

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

3rd November 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



TUAKAU COLLEGE I attended the Senior Prize Giving at Tuakau College last week, and it was lovely to see past students receive their awards. Congratulations to **Kaitlin Cumming**, First in class, Level 2 Modules, **Sage Coulter**, Commendation in Gateway and **Jag Coventry**, Commendation in Building Construction.



We had two very different and amazing learning opportunities on Friday. Six senior students travelled with Laura Biggelaar and **Matthew Dean** to visit Buckley Systems, makers of electromagnets and world leaders in this field and Room 7 worked alongside **Kelly Deihl** and her entourage of environmental educators, looking at the health of the Mangatawhiri Stream and the critters in and alongside the banks. It is opportunities such as these that reaffirm for us that our school provides high-quality learning experiences. There is a lot of discussion in the media about education and the changes being implemented, and while we know that change is constant in our field, we also know what the 'good stuff' is that we won't let go of. And here is where we want you to share what you think we do well and what we could do differently. Here is a [LINK](#) to 3 questions we would appreciate everyone's feedback on. Please take 5 minutes to complete. We will also be asking our students for their feedback, all of which will help us to put together our annual plan for 2026. In the newsletter, we have outlined the dates and school setup for 2026. While we start to plan for 2026, there is still a lot to happen in 2025!



Jay Dee Ezekiel has our pool ready for summer use! **Allan Bruce**, water blasted the changing sheds on Friday. As of today, we will be using the pool for school swimming. As soon as we have parents on board to help with pool care over the summer, we will then sell pool keys to the community. Bring on the great weather! Have a nice week.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



- ☺ **McLaren Family** ~ Donation of envelopes, art frames etc
- ☺ **Mrs Orsmy** ~ Friday lunch organisation
- ☺ **Parents & Whanau** ~ Attending our Friday assembly
- ☺ **Matthew Dean & Laura Biggelaar** ~ Taking students to Buckley Systems
- ☺ **R7 Parents** ~ Transport support for the Stream trip
- ☺ **Kelly Deihl** - Awesome day for R7
- ☺ **Brass & Sue Young** ~ Allowing R7 to visit the stream on your farm
- ☺ **Rachel Cheeseman** (Enviro Schools), **Shana Edgecumbe & Diago** (Waikato Regional Council), & **Ric Balfour** (Ecoquest), our experts who came to help R7

Week 5: Monday 3rd November: - East Group Athletics - Term 1, 2026 Out of Zone Enrolment closes - School Newsletter Home - School pool opens for school use	Tuesday 4th November: Mr Green's Music Sessions
Friday 7th November: - Fun Day Friday - Own choice hat - R9 Technology - Sushi Lunch 1.50 pm School Assembly 6 pm School Quiz Night @ Mercer Landing	Week 6: Monday 10th November: - Junior Team Teachers Literacy Course for 3 days - Newsletter Home
Tuesday 11th November: Mr Green's Music Sessions	Wednesday 12th November: R4&5 Tabloids Day here
Thursday 13th November: Franklin Athletics Day	Friday 14th November: - Fun Day Friday - R8 Technology - Lunchtime Disco 1.50 pm School Assembly
Week 7: Monday 17th November: School Newsletter Home	Tuesday 18th November: Mr Green's Music Sessions
Friday 21st November: - Fun Day Friday - R9 Technology 1.50 pm School Assembly	Week 8: Monday 24th November: School Newsletter Home

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Tuesday 25th November: Mr Green's Music Session 	Friday 28th November: - Fun Day Friday - R8 Technology - Sushi Lunch 1.50 pm School Assembly
	Week 9: Monday 1st December: - Y8 Diplomas Due - School Newsletter Home
Tuesday 2nd December: Mrs Green's Music Sessions 	Wednesday 3rd December: Y8's Rainbows End Day 
Friday 5th December: - Fun Day Friday - R9 Technology 5.30 pm Y8 Graduation Dinner 	Week 10: Monday 8th December: - Y7 Diplomas Due - School Newsletter Home 3.30 pm End of Year Reports Live 6pm Board & Staff Community Meeting
Tuesday 9th December: - Mr Green's Music Sessions - Y8's HPC Discovery Day	Wednesday 10th December: Parent Conferences
Friday 12th December: - Fun Day Friday - R8 Technology 6 pm Xmas on the Field Family Picnic	Week 11: Monday 15th December: 1 pm Final Assembly 6pm Junior Prizegiving 6.30 pm Middle & Senior Prizegiving
Tuesday 16th December: 12 noon School Ends for 2025 - School Awards Newsletter Home	



