

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

1st September 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

This week, **Sam van Dam & Toby Johnon** are competing at the AIMS Games in Tauranga with the orienteering competition, and Toby is also in the Table Tennis competition. We wish them all the very best.

Our House Leaders are off the Police Fear Factor Day on Tuesday, Wednesday we have all our senior bands from Rooms 8&9 preparing for the combined music concert on Wednesday evening, and Thursday we have 60 children off to Maramarua School for Rippa Rugby. Phew, another busy week!

Take note of all the Event Spotlights at the end of the newsletter for the events from last week! We really are a lucky school with all the staff and parent support to allow these opportunities to happen.

Tonight is the last meeting with our current Board members. Words of thanks to **Richard van Dam, Larissa Ngaha** and **Nicole Falkner** do not seem enough for the commitment and encouragement you have provided our school. We have been extremely fortunate to have had you assist with the governance of our amazing school.

Have a wonderful Week 8, everyone.

Sharron Scouse

PRINCIPAL



- ☺ **Calf Club Organising Team** ~ Meeting to continue to plan our Calf Club Day
- ☺ **Whanau** ~ Attending our Friday Assembly
- ☺ **Franklin Basketball Coach** ~
- ☺ **Susan Ormsby** ~ Lunch organisation
- ☺ **Melissa van den Brink & Mel de Jongh** ~ Senior Band Sound check support
- ☺ **Band Quest Parents & Students** ~ Support & encouragement
- ☺ **Stu Green** ~ Amazing organisation, support & encouragement of Band quest
- ☺ **Karen McCullum** ~ Sewing seat covers
- ☺ **Nellie Campbell** ~ Getting underway with building stage steps
- ☺ **Todd Black** ~ Getting underway with developing our outdoor stage area



 SEPTEMBER	Week 8: Monday 1st September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam van Dam & Toby Johnson @ AIMS Games for Orienteering School Newsletter 6pm Board Meeting
Tuesday 2nd September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Green's Music R6,7,8,9 House Leaders Fear Factor Day 	Wednesday 3rd September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Basketball Sessions 6pm Music Concert @ Ngatea
Thursday 4th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Group Rippa Rugby @ Maramarua Sch 	Friday 5th September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day Friday - Dress as your dad! 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 	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 - Muffi Day Pantry Item 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"> 1.30pm ~ School Assembly @ Hall Term 3 Ends 	Monday 6th October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 Starts ✓✓✓✓



American Hot Dog \$4.00



Order & Pay on Wednesday morning in R9

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YOU DID IT! Congratulations

- ☺ **Emma Joy Bell & Jade de Jonge** ~ Assembly MCs
- ☺ **Room 7** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your nature class experience at Camp Adair



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 7:



- Room 1: Ari Flower**
~ Building your confidence & trying new things
- Room 3: Sahil Sami**
~ Progress in maths & your enthusiasm to pass bricks
- Room 4: Penny Green**
~ Showing The Mangatawhiri Way on our Stardome trip
- Room 5: Benj Emralino**
~ Working hard to reach new goals
- Room 6: Will Cockrell**
~ Showing resilience in literacy
- Room 7: Jade de Jonge**
~ Resilience doing Calf Club art
- Room 8: Jack Dodds**
~ Managing yourself well in a very busy week
- Mrs Irwin: Room 4**
~ Outstanding resilience & focus with your Calf Club art
- Mrs Clark: Ellis Clotworthy**
~ Being focused & working hard in reading
- Mrs Bush: Kaden Ralph**
~ Being amazing at learning new sounds
- Mr Green: Senior School Band**
~ Fantastic effort at Bandquest

☺ ☺ ☺ SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 7:



- Class Award: Junior & Middle School**
~ Great listening at Dog safety sessions
- Learning Award: Senior Mathex Team**
~ 3rd place, fantastic
- Sport Award Jason Heta**
~ Ripa Rugby Training -you are awesome!
- Staff Award: Richard Reid**
~ Fixing Mrs Schu's computer virus

