



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


23rd March 2026,
 Dear Parents, Whanau & Community,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Our last full week for term 1. This has come about rather quickly, and once again, great things are happening: The senior team is off to the Science Roadshow today after their session with St. John's on well-being, goal conferences tomorrow, Willow, Coby & Jesse compete at the Auckland Swimming champs on Wednesday, school triathlon on Thursday, and Sushi lunch orders for Friday!

It was great to have Bella visiting at school last week (she usually stays with my mum these days), she received lots of love and attention and LOVED playing soccer with anyone who was playing on the field! She went home very tired each day!

Have a wonderful last full week of Term 1.

Sharon Scouse
PRINCIPAL




Throughout the day, we practised mindfulness through breathing exercises, shared positive affirmations, created gratitude cards for others, and contributed to a gratitude tree. We also enjoyed a Mitey scavenger hunt and participated in a variety of team activities, including trying to make Billie laugh with our best jokes - she's a tough judge! Thank you for your ongoing support. We are pleased to share that we raised \$150.00 for this important cause.

Laura Biggelaar

Mindfulness is a part of Mitey, the practice of purposely focusing attention on the present moment—thoughts, feelings, and bodily sensations—with curiosity and kindness, rather than reacting automatically.

A big part of Mitey is mental health, and it includes taking a moment to reflect on your mental well-being. It's important to remember that sometimes you can get caught up in everything else and forget to stop and relax. So it's important to sometimes stop and take a breather. Mighty is also about breathing. Breathing can help calm you down and can reduce things like anxiety. So, if you're ever nervous or just want to calm down, there are so many different breathing exercises you can do to help. You should always be kind to others, no matter if they are your friend or not. You never know what might be going on in their life. If you see someone looking a bit down, try complimenting them to lift them up

Billie, Karla, Lexi, Luke, Lily, Jesse, Emily, Aleah
House Leaders 2026




- ☺ **Whanau** ~ attending our Friday assembly
- ☺ **East Egg Whanau** ~ generous donations for our raffle
- ☺ **Vennell Family** ~ yummy avocados for staff
- ☺ **Senior Team Science Roadshow Parents** ~ Transport. In light of petrol prices, we are VERY grateful

GO GREEN FOR MITEY




Our House Leaders did an outstanding job, leading our Mitey rotations on Friday for Go Green Day. Students explored a range of activities that support positive mental health and ways to care for others.

Chalk drawing affirmations



Team Work



Mindful Breathing



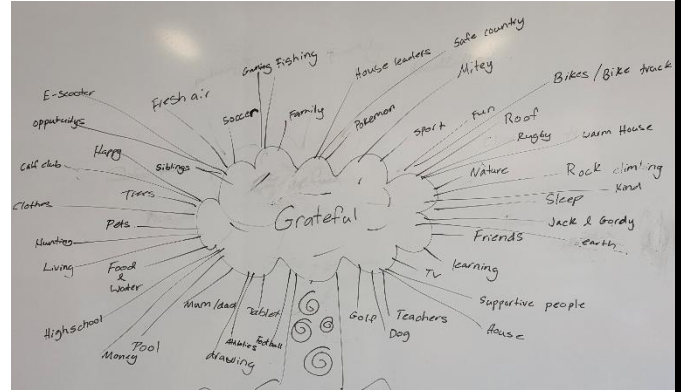
Playground Scavenger Hunt



Trying to make Billie laugh with funny jokes!



Making grateful leaves



Things we are grateful for



☺ **Eva Parata & Hazel Lucioni ~ Assembly MCs**



☺ **Room 3 ~ Hosting assembly & sharing knowledge about our brains**



STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 7:



Room 3: Ari Flower

~ The lovely little things you do to help others

Room 4: Luisa Black

~ Amazing maths learning & effort

Room 5: Sam Spencer

~ Great learning about the magic 'e'

Room 7: Makaia Hunia

~ Super attitude towards your learning

Room 6: Mieke van Dam

~ Fantastic, positive & cheerful role model who loves learning

Room 8: Ella

~ Having a growth mindset in maths

Room 9: Jack Dodds

~ Positive attitude towards your self-portrait art

Mrs Irwin: Room 3

~ Your enthusiasm for learning

Mr Green: Gabrielle Mullaly

~ Amazing confidence in school singing

 **SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 7:** 



Class Award: Room 6
 ~ Your lovely buddy stories
Sport Award: Willow Vennell, Coby Deihl, Jesse Stanton
 ~ Auckland Champs Swimming qualifiers
Staff Award: Hayley Vujcich
 ~ Fun organisation of our synchronised swimming competition
Parent Award: Dave Dean
 ~ Your incredible support with Corngate 2026!
Mangatawhiri Way: Piper Campbell
 ~ Being kind, caring & super respectful towards others
Piano Award: Ruamei Nahi
 ~ Lovely playing
Clean Class: Room 8