😊 **Link Allum & Hailey Haynes** ~ Assembly MCs



😊 **Room 1** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing your Calf Club reflections



★ ★ ★ ★ **STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 4:**



Room 1: Cade Heta

~ Trying hard at athletics

Room 3: Emara Nagaiya

~ Great progress in reading & writing

Room 4: Indi Connell

~ Resilience in all areas of learning, especially maths

Room 5: Levi Were

~ Being a great role model in class

Room 6: Alyssa Clark

~ Great contributions to class discussions

Room 7: Harlan Peter

~ Your amazing, thoughtful, kind & helpful nature in R7

Room 8: Leighton Mitchell

~ Amazing perseverance & result in online testing

Room 9: Brooklyn Black

~ Pushing yourself with your learning & showing great initiative

Mrs Irwin: Youisif BinSadiq

~ Being a kind, caring & patient member of R1

Mrs Bush: Marshall Pope

~ Being amazing with your maths this week

Maths Certificates



Sam van Dam



SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 4:



Class Award: Room 4

~ Great Calf Club thank you writing with Miss Scouse

Learning Award: Archie Walsh

~ Amazing literacy progress

Sport Award: Harley Hubbard

~ Incredible High Jump results

Staff Award: Susan Ormsby

~ Great juggling of jobs today ~ Auditor & Spaghetti buns!

Parent Award: Kelly Deihl

Organising a fantastic environmental exploration trip for R7

Mangatawhiri Way: Frankie Briggs

~ A fantastic role model of our school values

Clean Class: Room 3



BEST BUS PEOPLE



Penny Green



HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 4:



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KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

Aidan de Jongh ~ Doing athletics well & trying your best

Kahler Campbell ~ Doing an amazing job at sprints

MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

Ariel Stanton ~ Awesome sprinting in athletics

Jesse Stanton ~ Awesome runner & tennis player

RIMU:

Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black

Alex Smith ~ Always having a big smile on your face

TANEKAHA:

Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter

Maddison Marsters ~ Amazing running at athletics

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 4

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

3rd **Manuka** ~ 260 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 200 points

TERM 4

1st **Kauri** ~ 1,080 points 2nd **Rimu** ~ 810 points

3rd **Tanekaha** ~ 730 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 710 points

CALF CLUB CERTIFICATES



Room 1



Room 3



Room 4



Room 5



Room 6



Room 9



FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCH:

Order & Pay online

Term 4 Sushi Lunches!

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Friday Nov 7th



Order now or by 9am on the day

**\$1 for every lunch goes to
our School!**



Ice Blocks on Sale every lunchtime 50c

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS TRACK RESULTS

80M:

Y0 Boys: 1 st Link	2 nd Archie W	3 rd Yousif
Y0 Girls: 1 st Kahler	2 nd Hailey	3 rd Markella
Y1 Boys: 1 st Ollie B	2 nd Hosea	3 rd Anhad
Y1 Girls: 1 st Ruamei	2 nd Emara	3 rd Luisa
Y2 Boys: 1 st Archie M	2 nd Sam	3 rd Fletcher
Y2 Girls: 1 st Freya	2 nd Eva	3 rd Penny G
Y3 Boys: 1 st Finn	2 nd Rahiri	3 rd Aidan
Y3 Girls: 1 st Indi	2 nd Lennon	3 rd Piper
Y4 Boys: 1 st Harry V	2 nd = Hawke & Levi	3 rd Austin
Y4 Girls: 1 st Darcy G	2 nd Ariel	3 rd Ember

100M:

