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

23rd November 2026
Dear Parents, Whanau & Community,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

We had a wonderful day on Friday with the Senior Gala day. So much planning, organisation and learning in regard to budgets, bank loans, profit margins, seeking donations or accessing goods at a reduced cost, then managing money, change etc. Such valuable learning. I know many senior team parents also contributed time, money and resources as well. Thank you. Some great photos are published later in the newsletter.
The junior team are in planning mode for their day on Friday 4th December which will be another valuable learning opportunity.
With only 3 ½ weeks until the end of the year (how did that happen so fast?) we are underway with so many things. Please read over the school calendar carefully and PLEASE make note of any class emails that come your way in the lead up to the end of the year.



We have some sad news to share. At the end of the year **Tracey Weight** will be leaving us. She has gained a teaching position at Pukekohe Intermediate in 2027. We wish her all the very best and thank her so much for all that she has contributed to Mangatawhiri School over the last 7 years. Her bright smile and 'go get em' attitude will be missed by us all.
The school is in the process of appointing two new teachers. Please, if you know your family will be leaving us at the end of the year (not our Year 8 families!), let us know as we are confirming classes now and having all the information about numbers for 2027 helps us to get our class sizes as good as we can.
Apologies, but it is a very big newsletter today!
Thank you and have a great week.

Sharron Scouse
PRINCIPAL





☺ **Parents & Grandparents ~** Attending Room 7's Friday assembly
☺ **Jenny Stevens ~** Donation of education resources





☺ ***Ryan McHardy & Ryley Mitchell*** ~ *Assembly MCs*
☺ ***Room 7*** ~ *Hosting Assembly & sharing your research about NZ entrepreneurs*

STAR STUDENTS' WEEK 6:



***Room 1*: Quinn Petrie**
~ Being a bucket filler
***Room 4*: Hosea Were**
~ Having a positive attitude towards all of your learning
***Room 5*: Livvy McKinstry**
~ Showing great resilience with your broken arm
***Room 7*: Ellis Clotworthy**
~ Working hard & trying your best with all that you do
***Room 6*: Sophie Crawford**
~ Showing outstanding leadership in R6
***Room 8*: Brax van den Brink**
~ Awesoem organisation of your gala day stall
***Room 9*: Coby Deihl**
~ Being so organised in your team for Gala day
***Mrs Irwin*: Bryn Black**
~ Challenging Mrs Irwin with your outstanding maths
***Mrs Stanton*: Luisa Black**
~ Your diligence & helpfulness in class
***Mrs Bush*: Charlee Linton**
~ Giving 100% effort during sports
***Mrs West*: Isaiah Alcanites**
~ Effort & progress in literacy

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SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 6:



***Class Award*: Room 1**
~ Super magpie art & great friendship posters
***Learning Award*: Peyton, Emily, Cian, Willow**
~ Y7&8 Book Battle Winners
***Sport Award*: Jesse, Riley, Indie, Lily, Spencer, Willow**
~ Qualifying for Auckalnd Athletics Champs
***Staff Award*: Nicole West**
~ Amazing support of the students you work with
***Parent Award*: Nana Lynsay, Richard Ainsley, Belinda Green**
~ Transport & support of the Book Battle competition
***Mangatawhiri Way*: Penelope Abernethy**
~ Always asking 'how are you?' to everyone
***Mr Green*: Aidan de Jongh**
~ Wow! Fantastic chord changes on guitar
***Piano Award*: Frankie Briggs**
~ Great skills at learning theory
***Clean Class*: Room: 6**
***Technology Awards*:**
Spencer Crawford ~ Offering help & support
Jesse Stanton ~ Patience & manners
Harlan Peter ~ Helping others
Indie Vujcich ~ Helping others

HOUSE PEOPLE WEEK 6:



KAURI:

Selected by Billie Devlin & Brooklyn Black

Riley Shearer ~ Having a positive mindset towards everything you do
Phoenix Donaldson ~ You always ask if there are more duties & you help in the rubbish shed

MANUKA:

Selected by Lily Caird & Jesse Stanton

Lvyron Kukutai ~ Always having a posiitve attitude & a bright member of Manuka
Luisa Black ~ Helping out & including others

RIMU:

Selected by Lexi Geaney & Luke Bilo

Ari Flower ~ Your respectful attitude & resilience

TANEKAHA:

