Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2026

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

2nd November 2026
Dear Parents, Whanau & Community,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Look what came to school on Friday! Legend Wells' Grandad came along to school in a Ford Model T that is 107 years old! What an awesome sight.





Can you imagine any of our modern day cars still being around in107 years' time!

Laisa Niumataiwalu has started school today in room 1. So lovely to have you and your family join us. We also have guests from the Education Review Office (ERO) on site this week. Welcome **Matt Anderson** & **Michelle Thurlow.** Please say hi to them if you see them around school.

We have 50 students heading off to East Group Athletics tomorrow, we wish them all the very best. Thank you to **Hayley Vujcich**, **Tracey Weight** & **Mya Shearer** for all the organisation of this event as well as parents for your help with transport & support.

Our Calf Club Profit ~ $24,327.00. Wow that is truly amazing. Our School Pool improvement account now stands at a very respectful $55,000. What an incredible effort from everyone. THANK YOU just doesn't seem enough. Our pool upgrade is due to get underway at the close of this summer season. So exciting!
Have a great week.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



THANK YOU

- ☺ **Little Pioneers ECE Centre ~** Visiting Room 1
- ☺ **Nana Lyn** ~ Yum morning tea for World Teachers Day celebrations
- ☺ **House Leaders ~** Great organisation of the House Soccer tournament
- ☺ **Parents & Grandparents ~** Attending our Friday assembly
- ☺ **Susan Ormsby ~** Organisation of Friday lunch
- ☺ **Parents ~** Who have provided feedback on our school through the link in last week's newsletter

YOU DID IT! Congratulations

- ☺ ***Mila Ezekiela*** *&* ***Manaia Hanara****~ Assembly MCs*
- ☺ ***Room 1*** *~ Hosting Assembly & sharing your Calf Club water colour pictures & stories*



STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 3:



Room 1: Isaiah Alcanites
~ Fantastic start to school & making great choices
Room 4: Nellie Flavell
~ Trying your best in all areas & showing the 3 Rs
Room 5: Freya Farnum
~ Always listening & following instructions fully
Room 7: Mananjot Singh
~ Supportive & encouraging classmate at Ninja Valley
Room 6: Adriu Bilo
~ Always trying your best
Room 8: Cian Clark
~ Awesome contributions to discussions & impressive writing
Room 9: Nikora Bailey
~ Responsible, respectful & self managing student
Mrs Irwin: Legend Wells
~ Making good learning choices with Mrs Irwin on Thursday
Mrs Clark: Charlee Linton
~ Fabulous singing of Nga Ara in class
Mrs Stanton: Max Lowry
~ Giving it a go during school sports

SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 3:



***Class Award*: Room 1**
~ Fantastic Te Ao Maori purakau learning
***Learning Award*: Kisra Kalari**
~ Your hard work & resilience with literacy learning
***Sport Award*: Allan Bruce**
~ Dong a great job with all our field prep for athletics
***Staff Award*: All our amazing teachers – Jenna, Lorelle, Tracey, Hayley, Richard, Tracey W, Laura, Sara, Rachael, Jemma, Jodie, Stu**
~ Being the A++ Team
***Parent Award*: Jemma Abernethy**
~ All your help & flair with Calf Club
***Mangatawhiri Way*: Izaak Clark**
~ Showing kindness to your peers during athletics
***Mr Green*: Ryan McHardy**
~ Awesome groove on bass guitar – keep it up!
***Piano Award*: Penelope Abernethy**
~ Your lovely Xmas carol. Great job
***Clean Class*: Room: 1**

HOUSE PEOPLE WEEK 3:



MANUKA:
Selected by Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton
Jordan Reeves ~ Being kind & including others
Legend Wells ~ Always being polite & saying hello

RIMU:
Selected by Lexi Geaney & Luke Bilo
Maddy Falkner ~ Your resilience, positive attitude & respect

