

Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2025



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"In life we learn, in school we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON

25th August 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

It was a super busy and exciting week last week (mind you, we could say that just about every week at our school!) Room 1 had a great visit to Kelly Tarlton's, Room 4 visited the Auckland Observatory and Room 7 visited the Nature Classroom at Camp Adair, Room 8 had technology at Maramarua School, we had Payton from Franklin Basketball come in for coaching sessions with our middle & senior teams, the junior team had gymnastics sessions in the hall, we had our lunchtime clubs programmes - Kapa Haka, Choir, Chess, Art happening, we had music with Mr Green and lots of senior band practice in preparation for their Bandquest competition coming up this week, R8&9 had sports camp practice, Room 6 had a guest visitor, Helen Vennell, come to talk about food science, and we also had awesome lessons in maths, reading, and writing happening daily across the school. And on Wednesday, our school participated in a Mihi Whakatau that saw our school stand proudly in welcoming special visitors to our school. What a team!



It is all of these things that make love, laughter, and learning key to who we are and what we value at Mangatawhiri School.

School Calendar!

Week 7: Monday 25th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter 📄 	
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 	Wednesday 27th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Basketball Sessions
Thursday 28th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bandquest Competition Hamilton 	Friday 29th August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday ~ Favourite Sweatshirt R9 Technology 1.55pm ~ School R7 Assembly @ Hall
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
Tuesday 2nd September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R6,7,8,9 🎵 House Leaders Fear Factor Day 	Friday 5th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday R8 Technology NZ Ballet Trip 2pm ~ School Assembly @ Hall
Thursday 4th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Group Ripa Rugby @ Maramarua Sch 🏉 	Tuesday 9th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R1,3,4,5 🎵
Week 9: Monday 8th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7&8 Sports Camp @ Hunua for the week 🏈🏐🏊🏆 School Newsletter 📄 	Friday 12th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday 2pm ~ School Assembly @ Hall 2.30pm Sports Camp Home
Wednesday 10th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Election Day 🗳️ 	Tuesday 16th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R6,7,8,9 🎵
Week 10: Monday 15th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Newsletter 📄 	Monday 6th October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 Starts ✓✓✓✓
Friday 19th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday 1.30pm ~ School Assembly @ Hall Term 3 Ends 	

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.

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FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCH:



Hot Mince & Cheese Pie \$4.00


Order & Pay on Wednesday morning in R9

AUCKLAND CROSS COUNTRY



18th Jesse Stanton, 38th Lewis Bodman,
39th Karla Savage, 51st Lily Caird

An amazing effort competing against the best Year 7&8 students from across Auckland



Back our future is about educators coming together because we want the best for tamariki and each other. Kimi haeata means seek the dawn, and we're seeking a new dawn in education. We say: Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom. Value us fairly and ensure our work is secure. Uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education. Defend quality early childhood education.

Thank you from our Teaching Staff

A huge thank you to parents and caregivers who were able to make arrangements to have their children collected from school a little earlier last Thursday.

New Zealand primary teachers held paid union meetings to discuss a new collective agreement and a recent pay offer from the Ministry of Education.

This was a valuable opportunity to come together in unity, to discuss the issues and decide on next steps.

We all want the very best for children, and we want to make changes that benefit all children now and in the future.

Thank you to Sharron, Tania, and Susan for holding the fort back at school.

We truly appreciate everyone's support.

Why the Meeting?

The primary teachers' union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, had rejected a pay offer of a 1% increase per year over the next three years.

The union and its members considered this offer to be "insulting" and a de facto pay cut, as it falls well below the current rate of inflation.

In addition to pay, teachers are also concerned about other issues, including:

- The government's decision to scrap their pay equity claim. This was an important issue for a profession where a large majority of the workforce are women.
- A lack of progress on addressing the protection of Te Tiriti o Waitangi within their collective agreement.
- Insufficient support for students with additional learning needs. Teachers feel that promises to address this issue have been vague or pushed into the future.
- General feelings of being undervalued and disrespected for the work they do.

Lorelle Dodds & Teachers

NZEI Staff Representative



☺ **Ella & Demi Briggs** ~ Assembly MCs

☺ **Room 6** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your face silhouette all about you!



