

# MANGOREI SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Week 2, Term 1 Wednesday 14th 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

恭贺新禧! Xīn nián kuài lè! Happy Chinese New Year!

We have a number of our families who have travelled back to family in China, in some cases for the first time since Covid, to celebrate this special time. We look forward to their safe return as we get into the great year ahead.

As we get into the year there is minimal disruption to us based on the change of Government. Firstly the 'no cellphones in schools' fits our school policy already. Students who arrive at school with phones, drop these in to the office on arrival, and get them reissued after school.

As a school leadership team we have looked at the Ministry expectations with the hours of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This has made for interesting reading in itself, and once again we feel the core of this is already in place, however we are cognisant that these go across all curriculum subjects eg. reading happens in Social Sciences, maths happens in Science etc. We also know that there is a richness in the Arts, importance in learning to swim, joy in singing, wairua in performing kapa haka, and health in running and playing outside in nature. With this in mind we still want to develop a well-rounded Mangorei Kid, and with those three core subjects reaching throughout all learning areas. Our challenge as teachers is to make this explicitly seen by our tamariki.

The curriculum refresh has a few hold ups with the English, Mathematics and Statistics new refreshed documents getting another review with the new government, as is the new Common Practice Model, which focuses on what is good teaching practice, based on research and evidence. We look forward to this being concluded to continue long term planning for the school with greater confidence.

Anyway, enough political stuff, we look forward to seeing you all here on the Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for the school picnic starting at 5.30pm, and the opportunity to get into classrooms to hear teachers talk about their programmes, the class routines and how you can be involved in your child's learning this year. Please have a read of the further details inside the newsletter.

Have a brilliant rest of week! Zàijiàn!

Ngā Mihi,

**Gary Poulgrain TUMUAKI** 

# **EVENTS**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Life ED Bus open for parents - 2.50pm and 3.15pm
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Girls Smash Cricket Years 4-6

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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Board Meeting

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - School Picnic / Meet the Teacher Afternoon 5:30pm onwards

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Swimming Demonstrations with Chloe from Swim NZ

- PTA meeting in the School Staffroom 7.30pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Swimming Demonstrations with Chloe from Swim NZ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Te Tihi o Taranaki (Year 1-3 Syndicate) trip to Kawaroa

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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

# ONLY DAYS 2024 We can confirm that

**TEACHER** 

RESPECT

We can confirm that our two Ministry Curriculum Refresh TOD's this year are Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

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# **HAERE MAI! WELCOME!**

A warm welcome to *Caleb Sebastian Jesalva* who has started with us today.

# **LIFE ED BUS REMINDER -TODAY!**

**Today 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.

# SCHOOL PICNIC/MEET THE TEACHER

Next week on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** we have the **School Picnic/Meet the Teacher afternoon.** 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** 

# ORDERS

Apologies for the error in the closing date in last week's newsletter. The closing date for the Lucky book club orders is **this Friday 16**<sup>th</sup> **February**.

## 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 **TSB: 15 3957 0536753 00**. Please include your child's name and donation as a reference.

# YEAR 7/8 IMMUNISATIONS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

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# JUNIOR TIMBERCO CRICKET

Thank you to all that have registered for Term 1 cricket that starts this week. Once the fixtures have been released from Taranaki Cricket, we will send these out to the teams members. Sports tops will be issued to those children who are needing them.



## YEAR 4-6 GIRLS SMASH CRICKET FESTIVAL

We are have a fantastic team of girls who will take part in the Smash Cricket Festival this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Pukekura Park from 12pm-1pm. We are very lucky to have *Stephanie Taylor* available to be with the team on the day - Thank you *Stephanie*! We are looking for another parent helper to assist with transportation. If you are able to help please email <a href="mailto:samantha.heslop@mangorei.school.nz">samantha.heslop@mangorei.school.nz</a>

#### SWIMMING DEMONSTRATIONS

On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** we will have Chloe Dickinson from Swim NZ helping poolside with all classes at different stages over the two days. We would love to **invite caregivers to come in and watch you child's session(s)** so you are able to see the school's focus on water safety, developing water confidence and water survival skills. Next week we will have a timetable to show you when classes will be in the pool so can pop in and see our talented tamariki!