 **HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 7:** 



 **KAURI:** 

Selected by Billie Devlin & Karla Savage

Hailey Haynes ~ always being a bubbly & energetic member of Kauri
Indi-Leigh Connell ~ Having a good personality & greeting us with a smile

 **MANUKA:** 

Selected by Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton

Emma Joy Bell ~ Doing your duties really well
Benj Emralino ~ Always doing your duty & using your manners

 **RIMU:** 

Selected by Lexi Geaney & Luke Bilo

Makaia Hunia ~ Having such good vibes & being nice all week
Harry Abernethy ~ Being supportive to the little kids

 **TANEKAHA:** 

Selected by Emily McHardy & Aleah van den Brink

Maximus Skews ~ Never giving up in anything & being really kind
Spencer Crawford ~ Trying your best at Capture the Flag

 **HOUSE POINTS:** 

WEEK 7

1st **Manuka** ~ 270 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 250 points
 3rd **Kauri** ~ 240 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 220 points

TERM 1

1st **Manuka** ~ 3,620 points
 2nd = **Kauri & Tanekaha** ~ 3,020 points
 3rd **Rimu** ~ 2,650 points

 **MANGATAWHIRI WAY** 

WEEK 7

1st **Kauri** ~ 900 points
 2nd **Rimu & Tanekaha** ~ 700 points
 3rd **Manuka** ~ 200 points

TERM 1

1st **Kauri** ~ 2,330 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 2,030 points
 3rd **Rimu** ~ 1,840 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 1,320 points



BEST BUS PEOPLE:



*Chase Sattler, Martina Rosas, Spencer Crawford,
 Lexi Geaney, Kehar Singh*



Y5&6 FRANKLIN SWIMMING TEAM RESULTS:

Talan van den Brink ~ 6th Breaststroke Final



Girls Year 6 & Below Freestyle 4th East



Mixed Year 6 & Below Freestyle 3rd East



Boys Year 6 & Below Freestyle 3rd East



Inter Schools Freestyle 6th Mangatawhiri

Synchronised Swimming Champs

Junior

1st Darcy Falkner, Rahiri Nahi, Benj Emralino,
Phoenix Donaldson



2nd Penny Green & Penelope Abbernethy



Senior

1st Indie Vujcich, Harlan Peter, Maia McHardy,
Phoebe Bodman



2nd Ariel Stanton, Sophie Dean, Mieke van Dam,
Harry Vujcich, McKenna Ainsley, Ember Parry



3rd Violet Lucioni, Willow Vennell, Annabel Dean



Best Class: Room 9

FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK

SUSHI ORDERS - Online

Term 1 Sushi Lunches!

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Friday Mar 27th



Order now or by 9am on the day

\$1 for every lunch goes to
our School!



Ice Blocks on Sale Every Lunchtime 50c

REPORTING TO PARENTS TERM 1

TOMORROW



3-Way Goal Setting Conferences

Tuesday 24th March 1.30 pm ~ 6 pm

Tuesday 31st March 1.30 pm ~ 6 pm

School will finish at 2.30 pm as normal

Make your bookings on Hero NOW

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Tuesday 31st March

Anytime between 8.30 am ~ 2.30 pm



Come on in and see learning and fun in action.

You are welcome to visit any classroom

Bring your morning tea or lunch and have a play in the
playground with us

or a hot drink with the staff in the staffroom

Handball is the game of choice at the moment!

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS



Please drop off any Easter donations to Susan.

Thank you

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

On sale in R9 every morning before school

50c for one ticket or 3 tickets for \$1.00

Drawn: Wednesday 1st April

POOL

Our school pool is closed to the
community for the season & closes to
the school on Thursday this week
Please return all pool keys to Susan



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Second Hand Uniform Sale

See Susan - before & after school until sold out

Sweatshirts \$5.00 Polo Shirts \$2.00

House T-Shirts \$2.00 Black Shorts \$2.00

If you have any second-hand uniform you would like to
donate to the school, please see Susan

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School Calendar!

Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing

MARCH

WEEK 8:

Monday 23rd March:

- Second-Hand Uniform sale this week
- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- Piano Lessons with Jane
- Senior Team ~ Science Roadshow Trip
- School Newsletter
- 6 pm Board Meeting in R4

Tuesday 24th March:

- Mr Green's music sessions (last session for Term 1)
- 1.30 pm - 6 pm ~ 3 Way Goal Conferences in classrooms



Thursday 26th March:

- 8.30 am School Triathlon
- Guitar lessons with Sean
- School Pool CLOSES



Friday 27th March:

- Fun Day Friday: House Colours
- 8.50 am R9 technology
- School Sport
- 1.50pm R3's Assembly in R1

WEEK 9:

Monday 30th March:

- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- School Newsletter

Tuesday 31st March:

- School Open Day - Come on in and see the school in action ~ visit any class
- 1.30 pm - 6 pm 3 Way Goal Conferences



APRIL

Wednesday 1st April:

- House Leaders Easter Fun Day
- 1.40 pm Term 1 Assembly in R1
- 2.30 pm Term 1 Ends

Thursday 2nd April:

- TOD School Closed

CLOSED

Friday 3rd April:

Good Friday



Teacher Aide for Remainder of 2026

We are looking for a teacher aide who is passionate about working alongside students and able to work with teachers in supporting the learning of students across the school. This is a part-time position, 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday. Please state the strengths and interests you would bring to our awesome school. Send a cover letter with 2 referees to the principal. Position to begin Monday, 20th April
Contact principal@mangatawhiri.school.nz ph 09 233 6004

MARAMARUA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

CALL FOR YEAR 7 PLAYERS

OUR YEAR 7 RUGBY TEAM IS SEARCHING FOR A FEW MORE PLAYERS.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY YEAR 7 BOYS OR GIRLS WHO MIGHT BE KEEN TO JOIN A GREAT CLUB PLEASE TELL THEM TO GET IN TOUCH.

JUNIOR CLUB SECRETARY -
RACHAEL STANTON 0226563077
SECRETARYMJC@GMAIL.COM

MARAMARUA Y7&8 HOCKEY

Year 7&8 players needed to join a team
Contact Jennifer Pulman
Bosmum7@yahoo.com

Saturday 28th 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 tie-dye.

CROSSROADS CHURCH

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

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Sunday 29th March



SUPER SUNDAY

Elim Kids invites you and your whānau to celebrate the end of term with a fun filled Sunday. Including bouncy castles, games, live music, a real fruit ice cream truck, and a burger stall.

For kids aged 1-16. No entry fee. Play open 15 mins before each session.

**Sunday 29 March,
9am & 11am**



Elim Christian Centre
12 Cape Hill road, Pukekohe
www.elimchristiancentre.org.nz/pukekohecampus

Sunday 12th April



MX Maize FUNdraiser Day

FOR WESTPAC CHOPPER APPEAL

**FAMILY FUN DAY OUT!
NOT A RACE DAY**

12 APRIL 2026 | THUNDERCROSS VALLEY

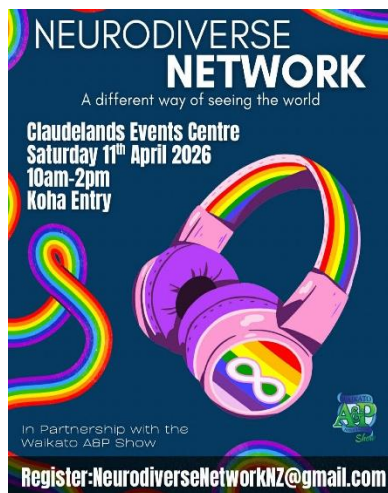
TICKETS WWW.THUNDERCROSSVALLEY.CO.NZ

Registration at 8:30am
Briefing at 9:15am
Track live at 9:30am

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Saturday 11th April



NEURODIVERSE NETWORK

A different way of seeing the world

Claudelands Events Centre
Saturday 11th April 2026
10am-2pm
Koha Entry

In Partnership with the Waikato A&P Show

Register-NeurodiverseNetworkNZ@gmail.com



Bombay Pony Pals

Do you have a young family member who would love to learn about ponies and how to care for them?

- New Zealand Pony Club Association educational program
- 10 week lesson course
- Learn about ponies and how to care for them
- Safety, care, grooming, paddocking, equipment, knowledge
- Time outdoors learning, having fun, hobby horing
- Please note this is a horse management programme and does not include riding lessons
- Parent/guardian involvement required
- Limited places available

For registration and more information email bombayponyclub@yahoo.com



BOMBAY PONY CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Autumn HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

8:30am - 3:00pm

APR 6 COBB	APR 7 Jokes & Lauging Stations Art & Cook Joke and Colour Joke Stomping Fun!	APR 8 Basketball Creators Rolling Stations Buddhism	APR 9 Crazy Fun Day Interactive games for 5&6s Juggling/Tapping	APR 10 Shave Up Please Day Shave 5&6s Mask Making
APR 13 Nepi Warrior Floor Skills Ball Games	APR 14 Jenga Building Challenge Yoga Skills Children Games	APR 15 Joke Slides M&C Top Secret 1&2s Make your own Bird House	APR 16 Egg Making Business and Design Flag Making	APR 17 Gymnastics Challenge Day. Competing challenges and skills on equipment through the day with items and music!

Jessica Shack

Creative Media & Events Assistant

Franklin Gymsports

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Bombay Farm Run ~ Manga Gang!



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