★ ★ ★ STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 6: ★ ★ ★



Room 1: Beauden Briggs

~ Being a bucket filler

Room 3: Ollie Langheim

~ Always giving 100% effort in your learning

Room 4: Aidan de Jongh

~ Being an all-around awesome learner

Room 5: McKenna Ainsley

~ Making good choices & being a good role model

Room 5: Lennon Peter

~ Always trying your best & being a focused & dedicated learner

Room 6: Talan van den Brink

~ Working hard & doing a lot of maths

Room 7: Nate Caird

~ Being a self-motivated learner

Room 8: Martina Rosas

~ Showing patience & resilience with your learning

Room 9: Brooklyn Black

~ Your attention to detail & focus in art

Mrs Clark: Finn Murray

~ Being so patient & willing to help your classmates

Mr Green: Ella

~ Huge progress on bass guitar



★ ★ ★ SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 6: ★ ★ ★



Class Award: Room 1

~ Showing The Mangatawhiri Way on our trip to Kelly Tarltons

Learning Award: David Nelson

~ Amazing progress with your reading

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Sport Award: Lily Caird, Karla Savage, Jesse Stanton, Lewis Bodman

~ Awesome running at Auckland Cross Country Champs

Staff Award: Allan Bruce

~ Creative outdoor design work

Staff Award: Tracey Weight

~ Fabulous leadership of our cultural welcome

Staff Award: Richard Reid

~ Proud speaker of welcome at our Mihi Wakatau

Parent Award: R1 Kelly Tarlton Parents

~ Thank you for all your amazing support

Mangatawhiri Way: Room 7

~ Being kaitiaki for our community

Clean Class: Room 1

Piano Award: Hawke Bullivant

~ Great sight reading

MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 5



25 Vouchers: Angad Singh

50 Vouchers: Alena Black

100 Vouchers: Ariel Stanton

125 Vouchers: Indie Vujcich, Jackson Bullivant

150 Vouchers: Kobi Geaney



Ariel Stanton ~ '100 Club'



BEST BUS PEOPLE:



Lexi Geaney, Kobi Geaney, Jordy Nixon

MANGATAWHIRI WAY

WEEK 6

1st **Kauri** ~ 160 points 2nd **Manuka** ~ 140 points

3rd **Rimu** ~ 120 points 4th **Tanekaha** ~ 80 points

TERM 3

1st **Kauri** ~ 2,410 points 2nd **Manuka** ~ 2,330 points

3rd **Tanekaha** ~ 2,080 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 1,710 points

HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 6:



KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

Max Fitzgerald ~ Trying your best in Rippa Rugby

Sophie Dean ~ Always having an amazing attitude towards everything

MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

Benj Emralino ~ Helping your fellow Manuka students with their duties

Marshall Pope ~ Doing your duties in record time!

RIMU:

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

Maddy Falkner ~ Always being good & helping everyone

Remy Cullen ~ Always being a really nice person

TANEKAHA:

Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

Brax van den Brink ~ Always being a good sport

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 6

1st **Kauri** ~ 360 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 270 points

3rd **Rimu** ~ 260 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 160 points

TERM 3

1st **Kauri** ~ 2,060 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 1,800 points

3rd **Tanekaha** ~ 1,680 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 1,480 points



CALF CLUB

MEETING ~ TUESDAY 26th August

TOMORROW NIGHT ~ 6.30 pm at School

Come along and join in the fun!

Planning is well underway, but many hands make light work!

CALF CLUB ANIMAL ENTRY FORMS FOR:

Calves, Lambs, Goats, Chickens & Non-Animal Projects are NOW DUE back to Mrs Ormsby

GROCERY RAFFLE



1 TREAT ITEM



From every Family, please

We kindly ask that every family donate one pantry treat item to help make up our grocery raffle prize packs even better! If every family donates one treat, we will have 130 treats in our baskets!

Please drop these off to Mrs Ormsby

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Mr Green has been working with our Senior School Band in preparation for their competition at Bandquest in Hamilton on Thursday night. Good luck ~ Peyton de Jongh, Bronte Peter, Aleah van den Brink, Sam van Dam, Toby Johnson, Lewis Bodman

No Sooner has that happened, and Mr Green has organised a combined school's concert next Wednesday night at the Ngatea Memorial Hall - Everyone welcome



COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC CONCERT

FEATURING PERFORMANCES FROM

- Kerepehi School
- Kaihere School
- Mangatawhiri School
- Netherton School

NGATEA MEMORIAL HALL
WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
6.00PM
GOLD COIN ENTRY



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

MANGATAWHIRI SCHOOL CELEBRATES MATHEX SUCCESS



We are celebrating a truly outstanding performance at the new Hauraki Kāhui Ako Mathex Competition. Our students showcased their mathematical prowess, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, bringing home a win in both the Year 7-8 and Year 5-6 competitions.

