

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

18th August 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



Isn't this a nice picture! Spring is on its way!

The beautiful sunny, but cold days, of last week are gone, and our wet weather has returned! Ouch. Despite this, we have a fully packed week with lots happening.

I fell under the flu bug spell last week and ended up in bed for 4 days - not a pleasant experience, but certainly the right place to be.

This Thursday, teachers have a paid union meeting to attend, and we would appreciate, if, possible, you could pick up your children at 1.30 pm. If your child needs to stay at school until 2.30 pm, can you please send Susan a text or email to let us know. The school bus will operate as normal at 2.30 pm. Thank you so much to those families who can assist us with an early pick up.



On Friday, we had **Constable Courtney** visit our school assembly. She is our new Police Education Officer and will be working alongside us in as many ways as she can. It was lovely to meet her and introduce her to our school. She will become a familiar face around our school and community. Welcome to our team, Constable Courtney!



We had some lovely news over the weekend - **Miss Jessica Dearlove**, as we knew her, but now Mrs Jessica Lovett gave birth to Grayson Peter Lovett on Saturday. Mum and Baby are doing well. We wish Jess all the best with her new family addition. I am sure we will get to meet Grayson when she is next up our way.



Today, via class emails, you will receive a copy of the Class Calf Club Newsletter. This will outline all the activities happening in your child's class and what is needed. For all our first-time families at Calf Club, please come in and speak to your child's teacher. It can feel a bit daunting to experience your first Calf Club, and teachers will be very happy to walk you through what we do as a class and as a school.

Thank you for all the pantry items coming in for our grocery hampers - more would be appreciated. Stay well and warm, and have a great week.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL





- ☺ **Linda Whyte & Nancy @ Maramarua Squash** ~ Allowing Rooms 8&9 an opportunity to have a go
- ☺ **Whanau** ~ Supporting us at Franklin Cross Country with transport & encouragement
- ☺ **Whanau** ~ Attending our Friday Assembly
- ☺ **Rochelle, Emmanuel, Daniel, Hunter & Serena** ~ R3 Butterfly Creek, parent transport & support
- ☺ **Franklin Basketball Coach ~ Payton**
- ☺ **Susan Ormsby** ~ Sushi Lunch Pick up

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School Calendar!

	Week 6: Monday 18th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter 2.40 pm All school staff leaving for Hauraki Kahui Ako Mtg in Ngatea
Tuesday 19th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R6,7,8,9 	Wednesday 20th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO PARKING IN THE HALL CARPARK - Council working R1 Kelly Tarlton's Trip 9 am Mihi Whakatau welcome to Tuakau Kahui Ako Visitors Franklin Basketball Sessions
Thursday 21st August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.30 pm Early school pick up due to NZEI Meeting, if possible - thank you The School Bus will run at its normal time 	Friday 22nd August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday - Crazy hair! R8 Technology R4 - Auckland Observatory Trip R7 - Camp Adair Nature Day Trip 2pm - R6 School Assembly @ Hall
Week 7: Monday 25th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter Wednesday 27th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Basketball Sessions 	Tuesday 26th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R1,3,4,5 6.30 pm Calf Club Mtg - All welcome Friday 29th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday R9 Technology 2pm - School R7 Assembly @ Hall
 Tuesday 2nd September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R6,7,8,9 Thursday 4th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Group Ripa Rugby @ Maramara Sch 	Week 8: Monday 1st September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter 6pm Board Meeting Wednesday 3rd September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Basketball Sessions 6pm Music Concert @ Ngatea Friday 5th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday R8 Technology NZ Ballet Trip 2pm - School Assembly @ Hall
Week 9: Monday 8th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7&8 Sports Camp @ Hunua for the week School Newsletter 	Tuesday 9th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R1,3,4,5
Wednesday 10th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Election Day 	Friday 12th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday 2pm - School Assembly @ Hall 2.30pm Sports Camp Home
Week 10: Monday 15th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter 	Tuesday 16th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R6,7,8,9
Friday 19th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday 1.30pm - School Assembly @ Hall Term 3 Ends 	Monday 6th October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 Starts



**PLEASE NO PARKING IN THE HALL
CAR PARK ON WEDNESDAY**

**The council is working on repairs
Thank you**

HELP

Thursday 21st August THIS WEEK

Early School Pick Up @ 1.30 pm

All teachers are attending a Paid Union Meeting in Pukekohe. If you are unable to do an early pick-up, children will be supervised at school, but we will have very limited staff numbers.

