

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

17th November 2025

Dear Parents & Community Members,
 Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,



We had a blast on Friday with our Police Disco - so many sparkles and great dance moves! A really fun way to end what was a super busy week for staff.



All our teaching staff are working on end-of-year reports. Not an easy task, as the MoE has not provided the guidelines that we were expecting. I have been working through the reports to add my comments, and it is so pleasing to see the positive attitude towards learning that is evident across our school.



In the Herald last week was a great article about how to talk to your child about their school day. [Raising Successful Kids](#)
 It says to stop asking 'How was school today?' and instead to ask these 7 questions.

1. 'What was the best part of your day?'
2. 'What's a mistake you learned from today?'
3. 'Who were you proud of today?'
4. 'What's one thing that would have made today better?'
5. 'Who did you help today?'
6. 'What was the most interesting thing you learned today?'
7. 'What's something new you'd like to try?'

These 7 questions lead to productive conversations while also helping kids grow mentally stronger: Have a go and see if you get to hear more about your child's school day than usual! Let us know!



Benj Emralino has some exciting news to share with the arrival of his new baby sister, Blair, who was born on 21st October. Congratulations!

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL



- ☺ **Carter Black, Sam van Dam & Lewis Bodman** ~ Setting up a great DISCO environment!
- ☺ **Constable Courtney, Constable V & Constable Lisa** ~ Police Disco fun on Friday
- ☺ **Disco Kids** ~ You raised \$200 for the Year 8 Graduation dinner
- ☺ **Parents & Whanau** ~ Attending our Friday assembly
- ☺ **Kelly Deihl** ~ Taking Coby, Indie, Cian & Harlan to the community catchment report meeting
- ☺ **Quiz Night Supporters** - \$785 raised for our school pool upgrade
- ☺ **Smith & Sons Ltd** ~ Organising a skip bin for us to fill!
- ☺ **Sara Irwin, Rachael Stanton & Gemma Abernethy** ~ Great help in Rooms 1,3 &4

REPORTING TO PARENTS IN TERM 4

Monday 8th December @ 4pm

End-of-Year Reports live on **HERO**



Wednesday 10th December 3 pm-5 pm

Parent~ Teacher Check-in (if required)

Please contact your child's teacher via their school email to schedule a meeting time

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 School Calendar!	
	Week 7: Monday 17th November: School Newsletter Home
Tuesday 18th November: • Mr Green's Music Sessions 	Thursday 20th November: • Franklin Athletics @ Pukekohe 
Friday 21st November: • Fun Day Friday - Hair in pigtails or ponytails! • R9 Technology • 1.50 pm School Assembly R6	Week 8: Monday 24th November: • School Newsletter Home
Tuesday 25th November: • Mr Green's Music Sessions 	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 • 12 noon School bus departs • School Awards Newsletter Home	



The School Board & Staff

Invite our parents

To a community feedback meeting on

Monday 8th December

5.30pm~6.30pm in Room 9

Staff and Board will share highlights of our school year.

A family movie will play in Room 8 for childcare

**Please RSVP to Mrs Ormsby
for catering & childcare**



FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCH:

American Hot Dog \$4.00



Order & pay in R9 before school on Wednesday



Ice Blocks on Sale every lunchtime 50c



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

DATES AVAILABLE:

Dec: 15th – 21st

Jan: 5th – 11th

Jan: 19th – 25th

Feb: 2nd – 8th

Feb: 9th – 15th

Feb: 16th – 22nd

Feb: 23rd – 1st Mar

Mar: 2nd – 8th

Mar: 9th – 15th

Mar 16th – 22nd

Mar: 23rd – 29th

Please contact Susan Ormsby

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

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YOU DID IT! Congratulations

- 😊 **Maddison Marsters & Rahiri Nahi** ~ Assembly MCs
 😊 **Room 5** ~ Hosting assembly & sharing the story of Hui Te Rangiora



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 6:



- Room 1: Hailey Haynes**
~ Amazing resilience in maths
- Room 3: Opal Flavell**
~ Beautiful manners & focused learning
- Room 4: Penny Abernethy**
~ Working reciprocally with others
- Room 5: Ariel Stanton**
~ Amazing story writing
- Room 6: Sophie Crawford**
~ Outstanding piece of unassisted writing
- Room 7: Phoebe Bodman**
~ The support & encouragement you give your peers with their learning
- Room 8: Lexi Geaney**
~ Amazing algebra (& everything else)
- Room 9: Jesse Stanton**
~ Showcasing strong leadership skills & being responsible
- Mrs Irwin: Alena Black**
~ Outstanding determination & resilience in maths
- Mr Green: McKenna Ainsley**
~ Fantastic dance moves & singing
- Mrs Bush: Reegan de Bruin**
~ Being an amazing wildlife hero!



