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

16th November 2026
Dear Parents, Whanau & Community,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

The pool is all go for school use as of today! However, we have only had 2 offers of help for pool caretaking over the summer so please, if you able to give a week to open our pool to the community, please let us know.

All end of year assessments has been completed and last week I had every staff member visit to show how much progress many of our students have made. They were so proud of their classes. Teachers are now in report writing mode and are working on the end of year written reports ready to share with you on 7th December.

Unfortunately, the Franklin athletics was postponed until tomorrow due to some staging issues at the venue. We wish our team all the best for tomorrow's event. Thank you **Laura Biggelaar** for all the organisation for our team to participate.



Rooms 6,8&9 are in planning mode for their Senior School Gala Day on Friday. Many groups of students have taken out a bank loan (from the Bank of Miss Scouse!) of $20 to get their supplies, they have worked out profit margins and even in some cases asked for donations of goods. This is authentic learning in action! We will be super excited on Friday to bring along some gold coins to join in their fun. See all the advertisements later in the newsletter!

The weather may interfere with our Room 1& 4 tabloids on Wednesday. We will try to reschedule if the weather is not ok.

Have a lovely week.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL





STRAWBERRY HILLS
BOMBAY FARM & FAMILY FUN

☺ ~ We would like to say a big thank you to Katie Smith for donating a bucket of strawberries for our stall at our school gala – Brooklyn & Lily

☺ **Parents & Grandparents ~** Attending Room 5's Friday assembly

☺ **AFFCO Bobby Calves for Schools ~** Thank you to the farmer/s who has nominated our school, we received $25.00





☺ ***Sophie Dean & David Nelson*** *Assembly MCs*

☺ ***Room 5*** *~ Hosting Assembly & sharing your persuasive writing*

STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 5:



***Room 1*: George Carr**
~ Showing the Mangatawhiri Way with pride

***Room 4*: Ollie Langheim**
~ Sharing your love of softball with the class & teaching us how to play T-ball

***Room 5*: Sahil Sami**
~ Putting lots of effort into your writing

***Room 7*: Darcy Falkner**
~ Phenomenal progress with your reading

***Room 6:* Harrison Vennell**
~ Always being ready to lend a helping hand
***Room 8:* Maia McHardy**
~ Achieving excellent results in SMART testing
***Miss Shearer:* Ariah Talman**
~ Flourishing confidence & giving Te Reo Maori your best during class paepae
***Room 9:* Noel Linton**
~ Great attitude, respect & effort
***Mr Green:* Martina Rosas**
~ Great progress on guitar
***Mrs Irwin:* Room 7**
~ Outstanding resilience during your writing SMART assessment
***Mrs Stanton:* Brooke McKinstry**
~ Showing resilience with your learning
***Mrs Clark:* Mason Saunders**
~ Dedication & enthusiasm for your koru art work

SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 5:



***Class Award:* Room 6 & Mrs Stanton**
~ Cooking up a great feast with vegetables from our school garden
***Sport Award:* Franklin Athletics Qualifiers**
~ Doing your best & getting to the next level of competition
***Staff Award:* Mya Shearer**
~ An awesome practicum experience in R8, a great teacher in the making
***Parent Award:* JayDee Ezekiela**
~ Getting our pool summer ready for Monday
***Mangatawhiri Way:* River Philcox**
~ Being an awesome Principal & thinking of others
***Piano Award:* Darcy Green**
~ Your amazing Xmas song, with lots of expression
***Clean Class:* Room: 4**

HOUSE PEOPLE WEEK 5:



KAURI:
Selected by Billie Devlin & Brooklyn Black
Fergus Farnum ~ Showing The Mangatawhiri Way from day one

MANUKA:
Selected by Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton
Ember Parry ~ Helping out wth duties & asking for more jobs
Finn Murray ~ Always showing up & doing your duty on time

RIMU:
Selected by Lexi Geaney & Luke Bilo
Henry ~ Your enthusiastic & positive attitude towards everything

TANEKAHA:
Selected by Emily McHardy & Aleah van den Brink
Talan van den Brink ~ Trying your hardest& making it to Franklin Athletics
Ryley Mitchell ~ Having a positive attitude with all your learning this week

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 5

1st Tanekaha ~ 270 points 2nd Manuka ~ 250 points
3rd Rimu ~ 230 points 4th Kauri ~ 220 points

TERM 4

1st = Rimu & Manuka ~ 1,720 points.
2nd Tanekaha ~ 1,590 points 3rd Kauri ~ 1,530 points

MANGATAWHIRI WAY CERTIFICATES

10 Vouchers: Hudson Irwin
75 Vouchers: Penny Green, Fatah Singh
100 Vouchers: Phoenix Donaldson

Hall of FAME



Phoenix Donaldson ~ 100 Vouchers

MANGATAWHIRI WAY

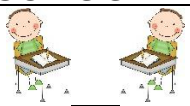
WEEK 5

1st Kauri ~ 380 points 2nd Manuka ~ 140 points
3rd Tanekaha ~ 110 points 4th Rimu ~ 100 points