- Parent Award: Todd Black**
~ Getting on board with our stage development plans
- Mangatawhiri Way: Bandquest Supporters Team**
~ Being the loudest & most supportive crew
- Clean Class: Room 7**
- Piano Award: Frankie Briggs**
~ Great playing of chords



Mathex Team



Bandquest Members

🌈 🌈 🌈 MANGATAWHIRI WAY: WEEK 7 🌈 🌈 🌈



- 10 Vouchers: **Lvyron Kukuti**
- 100 Vouchers: **Darcy Green**
- 125 Vouchers: **Harry Vujcich**

Hall of FAME



Darcy Green ~ '100 Club'



BEST BUS PEOPLE:



Emma Powar, Brooklyn Black, Archie Black, Rory Black
Sophie Crawford, Eva Parata, David Nelson,



MANGATAWHIRI WAY



WEEK 7

- 1st **Tanekaha** ~ 410 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 210 points
- 3rd **Kauri** ~ 170 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 90 points

TERM 3

- 1st **Kauri** ~2,580 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~2,490 points
- 3rd **Manuka** ~2,420 points 4th **Rimu** ~1,920 points

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HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 7:



KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

Phoenix Donaldson ~ Always doing your duties very fast
Mieke van Dam ~ Being really speedy with your duties

MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

Jesse Stanton ~ Always having a great attitude
Archie Black ~ Giving everything a go

RIMU:

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

Eva Parata ~ Always being a great person
Alishka Ram ~ Being so enthusiastic all the time

TANEKAHA:

Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

Maia McHardy ~ Having a great attitude & being a great person
Declan Chitekwe ~ Always being positive

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 7

1st **Manuka** ~ 540 points. Thank you to Phoebe Johnson for
MW 200 True House Points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 350 points
3rd **Kauri** ~ 330 points 4th **Tanekaha** ~ 310 points

TERM 3

1st **Kauri** ~ 2,390 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 2,150 points
3rd **Manuka** ~ 2,020 points 4th **Tanekaha** ~ 1,990 points



CALF CLUB

ALL ENTRY FORMS FOR:

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

FINAL DAY FOR ENTRIES THIS FRIDAY

GROCERY RAFFLE TICKETS



Today, every family will receive a booklet with
10 Grocery Raffle Tickets.

Each ticket is sold for \$2.00.

If every family could please sell one booklet of tickets
to workmates, friends, neighbours & family, it would
be appreciated.

More Booklets available from Susan Ormsby



CALF CLUB PROGRAMME DESIGN

Entries to Susan Ormsby by Friday this week. Mr
Green will be judging.



More amazing band work
from Mr Green & the senior school band this
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

Kerepēhi

Year 8 Fundraiser
For Camp to Christchurch

Sausages \$2.00

Drinks \$2.00

Raffle Tickets



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WEDNESDAY 3RD

SEPTEMBER

6.00pm

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2025 School Board Voting



- Your vote counts
- Look for the electronic invitation to vote in your email inbox
- Do this NOW!
- Voting closes 4pm ~ 10.9.25
- Counting Day ~ 16.9.25
- New Board takes office ~ 17.9.25



Rochelle Bezuidenhout



Ellie Cockrell



Dave Dean



Kate Donaldson



Dax Peter



Shiva Sami



Melissa van den Brink

EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ R4 Auckland Observatory

As part of our inquiry into space, we've been exploring temperature, mass, technology, science, and art. To take our learning further, we visited the Stardome Observatory, which was packed with fascinating facts about our solar system, upcoming space missions, and the technology used in space exploration. Our Tamariki loved getting hands-on, asking questions, and seeing the planets and stars up close, with the movie in the dome being a particular favourite. They also enjoyed time on the playground and playing class games together. A big thank you to all the parents who helped make this trip possible.

