



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

5th May 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

It was so lovely to be back last week and to have lots of cuddles and smiles as I hobbled around the school!

Term 2 is all go with our science theme, and as I walked through the school last week, I saw some very exciting things happening as hands-on experiments were underway. I had a lovely visit from Room 1, who completely changed their plans after finding a frog at school! They shared some great learning. Read more about it in our new class spotlight section of our newsletter.

You will have seen on the news the launch of a new parent portal for parents to be connected with their child's learning. We are fortunate in that we already have a very engaged parent community, but there is some good information on this site, and we encourage you to have an explore. [The Parent Portal can be accessed here](#)
 Our Term 2 Class Newsletters also go home today via class email trees. Please read over this to see what is planned in your child's classroom this term.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



- ☺ **Mangatawhiri & Districts Pre-School** ~ Donation of sand for our sandpit
- ☺ **Everyone** ~ A great week 1 & start to Term 2
- ☺ **Fuel for Schools Sponsors** ~ We have another \$1,000 to spend on resources
- ☺ **Families** ~ Attending Room 1's Friday assembly

FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK:
HOT Mince & Cheese Pie



\$4.00

Order from The Lunch Team in Room 8 on Wednesday



- ☺ **Beauden Briggs & Lvyron Kukutai Assembly MC's**
- ☺ **Room 1 ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your Family fun stories & pictures**



- Room 1: Emara Nagaiya** ~ Such a positive approach to everything
- Room 3: Keanu Ezekiel** ~ Enthusiastic participation & discussion in Science
- Room 4: Makaia Hunia** ~ Positive attitude in Maths & sharing your ideas with the class
- Room 5: Ember Parry** ~ Working super hard in maths
- Room 5: Austin O'Connell** ~ Fantaistic 10x recall
- Room 6: Jasmine Topp** ~ Huge effort with reading
- Room 7: Maddy Falkner** ~ Positive attitude towards learning & always giving everything 100%
- Room 8: George Leenen** ~ Outstanding commitment to learning
- Room 9: Jackson Picard** ~ Great engagement & learning in science

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Mrs Irwin: Sidney Lucioni ~ Enthusiastic science lead in R8

Maramarua Technology Award: XX ~ xx



SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 1:



Class Award: Room 8 ~ Lovely day with Miss Scouse

Piano Award: Darcy Green ~ Learning your song off by heart & doing so much theory

Staff Award: Rachael Stanton ~ Getting great sponsorship for our gardens

Parent Award: Mr Vennell ~ Great sponsorship of our gardens through Mitre 10

Mangatawhiri Way: Lvyron Kukutai ~ Always showing our school values

Mr Green: Lexi Geaney ~ Awesome vocals, WOW!

Mr Green: Riley Shearer ~ Improvement on guitar

Clean Class: Room 9



BEST BUS PEOPLE:



Archie Black, Maddy Falkner



MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 1



10 Vouchers: **Spencer Crawford**

25 Vouchers: **Finn Murray, Mananjot Singh, Penny Green, Indi Connell**

50 Voucher: **Ava Bright**

75 Vouchers: **Darcy Green**

150 Vouchers: **Harlan Peter**

200 Vouchers: **Tyla Brears, Indie Vujcich**



MANGATAWHIRI WAY



WEEK 1

1st **Kauri** ~ 1,090 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 690 points

3rd **Rimu** ~ 530 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 470 points



Tyla Brears & Indie Vujcich

200 Club

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HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 1:



KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

Mananjot Singh ~ Always has a big smile on your face & helps out whenever it is needed

MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

Archie Black ~ Being positive & giving me a high five at the end of the day

Lvyron Kukutai ~ Great attitude shown towards everyone

RIMU:

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

Lexi Geaney ~ Being independent in class & helping us

Alex Smith ~ always having a big smile on your face

TANEKAHA:

Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

Jordy Nixon ~ Always showing up for duties & asking for more

Alyssa Clark ~ Always showing up for your duties & having a positive attitude



HOUSE POINTS: WEEK 1



1st **Kauri** ~ 230 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 210 points

3rd **Manuka** ~ 200 points 4th **Tanekaha** ~ 190 points

USE OF THE FIELD IN TERM 2

Requires a change of clothes that are ok to get dirty!



