



# 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**

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

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

Here we are at the end of term 1, and although it has only been 9 weeks, we have been super busy and at times running from one activity or event to another - but all in good spirits and remaining positive in providing a holistic approach to teaching and learning. Staff have enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with parents at the Goal conferences, and tomorrow night we have our second session. There are still vacancies, so please make every effort to attend. Check HERO or phone Susan. Thank you for all your support in term 1. We are very grateful to have such an awesome community on which to call on.

Reminder, we have a Maths teacher-only day on Thursday - School is CLOSED.

Please check out the two buckets of lost property, which we will put out on display on the Astro court.

Have a great 3-day week to end the term and a wonderful, fun holiday break.

See you back here on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sharron Scouse**  
**PRINCIPAL**



- ☺ **Whanau** ~ attending our Friday assembly
- ☺ **Little Pioneers ECE** ~ Coming for a big school visit with all the nearly 5-year-olds who are coming to our school
- ☺ **Green Family** ~ Yummy feijoas for staff
- ☺ **Helen Vennell & Kelly Deihl** ~ Taking a very early morning trip to Henderson with our Auckland Swimming champs team
- ☺ **Parents** ~ Who attended our first night of 3-Way Conferences

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

Ministry of Education Maths Development Day  
 for Teachers



**THIS Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**



☺ **Markella McIntosh & Archie Walsh** ~ Assembly MCs



☺ **Room 3** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your compliment circles



**STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 8:**



**Room 3: Lincoln Black**

~ Amazing effort with literacy

**Room 4: Hosea Were**

~ Always showing The Mangatawhiri Way & making great learning choices

**Room 5: Keanu Ezekiel**

~ Focused learning & positive attitude

**Room 7: Bryn Black**

~ Showing The Mangatawhiri Way in all that you do

**Room 6: Ariel Stanton**

~ Showing great maturity during health lessons

**Room 8: Willow Vennell**

~ Outstanding writing & passion project

**Room 9: Brooklyn Black**

~ Outstanding leadership & initiative & applying yourself to everything you do

**Mrs Bush: Leighton Mitchell**

~ Perseverance in maths

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**Mrs Clark: Sam Spencer**

~ Great effort with maths

**Mr Green: Talan van den Brink**

~ Wow, huge progress on drums

**Mrs Irwin: Darcy Falkner**

~ Your positivity & enthusiasm for learning

**Mrs Stanton: Yousif Bin Sadiq**

~ Being a diligent learner in Room 3



## SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 8:



**Class Award: Room 9**

~ Incredible self-portrait art

**Learning Award: Emara Nagaiya**

~ Amazing attitude & progress in learning your maths bricks

**Staff Award: Tania Bush**

~ Being amazing at doing anything asked of you

**Parent Award: Senior Team Parent Transport**

~ Despite the cost of fuel, you still helped out

**Mangatawhiri Way: Flynn Gowdy**

~ Amazing sport leadership with your activity

**Piano Award: Alena Black**

~ Great sight reading

**Clean Class: Room 6**



## HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 8:



### KAURI:

Selected by *Billie Devlin & Karla Savage*

**Charlee Linton** ~ Having a positive & bubbly vibe

### MANUKA:

Selected by *Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton*

**Coby Deihl** ~ Making it to the Auckland Swimming champs & giving it your best

**Alena Black** ~ Always being kind to others

### RIMU:

Selected by *Lexi Geaney & Luke Bilo*

**Cade Heta** ~ Being a fun-loving & kind member of Rimu

**Luca Parata** ~ Great mind set

### TANEKAHA:

Selected by *Emily McHardy & Aleah van den Brink*

**Leighton Mitchell** ~ Never giving up in swimming



## HOUSE POINTS:



### WEEK 8

1<sup>st</sup> = **Manuka & Tanekaha** ~ 270 points

2<sup>nd</sup> = **Kauri & Rimu** ~ 260 points

### TERM 1

1<sup>st</sup> **Manuka** ~ 3,890 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 3,290 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Kauri** ~ 3,280 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Rimu** ~ 2,910 points



## MANGATAWHIRI WAY



### WEEK 8

1<sup>st</sup> = **Kauri & Rimu** ~ 660 points

2<sup>nd</sup> = **Tanekaha & Manuka** ~ 630 points

### TERM 1

1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 2,990 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 2,660 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 2,500 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Manuka** ~ 1,950 points