TANEKAHA:
Selected by Emily McHardy & Aleah van den Brink
Tyla Brears ~ Doing the relay without complaint
Lennon Peter ~ Giving it your all at athletics

MANGATAWHIRI WAY

WEEK 3 & Term 4

1st Rimu ~ 890 points 2nd Tanekaha ~ 780 points
3rd Manuka ~ 710 points 4th Kauri ~ 700 points

MANGATAWHIRI WAY CERTIFICATES



10 Vouchers: **River Philcox, Breah Emralino, Jordan Reeves,**



25 Vouchers: **Ryley Mitchell, Archie Walsh, Hailey Haynes, Ryan Smith, Manaia Hanara,**



50 Vouchers: **Link Allum, David Nelson**



75 Vouchers: **Penelope Abernethy, Henry**



150 Vouchers: **Ariah Talman, Benj Emralino**



175 Vouchers: **Harry Abernethy**

Hall of FAME



200 Vouchers: **Piper Campbell**

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 3

1st Tanekaha ~ 330 points 2nd Manuka ~ 260 points
3rd Kauri ~ 230 points 4th Rimu ~ 320 points

TERM 4

1st Rimu ~ 1,290 points. 2nd Manuka ~ 1,200 points
3rd Kauri ~ 1,070 points 4th Tanekaha ~ 1.060 points

NO FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK

Ice Blocks on Sale every lunchtime 50c

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FUNDRAISER



Classes are currently finishing off their calendar fundraiser art and this will be displayed on the fundraiser website soon. We will send the link when the art is ready to view.
Parents order and pay online. Products will be given out before the school year ends.

Prices:

Calendars: $18.00 Cards: $18.00
Mouse mats: $18.00 Sketch Pads: $18.00
Diaries: $20.00

Tracey Schumacher

HOUSE LEADER SOCCER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

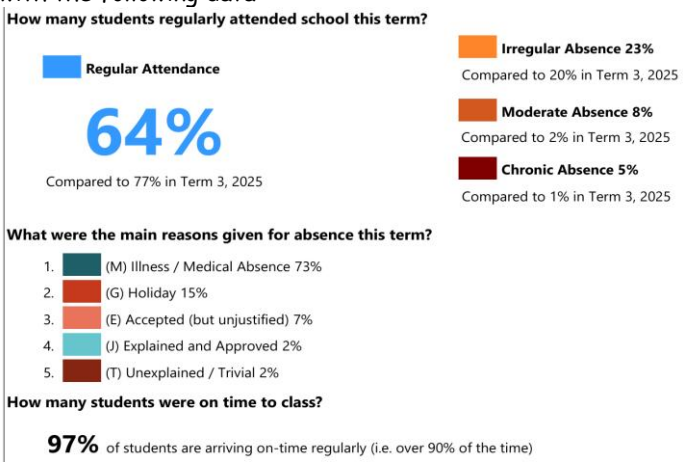


1st Manuka 110 points 2nd Tanekaha 90 points
3rd Kauri 50 points 4th Rimu 30 points

TERM 3 ATTENDANCE DATA

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

The Government is committed to ensuring that 80% of children are in school for 90% of the time. MoE uploads our attendance data daily.
With Term 3 as wet, cold and as sick as we all were, both students and staff, we fell well below the MoE expectations for attendance. Our MoE report came through last week with the following data:



This term let's aim to get back to where we know we can be with great attendance. If your child is away for any reason, please phone, email, text or record on HERO the reason. Thank you.