Selected by Emily McHardy & Aleah van den Brink

Spencer Crawford ~ Giving it your all at Franklin athletics
Leighton Mitchell ~ Being dedicated & organsied in your Gala day planning

HOUSE POINTS:

WEEK 6

1st Kauri ~ 230 points 2nd Tanekaha ~ 210 points
3rd Manuka ~ 140 points 4th Rimu ~ 120 points

TERM 4

1st Manuka ~ 1,860 points 2nd Rimu ~ 1,840 points
3rd Tanekaha ~ 1,800 points 4th Kauri ~ 1,760 points

MANGATAWHIRI WAY CERTIFICATES



25 Vouchers: **Quinn Petrie**
125 Vouchers: **Thomas Spillane**

Hall of FAME



Chase Sattler ~ 100 Vouchers

BEST BUS PEOPLE

Molly Green, Harrison Vennell, Eva Parata, Penny Green, George Carr, Lincoln Black, Jack Dods,

GROUP DAY

Congratulations to our dedicated group of Calf Club students (and parents) who went on to compete at Group Day.

BANKS AND MOORE LTD SHIELD FOR SCHOOL TEAM OF THREE LAMBS: **Mangatawhiri School**

J. THOMASEN CUP FOR CHAMPION JUNIOR LEADING: **Freya Farnum**

TUAKAU YOUNG FARMERS CUP FOR CHAMPION CHILD EFFORT JUNIOR: **Freya Farnum**

SHIRLEY SOPPET MEMORIAL CUP FOR SUPREME CHILD EFFORT: **Freya Farnum**

TVNL NRM TROPHY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS **Freya Farnum**

RAY RUSSELL CUP FOR CHAMPION BEEF TYPE: **Piper Campbell**

TUAKAU BUSINESSMANS LEAGE CUP FOR CHAMPION DAIRY TYPE: **Molly Green**

CLEVEDON A&P Show

The Greens & the Vennells went on to compete at this event over the weekend!

Darcy Green:

- 1st Type Light
- 2nd Leading
- 2nd Rearing
- 3rd Best dressed as Wizard of Oz

Penny Green:

- 1st Type Heavy
- 2nd Rearing
- 3rd Leading
- Reserve Champion type calf

Willow Vennell:

- 1st Walk the plank Senior
- 2nd Leading Senior
- 3rd Calling Senior
- 3rd Rearing Senior
- 3rd Fancy dress

Harrison Vennell:

- 1st Walk the plank Intermediate
- 2nd Calling Intermediate
- 3rd Leading Intermediate
- 3rd Rearing Intermediate
- 3rd Wool Type

Harper Vennell:

- 1st Wool Type
- 3rd Walk the plank junior



NO FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK

Ice Blocks on Sale every lunchtime 50c

PLANNING FOR SUMMER

We need help with our school pool

This is looking good – only a few more weeks to cover and then we can sell pool keys.

Please let Susan know if you could help over the summer

Dec: 7th - 13th	Jan: 4th – 10th
Jan: 11th – 17th	Jan: 25th – 31st
Feb: 22nd – 28th	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
Please email your child's teacher for an appointment



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

2027 CALENDAR ART FUNDRASIER



Go to: Kids Art Works
Enter the school code: **KZ898**.
Then select your child's room and enter their name
Orders close: **Monday 7th December**

SCHOOL SPORTS T-SHIRTS

We have some School Sports Shirts that have not been returned from Athletics & other school events.
PLEASE look for these at home & return to Susan urgently so we can complete the end of year stocktake



SCHOOL LIBRRAY CLOSES
FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER
Please return all library books as well as any class readers

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

FRANKLIN ATHLETICS

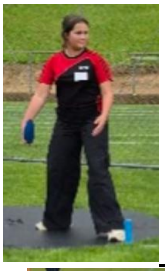
On Tuesday 17th November, 21 students from Years 4-8 represented Mangatawhiri School at the Franklin Athletics. Franklin is always a big step up from East Group, as students compete against some of the top athletes from across the Franklin area.

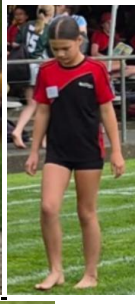
All of our students did incredibly well! They pushed themselves, showed determination and drive, and represented our school with pride. We were so proud of the way they gave everything a go and supported one another throughout the day.

A huge thank you to Ellie, Nevarda and Rachael for transporting, supervising and encouraging our students throughout the day. We also really appreciate the parents who came along to support and cheer on our team.