### BEST BUS PEOPLE:



*Chase Sattler, Melissa de Jonge, Maddy Falkner*

### Auckland Swimming Champs Team



*Willow Vennell, Jesse Stanton & Coby Deihl*

## REPORTING TO PARENTS TERM 1

### TOMORROW



### 3-Way Goal Setting Conferences

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

School will finish at 2.30 pm as normal

Make your bookings on Hero NOW



### EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

On sale in R9 before school for

the last 3 days

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

Drawn: On Wednesday



## 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

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## CALF CLUB 2026

**CHICKEN ORDERS CLOSE 1<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**(Week 2 of Term 2)**



**Think about your plans for Calf Club 2026.  
If you are new to Calf Club, chickens are a  
nice way to start!**



**We would recommend buying at least 2  
chickens in case of illness or death.**

**Maximum order 5 chickens per person**

**Delievery 15<sup>th</sup> May**

### 2026 SCHOOL BOARD

March Report to the Community



Thank you to Board members for attending our March meeting and to **Lorelle Dodds** for hosting.

#### Highlights from the meeting:

- Approved the 2025 Annual Plan, Financial Statements, and 2025 Review - all of which will be uploaded to the school website
- Approved employment of a third teacher aide to support learners across the school

#### Attendance Plan

- Has been uploaded to the school website & school docs
- This clearly outlines the steps and stages of the process.
- Our 2025 end-of-year attendance was 72%
- The Government's goal is for students to be attending school for 90% of the time
- MoE has access to daily records of absences, and HERO responds to students entering differing levels based on their absences
- Attendance data will be presented at every board meeting
- The school is working alongside the North Waikato Attendance Service for families of concern

#### Student Achievement

- We have received MoE funding for Year 7&8 Maths intervention groups with L. Biggelaar for term 2
- We have received MoE funding for Year 0-6 Literacy intervention groups with L. Dodds for term 2

#### Learning Support Coordinator

- The Board approved the transfer of LSC host school responsibilities to Mangatwhiri School from Mangatangi School
- The LSC vacancy has been advertised, and the employment process is underway
- The LSC will work across four schools - Mangatawhiri, Mangatangi, Orere, and Kaiua School

#### ERO

- Expected term 2 or 3

#### Property

- Board approved the 5YA plan for 2025-2010
- Board approved stage 2 of the pool upgrade to proceed with a subcommittee to work on Grant applications

#### Next Board Meeting:

- Monday 11 May @ 6 pm in Room 5

Melissa van den Brink

Presiding Member



**Term 1 Theme: Health & Wellbeing**

# MARCH

#### WEEK 9:

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

- St Johns Wellbeing Sessions - Senior Team
- School Newsletter

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

- Fun Day Tuesday - Wear your house colour
- 8.30 am School Triathlon
- 1.30 pm - 6 pm - 3 Way Goal Conferences



# APRIL

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

- Fun Day Wednesday ~ Dress Easter style!
- 10.30 am House Leaders Easter Fun Day
- 1.40 pm Term 1 Assembly in R1
- 2.30 pm Term 1 Ends

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

- TOD School Closed

**CLOSED**

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

##### Good Friday



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**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

**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](mailto:bombayponyclub@yahoo.com)

**BOMBAY PONY CLUB**

**RURAL KIDS CARE**  
**After School Care Mangatawhiri Hall**



I'm exploring the possibility of offering a Before School Care service exclusively for Mangatawhiri School pupils.

This would support families who need an earlier drop-off option before the school day begins. If this is something your whānau would use, I'd love to hear from you so we can gauge demand and plan next steps.

Please send me a message if you'd be interested.

Ngā mihi,

Hannah Burney

Rural Kids Care Ltd

022 652 9004

[Rkc@outlook.co.nz](mailto:Rkc@outlook.co.nz)

**EASTER WEEKEND AT MANGATANGI MARAE**

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Just a heads up that our **Tohikuri Pompey Whaanau Reunion 2026** will be taking place at **Mangatangi Marae**.

**Please be mindful of traffic going in on out on Mangatangi Road.**

If you have any questions please contact:  
**Sonia Van der Linden 0272063878**

**TE MIRO**  
MTB CLUB

**TE MIRO TWISTER**

**XC Mountain Bike Race**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Races suitable for all!**

**E-bike and adapt rider categories available**

**Awesome spot prizes!**

**Sausage sizzle + drinks for sale (Cash only)**

**Rego available on following link:**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**For more information access the event manual on the following link:**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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