The event, a first-of-its-kind for our district, brought together students from across the region for a day of fast-paced, friendly competition.

In the highly competitive Year 7-8 challenge, our students delivered a dominant performance. The Mangatawhiri 1 team achieved a perfect score of 100 points to claim first place. Not to be outdone, our Mangatawhiri 2 team also excelled, finishing in a tie for second place.

Our younger students were just as impressive. In the Year 5-6 competition, the Mangatawhiri 2 team clinched first place with a fantastic score of 75 points, while the Mangatawhiri 1 team secured a strong second-place finish with 65 points.

These remarkable results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and supportive families. Their success highlights our school's commitment to creating a balanced, nurturing, and challenging academic environment. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their efforts and for representing Mangatawhiri School with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Hauraki Kāhui Ako for their wonderful organisation of this event and to all the other participating schools for contributing to such an exciting and positive day. We are already looking forward to the challenge and camaraderie of the Mathex competition again next year!

Richard Reid

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EVENT SPOTLIGHT

ROOM 1 VISIT KELLY TARLTON'S



The excitement was high as we packed up our bags and loaded into the vehicles. For nearly half of us, it was the first time we had ever been on a school trip. So exciting, heading into the big city, with so much to see.

We started our trip with morning tea by the sea. Such a lovely day, with the sun shining brightly.

When we headed into Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World, we were greeted by penguins. It was funny watching them swim and splash. From here, we moved towards Turtle Bay. It was mind-blowing for some of the children to see the turtles and stingrays up close.

'But where are the sharks?' The children cried. As we entered the moving tunnel, we were about to enter a whole new world. As giant stingrays and fish swam above us, we witnessed sharks gliding through the water. It became a very important task to identify each species as they drifted on. Seahorses, Jellyfish, an octopus, and starfish that we could touch. All such cool experiences that simply couldn't have happened within our classroom walls. Our children displayed the Mangatawhiri Way with pride as they used their manners and showed what responsibility looked like. It was such a successful day that the children are already planning our next outing. Learning outside of the classroom at its finest, all while having fun. The best day!!! Now we are super ready to explore our Calf Club theme 'Under The Sea'. A world where colour explodes and imaginations run wild.

Jenna Leenen



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

ROOM 7 NATURE CLASSROOM @ CAMP ADAIR

Wow, what a day we have had! We had a great time today at Camp Adair learning about healthy streams, why trees are important to support our waterways, and learning about our different native trees! We took away so much learning from our Nature Classroom experience and can't wait to unpack it all next week. A BIG thank you to our parent helpers. These trips are not possible without you, so thank you for your help and support today. We appreciate you!

Hayley Vujcich



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MARAMARUA RUGBY CLUB



Year 1 Played Waiuku Tigers Won 13-11

Year 2 Played Pukekohe Gold 19-22

Merit: **Archie Black**

Year 3 Green Played Ardmore Marist Won 85-55

Year 3 Black played Pukekohe 11-16

Player of the day: **Bryn Black**

Year 4 Played Bombay Mighty Ducks Won 70-40

Year 4 Played Drury 13-15

Player of the day: **Austin O'Connell**

Year 5 Played Papakura Won 125-20

Player of the day: **Luca Parata**

Merit: **Whole Team**

Year 6 Played Te Kauwhata Won 65-15

Merit: **Phoebe Bodman & Luke Bilo**

Year 7 Played Karaka 19-36

Year 8 Played Ardmore Marist 15 All ~ **Good Luck with your Final**



MANGATAWHIRI NETBALL CLUB



Mangatawhiri Stars 6-8

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.

BINGO NIGHT FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

MANGATANGI HALL
Doors open at 6:30pm
First game at 7:00pm



Includes:
2 x Bingo Cards
1 x entry into the door prize

Extra cards available for purchase
BYO Drinks & Nibbles
ADULTS ONLY

A Mangatangi School Room 1 Camp Fundraiser

SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

COMING TO HAMILTON IN 2025

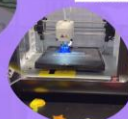
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