Well done to Indie Vujcich, Willow Vennell, Lily Caird, Riley Shearer, Jesse Stanton and Spencer Crawford, who have qualified for the Auckland Champs Athletics.

Laura Biggelaar





EVENT SPOTLIGHT

BOOK BATTLE







These four teams battled it out against other South Auckland schools at an awesome event run by a bunch of fabulous volunteers at the Auckland Literacy Foundation at Greenmeadows Intermediate School. The kids had fun answering multiple choice questions about all things books! Thanks to **Nana Lynsay, Stacey Stanton, Belinda Green, Nicole Falkner and Richard Ainsley** for your support of this event, and Rachel Dean for alerting us of its existence! Our y7/8's took away the win!

Tracey Weight

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

SENIOR GALA

On Friday, Rooms 6, 8 and 9 hosted our Senior School Gala Day, and what a great day it was! Over the past few weeks, students have been busy forming teams, planning their stalls, researching budgets, advertising and creating jingles to promote their businesses.

Our students did an amazing job of bringing everything together and running such a successful event. They showed great teamwork, creativity, organisation and enthusiasm throughout the process.

The whole school enjoyed a day full of fun and excitement, with strawberries, candyfloss, lollies, slushies, sausages, jewellery, painted nails, hair styling, games, Pōkeno bacon sausages and even the chance to soak teachers with sponges!

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Our Senior students should be incredibly proud of themselves and the effort they put into making the day such a success. It was awesome seeing them take ownership, work together, and put their learning into action, all while raising money for the Mitey Drive for Five. Well done, everyone!

Laura Biggelaar, Tracey Weight, Richard Reid














EVENT SPOTLIGHT

HOUSE LEADERSHIP 2027



PHOENIX ANDERSON:

Do you want someone who will listen to your ideas? Or someone you can talk and play with? Maybe someone who will make you feel included? Or maybe someone who won't give Math and learning for the rest of the year? Ok maybe not the math and learning part. For those for those who don't know me my name is Phoenix, and I'm running for house leadership in 2027.

This year, I have been part of 4 senior teams, and last year I was a sports leader, so I have a lot of skills and experience in leadership. I am also a nice person and someone you can rely on. I am a good listener, and if you are down, I will listen to you. I'm a funny person. I'm positive. I'm a ball of energy. And I love sports. Some of my hobbies are acting and playing rugby. I will be more than grateful if I get in! I will be someone you can play with, also give me some ideas and I can see what I can do! I will make sure you're included, but most importantly, I can guarantee a great house leader. If you want a sporty, bubbly, funny, kind, and supportive house leader, do me a favour and tick the box next to my name. Thank you.



SECI (Adriu) BILO:

Hi, I am Seci. Most of you know me as the younger brother of Luke. Some of you know that I am new to this school, but I would like to be a House Leader. Even though I do not know much about sport, I will try my best to represent my house and show the Mangatawhiri Way. I will show you guys respect, comfort, and I will try my best to lead our house to victory. So

please vote for me, SECI.



RORY BLACK:

R. Ready to lead
O. Open to ideas
R. Really keen
Y. Yup, that's me, Rory.
Vote for me, and you will have a leader who is kind, helpful, and cares about you and your school. So you should vote for me.
Up the Roar's!!!!!



PHOEBE BODMAN:

Do you want a house leader whose kind, funny, sporty, and actually listens and takes interest in your conversations? And who will try to convince Miss Scouse to let us have a whole term without homework- well, I probably won't be allowed to do that. Kio ra, my name is Phoebe, and I would love to be a house leader. Being a house leader is something that I've wanted to be since I was in Year 3, and my brother has been a house leader, so now I really want to be one. I love playing sports and outside activities. My favourite sports are rugby, basketball, and swimming.

Being a house leader means you need to be organised, consistent, and bring positive vibes to everyone. A good house leader is someone who can roll with anything. A good house leader is also someone who cares about the school values and includes others, like Manaaki, which means looking after others. Every house leader should treat people how they want to be treated; don't just tell them what to do all the time, but ask if they need help or ask them if they are okay.

As a house leader, I want to help every student feel like they can join in on our sports days. For our lunchtime sports, we could ask you guys what sports you want to play instead of just doing things on the field. Each week, a different class could pick the activities, and then all students get a vote. If I become a house leader, I would like to help the art club get ideas for more student paintings around the school; we could have art that reminds us of our favourite hobbies. And as a house leader, I don't care if I get put into Rimu, Manuka, Tanekaha or if I just stay in Kauri; all that matters to me is if I get the job.

