had the pleasure of taking the new team to the WERO Waterpark where they worked as a team to encourage and support each other. We look forward to a great year.



I wish everyone a great term 1 and I look forward to being back on deck and feeling like a bionic woman in Term 2. Take care

**Sharron Scouse**  
**PRINCIPAL**



- ☺ **31 x Parents** ~ Attending the Puberty information sessions
- ☺ **Parents** ~ Support & transport for East Group Swimming
- ☺ **Brears Family** ~ Pool caretakers last week
- ☺ **Parents & Grandparents** ~ Attending our Friday farewell Assembly



**Ice Blocks on Sale Every Lunchtime 50c**  
**FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK:**



**Sausage Roll \$3.00**  
**Order from The Lunch Team in Room 9 on Wednesday**

## REPORTING TO PARENTS TERM 1



**3-Way Goal Setting Conferences**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3-6pm**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1.30-5pm**

Follow the link on **HERO** to make a suitable appointment time for you & your child to meet with their teacher to share how things are going and your child's learning goals. Please make every effort to attend these as it is so important

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# School Calendar!

## MARCH

### WEEK 5:

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

- School Newsletter

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

- House Leaders Burn Bright Leadership Day
- Synchronised Swimming Competition

### WEEK 6:

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

- School Newsletter
- Water Safety Sessions for all classes

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

- 1.30-5pm Goal Conferences



### WEEK 7:

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

- School Newsletter

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

- R6&7 Camp

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

- Fun Day Friday: Heart Day Fundraiser
- R6&7 Camp Returns
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R5 School Assembly

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

- R8&9 Camp
- Mr Green's music session for R1,3,4,5

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 2pm R4 School Assembly

## APRIL

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

- Y7&8 Auckland Champs Swimming

### WEEK 10:

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April:

- Food for Thought Sessions
- 6pm Board Meeting in R5

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April:

- School Triathlon
- Term 1 Ends

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

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

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

- Fun Day Friday: Jandals/Favourite Summer shoes
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R7 School Assembly

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

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

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

- Fun Day Friday:
- Franklin Y5&6 Swimming
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- Sushi Lunch Order
- 2pm R6 School Assembly

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

- Mrs B @ HPC Check-in
- Mr Green's music session for R6,7,8,9

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

- R6&7 Camp

### WEEK 8:

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

- R8&9 Camp



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

- R8&9 Camp returns
- R6&7 Cycle Programme

### WEEK 9:

#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March:

- School Photo Day



#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:

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

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R3 School Assembly

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April:

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

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April:

- TEACHER ONLY DAY
- SCHOOL CLOSED

**CLOSED**

## YOU DID IT! Congratulations



### MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 4

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 240 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 230 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 190 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Manuka** ~ 130 points



### MANGATAWHIRI WAY: TERM 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** 690 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** 470 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** 410 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Rimu** 370 points



### HOUSE POINTS: WEEK 4

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 350 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 280 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - **Rimu** & **Manuka** ~ 260 points



### HOUSE POINTS TERM 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 1300 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 1080 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 1020 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 1010 points

### 2025 Swimming Champions



Finn Stanton ~ Junior  
Tyla Brears ~ Middle  
Theo Cockrell - Underwater  
Lewis Bodman ~ Senior & Style



### BUS MONITORS 2025



Spencer Crawford, Reagan de Bruin,  
Jon-Alan de Jonge, Emma Powar, Maddy Black

Meet the team of senior students helping to keep our students safe on our school bus on the morning run, afternoon run & technology run.

They will be looking out for those doing the right thing on our bus according to our 2025 Bus Code of Conduct and sharing any concerns. Please respect that they have a very important job to do.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EAST GROUP SWIM TEAM



30m Backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> **Levi Were**  
 30m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup> **Harry Vujcich**  
 30m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup> **Harlan Peter**  
 30m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup> **Oliver Johnson**  
 30m Backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> **Felicity Donaldson**  
 30m Backstroke 1<sup>st</sup> **Rory Black**  
 30m Breaststroke 1<sup>st</sup> **Willow Vennell**  
 30m Breaststroke 2<sup>nd</sup> **Phoebe Johnson**

### **Tyla Brears**

60m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 100m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 30m Backstroke 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Violet Lucioni**

30m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 60m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Miller Campbell**

30m Backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 30m Breaststroke 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Will Cockrell**

60m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 30m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup>

