



# MANGOREI SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Week 1  
Term 1  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
2024

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### KNOWING MYSELF, KNOWING OUR PLACE, FINDING MY FUTURE

*'E mohio pū ko wai au, e mōhio pū ki tāku turanga, kia rapu tāku huarahi'*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nau Mai, Haere Mai, Hoki Maki! Welcome all and welcome Back!

It is really heartwarming to see all our tamariki entering into the school this morning. Big smiles and excited faces looking forward to seeing their teachers and friends. A massive welcome to our 22 new students who start with us on the first day and to the families of these tamariki as well - welcome to our school community and we are very focussed on making the transition to Mangorei as seamless and smooth as possible. I would ask our existing whānau to do what you do best and look to say 'Kia Ora' to any new faces that may be dropping off or picking up at school. With a school picnic on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> we hope everyone can attend to meet each other, as well as hear the teacher talk a bit about the routines and class programme they are running. We have more details about this later in the newsletter.

We also welcome **Miss Aaliyah Reade** to Miromiro (R4), and we will also have **Mr Simon Manning-Jones** who will be helping with the covering of increased class release time across the school. This year we also welcome back familiar face **Mrs Chelsea McBride** who left us a little while ago to start her family - she will also help provide release across the school over the year.

We are having our traditional Mihi Whakatau on Friday at 10.15am with all families welcome to attend.

A huge thanks to those members of our parent community who helped with the upkeep of the pool over the summer break and who continue to support it with evening checks. They have been, of course, our dynamic caretaker duo of **Andy Howatson** and **Bernie Devine**, and the parents **Brendon Gately**, **Andrea Matthews**, **Robbie Brown** and **Bayley Johnston**. This great team should see the pool running smoothly, right up to late March. We are a school that very much depends on our parent community to step into roles that see us continue to be able to provide these opportunities - so thank you, and thanks in advance to all the times our families help out this year!

Great to see lots of families making the most of the Monday 'drop-in' day to meet their child's teacher, drop off stationery and see where their child will be for 2023. After starting this last year it will continue to a tool we can use to help tamariki transition into the school year. We have had some positive feedback around the later start this year which was coordinated to fit in with one of our main high schools. This will mean we go all the way to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

For the first newsletter of the year it is quite a big one so grab a cuppa and get into it!

Very much looking forward to connecting as a school community again this year,

Ngā Mihi,  
Gary Poulgrain

TUMUAKI

EVENTS

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Life Education Lessons
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Mihi Whakatau - 10:15am. All families are welcome to attend
- Scholastic Book Club Final Day
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Life Education Bus Open 2:50pm - 3:15pm for parents to visit
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - School Picnic / Meet the Teacher Afternoon 5:30pm onwards
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Year 7/8 Immunisations
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Triathlon/Biathlon Day and first Whānau Kai Tahi Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Taranaki Anniversary Day (School Closed)
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Weetbix Tryathlon

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

A huge warm welcome to our new students that have started with us recently, *Abbie Heslop, Olivia Heslop, Nelly Cheng, Nathan De Silva, Thea Denton, Hayley Hooper, Blake Hotter, Caleb Hotter, Hannah Jones, Zaynab Khan, Jaelyn McCutcheon, Rykah McCutcheon, Beau McIntyre, Ella Ouyang, Mia Ouyang, Parker Rumball, Hudson Saunders, Poppy Scouller, Ophelia Watson, Axl Watson, Benson Zhou, and Jasper Cleaver.*

LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Keep your eyes peeled for the latest Lucky Book Club Catalogue that will be coming home this week! Orders will need to be in by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

SUNHATS

Please ensure your child has their wide brimmed hat each day at school. Students who do not have their hats will be directed to a shaded area at the front of the school during break times. School hats can be purchased (\$22 each) by contacting Angela Duncan on [angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz) It is beneficial for students to arrive at school having sunblock already applied and have some available for them in their bags for them to apply during the day.

ARRIVAL TIMES ONSITE FOR STUDENTS

**Our school classrooms open for students at 8.30am.** Bus pupils arrive a little earlier than that. Children who are not on the bus, or part of YMCA After School Care are expected to **vacate the school grounds by 3.15pm.**

SCHOOL DONATION

The School Donation is **\$150.00** per child per year. This is a voluntary contribution but one that is needed for the many extras that cannot be provided for by our budget. Our Equity Index (high decile rating) means that we are funded less than a majority of schools in our city. This can be paid directly to the Mangorei School Board account number **15 3957 0536753 00**. Please include your child's name and donation as a reference.