P.S. The School bus will run at the normal time.

BALLET TRIP ~ Friday 5th September



We have booked 20 free tickets for the NZ Ballet @ The Due Drop Centre in Manukau on Friday, 5th September at 11 am. We will require the help of 2 parents to transport. Please contact Mrs Ormsby if your child (and you) would like to attend.



FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCH:



SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$3.00



Order & Pay on Wednesday morning in R9

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations

☺ **Martina Rosas & Ryley Shearer** ~ Assembly MCs

☺ **Room 8** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your Mathex results, Sports camp training, & Egyptian masks



STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 5:



Room 1: Yousif BinSadiq

~ Always trying so hard with your learning

Room 3: Archie Millen

~ Wealth of knowledge about dinosaurs & constantly sharing this at Butterfly Creek

Room 4: Aaliyah Jack

~ Enthusiasm & determination with your learning

Room 5: Finn Murray

~ Fantastic focus on all learning

Room 6: Marshall Pope

~ Always ready to help out in class

Room 7: Lily O'Connell

~ Working well collaboratively with your peers

Room 8: Bronte Peter

~ Being reliable, hardworking & kind. An overall superstar

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Room 9: Meila Wilson

~ Awesome effort, attitude & pushing yourself in maths

Mrs Irwin: Lexi Geaney

~ Your constant positive attitude

Mrs Clark: Luke Bilo

~ Your enthusiasm for the task, no matter what it is

Mrs Bush: Eva Parata

~ Amazing recount of your book about snails

Mr Green: Rahiri Nahi

~ Fantastic progress on bass guitar



SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 5:



Class Award: Room 7

~ Amazing letter writing

Learning Award: Room 3

~ Learning so many interesting facts about dinosaurs on your Butterfly Creek trip

Sport Award: Lynda Whyte

~ Introducing the seniors to squash

Staff Award: Laura Biggelaar

~ All your amazing organisation this week

Parent Award: Blair Vennell & Mitre 10 Pukekohe

~ Supplying plants for our garden refresh

Mangatawhiri Way: Franklin Cross Country Runners

~ Being recognised for your effort & beautiful manners

Clean Class: Room 4

Piano Award: Penny Green

~ Lovely playing of your notes

Piano Award: Annabel Dean

~ Beautiful soft tempo song



Hauraki Kahui Ako Mathex

Y5&6 ~ 1st & 2nd Place Winners

Y7&8 ~ 1st & 2nd Place Winners



MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 5



100 Vouchers: Aliyah Picard



Aliyah Picard ~ '100 Club'



BEST BUS PEOPLE:



Jordy Nixon & Benj Emralino



MANGATAWHIRI WAY



WEEK 5

1st **Kauri** ~ 480 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 460 points

3rd **Manuka** ~ 370 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 220 points

TERM 3

1st **Kauri** ~2,250 points 2nd **Manuka** ~2,190 points

3rd **Tanekaha** ~2,000 points 4th **Rimu** ~1,590 points



HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 5:



KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

Karla Savage ~ Trying your best at Franklin Cross Country

Mrs Biggelaar ~ Running a great day of Sports Camp training



MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

Ariah Talman ~ Being a considerate friend

Phoebe Johnson ~ Being a kind member of Manuka



RIMU:

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

Penny Abernethy ~ Doing well with everything outside of class

Aliyah Picard ~ Doing your duty really well & asking for more



TANEKAHA:

Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

Ava Bright ~ Always saying hi to us around school

Harry Vujcich ~ Awesome attitude & giving everything a go



HOUSE POINTS:



WEEK 5

1st **Rimu** ~ 420 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 410 points

3rd **Kauri** ~ 310 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 250 points

TERM 3

1st **Kauri** ~ 1,700 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 1,540 points

3rd **Tanekaha** ~1,410 points 4th **Manuka** ~1,320 points

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CROSS COUNTRY

FRANKLIN CROSS COUNTRY

RESULTS

Year 8 Boys:

1st Lewis Bodman 3rd George Leenen
4th Jax Walter 5th Harley Hubbard
6th Jackson Picard 8th Toby Johnson

9th Theo Cockrell

Year 8 Girls:

6th Maddison Black

Year 7 Boys:

1st Jesse Stanton 7th Jack Dodds

Year 7 Girls:

1st Karla Savage 2nd Lily Caird
4th Billie Devlin 5th Aleah van den Brink
7th Emily McHardy

