

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

20th April 2026,

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

Welcome back! So lovely to greet everyone this morning and to see happy little people (and big people!) coming into school. We have some new faces, big and small, to introduce!

😊 Room **3** welcomes **Tyler Christie**. Room **7** welcomes **Harper Pharazyn** (friends of Cian & Izaak), Room **8** welcomes **Lucas Smith**, and the staff welcome **Nicole West** to our Teacher Aide team. Nicole has worked in our school every Monday with the Kia Ora Ake team, so she already knows many of our students. She will work alongside Tania and Kerrin from Monday to Thursday. We also welcome **Nadine Sickels** as our Cluster Learning Support Coordinator (LSC). Nadine is a very experienced Special educator, and while we will be her home school, she will be working at Orere, Kaiaua and Mangatangi schools as well. Her new office space is in room **1**.

So GREAT to have all these lovely new people join us.



Nadine, Lucas, Harper, Tyler & Nicole

🌸🌸🌸🌸 Thank you for your awesome support of our teacher-only day on the last day of Term 1. We worked alongside Ngatea School and talked maths all day!

🗉 There are substantial changes to the expectations of maths knowledge that children need to have at each year level. Some concepts that were taught at the Year 8 level are now expected to be taught at the Year 4 level.

While we come to grips with the significant changes, we know we need to upskill our parents as well. This is something we intend to do in the second half of this term.

I try very hard not to get 'political' with our school newsletter; however, when I reviewed the significant changes all schools in NZ are impacted by, even I was surprised at what we are facing and working on. These include -

- Two new maths curricula (in one year)
- New English curriculum

- Draft curriculum in Social Sciences
- Draft curriculum in P.E & Health education
- Draft curriculum in Sciences
- Attendance management plans & accountability for students not being at school
- Assessment tools (SMART) for national standardised testing for Year 3 - 8 students
- Updated reporting templates for parents
- 5 New achievement descriptors
- 8 New teaching standards
- Maths intervention teaching
- Literacy intervention teaching
- ERO school ratings
- Maths, Reading & Writing Rubrics

This is not meant to be a complaint, as many of these initiatives are needed and provide clarity for schools; however, it is the pace at which schools are expected to upskill themselves, know & understand what these changes are about and then how to implement them in our school setting that is taking a toll on staff reserves.

We are so fortunate to have a team here who continues to want to do the very best for each student. There has been no let-up in regard to the pace of change coming our way, and it comes with a considerable amount of work happening beyond 2.30 pm every day.

Phew, rant is over! 😊

We are really looking forward to term **2**, and our theme is **The Arts**. We will have music, 🎵 dance, 🎭 drama, 🎨 and visual art 🎨 happening throughout the school, along with Book Week 📖 and a School Show called 'A Night in the School Library'. Sporting events include orienteering 🏃, football, 🏈 Ki O Rahi, and school trips are booked to Miranda Sea birds 🐦, Madagascar 🐼, Auckland Symphony 🎻 and visitors to our school for show performances. We really do love what we do! Let's get on with the show that is Term 2!

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



- 📖 THANK YOU 📖
- ☺ **Whanau** ~ your support with our Teacher Only Day
 - ☺ **Staff** ~ all your preparation & planning for term 2
 - ☺ **Allan Bruce** ~ your love & care in making our school look so good
 - ☺ **Nana Lyn** ~ Supplying the yummiest of scones for our teacher-only day

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Orchestra Trip



We have 30 free tickets for the Auckland Symphony Trip at the Stadium in Manukau on Wednesday, 6th May.

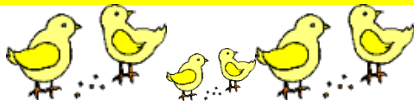
We will need parent help with transport & you get a free ticket too!

10 am - 12.30 pm. Contact Susan in the Office if your child (and you) are keen to come along.

CALF CLUB 2026

CHICKEN ORDERS CLOSE 1st MAY

(Week 2 of Term 2 ~ NEXT WEEK)



We would recommend buying at least 2 chickens (per child) in case of illness or death. Maximum order 5 chickens per child

Delievery 15th May

Chickens are \$5.00 each

Orders & Payment in full by 1st May



ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ORDERING

See Susan NOW!

Term 1 Awards Winners' Points



1st Manuka 860 points

2nd Kaiuri 840 points

3rd Tanekaha 750 points

4th Rimu 680 points



School Calendar!

Term 2 Theme: The Arts

	Week 1
	Monday 20th April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 gets underway • Piano Lesson with Jane
Tuesday 21st April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music with Mr Green 	Thursday 23rd April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R7 Trip to Miranda Shorebird Centre
Friday 24th April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin Orienteering • 1.50 pm ANZAC Assembly R1 	Week 2
Tuesday 28th April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music with Mr Green • Life Education Caravan sessions • Class Newsletters home • School Newsletter 	Thursday 30th April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7&8 Immunisations
	Friday 1st May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Orders CLOSE • School Sport • 1.50 pm Assembly



2026

Junior Hockey Season

For Under 7s through to Under 13s

We have space available for Junior Players

Whether its your first time playing or a returning superstar, register with us and have a go!

Please contact Mika on 021 0680 398 or email at onepukehockey@gmail.com

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