

# 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**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

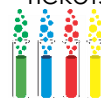
Dear Parents & Community Members,  
 Kia Ora Koutou Katou,



I love our fun-day Fridays! It is always cool to see what comes to school, and on Friday for Winter sports we had ice hockey players, ice skaters, basketball players, rugby, soccer & netball players, gymnasts, and more. Reminder, our school sports T-shirts (if you have your own) and our house T-shirts can also be worn on Fridays, regardless of the theme for the day.

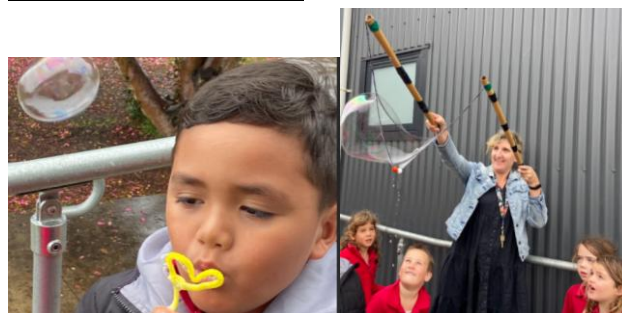


Having found out that our proposed movie night on Friday clashed with 6 Maramarua rugby games featuring many of our students, the House Leaders have gathered enough staff support to host the movie night on Saturday night! So, it's all go for this Saturday night - Tickets on sale on the library deck for \$5.00.

 Our Science open afternoon was a huge hit with our visitors, who braved the heavy rain and wind to join in the great learning happening around the school. Some classes had to rearrange their planned experiments due to the weather, and some classes persevered with their plans, but it all went really well. Mrs Ormsby's hot scones were a huge hit too! We had 43 parent & grandparent visits into classes where they saw Science in action from giant bubbles to marble runs, from wind turbines to volcanoes, from dancing raisins to balloon cars and rocket prototypes. We had the Science in a Van crew join us too on Wednesday - so much Science fun and learning!



**Science in a Van Show**



**Room 1 Bubble Fun**



**R3 & 4 Volcano Explosions**

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**R6 Dancing Rasins**



Last week, I took the opportunity to look at a selection of home learning books from all classes. I was impressed with the work that is happening at home and want to acknowledge your support in testing maths & spelling, and checking on your child's reading every day. It is so important and does help.



On Friday, we say bon voyage to Tracey Weight as she ventures off to Africa with her family for an amazing trip ~ travel safe. Have a super lovely week, everyone.

**Sharron Scouse**  
**PRINCIPAL**



- ☺ **Mrs Ormsby & the lunch team** ~ Friday lunch organisation
- ☺ **Parents & Grandparents, & Preschoolers** ~ Who joined us for some fun science learning



- ☺ **Garden Group** ~ Replanting our school sign garden
- ☺ **Susan Ormsby** ~ Great scone-making skills



**FRIDAY LUNCHES THIS WEEK:**

**Term 2 Sushi Lunches!**

Register and Order at [www.dollarforschools.co.nz](http://www.dollarforschools.co.nz)

**Friday June 13th**



**Order now or by 9am on Friday**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**MANGATAWHIRI SCHOOL 2025**

*Tickets On Sale Now On The Library Deck!*  
*Only \$5pp*



TICKETS COME WITH A MOVIE,  
POPCORN, LOLLIES AND A DRINK

On 14 June, Mangatawhiri School House leaders are hosting a movie night. Doors open at 6 pm, the movies start at 6:30 pm and finish at approximately 8:30 pm

**MOVIES AND DURATION**

**Lego Batman - 1h 44m**

**Boss Baby - 1h 37m**

**Despicable Me 4 - 1h 34m**



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☺ **Ariel Stanton & Angad Singh** ~ Assembly MCs  
 ☺ **Room 5** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your volcano knowledge & experiment!