Year 6 Boys:

1st Nate Caird 2nd Will Cockrell
5th Bryson Heta

Year 6 Girls:

3rd Tyla Brears 5th Willow Vennell
9th Felicity Donaldson

Year 5 Boys

8th Brax van den Brink

Year 5 Girls

1st Aariah Talman 7th Maia McHardy

Year 4 & Below Boys

4th Harry Vujcich

Laura Biggelaar received the following text from a parent of Pukekohe Hill School

'I marshalled today at the Zone Cross Country. I was cheering on the kids as they passed my point and I noticed that the vast majority of Mangatawhiri Kids (especially the year 8 boys) all said thank you, as they ran past! It really stood out to me, as of course all the kids were focused and well out of breath by that point, but I was so impressed by their manner, they really stood out.'



Good Luck for the Auckland Champs

Lewis Bodman, Karla Savage,
Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton



HELP!




STAGE STEPS


We need someone to build us two sets of stage steps (about 3-4 steps high) for our lower stage area. We will supply all materials. If you can help, please let Susan Ormsby know.




CALF CLUB INFO

ANIMAL DATES:

Calf:  24th June ~ 31st July & 1st ~ 31st August = late

Goats:  1st July onwards

Lambs:  1st July ~ 18 August & 19th August onwards = late

CALF CLUB LAMBS AVAILABLE daily over the next 6 weeks from Koheroa lambs. 2 days old and \$FREE\$. If you need a home for your lamb after the Calf Club, you can return it to the farm once it is at least 6 weeks old and weaned. Contact Meg 0274699715 to arrange a pickup.

CALF CLUB ANIMAL ENTRY FORMS FOR:
Calves, Lambs, Goats, Chickens & Non-Animal Projects are NOW available from Mrs Ormsby

GROCERY RAFFLE

1 x BOTTLE Item from every Family, please

We kindly ask that every family donate one bottle item from the pantry to help make up our grocery raffle prize packs. If every family donates one bottle, we will have 130 bottles!

Please drop these into Mrs Ormsby



HELP!



SEAT COVER SEWING

We are after someone who has sewing skills to cut out and then overlock some seat covers. We will supply all the materials. If you can help, please let Susan Ormsby know. Thank you

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2025 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS



Voting for 5 Parent Board Members



Rochelle Bezuidenhout

Mum of Ollie in Room 3

Since our son started at Mangatawhiri School, I have seen the value of a strong, supportive school community - and I would welcome the opportunity to give back by serving on the board. I have a professional background in both teaching and finance, which gives me a well-rounded understanding of education as well as the practical aspects of school governance. I'm passionate about supporting children to thrive- not only in their learning, but also in their well-being and personal growth. If elected, I would aim to represent the voices of the students, teachers, and families, and help ensure decisions are thoughtful, balanced, and in the best interests of the school community. I would be proud to contribute my skills and perspectives to support Mangatawhiri School.



Ellie Cockrell

Mum of Theo Room 8, Will Room 5
Current Member seeking re-election

I'm Ellie Cockrell, wife to Brad and Mum to 4 kids who have been, or still are, students of Mangatawhiri School. Sadie is now in year 12 at St Peters. George is in year 10 at Hamilton Boys High School. Theo is year 8 and will join George at Hamilton Boys High School next year. Will is year 6. I have enjoyed the last 3 years of being a parent representative on the Board and learning what it takes to keep our school running at the high standard it does. I would like to continue this work while representing the values and priorities of our community. My skills include a respectful nature, efficiency in getting tasks done and being approachable. I want to keep working to ensure our school is well managed, well equipped to meet the needs of all students, and aligned with the expectations of our community. I want to keep Mangatawhiri School being the desirable school it is, moving forward.



Dave Dean

Dad of Annabell Room 7 & Sophie R4

Current Member seeking re-election

Hi, I'm Dave Dean, I'm a local farmer and Former student of Mangatawhiri School. My daughter Annabel is in room 7, and Sophie is in room 4. and I have a son Lachie that will start at Mangatawhiri school in 2027. I'm standing to give back to the community that I grew up in and to help ensure the students in our community continue to receive a quality education and provide continuity of the board for the school.



