



Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2025



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

12th May 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Lovely to see more success on the Franklin Sports stage with our orienteering teams competing so well at their event last Thursday. We have several students going on to participate in the Auckland Champs, well done.

We have started our lunchtime clubs programme with staff offering a range of great activities. Thank you to **Tracey Weight** ~ Kapa Haka, **Gail Tegg & Sara Irwin** ~ Art Club, **Marilyn Millar & Richard Reid** ~ Chess Club, **Lorelle Dodds & Hayley Vujcich** ~ Choir, **Rachael Stanton** ~ Garden Club, and our **House Leadership Team** doing fun sports activities at lunch times too. As you can see, there is a wide range of fun opportunities for all our students to be kept busy over our cold and wet months. **HUGE thanks** to the staff who, on top of their duty expectations, have offered these activities.

Parents, we love having you join us at our Friday assemblies however, even though you think you may be talking quietly, your voices carry across the hall and do make it difficult for staff to keep our students quiet. Our Friday assembly is a celebration of our week, and as such, we have expectations around the behaviour we expect from students. Preschoolers can also be very distracting when they are allowed to run around the hall. Please help us to make Friday assemblies our special celebration of the week.

We hope all our school mums got spoilt yesterday (as they should every day!) Please know that we really appreciate all the amazing mums who help out at school whenever asked and do whatever is needed to help create such great memories.

Sharron Scouse

PRINCIPAL





☺ **New World Shoppers** ~ \$47.69 donation back
 ☺ **Nana Lyn** ~ Yummy scones for staff
 ☺ **Franklin Orienteering Parents** ~ Transport & support
 ☺ **Families** ~ Attending Room 9's Friday assembly



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

MANGATAWHIRI SCHOOL

With heartfelt thanks, we appreciate your incredible support of Little Heart Day. Your generosity and kindness help ensure heart whānau receive the care and support they need. There's no cure for childhood heart conditions - but there is support - that's where Heart Kids NZ comes in. But we couldn't do it without you.

LITTLE Heart DAY
 2025

David Pimblott
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 CEO, Heart Kids NZ





Over \$2 million Donated

For every 100L of bulk fuel you have delivered our school receives 50 cents!



Call 0800 99 99 69 to start supporting us today!

- ☺ **Kilmacrennan Livestock Ltd, Weiiti Station**
- ☺ **David Dean Ltd - Kopuku Road**
- ☺ **Kilmacrennan Livestock Limited**
- ☺ **SB & JA Bertling**
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- ☺ **Kilmacrennan Livestock Ltd - Emerald Downs Farm**
- ☺ **Kilmacrennan Livestock Ltd - River Rock Quarry**
- ☺ Your sponsorship has provided a \$1,000 pick-a-pack for the school

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YOU DID IT! Congratulations

- ☺ **Aleah van den Brink & Karla Savage** Assembly MCs
- ☺ **Room 9 ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your pepeha's & collaborative art**



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 2:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Room 1: Lvyron Kukutai

~ Mangatawhiri Magic. We love your enthusiasm

Room 3: Lyric Forder

~ Positive outlook & a big smile every day this week

Room 4: Chase Sattler

~ Using lovely manners & showing respect on the mat

Room 5: Frankie Briggs

~ Fabulous progress in multiplication & division

Room 5: Ava Bright

~ Fabulous effort in reading

Room 6: Flynn Gowdy

~ Showing great leadership during soccer & orienteering

Room 7: Gabrielle Mullaly

~ Going above & beyond with tidying our class

Room 8: Nikora Bailey

~ Asking for help with tricky maths & becoming a bus monitor

Room 9: Gordon Clotworthy

~ Making great choices & applying yourself to your learning

Mrs Irwin: Oliver Bezuidenhout

~ Always showing The Mangatawhiri Way



SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 2:



Learning Award: Aleah van den Brink

~ Your dedication & work ethic to your learning

Sport Award: Franklin Orienteering Team

~ Great sportsmanship & results

Piano Award: Ruamei Nahi

~ Learning your 'Mary had a little lamb' song

Staff Award: Tracey Weight

~ Fabulous Te Ao Maori presentation to staff

Staff Award: Hayley Vujcich ~ Great planning & organisation of our orienteering opportunities

Parent Award: Franklin Orienteering Parents

~ Your help with transport & support

Mangatawhiri Way: Gordon Clotworthy & Lewis Bodman

~ Showing initiative with your grounds work

Mr Green: Ember Parry

~ Awesome singing

Clean Class: Room 3



BEST BUS PEOPLE:



Manaia Miru, Luca Parata, Jordy Nixon, Kobi Geaney



MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 1



10 Vouchers:

Oliver Bezuidenhout, Martina Rosas

50 Voucher:

Harrison Vennell, Fletcher Campbell

75 Vouchers:

Sam Redmond

100 Vouchers:

Phoenix Anderson, Frankie Briggs,

Mieke van Dam, Bryn Black

200 Vouchers:

Phoebe Bodman



Hall of FAME



Mieke van Dam, Frankie Briggs, Bryn Black, Phoenix Anderson



Phoebe Bodman



MANGATAWHIRI WAY



WEEK 2

1st **Tanekaha** ~ 700 points 2nd **Kauri** ~ 650 points

3rd **Manuka** ~ 610 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 460 points



MANGATAWHIRI WAY



TERM 2

1st **Kauri** ~ 1,740 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 1,390 points

3rd **Manuka** ~ 1,080 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 990 points

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HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 2:



KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

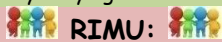
Felicity Donaldson ~ Always being super friendly to everyone
Sam van Dam ~ Doing really well at orienteering



MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

Ariah Talman ~ Giving it her all in reading & being a great helper
Sam Spencer ~ Always saying hello with a great attitude



RIMU:

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

Chase Sattler ~ Giving kind compliments to me
Jackson Picard ~ Being a great friend to everyone & being respectful



TANEKAHA:

Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

George Leenen ~ Being an amazing team player in soccer & having a positive attitude
Brooke McKinistry ~ Being kind & saying hi to me when I see her



HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 2

1st **Tanekaha** ~ 280 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 260 points
 3rd **Kauri** ~ 250 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 200 points



HOUSE POINTS:

TERM 2

1st **Kauri** ~ 480 points
 2nd = **Rimu & Tanekaha** ~ 470 points
 3rd **Manuka** ~ 400 points



School Calendar!



WEEK 3:

Monday 12th May:

- School Newsletter 📄

Wednesday 14th May:

- Auckland Champs Orienteering @ Massey
- Good luck teams

Friday 16th May:

- Fun Day Friday: Pink Day Gold Coin donation
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 2pm R8 School Assembly in the hall
- Farewell Whaea Sally from R7 🥺

Tuesday 13th May:

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

Thursday 15th May:

- Y7 Boostrix Vaccination
- Y8 HPC Vaccination

WEEK 4:

Monday 19th May:

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

Tuesday 20th May:

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

Friday 23rd May:

- Fun Day Friday: Yellow!
- 8.45am R7 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
- School Closed



Wednesday 4th June:

- Science van show



WEEK 7:

Monday 9th June:

- School Newsletter 📄
- Book week

Thursday 12th June:

- Y7&8 Kia O Rahi Tournament

WEEK 8:

Monday 16th June:

- School Newsletter 📄
- 6pm Board Mtg

Friday 20th June:

- Matariki Holiday
- School Closed

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 ➡️

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



Tuesday 3rd June:

- School Newsletter 📄
- Mr Green's music sessions 🎵



Friday 6th June:

- Fun Day Friday:
- 8.45am R5 Technology
- 2pm R7 School Assembly in the hall

Tuesday 10th June:

- Mr Green's music sessions 🎵



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 📄

FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK:

Term 2 Sushi Lunches!

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Friday May 16th



Order now or by 9am on Friday

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AUCKLAND CHAMPS ORIENTEERING



Congratulations to the following students who qualified to represent Franklin at the Auckland Champs for Orienteering on Wednesday in West Auckland

Year 7 Girls Team:

Billie Devlin, Aleah van den Brink, Karla Savage, Brooklyn Black, Lily Caird, Peyton de Jongh

Year 8 Boys Team:

Lewis Bodman, Toby Johnson, George Leenen, Harley Hubbard, Sam van Dam, Jackson Picard, Mason Brears

GARDEN GROUP UPDATE

The garden group team has been busy pulling out the summer crops, weeding, fertilising, and digging in new soil. They have planted spring bulbs, winter vegetable seedlings, and seeds thanks to the donation from Mitre 10 Pukekohe.

Rachael Stanton



NEW WORLD

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY



SO EASY!!!!

I met with Jaime Brear from Pukekohe New World to discuss ways to enhance our fundraising with his store. The simplest way is to register your New World card with Susan, and then 1% of your shopping is donated back to the school.

During our chat, Jaime said his mum and her 5 siblings all attended Mangatawhiri School, so he feels a connection to our school and would like to see us doing well with this fundraising opportunity.

NEW WORLD DELIVERY ~ Jaime is willing to set up a once-a-week FREE New World delivery to school. Would you be interested in this opportunity? If yes, please let Susan know. We would need a minimum of 5 shoppers each week to make this happen.