Y0 Boys: 1 st Link	2 nd Archie W	3 rd Cade
Y0 Girls: 1 st Kahler	2 nd Hailey	3 rd Markella
Y1 Boys: 1 st Ollie B	2 nd Chiron	3 rd Hosea
Y1 Girls: 1 st Ruamei	2 nd Emara	3 rd Luisa
Y2 Boys: 1 st Sam	2 nd Archie M	3 rd Fletcher
Y2 Girls: 1 st Freya	2 nd Eva	3 rd Penny G
Y3 Boys: 1 st Finn	2 nd Aidan	3 rd Jordy
Y3 Girls: 1 st Indi	2 nd Lennon	3 rd Piper
Y4 Boys: 1 st Harry V	2 nd Levi	3 rd Austin
Y4 Girls: 1 st Sophia	2 nd Darcy G	3 rd Ariel
Y5 Boys: 1 st Talan	2 nd Brax	3 rd Luca
Y5 Girls: 1 st Sophie	2 nd Ariaiah	3 rd Maia
Y6 Boys: 1 st Nate	2 nd Will	3 rd Bryson
Y6 Girls: 1 st Tyla	2 nd Harlan	3 rd Willow
Y7 Boys: 1 st Jesse	2 nd Spencer	3 rd Jack
Y7 Girls: 1 st Karla	2 nd Emily	3 rd Lily
Y8 Boys: 1 st Harley	2 nd George	3 rd Jon-Alan
Y8 Girls: 1 st Bronte	2 nd Maddy	3 rd X

200M:

Y3 Boys: 1 st Finn	2 nd Jordy	3 rd Rahiri
Y3 Girls: 1 st Lennon	2 nd Indi	3 rd Piper
Y4 Boys: 1 st Harry V	2 nd Levi	3 rd Austin
Y4 Girls: 1 st Darcy	2 nd Ariel	3 rd McKenna
Y5 Boys: 1 st Talan	2 nd Brax	3 rd Luca
Y5 Girls: 1 st Sophie	2 nd Ariaiah	3 rd Maia
Y6 Boys: 1 st Will	2 nd Nate	3 rd Bryson
Y6 Girls: 1 st Tyla	2 nd Harlan	3 rd Willow
Y7 Boys: 1 st Jesse	2 nd Spencer	3 rd Jack
Y7 Girls: 1 st Karla	2 nd Lily	3 rd Emily
Y8 Boys: 1 st Harley	2 nd George	3 rd Jax
Y8 Girls: 1 st Bronte	2 nd Maddy	3 rd X

400M:

Y4 Boys: 1 st Harry V	2 nd Levi	3 rd Austin
Y4 Girls: 1 st Darcy	2 nd Sophia	3 rd Ariel
Y5 Boys: 1 st Talan	2 nd Brax	3 rd Luca
Y5 Girls: 1 st Sophie	2 nd Maia	3 rd Ariaiah
Y6 Boys: 1 st Nate	2 nd Will	3 rd Bryson
Y6 Girls: 1 st Tyla	2 nd Phoebe B	3 rd Harlan
Y7 Boys: 1 st Jesse	2 nd Spencer	3 rd Jack
Y7 Girls: 1 st Lily	2 nd Karla	3 rd Emily
Y8 Boys: 1 st Harley	2 nd Lewis	3 rd George



Junior Athletic Champions 2025

Y0 Athletic Champions:

Hailey Haynes & Link Allum

Y1 Athletic Champions:

Ruamei Nahi & Ollie Bezuidenhout

Y2 Athletic Champions:

Eva Parata & Fletcher Campbell

Y3 Athletic Champions:

**1st = Piper Campbell & Lennon Peter
Finn Stanton**



Middle Athletic Champions 2025

Y4 Athletic Champions:

Darcy Green & Levi Were

Y5 Athletic Champions:

Sophie Crawford & Talan van den Brink

Y6 Athletic Champions:

Tyla Brears & Will Cockrell



Senior Athletic Champions 2025

Y7 Athletic Champions:

**1st = Lily Caird & Karla Savage
Jesse Stanton**

Y8 Athletic Champions:

Bronte Peter & Harley Hubbard



RELAYS:

Junior House Relay:

1st Rimu 2nd Kauri 3rd Manuka 4th Tanekaha

Middle House Relay:

1st Tanekaha 2nd Kauri 3rd Rimu 4th Manuka

Senior House Relay:

1st Manuka 2nd Tanekaha 3rd Kauri 4th Rimu

HOUSE LEADERS v PARENTS & TEACHERS:

1st House Leaders ~ Jax, Lewis, Toby, Mason
2nd Parents

Jodie Campbell, Meg Wilson, Hannah Burney,
Steven Bezuidenhout

3rd Teachers

Laura Biggelaar, Sara Irwin, Tracey Weight
Hayley Vujcich

4th House Leaders ~ Maddy, Bronte, Sam, Carter

5th Parents

Rachael Stanton, Stacey Stanton, Helen Johnson,
Amy Walsh



ATHLETICS HOUSE POINTS

1st **Kauri** 500 points

2nd **Manuka** 391 points

3rd **Tanekaha** 370 points

4th **Rimu** 327 points

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EAST GROUP TEAM

Competing **TODAY** at Navigation Stadium



Harry Vujcich, Talan van den Brink, Sophie Crawford,
Aliyah Picard, Bryson Heta, Will Cockrell, Declan Chitekwe,
Willow Vennell, Tyla Brears, Miller Campbell, Brax van den Brink,
Ariah Talman, Lily O'Connell, Maia McHardy, Sam Redmond,
Cian Clark, Nate Caird, Coby Deihl, Jackson Bullivant,
Phoebe Bodman, Phoebe Johnson, Harlan Peter, Indie Vujcich,
Riley Shearer, Peyton de Jongh, Emily McHardy,
Spencer Crawford, Jack Dodds, Luke Bilo, George Leenen,
Toby Johnson, Bronte Peter, Karla Savage, Lily Caird,
Aleah van den Brink, Jesse Stanton, Gordon Clotworthy,
Harley Hubbard, Jon-Alan de Jonge, Jackson Picard,
Sam van Dam

2026 SCHOOL DATES



TERM 1:

Monday 2nd February ~ Wednesday 1st April

Waitangi Day ~ Friday 6th February

Teacher Only Day: Thursday 2nd April

Good Friday ~ 3rd April

TERM 2:

Monday 20th April ~ Thursday 2nd July

ANZAC ~ Monday 27th April

Teacher Only Day ~ Friday 3rd July

TERM 3:

Monday 20th July ~ Thursday 24th September

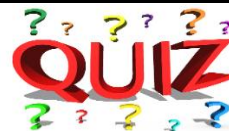
Teacher Only Day ~ Friday 25th September

TERM 4:

Monday 12th October ~ Tuesday 15th December

Labour Day ~ Monday 26th October

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Get a Team of up to 8 people together and come along and face off for a Quiz Night against two staff teams at our **QUIZ NIGHT (THIS WEEK) on Friday 7th November at Mercer Landing, starting at 6 pm.**

Winners will have their team name engraved on our parent event trophy.

\$15.00 per person. Register & pay for your team with Susan Ormsby NOW!

Room for 6 more teams!

**PLEASE COME ALONG &
JOIN IN A FUN NIGHT**

2026 STAFFING



Confirmation of staffing and classes for 2026:

Junior Team Lead: Tracey Schumacher

R3: NE & Year 1 ~ **Jenna Leenen**

R4: Year 1&2 ~ **Lorelle Dodds**

R5: Year 3 ~ **Tracey Schumacher**

R7: Year 4 ~ **Hayley Vujcich**

Senior Team Lead: Laura Biggelaar

R6: Year 5&6 ~ **Richard Reid**

R8: Year 6&7 ~ **Tracey Weight**

R9: Year 7&8 ~ **Laura Biggelaar**

Teacher Release ~ **Sara Irwin**

~ **Marilyn Millar**

We farewell **Tamara Miller** as she moves off to a big city school, Wakaaranga, in East Auckland & **Gail Tegg** is off to a specialist art teacher role at Manukau Christian School. We thank both Tamara and Gail for all they have contributed to our school.



If you received a school trophy at our 2024 Prizegiving, please return it to Mrs Ormsby. They do not need to be cleaned.

YUMMY APPLE STICKER PROMOTION



Thank you for your support. We have \$340 to spend on new sports equipment.

Start saving the stickers again for next year!

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2025 SCHOOL BOARD
Report to the Community



Thank you to Board members for attending our October meeting and to **Tracey Schumacher, Richard Reid & Laura Biggelaar** for attending and introducing the Board to your teams.

As this was the first meeting of the newly elected Board, the following positions were confirmed.