WINTER ILLNESS & ABSENCES



Please contact Susan Ormsby via email, HERO, text, or phone by **9 am each morning** to record any absences for the day. Please leave an explanation for the absence.

School Calendar!

May

WEEK 2:

Monday 5th May:

- Monday Mingle starts
- School Newsletter 
- Class Newsletters Home via email class tree 

Thursday 8th May:

- Franklin Orienteering for selected students from R6,7,8,9




WEEK 3:



Monday 12th May:

- School Newsletter 

Friday 14th May:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R4 School Assembly in the hall
- Farewell Whaea Sally from R7 


Tuesday 20th May:

- Mr Green's music sessions 
- Y7&8 Franklin Soccer 

Friday 23rd May:

- Fun Day Friday: Yellow!
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 2pm R5 School Assembly in the hall

Tuesday 27th May:

- Mr Green's music sessions 

Friday 30th May:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R6 School Assembly in the hall

WEEK 6:

Monday 2nd June:

- King's Birthday Holiday



Wednesday 4th June:

- Science van show



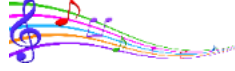
WEEK 7:

Monday 9th June:

- School Newsletter 

Tuesday 6th May:


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



Friday 9th May:

- Fun Day Friday: Animal stripes
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 2pm R3 School Assembly in the Hall

Tuesday 13th May:


- Mr Green's music sessions 
- Junior Team Tip Top Trip
- R5 Miranda Trip

WEEK 4:

Monday 19th May:

- School Newsletter 
- Farewell Whaea Amanda from R9 
- 6pm Board Meeting in R9

Thursday 22nd May:

- Life Education Caravan arrives 
- Y5&6 Franklin Soccer 

WEEK 5:

Monday 26th May:



- School Newsletter 

Wednesday 28th May:

- Life Education caravan leaves

June


Tuesday 3rd June:

- School Newsletter 
- Mr Green's music sessions 

Friday 6th June:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 2pm R7 School Assembly in the hall

Tuesday 10th June:

- Mr Green's music sessions 



Thursday 12th June:

- Y7&8 Kia O Rahi Tournament

WEEK 8:



Monday 16th June:

- School Newsletter 
- 6pm Board Mtg


Friday 20th June:

- Matariki Holiday

Tuesday 24th June:

- Mr Green's music sessions 
- Franklin Y7&8 Speeches' 
- 6pm School Music Concert

Friday 27th June:

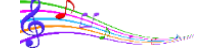
- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R8 Technology
- 1.45pm Term 2 Assembly
- Term 2 Ends 

Friday 13th June:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 1.15pm Perform Show
- No Assembly

Tuesday 17th June:

- Mr Green's music sessions 




WEEK 9:

Monday 23rd June:

- School Newsletter 
- Mid-Year Reports Live

Wednesday 25th June:

- Franklin Y5&6 Speeches' 

TERM 3:

Monday 14th July:

- 8.30am Welcome assembly
- School Newsletter 

GOOD LUCK TO OUR FRANKLIN ORIENTEERING TEAMS COMPETING ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK



GO TEAM!

Talan van den Brink, Will Cockrell, Bryson Heta, Harry Abernethy, Jackson Bullivant, Tyla Brears, Willow Vennell, Alyssa Clark, Aliyah Piccard, Sophie Savage, Phoebe Johnson, Miller Campbell, Ollie Johnson, Brax van den Brink, Sam Redmond, Nate Caird, Coby Deihl, Cian Clark, Luca Parata, Harlan Peter, Indie Vujcich, Phoebe Bodman, Ariaah Talman, Violet Lucioni, Toby Johnson, Mason Brears, George Leenen, Jax Walter, Theo Cockrell, Spencer Crawford, Jack Dodds, Maddie Black, Bronte Peter, Billie Devlin, Peyton de Jongh, Sam van Dam, Jackson Picard, Carter Black, Lewis Bodman, Max Fitzgerald, Harley Hubbard, Gordy Clotworthy, Jesse Stanton, Emma Powar, Karla Savage, Lily Caird, Brooklyn Black, Aleah van den Brink



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.