In the meantime:

PLEASE, if you have a New World Card, register it with us – if you have friends or family who live in Pukekohe and shop at New World, **PLEASE** can we have their card details as well? Please encourage any friends, family, work colleagues, or neighbours to register their Club Cards with us!



Help raise funds for Mangatawhiri School

New World Pukekohe has partnered with Mangatawhiri School and now you can help to raise funds each time you do your grocery shopping.

This is a great way to raise extra money for the school through the support of families/friends/relatives who shop at New World Pukekohe. Every time you shop at New World Pukekohe and present your Clubcard, Mangatawhiri School will receive 1% of the total spend!

The more families signed up for the programme who scan their Clubcard at the checkout every shop, the more funds you can help raise.

How does it work?

1. Register your Clubcard with Mangatawhiri School Shop at New World Pukekohe and scan your Clubcard with every shop
2. New World Pukekohe will then donate 1% of all sales made with participating Clubcards scanned to Mangatawhiri School to support your school pool upgrade

Register your Clubcard - e.g give your Clubcard number to Mrs Ormsby - it is that easy!

Once you've registered your card, Mangatawhiri School will reap the rewards every time you shop at New World Pukekohe!

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT

TERM 1

This report is produced by the Ministry of Education (MoE) and outlines our student attendance records for term 1. The MoE is determined to increase regular attendance rates. The Government has set a target: **by 2030, 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.** The MoE gathers our attendance data daily, and we have found these term reports to provide clarity regarding our attendance. Please do everything possible to have your child at school every day, ready for learning, ready for fun and ready to have the best possible opportunities they can.

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

66%

Compared to 58% in Term 1, 2024

Irregular Absence 26%

Compared to 34% in Term 1, 2024

Moderate Absence 5%

Compared to 8% in Term 1, 2024

Chronic Absence 3%

Compared to 1% in Term 1, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

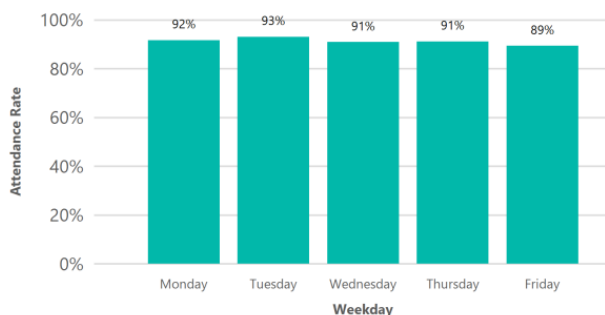
- (M) Illness / Medical Absence 65%
- (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 15%
- (G) Holiday 14%
- (J) Explained and Approved 5%
- (T) Unexplained / Trivial 1%

How many students were on time to class?

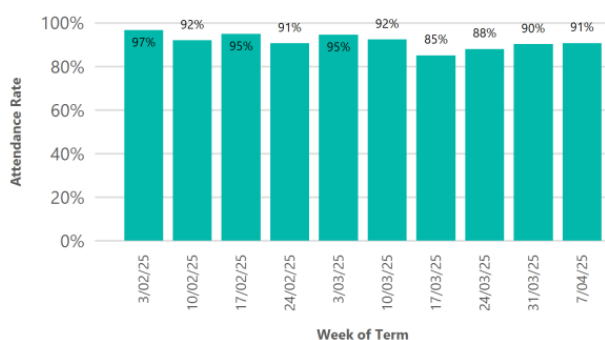
90% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

What is your average attendance rate for each weekday?



What is your average attendance rate for each week?



FAMILY CONNECTION TIME



Block out some time in everyone's calendar to spend uninterrupted family time together. Ideally, this will be at least 15 minutes a day, but it may not be possible with busy schedules, so just schedule in what you can. Use this time to just talk with each other and plan some family activities that you could do during the weekend, like a movie night or a family walk.

Questions to ask during your connection time:

Monday: What emotion are you feeling right now and why? 😊

Tuesday: What made you laugh today? 😄

Wednesday: Share one thing that went well for you today? 😊

Thursday: What is something kind you can do for someone in your family? 😊

Friday: What is everyone looking forward to doing on the weekend? 😊

Saturday/Sunday: Carry out the planned family time activity that everyone planned together 😊

Monday Mingle



Every Monday morning, we start with 'Monday Mingle'. It is a time to just connect and catch up, and get ready for our school week. This week in Room 1, the Challenge Station was to build a paper plane that flew the furthest! Great fun team!