Presiding Member: **Melissa van den Brink**

Treasurer: **Ellie Cockrell**

Human Resources/Health & Safety: **Shavi Sahil**

Property: **Dave Dean**

Staff Member: **Tracey Schumacher**

Principal: **Sharron Scouse**

Co-opted Member: **Richard van Dam** (Special Project - property completion)

Highlights from the meeting:

- The 2026 Draft Budget, with a deficit of \$37,650, was presented and approved.
- 2026 School dates approved. Monday 2nd February 2026 to Tuesday 15th December, in line with MoE requirements of 378 x ½ days
- Out of Zone Enrolments placements determined that all year levels have vacancies except for year 3.
- Student feedback about term 3 was shared
- Congratulations to the Calf Club Team for a very successful Calf Club day. Thank you to our generous sponsors. Funds raised now total \$24,000 and will be set aside for stage 2 of the pool development project, which requires \$70,000
- Huge thanks to TDM and the Dad group who created the outdoor stage area - this is a real asset to the school
- Swimming pool will be available to the community once a parent roster has been filled

School Policy Review

- Parents are welcome to make comments on these policies through the School Docs website.
 - Bullying & Harassment
 - Behaviour Management
 - Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property
 - Minimising Physical Restraint
 - Stand down, Suspension and Exclusion
 - Staff Wellbeing & Safety

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- Congratulations to Tamara Millar on her appointment at Wakaranga School for 2026.
- Congratulations to Gail Tegg on her appointment at Manukau Christian School for 2026
- Reminder to the community that the Board & Community Night is on Monday, 8th December. All parents are welcome to come and hear about our 2025 achievements

Melissa van den Brink

Presiding Member



PLANNING FOR SUMMER!

WE NEED HELP WITH OUR POOL

For the pool to be available to the community to use (after school, on weekends, and during the summer holidays), we require parents who will take responsibility for a week or two of pool care during the summer season.

Every morning it involves:

- unlocking the pool security lock
- recording data
- cleaning 4 x filter baskets
- setting up sun umbrellas
- Feeding the school cats (all food provided)

Every evening it involves:

- Cleaning the resource room toilet (all cleaning products provided)
- Picking up any rubbish left lying around (but hopefully none, as people pick up after themselves!)
- Picking up any lost property & hanging on the fence
- Recording data
- Putting sun umbrellas down
- Locking the pool security lock
- Checking the resource room door is locked

YES: I am available to assist with pool care during the summer season. Dates I am available are: (Please circle)

Dec: 1 st - 7 th	Dec: 8 th - 14 th
Dec: 15 th - 21 st	Dec: 22 nd - 28 th
Dec: 29 th - 4 th Jan	Jan: 5 th - 11 th
Jan: 12 th - 18 th	Jan: 19 th - 25 th
Jan: 26 th - 1 st Feb	Feb: 2 nd - 8 th
Feb: 9 th - 15 th	Feb: 16 th - 22 nd
Feb: 23 rd - 1 st Mar	Mar: 2 nd - 8 th
Mar: 9 th - 15 th	Mar: 16 th - 22 nd
Mar: 23 rd - 29 th	

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Please return to Susan Ormsby or phone/text/email her at the office.

We will sell pool keys as soon as the roster is completed.

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EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Buckley Systems Visit



On Friday, six of our students had the amazing opportunity to visit Buckley Systems Limited, accompanied by Matthew Dean. During the tour, students explored the impressive engineering workshops and learned how precision electromagnets and custom-made structures are created for use in the semiconductor, medical, and research industries. They were fascinated to see how technology designed and built right here in New Zealand is used all around the world. It was an inspiring visit that gave our students a glimpse into the exciting possibilities of engineering and innovation. A special thank you to Matthew Dean for helping to organise this visit.

Laura Biggelaar

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Room 7 Visit the Young's Stream

On Friday, Room 7 set off on an exciting adventure to Mr and Mrs Young's farm to be real life scientists and explore the health of a local stream. Working in small groups, students rotated through a series of science stations led by expert ecologists and scientists from the Waikato District Council, Enviroschools, and EcoQuest.

At each station, we investigated different aspects of stream health – testing the clarity, temperature, and conductivity of the water, measuring the stream's flow, and observing its shape and signs of erosion. We also observed the streambed materials and caught macroinvertebrates to study under magnify glasses.

The students were thrilled to discover lots of mayflies, which are a good indicator of a healthy stream, as well as several kōura (freshwater crayfish). This showed that the stream's ecosystem is thriving!

A huge thank you goes to **Kelly Deihl** for organising this wonderful learning experience, and to our amazing parent and grandparent helpers for joining us on the day. It was a fantastic hands-on science adventure that helped Room 7 become real environmental scientists!



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