TERM 4

1st Kauri ~ 1,410 points 2nd Rimu ~ 1,280 points
3rd Tanekaha ~ 1,120 points 4th Manuka ~ 1040 points

2027 SCHOOL DATES



TERM 1:

Tuesday 2nd February ~ Friday 9th April
Auckland Anniversary Holiday ~ Monday 1st February
Waitangi Holiday ~ Monday 8th February
Easter Good Friday ~ Friday 26th March
Easter Monday ~ Monday 29th March
Easter Tuesday ~ Tuesday 30th March

TERM 2:

Tuesday 27th April ~ Friday 2nd July
ANZAC Holiday ~ Monday 26th April
King's Birthday Holiday ~ Monday 7th June
Matariki Holiday ~ Friday 25th June

TERM 3:

Monday 19th July ~ Friday 24th September

TERM 4:

Monday 11th October ~ Wednesday 15th December
Labour Day Holiday ~ Monday 25th October



NO FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK

Bring along some gold coins for Senior Gala treats!



Ice Blocks on Sale every lunchtime 50c



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.



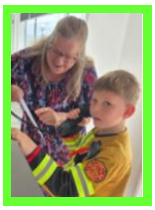
River had a great day being the Principal last Thursday. What was so nice about the day was he thought about what he could do so that everyone enjoyed the day. I enjoyed just being 'Sharron'.

Part of River's duties included, giving feedback to our school uniform supplier about what he liked or didn't like about our uniform, having a yummy Sushi lunch out, something I don't do very often at all but was a lovely treat for me too! Giving out lots of choice vouchers, being the man on the mic at sports time, and much more.

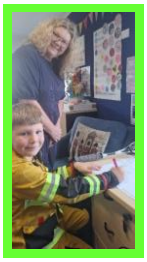
Thank you River for being an Awesome Principal.



My Principal Poster



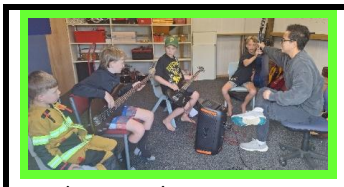
Morning notices announced to classes



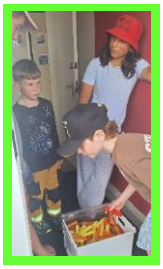
Signing off on the school accounts for Mrs Ormsby



Typing some important emails



Checking in on the guitar music students with Sean



Giving out the free lunchtime ice blocks



Joining in on my sports afternoon



Being the 'man on the mic'



PLANNING FOR SUMMER



We need help with our school pool

For the pool to be available to the community to use after school, on weekends and during the summer holidays, we require parents/community members to take responisbility for a week of two during the summer season.

This involves: opening & closing the pool area/ recording readings/ cleaning filter baskets/ checking for rubbish/ cleaning the pool toliet

Please let Susan know if you could help over the summer

Dec: 7th - 13th	Dec: 21st – 27th
Dec: 28th – Jan 3rd	Jan: 4th – 10th
Jan: 11th – 17th	Jan: 18th – 24th
Jan: 25th – 31st	Feb: 1st – 7th
Feb: 8th – 14th	Feb: 15th – 21st
Feb: 22nd – 28th	Mar: 1st – 7th
Mar: 8th – 14th	Mar: 15th – 21st
Mar: 22nd – 28th	

REPORTING TO PARENTS



Monday 7th December 3pm

End of Year Reports go live

Tuesday 8th December 3-5 pm

Parent & Teacher Conferences if required

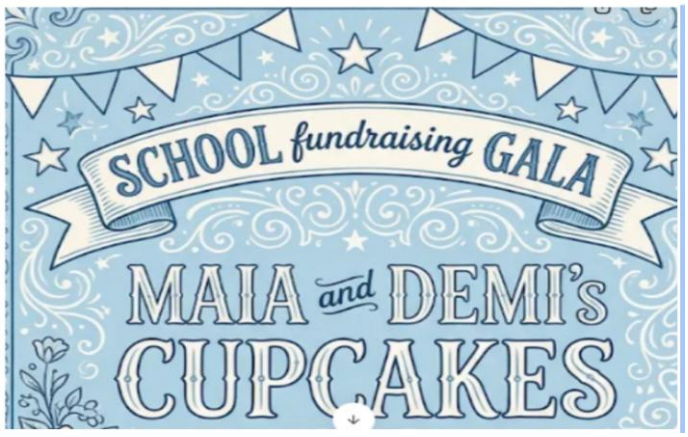


The School Board & Staff
Invite: YOU
To our Community Feedback Meeting
Monday 7th December
5.30~6.30 pm in Room 3
Staff & Board will share highlights of the school year
A Family movie will be played in Room 4 if you require childcare
RSVP To Susan for catering & childcare numbers



As part of our Term 4 Theme ~ **Enterprise & Entrepreneurship** our teams are holding gala days over the next two Fridays, starting with the
Senior Team Gala Day This Friday.
Bring along some gold coins to spend on all the great stalls and activities that the seniors have planned.
Parents are very welcome to come and join us.
Friday 20 November 11.30 am-12.30 pm










Russian Fudge 50c
Ice Chocolate $1
RORY LUCA MILLER


THROW A WET SPONGE AT
Mrs. Weight, Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Dodds
$1 FOR 3 THROWS

$2 per cup
Each cup comes with strawberries and Chocolate drizzle.
CHOCOBERRY DELIGHTS
Fresh Strawberries from bombay strawberry hills.
Event: Mangatawhiri School 2026 Gala Day!
Date: Friday 20th November
Meet Aleah, Lily and Brooklyn under the trees on the field.