### **STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 6:**

**Room 1: Skye Dizon**  
 ~ Always trying so hard with your learning  
**Room 3: Sam Spencer**  
 ~ Consistent effort with home learning  
**Room 4: Mananjot Singh**  
 ~ Always showing initiative & showing responsibility  
**Room 5: Sophia Savage**  
 ~ Great attitude towards your learning  
**Room 5: Hawke Bullivant**  
 ~ Great NZ Sign Language recall  
**Room 6: Declan Chifekwe**  
 ~ Positive attitude towards your learning  
**Room 7: Emma- Joy Bell**  
 ~ Fantastic progress with your maths learning  
**Room 8: Lexi Geaney**  
 ~ Amazing resilience when learning new maths  
**Room 9: Jon-Alan de Jonge**  
 ~ Great respect shown in class  
**Mrs Irwin: Shontell de Jonge**  
 ~ Great improvement in basic maths facts  
**Mrs Bush: Ella Banks**  
 ~ Outstanding perseverance in maths  
**Mrs Clark: Gabrielle Mullaly**  
 ~ Enthusiasm, no matter what you are doing



### **SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 6:**

**Class Award: Rooms 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9**  
 ~Great Science learning in all classes  
**Learning Award: Jade de Jonge**  
 ~ Awesome progress with math learning  
**Staff Award: Tracey Weight**  
 ~ Great Matariki school-wide planning  
**Parent Award: Heidi Shears**  
 ~ Awesome donation of plants for the school gardens  
**Parent Award: Kathleen Linton**



~ Awesome support of our R9 Year 8 learners at technology

**Mangatawhiri Way: Sophie Crawford**

~ Thinking about Miss Scouse's workload when she teaches in classes & has principal work to do too

**Mr Green: Spencer Crawford**

~ Great bass playing & supporting other bass players

**Mr Green: Dean Bright**

~ Amazing progress on the ukulele

**Maraarua Technology: Room 9 Year \* Food Tech Students**

~ Awesome report from Mr. Van

**Clean Class: Room 9**



### **BEST BUS PEOPLE:**



**Eva Parata, Alena Black, Archie Black**



### **MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 6**



Jackson Picard & Miller Campbell

25 Vouchers:

**Lyric Forder**

150 Vouchers:

**Miller Campbell**

175 Vouchers:

**Jackson Picard**



### **MANGATAWHIRI WAY**



### **WEEK 6**

1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 410 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 400 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 270 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 200 points



### **MANGATAWHIRI WAY**



### **TERM 2**

1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~3,2700 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 2,660 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~2,400 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Tanekaha** ~2,270 points



### **HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 6:**



#### **KAURI:**

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

**Phoenix Anderson** ~ Being really respectful

**Max Fitzgerald** ~ Giving everything your best



#### **MANUKA:**

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

**Ollie Johnson** ~ Showing leadership & collecting flying sports gear in the rain

**Jade de Jonge** ~ Quickly getting your jobs done without question



#### **RIMU:**

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

**Luca Parata** ~ Always turning up for your duty & being a kind big brother

**Maddie Falkner** ~ Asking for more duties

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Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

**Ollie Langheim** ~ Persisting during sports time

**Harlan Peter** ~ Always saying hi & being kind & positive



## HOUSE POINTS:



### WEEK 6

1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 290 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 270 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 260 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 240 points



## HOUSE POINTS:



### TERM 2

1<sup>st</sup> **Kauri** ~ 1,590 points 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rimu** ~ 1,490 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Manuka** ~ 1,420 points 4<sup>th</sup> **Tanekaha** ~ 1,390 points



# School Calendar!

## June

### WEEK 7:

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June:

- School Newsletter
- Book week

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June:

- Y7&8 Kia O Rahi Tournament @ Ngatea

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June:

- 6pm~8.30pm
- Movie Night @ School
- Tickets must be pre-purchased

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:

- Mr Green's music sessions

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June:

- Matariki Holiday
- School Closed

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:

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

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June:

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

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:

- Mr Green's music sessions

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June:

- Fun Day Friday: Book
- Character Dress Up
- 8.45am R9 Technology
- 1.15pm Perform Show
- No Assembly

### WEEK 8:

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June:

- School Newsletter
- 6pm Board Mtg

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June:

- Matariki School Celebration
- All welcome
- 12pm Shared lunch – one plate per family please

### WEEK 9:

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

- School Newsletter
- Mid-Year Reports Live

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:

- Franklin Y5&6 Speeches'

### TERM 3:

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July:

- 8.30am Welcome assembly
- School Newsletter

## CALF CLUB 2025 ~ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Those families wishing to raise chickens for this year's Calf Club need to place orders and pay for their chickens to Mrs Ormsby by **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**.



- We would recommend buying at least 2 chickens (in case of illness & death) – maximum order 5
- Pullets cost \$5.00 each

**Orders MUST be in & paid for by Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Delivery Day is Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July**

### GROUP DAY 2025

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ Harrisville Sch**



All whānau are invited to come and join us to celebrate Matariki at Mangatawhiri School.