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Student Voice

Our house leadership team reflected on term 1 with their house groups, and here are their responses:

What we enjoyed at Mangatawhiri School in Term 1:

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| • Heated Pool | Sports events |
| • Camp | Bike Track |
| • Sushi Lunch | Food for Thought |
| • Water Safety | Ki O Raki |
| • Teachers | Swimming Sports |
| • Play-based learning | Student teachers |
| • Maths | Technology |
| • PC4L | Everyone's nice |
| • Sports Gear | East Group Sports |
| • House Mascots | Music |
| • Franklin Bulls | Youth town Bikes |
| • Buddies | Friday lunches |
| • Passion Projects | Triathlon |
| • Library | Art |
| • Synchronised swimming | Senior jobs |
| • Assembly | Learning |
| • Friends | Sandpit |

I'm pleased about my learning in Term 1:

- Getting better with maths
- Getting better with handwriting
- Getting better with reading
- Getting better with spelling
- Enjoying Home learning
- Fun Music with Mr Green
- Our Cultural jars
- Superhero drawing
- Camp
- Learning new strategies in maths
- Enjoying novel reading
- Learning to write complex sentences
- Otago Maths Problem Challenge
- Learning sign language
- Writing character profiles
- Researching & presenting my passion project
- Using Chromebooks

People who have shown me respect in Term 1:

Kobi Geaney, Meila Wilson, Alishka Ram, Lily O'Connell, Maddie Black, Mason Brears, Makaia Hunia, Penny Green, Emara Nagaiya, Austin O'Connell, Henry B, Violet Lucioni, Jaxx Dawson, Billie Devlin, Manaia Miru, Aidan de Jongh, Will Cockrell, Lily Caird, Karla Savage, Lewis Bodman, Felicity Donaldson, Piper Campbell, Fletcher Campbell, Peyton de Jongh, Jasmine Topp, Opal Flavell, Freya Farnum, Sahil Sami, Angad Singh, Sophie Crawford, Bronte Peter, Jax Walter, Maddison Marsters, Alyssa Clark, Talan van den Brink, Emma Powar, Aaliyah Jack, Frankie Briggs, Indie Vujcich, Talan van den Brink, Demi Briggs, Jordy Nixon, Ryley Mitchell, Declan Chitekwe, Marshall Pope, Sam Spencer, Anhad Singh, Flynn Gowdy, Martina Rosas, Cian Clark, Ariel Stanton, Carter Black, Toby Johnson, Harley Hubbard, Jade de Jonge, Ollie Bezuidenhout, Shontell de Jonge



CLASS SPOTLIGHT **THIS WEEK: ROOM 1**

A snapshot of life in Room One.

Here in room one, we treat every day as an adventure. This particular day was no exception. It began with a baby frog greeting Mrs Leenen in the staffroom on arrival at school. He was quickly scooped up and brought to class to be kept safe.

We had a 'greet the frog' session, which evolved into a frog theme woven into our usual activities. The excitement was high as this new addition to our class sparked big plans for the day. Active movement, drawing of frogs, stories about frogs, frog puzzlements, writing about frogs.... Just to name a few.

An emotional farewell was had when we released him back to his frog family.

We thanked 'Freddie' for spending his day with us and reflected on the fun he had brought to our class.

Even the next day at school, there was still a buzz surrounding 'Freddie's' visit. We continue to stand by for our next exciting adventure in Room one. Every day brings an opportunity to explore new learning and it's one of our favourite things to do.



Can you spot Freddie?



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Our great frog stories



Reading our frog stories to Miss Scouse



Our frog pictures



Putting him back to find his family



We like to publish sports results in our newsletter – please send these through to principal@mangatawhiri.school.nz by 10am on Mondays



MARAMARUA RUGBY CLUB



Year 1 – Played Puni Won 7-5
 Year 2 – Played Te Kauwhata won 22-20
 Year 4 Green – played Drury 10-15
 Year 4 Black played Manurewa 6-17
 Player of the Day: **Finn Stanton**
 Year 5 Played Tuakau won 85-10
 Year 6 Played Beachlands-Maretai 40-60
 Player of the Day: **Luke Bilo**
 Year 7 Played Onewhero won 12-7
 Year 8 Played Pukekohe Green won 83-10



SATURDAY 10 MAY ~ 8AM TO 1PM

58 CAIE ROAD

Household items,

lovely NZ native wood furniture,
 books, clothes, bric-a-brac, pictures

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