So thank you for listening, and please tick the box next to my face.



TYLA BREARS:

Hi everyone, for those who don't know me, my name is Tyla and I'm running for house leader 2027.

This is why I think everyone should vote for me.

Firstly, I will encourage everyone to have a go, support others, and show GOOD sportsmanship. Whether we win or lose, I want everyone to feel included and feel like they are part of their house if they are in Year 1 or 8.

Secondly, if I become a house leader, I want everyone to share their ideas, not just my own. I'll listen to what other people think and make our house better. I think a good leader should let everyone share their ideas.

My last reason is that I'll always be there cheering you on whether you come first or last. I know we can do great things together, and I'll be there supporting our house.

So if you want a great House Leader who shows good sportsmanship, encourages everyone to have a go, and is always there to cheer you on and support you, put a tick by my name, Tyla. THANK YOU



JACKSON BULLIVANT:

Why I should be house leader for 2027

Hi, you probably all already know me, but to all of you who don't know me, my name is Jackson. When I was younger, I would look up to the house leader because I thought it would be super cool to be one and because they were taller than me. It's not like I couldn't look down at them. I imagined how cool it would be to be a house leader. In this speech, I'm going to convince you that I am one of the top eight candidates for the role.

To start, I'm quite sporty. Over my lifetime, I've played lots of sports: rugby, martial arts, softball, swimming, League, and touch. If I become a house leader, I could make new games and sports. I know I didn't get sports leader, but I still want to be a house leader because it is a great opportunity you only get once.

On top of that, I am a very kind person. If you ever need someone to play with or you're feeling down, I will play with you or take you to the sick bay if you need to. I am very supportive: if you make a mistake, I'll also support you. If you don't want to play a game, I'll support you with anything you need.

Best of all, I am quite resilient. I might not be the fastest; I might not be the strongest; I might not even be the smartest, but I will always try my best in everything I do. Resilience doesn't mean you never feel sad, stressed, or overwhelmed; it means finding the strength within yourself to get back up and keep trying.

In conclusion, I certainly feel like I am qualified to be a house leader; I'm sporty, kind, and resilient. If you can consider it, maybe tick my box if you want, next to my face. I have been waiting to become House Leader for 7 years, 11 months, 59 minutes, 21 seconds, 20 seconds, 19 seconds, and maybe See Me leading your house.



NATE CAIRD:

Hi, most of you probably know me, but if you don't, my name is Nate, and I am running for 2027 house leader. I believe I would be a good house leader because I am very supportive and competitive, which means I'll always try my hardest for my house. But I also know that winning isn't everything, and if you have a bad race, jump or throw, I'll still be cheering you on.

I have plenty of leadership experience because I was a sports leader in 2025 and team captain of the bike team this year. I believe being a leader is about setting a good example, encouraging others and making sure everyone feels included. Which is why I want everyone in our house to feel like they are part of a team, whether you're sporty, creative, or even a little shy. Everyone has something to offer.

One of my responsibilities as house leader would be to come up with a great house chant that will get everyone excited, and if you choose me to be house leader, I promise to be encouraging, supportive, fair and someone you can count on.

I hope I can count on your vote.



DYLAN CHITEKWE:

Do you want a cool guy with dreadlocks who gives away treats in the first month? Well, glancing at the line up, I believe I'm the right choice! Let me introduce myself: Hi, I'm Declan, and I'm running for House Leader in 2027. Here are a few reasons why I would be a great choice: Firstly, if there's a bully, I'll step in and handle the situation confidently. I know I can make a positive impact, so you don't have worry—I'll have your back. if I had to pick a house, it would probably be Tanekaha. I have three reasons: 1. All my hand-me-downs always come in blue; even my underwear is blue! 2. Honestly, I think my blood might be blue! Let's get back on track. I want to make a positive change I know what I can and will do for the school. I will take any request and try my best to make your request happen. When I mean try, I mean try. I'm still waiting for mine Put a check mark on the handsome face and Join me in making a difference to this school.



CIAN CLARK:

Hi everyone! I'm **Cian**, your fun and quirky candidate for house leader!

For next year, if you want someone who mixes kindness with a bit of silliness, I'm your guy!