**DATE:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

**TIME:** Any time from 8.45am-2.15pm

**THE PLAN:** All students will be in mixed age groups, rotating through a range of activities around the school. Whānau can join in with any group. The aim is to celebrate the Māori culture and acknowledge the Māori New Year and have lots of fun!

**SHARED LUNCH:** @ 12.00

Each family is asked to provide a plate to share for lunch.

**Ko tēnei te wa whakanuia Matariki!**

**It's time to celebrate Matariki!**

**Tracey Weight**



To the piano/keyboard students of 'Modern School of Music's two-day event.'

These pupils entered: **Ella, Darcy Green, Annabel Dean, Frankie Briggs, Emily McHardy.**

**Emily, Frankie & Annabel all received**

**'Very highly commended' for their songs.**

Great job, everyone who entered, & your efforts to learn your songs & maybe next year, we will get every pupil having a go.

**Jane Jeffs**

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## **SCHOOL CHROME BOOKS FOR SALE**

Our school Chromebooks have come to the end of their lease, and we are putting out an expression of interest to see if any parents would like to buy any.

Model: Acer touchscreen with updates until 2029.

Cost: \$125

Condition: As is. Mainly in good condition. Some scratches here and there as they have been well used.

Disclaimer: The school takes no responsibility for any issues with these items once they are sold.

Please email Tracey Schumacher ~ **BY 19 JUNE** [traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz) if you would like to buy any.

Payment: Made via Internet banking.

There are no limits on how many you can buy - first in, first served!

ASB Bank Account: Mangatawhiri School Board of Trustees

Account Number: 1230 78 0092594 00

Enter: Family Name & Chrome Book

Tracey Schumacher

## **REPORTING TO PARENTS IN TERM 2 HERO Mid-Year Check-in & Conferences Week 1 Term 3**



*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June @ 4pm ~ HERO Mid-Year Check-in Reports go live for parents to view*

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July @ 1pm-5pm ~ 3-Way Conferences in Classrooms  
(School will finish at 2.30pm as normal)*

*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 3pm-6pm ~ 3-Way Conferences in Classrooms*

**Bookings made on the HERO App NOW**

*Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher so that we can be the best team working together to benefit your child*



## **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June MID-YEAR MUSIC CONCERT**



**6pm @ Mangatawhiri Hall**

All students are expected to attend as their classrooms have been practicing their music items during term 2 with Mr Green to perform for you.

(They do not need to wear school uniform)  
Come along and enjoy the very talented music programme that is happening across our school.



Gold coin donations collected at the door for fundraising to purchase new drum accessories – cymbals, drumsticks & music cables



**CLASS SPOTLIGHT  
THIS WEEK: ROOM 6**

## **ROOM 6 NEWS**

It's been a busy and exciting few weeks in Room 6! As part of our inquiry learning, we've been working in collaborative groups to explore the lives and discoveries of famous scientists. In maths, we've been solving word problems using multiplication and division (challenging at times, but the progress being made is impressive). There's been some awesome teamwork and problem-solving happening! In literacy, we've been diving into persuasive writing and poetry, and practising spelling patterns. We're growing as writers every day! For ANZAC Day, we created a beautiful collaborative art piece and learned about the meaning and significance of ANZAC. Everyone showed great respect and thoughtfulness during these lessons.

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**Respect****Responsibility****Resilience**

We continue to show our school values of **Respect**, **Responsibility**, and **Resilience** in everything we do. Orienteering was a big hit, and our soccer teams represented our school with great spirit and sportsmanship—well done, everyone!

We've been learning lots of new **kupu Māori** (Māori words) and using them more and more each day in class—**ka pai**, **Room 6!**

## Maori Classroom Objects

a window matapihi (wini)	eraser muku	thing mea
whiteboard papamā (papa tuhituhi)	stapler makatiti	blackboard papatuhituhi
Crayon penehinu	scissors kutikuti	paint peita
poster pānui	school kura	bag pēke
pencil pene rākau	teacher kaiako	paper Pepa
floor papa	classroom akomanga	ruler rūri

## In English and Te Reo



In art, we've started painting hot air balloons and are practising shading techniques to create a 3D effect—they're developing well. By the way, on Monday, 16th of June, we may have a special guest visiting our school - **keep your eyes peeled!**



We also really enjoyed our visit from the Life Education truck. Harold taught us all about the risks of vaping, and I can say that all of the children are 100% sure they will never ever vape!

What a fantastic term it's been so far—full of learning, fun, and growing together as a team!

