



# Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2026



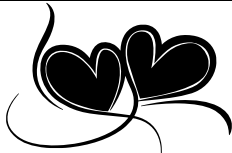
**Responsibility ~ Haepapa, Respect ~ Whakaute, Resilience ~ Aumangea It's the Mangatawhiri Way**  
**"In life, we learn, in school, we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON**

9<sup>th</sup> March 2026,

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

The staff had a wonderful Saturday evening celebrating Kerrin & Ali's wedding! Kerrin invited the whole staff team to join in their celebrations, and we were honoured to do so. The Clark family looked amazing, but of course, we think Kerrin looked the best! We had a fun night singing and dancing, and today we have continued the celebrations with the staff.

**Congratulations, Clark family!**



We welcome **Panaka Rusero** to Room 3. It is so lovely to have the Rusero family back with us.

**Sharon Scouse**  
**PRINCIPAL**



- ☺ **Fred Senior** ~ donation of drums for our music programme
- ☺ **Laura Biggelaar** ~ taking the reins of being the 'boss' while Sharron was away at a conference and Tracey was sick
- ☺ **Whanau** ~ attending our Friday assembly



- ☺ **Thomas Spillane & Manajot Singh** ~ Assembly MCs



- ☺ **Room 7** ~ Hosting Assembly & sharing your understanding about The learning pit & your pop art names



- Room 3: Link Allum**  
~ Amazing concentration during art time
- Room 4: Lvyron Kukutai**  
~ Amazing buddy reader
- Room 5: Lyric Forder**  
~ Showing resilience in all your learning
- Room 7: Thomas Spillane**  
~ Exceptional supportive & enthusiastic learning buddy
- Room 6: Frankie Briggs**  
~ Amazing diligence in all areas

**Mangatawhiri School 2026**

(P): 233 6004 (M): 027 498 0070 (E): [office@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:office@mangatawhiri.school.nz) (W): mangatawhirischool.com (A): HERO

**Room 8: Emma Joy Bell**

~ Outstanding determination & effort in maths

**Room 9: Declan Chitekwe**

~ Outstanding respect & listening skills



**SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 5:**



**Class Award: Room 3**

~ Amazing work with letter sounds with Mrs Abernethy

**Learning Award: Martina Rosas**

~ Amazing progress & perseverance with your learning

**Parent Award: Jay-Dee Ezekiel**

~ Bringing our pool back to looking awesome

**Mangatawhiri Way: Kobi Geaney**

~ Your friendly disposition & helpfulness with others

**Mrs Irwin: Adriu Bilo**

~ Amazing positive can-do attitude & beautiful manners

**Mr Green: Keanu Ezekiel**

~ Just amazing work in music

**Piano Award: Luisa Black**

~ Lovely finger control

**Clean Class: Room 3**



**HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 5:**



**KAURI:**

*Selected by Billie Devlin & Karla Savage*

**Peyton de Jongh** ~ Always being kind to others

**Nate Caird** ~ Always greeting me with a smile

**MANUKA:**

*Selected by Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton*

**Lincoln Black** ~ Always having a smile on your face

**Ariel Stanton** ~ Always being inclusive towards everyone

**RIMU:**

*Selected by Lexi Geaney & Luke Bilo*

**Manuli Mudalige** ~ Having a positive attitude all the time

**Bryson Heta** ~ Helping others in the playground

**TANEKAHA:**

*Selected by Emily McHardy & Aleah van den Brink*

**Declan Chitekwe** ~ Always being a smiley, bubbly, & positive member of Tanekaha house

**Jordy Nixon** ~ Being extra helpful with duties



**HOUSE POINTS:**



**WEEK 5**

1<sup>st</sup> **Rimu** ~ 360 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 260 points

3<sup>rd</sup> = **Tanekaha & Kauri** ~ 220 points

**TERM 1**

1<sup>st</sup> **Rimu** ~ 1,140 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 990 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 950 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Kauri** ~ 810 points