SCHOOL END OF YEAR TROPHIES 2025

If your child received a trophy at our 2025 Prize giving, please return it to Susan. They do not need to be cleaned.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

GROUP DAY



What a wonderful day at the Onewhero Rugby Club with 30 of our students taking their animals to the Franklin South Group Day. The standard of competition was high but our animals stood out – the love and care for the animals was on show and our team did so well. Congratulations to all our entries. The support from family and Grandparents was awesome.
RESULTS:

Sharron Scouse

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

R7 Ninja Valley & Hamilton Lake



Room 7 had a fantastic day out at Ninja Valley and Hamilton Lake on Wednesday! This trip was our reward for achieving the best class attendance in Term 3. At Ninja Valley, there was no shortage of exciting things to explore, with dodgeball, trampolines, high ropes, Wipeout, the Donut Slide and more! It was great to see everyone giving things a go, stepping outside their comfort zones and trying something new. There was plenty of encouragement and support for one another as we celebrated each other's successes. We then headed to Hamilton Lake for lunch, a play at the awesome playground and some water play before heading home. A day full of fun, laughter and great memories! A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who came along. These opportunities wouldn't be possible without your time and support, and we appreciate you!






Hayley Vujcich

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We had a great day on Friday celebrating World Teachers Day. We started with a great video made by Lorelle Dodds of student interviews about what they liked about their teacher. This followed photos with teachers and 'junior teachers' and then a yummy morning tea supplied by Nana Lyn.
We really do have a wonderful group of teachers (and staff) I am grateful to be part of this team.




Mrs Irwin Junior **Mr Green Junior**



Mrs Leenen Junior



Mrs Dodds Junior



Mrs Schu Junior



Mrs Vujcich Junior



Mr Reid Junior

Sharron Scouse

School Calendar!



Week 4

Monday 2nd November
ERO Review Week
School Newsletter
Jane Jeffs Piano lessons
Out of Zone term 1, 2027 Closes
6pm Board Mtg in R9

Tuesday 3rd November
East Group Athletics Day

Wednesday 4th November
Mr Green Music
Jane Jeffs Piano lessons

Thursday 5th November
ERO on site
Sean Oasen Guitar lessons

Friday 6th November
Fun day Friday
1.50 pm School ASSEMBLY

Week 5	**Tuesday 10th November**
Monday 9th November School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons	Mr Green Music
Wednesday 11th November Jane Jeffs Piano lesson	**Thursday 12th November** Sean Oasen Guitar lessons
Friday 13th November Y7&8 Technology Fun Day Friday NO Assembly	***Week 6*** **Monday 16th November** School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons Franklin Zone Athletics
Tuesday 17th November Mr Green Music	**Wednesday 18th November** East Group Y1&2 Tabloids @ Kaiaua School Jane Jeffs Piano lessons
Thursday 19th November Sean Oasen Guitar lessons	**Friday 20th November** Senior Gala Day Fun Day Friday 1.50 pm School Assembly
Week 7 **Monday 23rd November** School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons	**Tuesday 24th November** Mr Green Music
Wednesday 25th November Jane Jeffs Piano lessons East Group Y3&4 Tabloids here	**Thursday 26th November** Sean Oasen Guitar lessons
Friday 27th November Y7&8 Technology Junior Gala day School Library Closes for 2026 NO Assembly	***Week 8*** **Monday 30th November** School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons Y8 Diplomas due
DECEMBER	**Tuesday 1st December** Mr Green Music
Wednesday 2nd December Y8 Rainbows End Celebration Day Jane Jeffs Piano lessons	**Thursday 3rd December** Sean Oasen Guitar lessons
Friday 4th December Fun Day Friday – Dress as your favourite Year 8! 1.50pm School Assembly Y8 Graduation Dinner	***Week 9*** **Monday 7th December** School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons 3 pm End of Year Reports Go Live on HERO 5.30 pm School Community Mtg
Tuesday 8th December Parent / Teacher Conferences	**Wednesday 9th December** HPC Discovery Day Jane Jeffs Piano lessons
Thursday 10th December Sean Oasen Guitar lessons	**Friday 11th December** Mr Green Music 5.30 pm Xmas on the Field
Week 10 **Monday 14th December** School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons 1 pm Term 4 Final assembly 6 pm Prize giving	**Tuesday 15th December** Prize giving Newsletter 12 pm School ends for 2026