## CLASS SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK: ROOM 5

Sizzle, bubble, pop! It's all been happening in Room 5. We started Wednesday with the most exciting and engaging science display, watching Science in a Van. We rushed back to our classroom to become volcanologists - scientists who study volcanoes. We know that there are 3 main types of

volcanoes. Composite (strato) volcanoes have steep sides and have the most violent eruptions. Cinder Cone volcanoes are circular or oval volcanoes, and they are not usually dangerous. Shield volcanoes have wide, gently sloping sides and are usually not violent. We had so much fun making each of these volcanoes and creating eruptions. We also know about active, dormant and extinct volcanoes.



## A highlight of Term 2 was our EOTC day

We had an action-packed day at Miranda Holiday Park. It included racing around the BMX bike track, braving the flying fox, challenging each other to mini golf, frisbee golf, and giant chess, not to mention the playground and a super soak in the hot springs. We finished the day with a scavenger hunt that ended at the office, where we chose an ice cream. As a thank you for having us we have made clay fairy doors for them to put in their enchanted forest



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Year 1 Played Waiuku Score: Drew 11-11  
Year 2 Played Patumahoe Score: Drew 19-19  
Year 3 Green Played Ardmore Marist Score 6-14  
 Player of the day: **Ryan McHardy**  
 Merit: **Darcy Falkner**  
Year 3 Black Played Patumahoe Yellow Score 15-24  
Year 4 Green Played Papakura Score: 90-20  
Year 4 Played Patumahoe Blue Score: 13-16  
 Player of the day: **Austin O'Connell**  
Year 5 Played Pukekohe Score: 55-45  
 Player of the day: **Nate Caird**  
Year 6 Played Patumahoe Score: 10-70  
Year 7 Played Patumahoe Score: 26-24  
 Player of the day: **Jesse Stanton & Gordon Clotworthy**  
Year 8 Played Karaka Score: 71-17



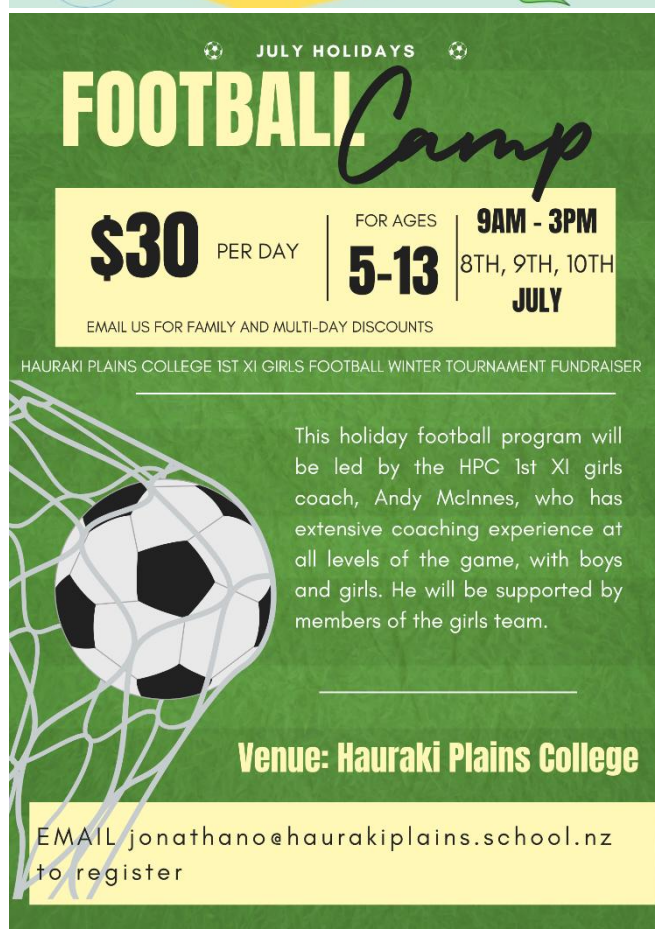
Mangatawhiri Stars Played Pukekohe Hill Caracelz  
 Won 8-7  
 Player of the day: **Sophie Crawford**  
Mangatawhiri Magic played Fusion Netball white  
 Won 27-9  
 Player of the day: **Meila Wilson**



Pukekohe Shotguns played Waiau Pa Won 8-0



Pukekohe Robins – Played Western Springs Lightning Won 8-2



**AFTER-SCHOOL CARE**  
**Reminder: NO Afterschool care today - Monday 9 June**

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