**MANGATAWHIRI WAY**



**WEEK 5**

1<sup>st</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 540 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Kauri** ~ 460 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 320 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Rimu** ~ 250 points

**TERM 1**

1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 980 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 930 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 790 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Rimu** ~ 720 points



**BEST BUS PEOPLE:**



*Manaia Miru, Phoebe Bodman x 2, Manuli Mudalige*

**FRANKLIN SWIMMERS**



Good luck to our **Year 7&8 Swimming Team** competing

on Wednesday at Pukekohe with Laura Biggelaar

Tyla Brears, Will Cockrell, Jesse Stanton, Violet Lucioni,

Phoebe Bodman, Coby Deihl, Lily Caird,

Gordon Clotworthy, Willow Vennel, Billie Devlin,

Aleah van den Brink, Jack Dodds.



Good luck to our **Year 6 & Below Swimming Team** competing on Friday at Waiuku with Hayley Vujcich

Miller Campbell, Piper Campbell, Finn Stanton,

Ariel Stanton, Harry Vujcich, Sophie Crawford,

Brax van den Brink, Aria Talman, Talan van den Brink,

Maia McHardy

**FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK**

SUSHI ~ Order Online

**Term 1 Sushi Lunches!**

Register and Order at [www.dollarforschools.co.nz](http://www.dollarforschools.co.nz)

Friday Mar 13th



Order now or by 9am on the day

\$1 for every lunch goes to our School!



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

**Mangatawhiri School 2026**

(P): 233 6004 (M): 027 498 0070 (E): [office@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:office@mangatawhiri.school.nz) (W): mangatawhirischool.com (A): HERO



Go Green for Mitey is our fundraising day supporting Mitey, which delivers mental health education for our ākonga, helping them understand their emotions, build resilience, and thrive in their learning. Through our partnership with Mitey, our school is contributing to meaningful, long-term change by equipping ākonga to care for their own mental wellbeing — and that of others — throughout their lives.

On Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, come along wearing green and bring a gold coin donation to help Mitey extend this vital work to more schools across Aotearoa.

Your support helps shape brighter futures by equipping tamariki with skills that will support their wellbeing now and into their teenage years. [www.mitey.org.nz](http://www.mitey.org.nz).

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

### TERM 1



### 3-Way Goal Setting Conferences

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 pm ~ 6 pm

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1.30 pm ~ 6 pm

Save the date - we will set up the Hero bookings and let you know as soon as they are ready to go.

## EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS



Please could we ask for a donation of one Easter egg product from each family to create our Easter Raffles?

Please drop off *any donations* to Susan

Thank you



### Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing

# MARCH

#### WEEK 6:

##### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March:

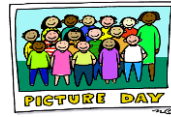
- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- School Photo Day
- Piano Lessons with Jane
- School Newsletter

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

- Mr Green's music sessions



- Constable Courtney - Bus Monitor Training
- 6 pm Board Property Meeting



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

- Y7&8 Franklin Swimming



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

- Guitar lessons with Sean



##### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

- Fun Day Friday: Sport Team Clothes
- Y5&6 Franklin Swimming
- 8.50 am R9 technology
- School Sport
- 1.50pm R4's Assembly in R1

#### WEEK 7:

##### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- School Newsletter
- Piano Lessons with Jane

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

- Mr Green's music sessions



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

- 1.30 pm Synchronised Swimming Competition
- Guitar lessons with Sean



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

- Fun Day Friday: GREEN Day for Mighty Mental Health Education
- 8.50 am R8 technology
- School Sport
- 1.50pm R5's Assembly in R1

#### WEEK 8:

##### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:

- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- School Newsletter
- Piano Lessons with Jane
- 6 pm Board Meeting in R4

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

- Mr Green's music sessions



##### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:

- Guitar lessons with Sean



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

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.50 am R9 technology
- School Sport
- 1.50pm R4's Assembly in R1
- School Pool CLOSES

#### WEEK 9:

##### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March:

- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- School Newsletter

# APRIL

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

- House Leaders Easter Fun Day
- 2.30 pm Term 1 Ends

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

- TOD School Closed

## CLOSED

##### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:

##### Good Friday



Mangatawhiri School 2026

(P): 233 6004 (M): 027 498 0070 (E): [office@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:office@mangatawhiri.school.nz) (W): mangatawhirischool.com (A): HERO



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**HAURAKI PLAINS COMMUNITY HUB**  
Presents  
**TRISTARS**  
HAURAKI PLAINS  
Junior Swim • Bike • Run Event  
A fun confidence-building triathlon for ages 5-13  
Hugh Hayward Domain • Ngatea  
Goodie Bags • Spot Prizes • Medals  
Grab your \$5 ticket - Scan the QR code  
or visit  
<https://events.humanitix.com/tristars-hauraki-2026-auskqxa>  
<https://www.facebook.com/haurakiplainscommunityhub>  
**15 MARCH 2026**  
Proudly supported by **HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Saturday 21 March**

**BOMBAY COMMUNITY GROUP**  
**FARM RUN AND WALK 2026**  
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026  
RACES STARTING FROM 9:30AM  
554 PAPARATA ROAD, BOMBAY  
Get ready for a fun, family event!  
The Bombay Farm Run & Walk is back again. The course is on farm tracks and across paddocks. There is a mix of undulating terrain, some flat tracks and being in Bombay there are some hills in there!  
The best way to take young children around the course is in a backpack but it is possible to push an offroad buggy around if you are up for a workout.  
• 5km and 10km distances  
• Spot and place prizes  
• Food available to purchase  
• Giant Pumpkin Competition  
• Judging  
• Entry fees: 10km - \$30  
5km - \$20  
Ages 5-16 - \$10  
Ages 0-4 - \$5  
\*plus booking fees  
Everyone is welcome! Experience the race and bring a picnic to enjoy at the end. Don't miss a great opportunity to see a different part of Bombay and be part of a fun community event.  
Bombay Community Group Events  
Enter online at:  
<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/114914/bombay-farm-run-2026>

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**EASTER CELEBRATION**  
Saturday 28th March | 3-6pm  
448 Mangatangi Road  
**EGG HUNT + CHOCOLATE MILK + GAMES + ACTIVITIES + CRAFTS**  
Fun for the whole family!  
Join us for an afternoon of egg-citing activities.  
Bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy together.  
This is a free event.  
Please bring your own basket and white t-shirt to tiedye.  
**CROSSROADS CHURCH**

**BABY SITTER AVAILABLE**



Hi, I'm Mercedes Basevi, and I'm 16 years old. I am responsible, fun, and enjoy caring for children. I am available for some babysitting work. I have experience with kids over 18 months of age and can cook (including dietary requirements), clean, entertain, and care for kids. Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, and Mangatangi areas are preferred but can be flexible. References available. Mobile: 021 078 9675 Email: [mercedesbasevi@gmail.com](mailto:mercedesbasevi@gmail.com)

**Every Tuesday Night**

**TRIVIA Night**  
Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia & fun... and support our school in the process.  
Great prizes Great food  
**EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT**  
6.30 PM START  
\$2.00 PER PERSON  
**Red Fox Tavern**  
All proceeds go to Mangatawhiri School

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**MX Maize FUNdraiser Day**  
FOR WESTPAC CHOPPER APPEAL  
FAMILY FUN DAY OUT!  
NOT A RACE DAY  
**12 APRIL 2026** | THUNDERCROSS VALLEY | Registration at 8.30am  
Briefing at 9.15am  
Track live at 9.30am  
TICKETS [WWW.THUNDERCROSSVALLEY.CO.NZ](http://WWW.THUNDERCROSSVALLEY.CO.NZ)  
SPONSORED BY  
**THUNDERCROSS** **MR motorcycles** **WHITES POWERSPORTS**

**Mangatawhiri School 2026**

(P): 233 6004 (M): 027 498 0070 (E): [office@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:office@mangatawhiri.school.nz) (W): mangatawhirischool.com (A): HERO