I have gained leadership experience as a bike team captain this year (and yes, I managed to avoid breaking anything (so far!). I was also a sports leader in 2025, where I learned teamwork and leadership.

In my activities outside of school, I have learnt that I enjoy helping other people achieve their goals and learn new things, skills that I believe will transfer well to being a house leader.

So if you want a quirky, funny house leader, check that box right next to my name. Thank you.



WILL COCKRELL:

Kia ora I am Will

I have looked up to the house leaders here at Mangatawhiri School since I was 5 years old.

I feel that I would be a great house leader because I really love sports and competing. I love getting involved and encouraging my team mates and the younger kids to participate. I would make sure we cheer each other on, we always try our best and no one feels left out.

You can always find me on the field and courts playing, supporting and encouraging everyone at sports time. I think I am competitive but fair and I like for everyone to have a go.

I also love calf club and all the other fun and creative activities we do at this school. I find class work hard but I try my best.

I am in the bike team and really enjoy keeping the bike shed tidy and doing maintenance on the bikes.

I would step up and fill the shoes of all the other amazing house leaders before me and would try my absolute best at being one. I will try to help whoever I am put with to make a good chant. Having the opportunity to be a house leader would be a dream come true. I think that I am friendly, fun and reliable and I like helping the kids here at school. I will try my absolute hardest to lead our house to victory.

Vote for me and you will see just how cool I can be.



COBY DEIHL:

Why you should vote for me for House Leader: I have a few reasons why you should vote for me, but first.

Let me introduce myself. I'm Coby, and you probably know me from my roles that I've played

My First reason is that I'm really nice to people of every age. You could be a caveman, and I wouldn't treat you like you're different; I'd still be nice to you like it's just another Tuesday.

Second, I'm really easy to talk to, and you can say anything to me, and I'll try to help as much as I can. So if you need anything, feel free to ask me anything

Lastly, I'll always look out for you if you're getting picked on or in trouble and you're sad about it. You can come to me, and I won't be mean or anything; I'll also make sure you're feeling better before I do anything else. Now that you've heard my reasons, I hope you will vote for me and check that box beside my face. Thanks!



FELICITY DONALDSON:

For those who don't know me, my name is Felicity, and I'm running for a 2027 house leader position. I believe a great house leader should be kind, caring, funny, inclusive, sporty, respectful, resilient, and responsible.

I also think I have all of these qualities, and I believe I can bring them to whatever house I get put in. Being house leader isn't about winning competitions or getting the most points; it's about making sure everybody feels included and that they belong and have someone to support them. I want our school to be a place where everybody feels included, whether you're sporty, creative, academic, or just someone who enjoys having fun with your friends.

I promise I will be a leader who is kind and caring, and someone you can come to if you need help. I'll always be respectful and listen to everybody's ideas. I'm also resilient, so I won't give up when things get hard.

Whether we win or lose, I'll encourage everyone to keep trying and be proud of what we've achieved. I'll be responsible and do my best to set a good example for the younger students. And of course, bring some funny moments and plenty of energy along the way. Most importantly, I want all the houses to work together as a team. We can be smart, determined, and sporty, but we can also celebrate everybody's different strengths. So if you want a house leader who will listen to you, support you, encourage you, and make sure everybody feels like they belong. You should definitely tick the box next to my name.

Let's make 2027 a year to remember!



BRYSON HETA:

Hi, my name is Bryson, and today I am standing here because I would love the opportunity to become your next House leader. I believe a good house leader is someone who leads by example, encourages others, shows respect, and makes sure everyone feels included.

If I become a house leader, I will do my best to bring our house together. I will bring energy, positivity, and teamwork to our house so it is known for its sporty kids. I know being a house leader is a big responsibility, and I am ready to take on that challenge. A Great house isn't just about winning; it's about working together, having fun, and supporting each other. So if you want a house leader who will give 100%, vote for me as your next house leader



VIOLET LUCIONI:

Kia ora for those that don't know I'm Violet, and I'm running for a 2027 house leader position. This school is the most amazing place. It has beautiful teachers, helper's and two awesome people Miss Scouse and Mrs Ormsby. I know it would be a great opportunity for me to become house leader in 2027.

First of all, I know it would be a great opportunity for my last year at school. I am responsible, resilient and respectful. I'm creative and lovely. I´ll help those that need help and so much more. I also strongly believe that being a house leader will prepare me with things for the future like responsibility, jobs and having the pressure of leading your house but that will still be fun.