Kate Donaldson

Mum of Felicity Room 6, Phoenix Room 4

Kia Ora, my name is Kate Donaldson and I am the mother of Felicity Donaldson who is in room 6 and Phoenix Donaldson who is in room 4. My business as an area manager within the education sector gives me a sound knowledge of current education trends and market as well as insights to what other schools are doing across the Auckland region. My role also provides connections within the education sector that Mangatawhiri School has put to use. Mangatawhiri School provides a diverse curriculum which I wholeheartedly support and get behind whenever possible. I have spent 4 years on the calf club committee working with the team to ensure our biggest fundraiser of the year goes smoothly. Vote for me so I can help support the continued growth and development of our school.



Dax Peter

Dad of Bronte Room 8, Harlan Room 7 & Lennon Room 5

Kia Ora, my name is Dax Peter. Husband to Sarah and dad to Bronte, Harlan, and Lennon, all of whom attend Mangatawhiri School. We have been a part of the school community since 2018

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and have enjoyed seeing our kids thrive, be challenged, and rewarded across all aspects of school. It is a great testament to the staff and leadership team. As a parent the direction the direction of the school is important. I would like to bring a new perspective, energy, and focus on where the school is heading, ensuring there is a supportive and forward-thinking environment for the students, teachers, and families. I have a background in sales, business development, and networking. My passion is people and connection. I would be honoured to contribute to the school's future and would welcome your support. Thank you for your consideration. Dax Peter



Shiva Sami

Dad of Sahil R3

My name is Shiva, and I am standing as a parent candidate for the board. I have had various leadership roles in my professional and volunteering life. As a parent, I believe we should teach our children to strive for excellence in whatever they dedicate in their lives, and as such would be privileged to be part of a team to develop any strategic plans for the school, and overall, its growth. I believe one of the most important duties of trustees is to connect or reconnect with our kids, parents, and wonderful teachers, and ensure a balanced and wholesome education is afforded. Additional resources and support should be explored or redirected to children who lack interests and motivation in their school learning. I would gladly work with the board, parents, teachers and children to better implement our wonderful school curriculum in order to create a better future for our little ones!



Melissa van den Brink

Mum of Aleah Room 9, Talan Room 6, Brax Room 7
Current Member seeking re-election

Hi, my name is Melissa van den Brink, and I am standing for re-election on the Mangatawhiri school Board. I am married to Lane and I have three children Aleah (rm 9) Brax (room 7) and Talan (room 6).

I have a background in the construction industry after owning and working in a building company alongside my husband for the past 13 years.

I have enjoyed my role as the property manager during my current term on the board and would love to see the next projects through to completion. It has been so interesting seeing how the school runs and being involved in a team that is proud to be called Mangatawhiri school, such an asset to our community.

I would love to be re-elected for another term. There is unfinished business to complete."

CALF CLUB SPONSORSHIP 2025



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MARAMARUA RUGBY CLUB



Year 1 played Pukekohe Year 1 Green Win 15-11

Year 2 Played Waiuku Won 20-16

Player of the day: **Samuel Spencer**

Year 3 Green Played Karaka 15-25

Merit: **Darcy Falkner**

Year 3 Black played Te Kauwhata Won 18-11

Merit: **Bryn Black**

Year 4 Green played Manurewa Green 25-130

Year 4 Black Played Ardmore Marist 11-19

Player of the day: **Harrison Vennell**

Year 5 Played Patumahoe Yellow 55-70

Player of the day: **Miller Campbell**

Year 6 Played Bombay Won 60-45

Player of the day: **Tyla Brears**

Merit: **Declan Chitekwe**

Year 7 played Bombay Won 31-24

Year 8 Played Manurewa Gold Won 44-19

**Good Luck to both the Year 7 and Year 8 Teams
in their Semi Finals**

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Mangatawhiri Stars played Mauku Magic Won 9-6

Good Luck in your Final!

Mangatawhiri Magic played Bombay Hornets 13-16

Player of the day: **The Entire Team**

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After School Care Mangatawhiri Hall



Operated by **Hannah Burney** 022 652 9004

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More Than A School
Hauraki Plains College



Year 8 Parent Info Evening

We warmly invite all current Year 8 parents and whānau to join us for an information evening at Hauraki Plains College as we look ahead to 2026. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our school, meet key staff, hear about our values, programmes, and support we offer.

Thurs 4th Sept 7-8pm
Wed 8th Oct 6-7pm
in the School Hall.



Uniforms for sale - Outdated new stock that still meets uniform policy will be available for sale at a discounted price on both evenings.
Uniforms will be available to purchase at the following times:
Thurs 4th Sept 6pm - 8:30pm and Wed 8th Oct 5pm - 8pm.

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