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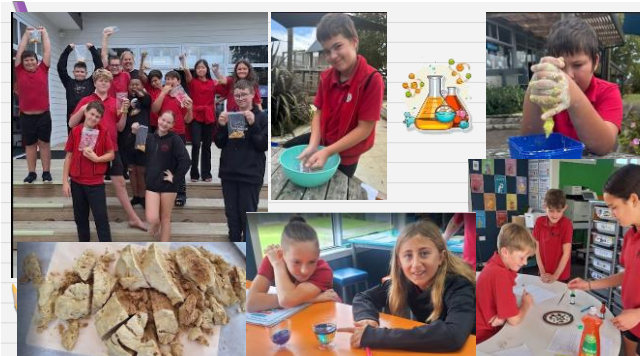
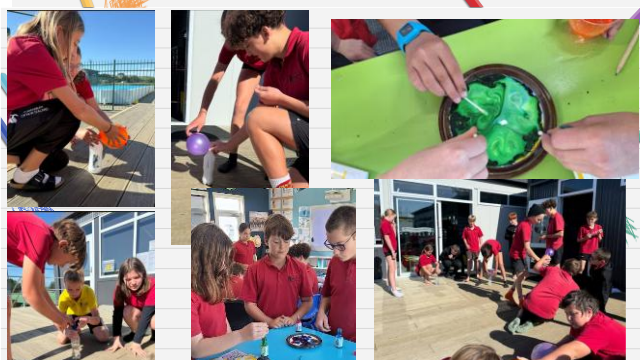
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CLASS SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK: ROOM 9

Week 2 in Room 9

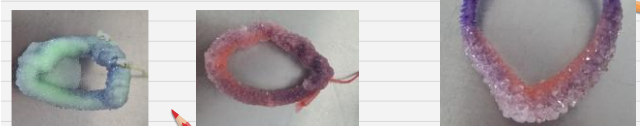
It's been a hands-on, action-packed week in Room 9 as our young scientists dove into a range of exciting experiments! From bubbling chemical reactions while making hokey pokey, to inflating balloons with gases, growing sparkling crystals, and exploring the strange, sticky world of oobleck, curiosity and creativity were on full display. Our classroom was buzzing with discovery, laughter, and plenty of messy fun as we explored the wonders of science up close!

Alongside our scientific adventures, we've also been on a journey of personal discovery—exploring and creating our own pepeha. Through sharing our stories and learning about each other's backgrounds, we're building strong connections in our classroom community. Many of us are beginning to feel confident and proud to share our pepeha with a wider audience, celebrating who we are and where we come from.



Room 9's Collaborative Art

Growing our own crystals



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



Y1 – Game Cancelled

Y2 – Played Waiuku – 19-20

Player of the Day – **Archie Millen**

Y3 Black – Played Patumahoe Yellow 14-19

Y3 Green – Played Patumahoe 8-19

Player of the Day – **Benj Emralino**

Y4 Black played Maramarua Green 7-11

Player of the Day – **Harry Abernethy**

Merit – **Austin O'Connell**

Y4 Green Played Maramarua Black 11-7

Y5 Played Papakura 125-20

Y6 Played Onewhero 50-45

Y7 Played Manurewa White 36-19

Back player of the day: **Spencer Crawford**

Y8 – Game Postponed



MANGATAWHIRI NETBALL CLUB



Mangatawhiri Magic Played Hill Ragdollz 24-16

Player of the day – **Maddison Black**

Mangatawhiri Stars played Puni Pups Won 8-6



PUKEKOHE FOOTBALL



Pukekohe Robins – Played Western Springs Won 6-0

4 of the winning goals scored by **Peyton de Jongh**

TUAKAU COLLEGE 2026 ENROLMENTS OPEN LATE JUNE



Orientation Day
Thursday 31 July from 9am - 3pm
Open Evening
Wednesday 6 August from 4 - 7pm

Enrolments due
15 August - In Zone
22 August - Out of Zone
29 August - Out of Zone Ballot

Any enrolment queries can be directed to Mrs Potts on t.potts@tuakaucollege.com or phone 09 236 8521

TUAKAU COLLEGE

5th June ~ Enrolments open online

21st~ 25th July ~ Contributing School Visits

31st July ~ Orientation Day @ Tuakau College

6th August ~ Open Evening

15th August ~ In-Zone Applications Due

22nd August ~ Out of Zone Applications Close

8th~12th September ~ Entrance Testing @ Contributing Schools

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- Take a tour of the school with a student leader
- Get a taster of our curriculum offerings
- Attend our principal's address
- Enrol your student for 2026
- Speak with our teachers and students

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