Secondly, I've always looked up to house leaders and always thought what would it be like to be one at this school.

I also don't care who I get put with for house leader because being one is all that matters to me.

Last but not least I love sport well mostly I like swimming and nature competitions. I am competitive. I like playing with my friends and doing art. I'll make our house chant by hand and try make as win all the time.

In conclusion, I think I would be an amazing house leader because I'm creative, sporty, and fun so that's why I think you should vote for me to be your house leader in 2027.



HARLAN PETER:

Do you want a house leader who is fun and kind and listens to your ideas? Or maybe one who will try to convince Miss Scouse to let us have no homework for the entire year or more?! Well, maybe not the last one, but I could try if you vote for me. That is why I am up here today. To try and convince you to vote for me for House Leader.

Hello, Kia Ora, Hola, Namaste and Privet. If you don't know me, I am Harlan, and I am in Year 7 at Mangatawhiri School. I am running for House Leader in 2027.

I think that I could be a House Leader because, as I mentioned earlier, I am fun and kind, and I will listen to what you say. I'm positive and smart. Most of these are qualities a good leader needs; now there's a reason you should vote for me. Some of my hobbies are sports like netball, rugby, soccer, and basketball. I also love the arts, like dance, drama/acting, and music. I actually love maths and reading, which I know are unusual options. Maybe there is someone else who likes those things too, and if you vote for me, maybe I could try to sort out an activity that involves those. Like the Book Battle some of the seniors did, or a maths Kahoot or quiz.

So, overall, vote for Harlan, and you will have an awesome house leader who will support you, encourage you, and care for you. If you want that, put a massive tick next to my name and face. Thank you.



SAM REDMOND:

Hi, my name is Sam Redmond. I have looked up to the house leaders as amazing role models since I started at Mangatawhiri School. I always thought I could see myself being a house leader and making a positive impact on the students at Mangatawhiri School. I enjoy working alongside others and I am a great team member because I am outgoing, kind and friendly. I am also very supportive towards others and encourage people to do their best. I have a good sense of humour, and I will cheer you up if you are feeling sad. I will always take the time to listen to your ideas and help make your time at school awesome! If you vote for me to be a house leader, I will listen to the things that are important to you, like organising a variety of fun lunchtime games, and I will support students in my house during school sports games and events. I understand the importance of this role, and I will make sure I do it to the best of my ability. Please vote for me to be one of your house leaders in 2027.



FATEH SINGH:

My name is Fateh Singh, and I would LOVE the opportunity to become a House Leader at Mangatawhiri School! If you vote for me, I will be the first House Leader to be born in India in the history of Mangatawhiri School. I believe a good leader is kind, responsible, helpful, and someone others can look up to. If I become House Leader, I will make sure everyone feels included, encourage people to try their best, and bring lots of positivity, energy, and team spirit. I want our house to be the BEST – not just at winning, but at supporting each other too! I will listen to your ideas, support our house, and always lead by example. I might not have all the answers, and I definitely can't promise to make homework disappear, but I CAN promise to give this role my very best! I believe that teamwork makes the dream work, and together we can achieve amazing things. So, if you want a House Leader who is kind, enthusiastic, responsible, and has just the right amount of craziness to keep things fun, then I'm the one! Remember, just give it a try- vote for me! ☺😁



WILLOW VENNELL:

Good morning, teachers, students and Miss Scouse.
My name is Willow, and I'm standing here today because I would love the opportunity to become one of your next house leaders.
I think I would make a great house leader because I would encourage you to do your best and support you if you're ever feeling sad or need help. I'm sporty, competitive, love being part of a team, and always give everything a go while supporting others. I also really enjoy challenging myself academically.
I believe that everyone deserves to feel included and supported, no matter what their strengths are. If I become a house leader, I will do my best to make sure everyone feels welcome, encouraged and part of our house.
I have also taken on responsibilities around the school. In Year 6, I was a Sports Leader, and this year I have been ICT Team Captain and Bus Team Captain. To me, being a great house leader isn't necessarily about being the fastest runner, the best at reading, writing or maths, or the loudest person in the room. It's about encouraging others and getting everyone involved. A good house leader encourages people to participate, whether they're aiming for first place, trying something new or cheering everyone on from the side lines. It's also about setting a good example for others to follow.
So, if you want a house leader who has leadership experience, always tries their best, makes sure everyone feels welcome and encourages others to do their best, then please vote for me, Willow! I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Thank you