TERM 2024 DATES

**TERM 1:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April      **TERM 2:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
**TERM 3:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September      **TERM 4:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
There will be two Ministry of Education Teacher only days included this year as well.  
We aim to have these confirmed in our next Board meeting held later in February

MIHI WHAKATAU - A WELCOME TO MANGOREI SCHOOL TO NEW FAMILIES

As is tradition we will be holding our Mihi Whakatau for new whānau that have started with us since our last one in term 4..  
This is on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10.15am.** We will follow our whakatau with shared kai as part of the process.  
We of course want to invite all current families to be part of the Tangata Whenua of the school in welcoming our new families - everyone is welcome!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1--id1bxg2II\\_VSbXWjUBiz1LC5Zo9KAX/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1--id1bxg2II_VSbXWjUBiz1LC5Zo9KAX/view?usp=drive_link)

## SCHOOL PICNIC/'MEET THE TEACHER'

Get it in your calendar **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - School Picnic/Meet the Teacher**. The school grounds will be host to a school picnic that starts 5.30pm onwards where you can bring a blanket and some kai to have with your family. There will be sports gear out and the school pool will be open for use during the time. It is a lovely way to connect with other families, maybe introduce yourself to some new faces and enjoy some time together. During the afternoon the teachers will head to their classes at set times where they will do a mini-presentation on how the class operates, explanations on how things are taught and what routines exist in the class. It is an opportunity to ask class related questions (anything around school processes see Gary) and get familiar with the place your child will be visiting 200 times over the year. The timings to visit classes is:

**Te Tihi o Taranaki** (Year 0-3 Syndicate classes) - **6pm to 6.20pm**, **Ahuwhenua** (Year 4-6 classes) - **6.20pm to 6.40pm** and **Te Tai o Rēhua** (Year 7 and 8 classes) - **6.40pm to 7pm finish**

More information to follow next week! See the names of rooms later on if you are still getting your head around the new name of your children's classes.

## LIFE EDUCATION

**Megan Lilley** and Harold will be having a blast at Mangorei School over the next few weeks! The topics vary per year level. **Year 0-3 classes** will be learning about "**Growing a Friend**". **Year 4-6 students** will be learning about "**Our Changing Bodies**". The Year 4/5 classes will split so Year 4's will go together and Year 5/Year 6 children will go together, they will cover slightly different topics as appropriate for their ages. The Year 5 and 6 girls do get more in depth learning around menstruation. A copy of these lesson plans will be held at the office for any parents who wish to view it also and parents Year 7-8 classes will be learning about "Digital Well Being". On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February between 2.50pm and 3.15pm Megan Lilley will be opening the Life Ed truck to welcome parents to come and see the space, as well as discuss anything related to the programmes and topics. Please make contact with your class teacher through either email or in person if you wish to see the units of learning done over this time or contact **Megan** directly by email at [newplymouth@lifeed.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@lifeed.org.nz)

**\*Please note that all students will be invoiced approximately \$6 for attending the Life ED Lessons\***

## TIMBERCO JUNIOR CRICKET - TERM 1

A reminder from Taranaki Cricket that they have extended the deadline for registering our Cricket Teams for **Term 1 2024**.

**The final closing will now be Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30pm.**

Please use the link following link if you haven't yet done so to register your child

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/20ca2f>:

Registration fees for the term will be \$30.00, to be paid directly to the Mangorei School Board Bank Account: **15-3957-0536753-00** by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please include your child's name and 'Cricket' as reference.

**PLEASE NOTE** – *Registering your child is a commitment that your child will play in a team for the full term and once teams are confirmed and registered, fees will not be refundable.*

**For our teams to be able to play we desperately need help with coaching and managing teams, this can be done by parents and family members via the link above. Thank you for your help.**

## BEING SAFE AT 3PM

At 3pm when the bell goes can we please ask our community to do some important actions to ensure the safety of our tamariki and other footpath and road users.

1. **Use the Kea Crossing when it is operational between 3pm and 3.10pm** if needing to cross the road. Our tamariki are impressionable and so if you cross over on the Tūpare bend or at other places on the busy Mangorei Road it is sending messages to them about taking these chances themselves
2. Do not park on the yellow lines/or double park in the school driveway/ or the neighbours driveways or attempt to squeeze past cones in the bus bay. Please be considerate of the visibility that our patrollers need to see up and down Mangorei Road.