30m Backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bronte Peter**  
 30m Breaststroke 2<sup>nd</sup> **Billie Devlin**  
 30m Breaststroke 1<sup>st</sup> **Jax Walter**  
 Open 30m Butterfly 2<sup>nd</sup> **Toby Johnson**

### **Lily Caird**

100m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 30m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Gordon Clotworthy**

30m Freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 30m Backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Jesse Stanton**

100m Freestyle 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Open 30m Butterfly 1<sup>st</sup>  
 30m Freestyle 1<sup>st</sup>  
 30m Backstroke 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Lewis Bodman**

100m Freestyle 1<sup>st</sup>  
 30m Freestyle 1<sup>st</sup>  
 30m Backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 30m Breaststroke 2<sup>nd</sup>

Y7&8 Boys Relay 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Y6 & Below Girls Relay 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Y7&8 Murray Shield 2<sup>nd</sup>



### **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.

Last year we were able to purchase \$250 worth of equipment.



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**2025 SCHOOL BOARD  
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**



Thank you to Board members for attending our February Meeting & to **Cheryl McKinstry, Lorelle Dodds, Tamara Millar & Tracey Schumacher** for hosting the meeting

**Highlights from the meeting:**

- As 2025 is a Board election year our positions remain as follows: **Richard Van Dam** ~ *Presiding member*, **Larisa Ngata** ~ *Māori Rep*, **Nicole Falkner** ~ *Secretary*, **Ellie Cockrell** ~ *Finance*, **David Dean** ~ *Personnel*, **Melissa van den Brink** ~ *Property*, **Sharron Scouse** ~ *Principal*, **Tracey Schumacher** ~ *Staff member*
- The Board welcomes interest from those who may like to stand for Board elections (to be held in September) please speak to any current member of the board or attend one of our meetings
- 2025 Budget approved with a deficit of (\$22,968)
- Teacher Only Days ~ 2 have been provided to all NZ primary schools for Maths curriculum development, the second of which will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April (The last day of Term 1)
- 2025 Annual Plan updated
- Congratulations to our Student House Leadership Team & Sports Leadership Team for 2025
- Thank you, Cheryl McKinstry, for all you have contributed in your time with us & we wish you all the best
- Welcome Jenna Leenen to room 1
- Welcome Kerrin Clark back as a Teacher Aid
- All the best Sharron Scouse for your upcoming knee surgery & recovery
- School Docs Review for Term 1

Health & Welfare Policy

Safety Management System

Risk Management

Worker Engagement, Participation & Representation

Healthcare

Recording & Reporting Accidents, Injuries & Illness

- Parents are welcome to make comments on these policies through the School Docs website, User Name: Manga 1345 PW: Strive On
- Thank you, Dave Dean and the community, for the Corn fundraiser which was so successful and has the potential for bigger & better in 2026!
- Approval of R6&7 Camp @ Thames
- Approval of R8&9 Camp @ Rotorua
- The Board approved the removal of the large Magnolia tree outside Room 3. This tree is beautiful however it is causing considerable damage to the basketball court and will eventually damage the new concrete outside Room 3. The board will replace this tree with a large sun umbrella.

The next Board meeting is Monday 7 April in Room 5

**Richard van Dam**

**Presiding Member**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Last day of TERM 1**



**MANGATAWHIRI CHILDCARE**

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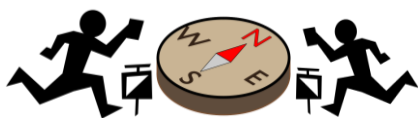


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today!**

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### **SPRINT ORIENTEERING SERIES PROGRAM**

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](mailto:johnandval78@gmail.com)

Entries close Thursday prior to the event

#### **March**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Papatoetoe High Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Rosehill College

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Strathallan AGC Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Manurewa High

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April ~ Sprint finals McLeans College & St Kentigern

### **FOUND AT SCHOOL**

**1 x BCITO Notebook with (work)  
measurements & fitness drills  
see Mrs Ormsby**



**PLEASE ASK FRIENDS< FAMILY<  
NEIGHBOURS< WORK COLLEAGUES TO  
NOMINATE US!**

### **YOGA in MANGATANGI**

Gentle Stretch, Relax, Rejuvenate for all abilities

Classes Mondays, 5.15 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.,

Mangatangi Hall

Private lessons available

Contact Elke Leggett 021 02300607

or [elke.lfin@gmail.com](mailto:elke.lfin@gmail.com)

## **OUR AEG HEART MONITOR IS BACK**



**You will find it attached to the  
green pool fence  
at the front of the school  
The access code is our school  
postcode: 2471**

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