Tamara Millar



EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ Staff Y&78 Netball



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EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ Choir on Tour

Last week, our school choir went on tour to share its talents. The first stop was Mangatawhiri Preschool, where we were greeted by little people, parents, and grandparents. Some choir members reminisced about their time at preschool, and it was nice for them to be back to visit. Our next stop was our local childcare centre, where we had a lovely little audience. The choir sang outside, and it was nice to make connections with some little familiar faces. We loved getting out into the community to showcase some songs we have been working on this year and to entertain. We hope to see some of the preschoolers in our choir in the future.

Lorelle Dodds & Hayley Vujcich



EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ Garden Group Cooking

The Garden Group spends each Friday lunchtime working alongside Mrs Stanton on developing our school gardens, which include fruit and vegetables and flowers. Mrs Stanton is awesome at teaching the Garden Group how to cook with the garden produce, and on Thursday, the smells of a delicious

broccoli salad and a broccoli and bacon stir fry were delicious! It tasted very, very good too!

Sharron Scouse



EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ Bandquest Mayhem



Drummer: **Sam van Dam**

Guitarist: **Toby Johnson**

Bass guitar: **Lewis Bodman**

Vocalists: **Peyton deJonge, Bronte Peter & Aleah van den Brink**

Thanks to the expert guidance of Stu Green, we were very proud to support our school band at the Bandquest last Thursday night in Hamilton. Mangatawhiri Mayhem opened the event with 'Teenage Dirtbag' and 'Skater Boy' and got the place rocking, supported by a large crew of Mangatawhiri parents, teachers, and fellow students. Toby Johnson also received a special award for being the 'Killer Guitarist'. Congratulations to Stu Green and ALL band members for all your hard work and dedication. You made us proud.

Tracey Weight

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EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ Fern Fuel For Schools



\$1,000 of New Sports Gear arrived last week, thanks to the following businesses that have nominated our school with:



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EVENT SPOTLIGHT ~ Franklin Y7&8 Mathex

Last Friday, Mason Brears, Maddie Black, Toby Johnson, and Sam van Dam competed against 19 other Y8 teams at the Franklin Mathex Competition. They fought hard in their battle, finished in 2nd place! Congratulations team. Legendary effort!

Tracey Weight



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To the following businesses that have donated to our Calf Club



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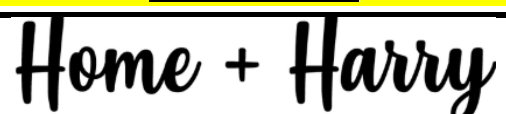
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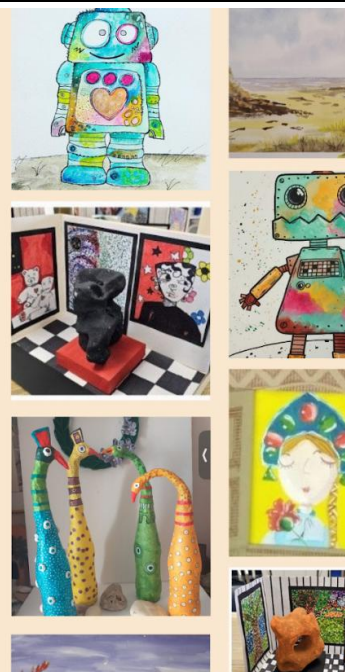
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Year 8 Parent Info Evening

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



\$20
Cash Only

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2 x Bingo Cards
1 x entry into the door prize

Extra cards available for purchase
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A Mangatangi School Room 1 Camp Fundraiser

C O M M U N I T Y





MARAMARUA RUGBY CLUB



Year 8
Played Manurewa White in the final for Counties Manukau Year 8 Courage Grade 22-34



Sept Holiday Program

FOR AGES 5-13

**Sept 23, 24, 25
9am-3pm**

Venue: Hauraki Plains College
Fundraising for the HPC trip to Korea and Japan in 2026

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