👍 😊 👍 SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 6:



- Class Award: Room 6**
~ Being an awesome class this week for Miss Scouse

- Learning Award: Max Fitzgerald**
~ Outstanding progress & achievement in reading & maths
- Sport Award: Franklin Tennis Team**
~ Great sportsmanship & participation
- Piano Award: Rahiri Nahi**
~ Great playing of chopsticks with two fingers fast!
- Staff Award: Tracey Schu, Jenna Leenen, Lorelle Dodds, Tamara Millar**
~ Fabulous work learning more about structured literacy
- Parent Award: Annette Black**
~ Transport & support at Franklin Tennis
- Mangatawhiri Way: Coby Deihl, Harlan Peter, Cian Clark, Indie Vujcich**
~ Outstanding representation of our school & sharing stream work data with the catchment community
- Maramarua Technology Award: Braxton Jury**
~ Managing yourself well & supporting others
- Clean Class: Room 7**



BEST BUS PEOPLE



Phoenix Anderson, Kobi Geaney, Declan Chitekwe



MANGATAWHIRI WAY



- 25 Vouchers: Ollie Bezuidenhout**
50 Vouchers: Freya Farnum, Henry, Livvy McKinstry
75 Vouchers: Archie Black
125 Vouchers: Luke Bilo

WEEK 6

- 1st Kauri ~ 670 points**
2nd = Rimu & Manuka ~ 440 points
3rd Tanekaha ~ 340 points

TERM 4

- 1st Tanekaha ~1,730 points**
2nd Kauri ~ 1,620 points
3rd Manuka ~ 1,570 points 4th Rimu ~ 1,510 points



HOUSE PEOPLE OF WEEK 6:



KAURI:

Selected by Lewis Bodman & Sam van Dam

- Ruamei Nahi** ~ Always having a great attitude towards everything
Miller Campbell ~ Doing your best in absolutely everything



MANUKA:

Selected by Carter Black & Toby Johnson

- Bryn Black** ~ Cool kid with everything
Reegan de Bruin ~ A respectful member of Manuka

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RIMU:
Selected by Mason Brears & Maddy Black
Kobi Geaney ~ Always being a great friend to everyone

TANEKAHA:
Selected by Bronte Peter & Jax Walter
Jordy Nixon ~ Being a responsible team player at tabloids
Aaliyah Jack ~ Showing perseverance at Tabloids

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 6

1st **Manuka** ~ 260 points 2nd **Kauri** ~ 250 points
3rd **Tanekaha** ~ 240 points 4th **Rimu** ~ 200 points

TERM 4

1st **Kauri** ~ 1,900 points 2nd **Tanekaha** ~ 1,390 points
3rd **Rimu** ~ 1,330 points 4th **Manuka** ~ 1,230 points



BABY SITTER AVAILABLE



Hi, I'm Mercedes Basevi, and I'm 16 years old. I am responsible, fun, and enjoy caring for children. I am available for some babysitting work. I have experience with kids over 18 months of age and can cook (including dietary requirements), clean, entertain, and care for kids. Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, and Mangatangi areas are preferred but can be flexible. References available. Mobile: 021 078 9675

Email: mercedesbasevi@gmail.com



LADIES' TENNIS 2025-2026 AT BOMBAY TENNIS CLUB

We're looking for ladies in the community to play social tennis on Monday nights at 6:30 pm and/or mixed social tennis on Tuesday nights 6:30 pm. Bombay Tennis has four all-weather courts and floodlights. Balls are provided.

Come along for two free sessions, and if you wish to be a member, the fees are:

- Standard Membership (1 person) \$150
- Family Membership (2+ people) \$250

Ladies' contact is Robyn Davis 027 491 9696.

MANGATĀWHIRI CHILDCARE

NOW ENROLLING

Our vibrant centre in Mangatāwhiri is now open
Enquire with us today!

021 272 2520
mangatawhirichildcare@gmail.com
252 MANGATAWHIRI RD

National Thoroughbred Week

Attend our Event

Jp
Jamieson Park Open Day
830 Koheroa Road, Mangatawhiri
Sunday 23rd November
10:30am - 1:00pm

Jamieson Park is set on 180 acres of fertile Waikato land with a gentle rolling contour. Led by experienced staff, we focus on breeding vet work, yearling preparation, and mare and foal care.

Meet a foal, groom a horse, meet a retired racehorse!
Register to join us for our free open day at
www.thoroughbredweek.com.au/locations/jamieson-park/

National Thoroughbred Week
Nov 20-24, 2025 Across Australia & New Zealand
www.thoroughbredweek.co.nz



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Franklin Attendance Service

OPEN INVITATION
FREE
PUKEKOHE
GIVE BACK EVENT

FREE
Food, Clothing & Household Items
Come and enjoy a hot lunch with our community

Pukekohe Intermediate School
entry on Edinburgh Street
SUNDAY
30 NOVEMBER
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Car parking on surrounding streets

This is a FREE event
Bring your appetite, Whānau!!
We look forward to seeing you there

This day has been sponsored by a wonderful benefactor who would like to remain anonymous.

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