BEAN BAG TOSS
GALA DAY FUN!
Gala Day Bean Bag Toss
$1 FOR 3 THROWS
WIN LOLLIES!
TOP SCORE WINS A CHOCOLATE BAR!
BY JADE AND SHONTELL

RM 4 & 5 DECK
Harlan, Indie & Phoebe
COTTON CANDY
$2
FACE PAINT
$2
GUESS HOW MANY LOLLIPOPS IN THE JAR!
$1

=$1
=$2
GALA DAY
BBQ & MUSIC
=$2
Coby • Declan • Phoenix • Fateh

CIAN AND LUCAS
SCOOP HAPPINESS
$1.00 ICE CREAM
ADD TOPPINGS FOR 50C

Mangatāwhiri
HAIR HYDRATE
at the Mangatāwhiri School Gala Day
HAIR PAINTING & RARO CUPS
$1 EACH! Hair Painting
$1 EACH! Raro in Cups
RARO DRINKS
$1 EACH! Hair Painting
$1 EACH! Raro in Cups
SEE CAM, NATE, TALAN AND JACKSON IF YOU WANT TO BUY


Chill and Thrill
Mangatawhiri School
Senior Gala Day
Neopolotion
Ice Cream
in a Cup!
Shoot the
Cup Down
with our Nerf Gun
to win Lollies!
$2
$1
Find Annabel, Maddy and Floss for fun
FOCUS & POWER
TWO SKILLS. ONE MINDSET.
GOLF
PUTTING
RUGBY
TEE KICKS
FOCUS
PRECISION
CONTROL
POWER
ACCURACY
COURAGE
$1
FOR 3 BALLS
$1
FOR 3 BALLS
DIFFERENT GAME. SAME COMMITMENT.
CLEAR MIND
SET YOUR TARGET
COMMIT
FOLLOW THROUGH
IF YOU MAKE IT IN,
YOU GET A LOLLY!
STEAL A LOLLY
GAME
$2 per 3 turns
LEVEL ONE
ROOM ONE AND TWO DECK
Steal a bag from me and get ONE lolly!
LEVEL TWO
ROOM ONE AND TWO DECK
Steal a bag from me and get TWO lollies!
LEVEL THREE
ROOM ONE AND TWO DECK
Steal a bag from me and get THREE lollies!
INSTRUCTIONS
1. Junior go to Level One and try to get a bag. If they get it, you get to try again – if they don't make it they get a lolly for participation.
2. Middle go to Level Two, try to steal a bag, and if they get tagged they're out and get a lolly for participation.
3. Seniors go to Level Three and try to steal a bag. If they get tagged, they're out and get a lolly for participation.
PRICE
$2 per 3 turns
SPEEDS VARY
Higher the level, the faster. Level One the slowest, Level Three is the fastest.
SETUP
Room One and Two Deck.
RULES
No swearing. No violence. No stealing money. $2 per 3 turns.
COME HIT A TARGET
WITH A NERF GUN AND
WIN A LOLLIPOP!!!!
BIG
SHOT
Harry A,
Ardiu


SOLD HERE!
By Emma-Joy, Lily, and Gabriella
Ice Balloons $1.50
Stickers 50c
Loombands 50c
Meet us at the bike track
ICE BALLOONS, LOOMBANDS AND SLICES


Agnia's Silly
Summer Stall!
Face paint!
One child $2
Three children $5


ROOM 4
NEEDS YOUR HELP!
We're running a
Junior School Gala
Second-Hand Stall
and are looking for donations from our school whānau.
We'd love donations of:
Books
Toys
Little trinkets
and other good quality items
A great chance to have a good clear-out at home before Christmas!
Please make sure items are clean, complete and in good condition.
Donation cut-off date:
Monday 23 November
Junior School Gala:
Friday 27 November
Thank you for supporting Room 4 and our Junior School Gala!

School Calendar!

November

Week 6

Monday 16th November
- School Newsletter
- Jane Jeffs Piano lessons

Tuesday 17th November
- Mr Green Music
- Franklin Zone Athletics

Wednesday 18th November
East Group Y1&2 Tabloids @ Kaiaua School
- Jane Jeffs Piano lessons

Rope Cope Presentation @ Mangatangi Hall

Thursday 19th November
- Sean Oasen Guitar lessons

Friday 20th November
Senior Gala Day
Fun Day Friday – Own choice hat
1.50 pm R7 School Assembly in the hall

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

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