2027

JANUARY	**Wednesday 27th January** Staff ONLY Day School Office Open
Thursday 28th January Staff ONLY Day School Office Open	FEBRUARY
Monday 1st February Auckland Anniversary Day Holiday	***Week 1*** **Tuesday 2nd February** 8.30 am School Starts 2027

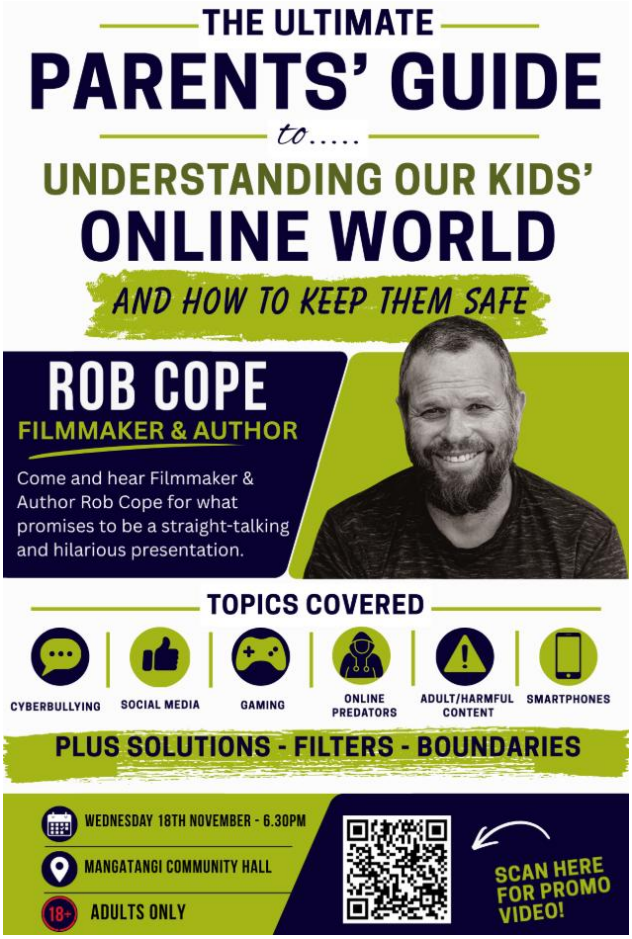
COMMUNITY





NGATEA RUGBLY LEAGUE UNDER 9

Benj Emralino - Most improved
Ryan McHardy - Manaakitanga



His talk will cover:

Cyberbullying - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7

Social media - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety

Gaming and the developing brain – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy

Naked Selfies - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school

Online predators - The methods they use, how to spot them

Online porn vs healthy sexuality - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry.

AI - Growing concerns around Companion bots, Deep fakes, Voice Cloning, Algorithmic Radicalisation

Solutions

Filters - Which filters are best and how to install them

Smartphones - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone

Boundaries - How to put good boundaries in place around device use

3 golden rules - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kid's safe

Talking to your kids - How to have difficult conversations with your kids

Challenging our own phone and device usage - Reconnecting as a family.

HOUSE WANTED

Hello to our wonderful school community! We are a respectful, quiet, caring family looking for a long-term rental property to call home. Our family consists of three responsible adults, a lovely part-time 10-year-old girl, and our 2½ much-loved dogs, who are very much part of our family, and are vaccinated, house-trained, well-socialised and accustomed to farm life and other animals.

We are ideally looking for a **3-bedroom rural or semi-rural home**, preferably with a little land or a good-sized section, in the Franklin area or surrounding rural community.

We would be incredibly grateful if anyone in our school community knows of a suitable property, a private landlord, or even a home that may be coming available soon.

We are simply hoping to find a peaceful place where we can settle, care for our surroundings and make lasting memories.

Thank you so much for keeping us in mind. ❤️

Warm regards,

Venessa Shadrick **Contact:** 0212036542