## ICT FORMS

All students have been sent home this week with new ICT forms that will please need to be completed and handed back to the classroom teachers so all records can be updated for 2024.

## KEA CROSSING ROAD PATROL

At Mangorei School our Year 7 students have the very important job of operating our Kea Crossing after school. This is the first opportunity for our Year 7 students to start collecting CV points and working their way earning the special Year 7 and 8 certificates awarded in these years. A permission slip will be sent home with interested Year 7's this week to be signed and returned to school by Monday 12th February. We are still trying to finalise a time slot for training our new Road Patrollers, we will let you know as soon as we do when this will be occurring. A big thanks to our Year 8's who will be filling in with this duty until our new Patrollers are trained.

## YEAR 7/8 IMMUNISATIONS

On Thursday 15th of February, we have our Public Health team coming in to talk with our Year 7 and 8 students around immunisations offered at school. The nurses talk through what a vaccination is and the students watch a video clip on the immunisation for their year group. Parents and Caregivers are more than welcome to attend this session if they would like to. Following these sessions information booklets will come home with your child for you to read and either consent or not consent to the immunisation being given. Please return these to school promptly. No immunisations can be given without the signed consent form being returned to school. You can opt to take your child to your GP for these immunisations if you prefer. The immunisations are scheduled for Thursday 7th of March.

## AMBASSADOR TRYOUTS/HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February those Year 8 students who would like to be considered for our Ambassador roles will have the opportunity to present a short prepared speech to our Year 5-8 students. This speech should outline why they are wanting to be considered for this role and what they can offer to the position. Following the speeches our students will vote for the people they believe will fill the role best. The students will also present their speech to our Senior Leadership team, who will consider student votes and decide on our Term 1 and 2 Ambassadors. Every Year 8 student who tries out receives a CV point. House Captains will be elected by student vote and this process will take place once Ambassadors have been chosen.

## CLASSROOM NAMES AND TEACHERS 2024

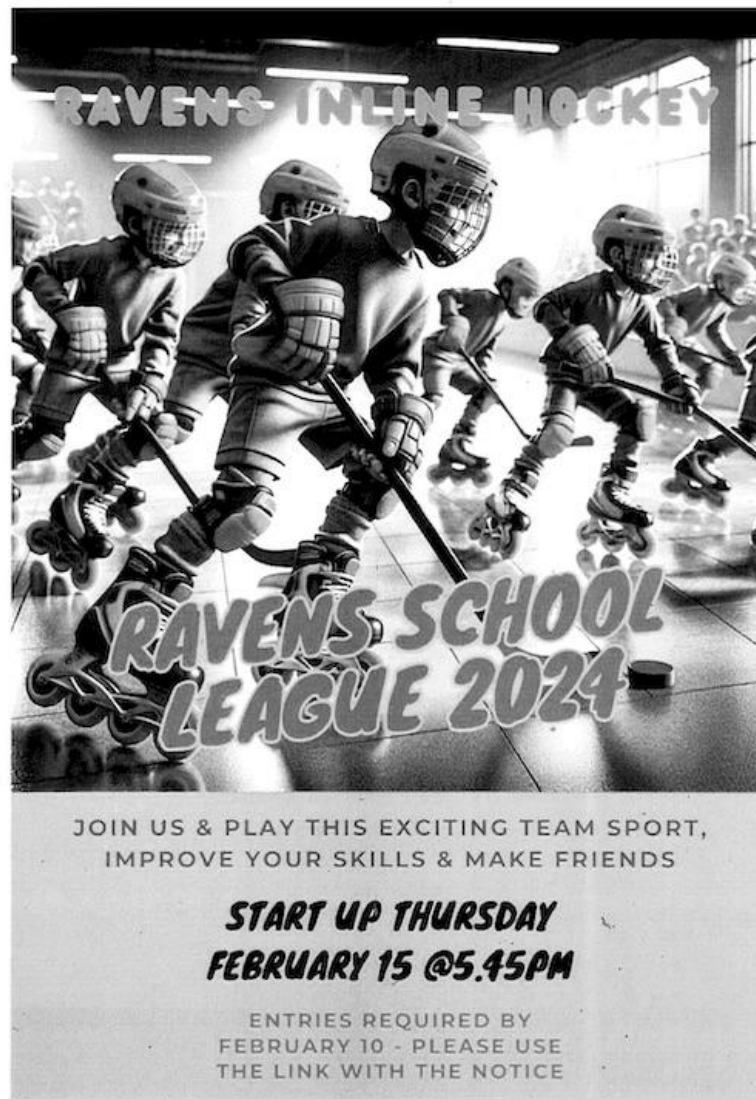
Old Room Number	New Class Name (2024)	Year Levels (2024)	Teachers (2024)
1	Pīwakawaka	NE	Mrs Anne Stuck
2	Toutouwai	Year 1	Mrs Angela Duncan
3	Ruru	Year 2	Mrs Katrina Aitchison/Mrs Shay Orrell
4	Miromiro	Year 2/3	Miss Aaliyah Reade
11	Tūī	Year 2/3	Miss Tessa Lilley
8	Kōkako		Shared space
9	Kōtare	Year 5/6	Mrs Kirsten van Greevenbroek
10	Korimako	Year 4/5	Mrs Kate Gwerder
12	Kererū	Year 5/6	Mrs Sarah Rowson
13	Kāhu	Year 4/5	Mrs Penelope Moffat/Mrs Shay Orrell
5	Kororā	Year 7/8	Mrs Rebecca Connolly Terms 1 - 2, Mr Cody Chilcott Terms 3 -4
6	Toroa	Year 7/8	Miss Morgan Cowper
7	Tūturiwhatu	Year 7/8	Mr Craig Henson