INDIE VUJCICH:

Imagine a house leader who doesn't just hear your ideas, but actually listens and maybe even gives you no maths for a whole year, or even forever? Okay, well, I can't promise that, but I can promise an amazing, supportive, and encouraging house leader who will always listen to all your ideas. Some of you may remember Jack, my brother, one of the house leaders for Tanekaha, and you should have seen the look on his face when his name was announced for house leader; he was very passionate. I have always looked up to all house leaders and wanted to be one since I started. Now, should I introduce myself? Kia ora, mi nombre es Indie, which means Kia ora, my name is Indie in Spanish. While I can't promise you no maths for a whole year, or even forever, I can promise to support you, encourage you, include you, and make sure you have fun. I am also willing to take on any challenge, whether it's big or small. I'm also part of 3 leadership teams and captain of 1. I was also sports leader last year and know what it's like to be a leader, and what it takes to be a good one. So if you want a supportive, encouraging, amazing House Leader who will listen to all your ideas, make sure you have fun, include you, and give you the best chant ever, put a tick next to my face and name, Indie Vujcich



CHRISTMAS CONCERT CELEBRATION



We invite our families to pack a picnic dinner, a blanket & something yummy to drink & come along to our COUNTRY CONCERT ON THE FIELD
Friday 11th December 2026
5.30 pm Start
All students are in items & we would love everyone to join us

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Final School Assembly
Monday 14th December
1 pm @ Mangatawhiri Hall

School Prizegiving
Monday 15th December
6 pm Junior Pizegiving &
Kapa Haka Performance

6.30 pm Senior Prizegiving &
House Leaders 2027 Announcement

School Calendar!

NOVEMBER

Week 7	**Tuesday 24th November**
Monday 23rd November School Newsletter Jane Jeffs Piano lessons	Mr Green Music
Wednesday 25th November Jane Jeffs Piano lessons East Group Y3&4 Tabloids here	**Thursday 26th November** Sean Oasan Guitar lessons
Friday 27th November Fun Day Friday: Jandals Y7&8 Technology School Library Closes for 2026 1.50pm Assembly in R2	***Week 8*** **Monday 30th November** R1&4 East Group tabloids @ Kaiaua School 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 Oasan Guitar lessons
Friday 4th December Fun Day Friday – Dress as your favourite Year 8! Junior Gala day 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

	Y8 Graduation Dinner
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

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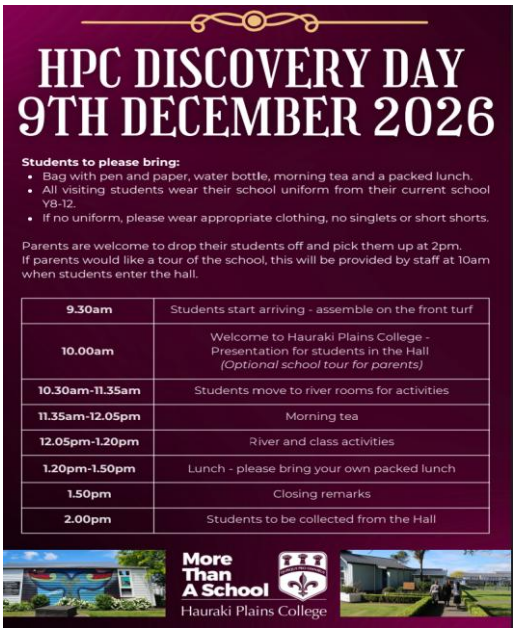
JANUARY	**Wednesday 27th January** Staff ONLY Day School Office Open
Thursday 28th January Staff ONLY Day School Office Open	**FEBRUARY**
Monday 1st February Auckland Anniversary Day Holiday	***Week 1*** **Tuesday 2nd February** 8.30 am School Starts 2027





Hi, I'm Mercedes Basevi and I'm 17 years old. I am responsible, fun, and enjoy caring for children. I am available for some babysitting work. I have experience with kids over 10 months of age and can cook (including dietary requirements), clean, entertain, and care for kids. I have completed First Aid level 1 (2026) and am on my restricted. Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, and Mangatangi areas are preferred but can be flexible. References available. Mobile: 021 078 9675 Email: mercedesbasevi@gmail.com