## COMMUNITY NEWS

To register please follow the link for INDIVIDUAL registration: <https://forms.gle/V5pMEaNj2q9jh48U7>

This will need to be completed by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024



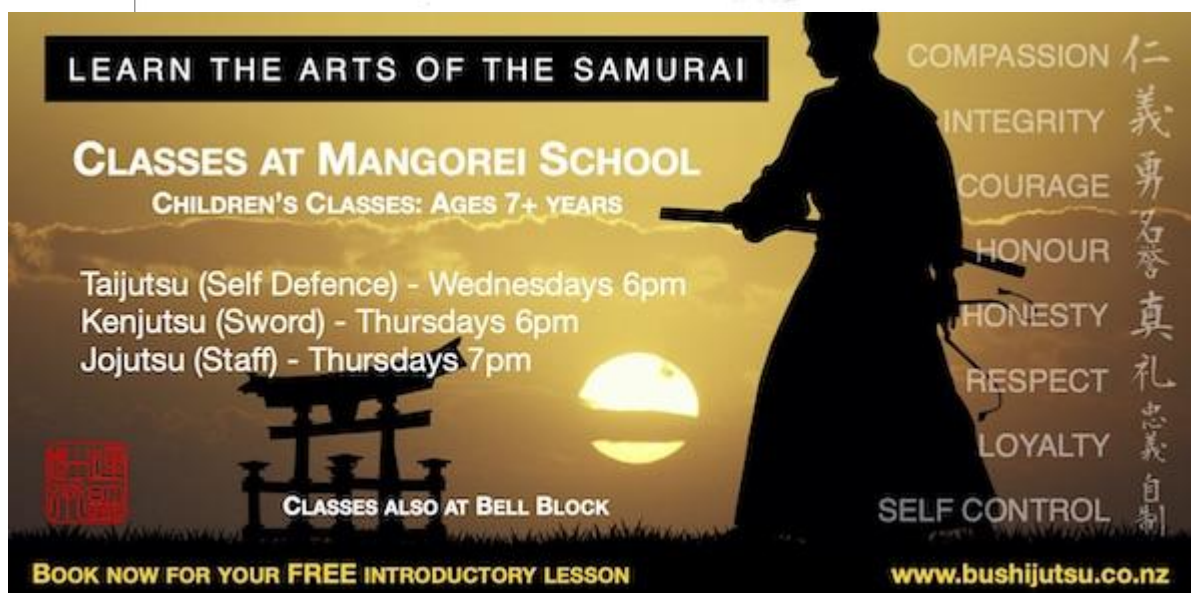
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**RAVENS SCHOOL LEAGUE 2024**

JOIN US & PLAY THIS EXCITING TEAM SPORT,  
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS & MAKE FRIENDS

**START UP THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 15 @5.45PM**

ENTRIES REQUIRED BY  
FEBRUARY 10 - PLEASE USE  
THE LINK WITH THE NOTICE



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**CLASSES AT MANGOREI SCHOOL**  
CHILDREN'S CLASSES: AGES 7+ YEARS

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Jojutsu (Staff) - Thursdays 7pm

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