# TE TIHI O TARANAKI (Year 1-3 Syndicate) - KAWAROA ROCK POOLS VISIT

We are heading to Kawaroa rock pools to meet with *Dr Emily Roberts* from Taranaki Regional Council on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 9.10am - 11.30am. We will need help with transporting the children to and from Kawaroa, so please save the date if your able to help out! More information will be given to students next week.

#### **HERO FOR NEW FAMILIES**

Just a reminder to all of your new families, we use the student management app called HERO for our communication with you. This app has lots of cool features such as reporting absences, notices, accounts, newsletters, reporting and much more!!!

Here is the link for you to sign up to the App:

# **HERO**

# **SUNHATS**

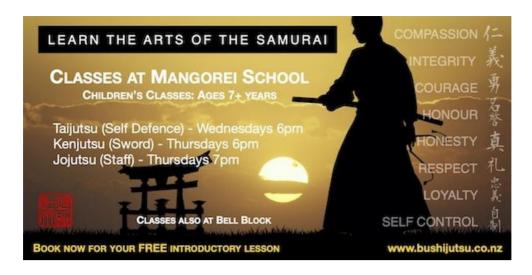
As mentioned in last week's newsletter, please ensure your child has their wide brimmed hat each day at school. Students who do not have their hats will be directed to a shaded area at the front of the school during break times. School hats can be purchased (\$22 each) by contacting Angela Duncan on angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz

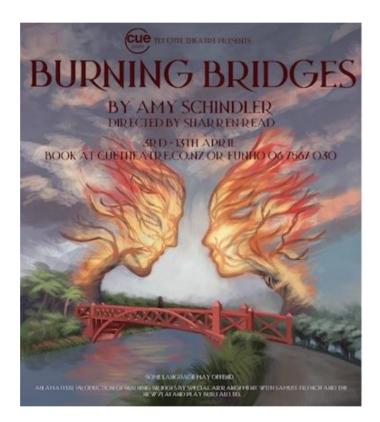
It is beneficial for students to arrive at school having sunblock already applied and have some available for them in their bags for them to apply during the day.

## **PTA FOR 2024!**

Last year our PTA, together with backing from our school community were able to donate \$20,000 to the school through a superb combined effort! This went towards new library books, support in subsidising Year 7/8 camp, new technology equipment (charging units, keyboards, Apple TV's in classes), the new school orchard plants to name a few projects. Being part of the PTA is a fantastic way to get involved in the school and to support our teachers and students with the purchase of items beyond our reach. Our Equity Index Rating (old system whereby we are a 'high decile school') means that we do not receive anywhere near the funding given to other schools with equity challenges. We are not able to be part of the Ministry donation scheme which instantly gives \$150 per student to schools involved - hence why we ask parents to help with this aspect. We want to welcome all to be part of the PTA team and come to the first get together on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm in the School Staff Room.** Bring a friend for our first informal get together!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**





'Burning Bridges' by Amy Shindler and directed by Sharren Read

## **Tickets On Sale NOW**

\$30.00 pp or \$28.00 for groups of 10 or more

Book online; cuetheatre.co.nz or FunHo phone 7567 030

# Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Kate and Don are professional colleagues and newlyweds. They invite Kate's younger sister, Sarah, who is autistic, for a two week visit. However Sarah has some major surprises for them and things quickly spin out of control. Life quickly turns into a nightmare of accusation and intrigue.

Dark, intense with some humour

It is one of those plays that will make you think about things you didn't know you needed to think about.

#### Calling All Primary School Picassos!

We're excited to announce our 'Back to School' Poster Competition for school children (from Years 1 to 8) to showcase their talent and understanding of asthma triggers and be in to win!

We are asking students to create a poster depicting common asthma triggers. Simply illustrate how everyday elements like pet fur, pollen, chilly breezes, smoke, and even tiny viruses can trigger asthma.

The winning masterpiece will receive \$1000 for their school, courtesy of Friends of the Foundation Gold Partner Pulse Energy, and the school will also receive a live asthma education show with Sailor the Pufferfish.

Submit poster artwork and details on our official entry page here. Entries close 29th February 2024.

Get your brushes ready and join the fight against asthma!

Ngā mihi nui,

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# We welcome new and existing singers to Taranaki Children's Choir in 2024!

We will start the year with a fun free trial session open to new and existing members on Tuesday 20 February from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at The New Plymouth Operatic Society Rehearsal Rooms .76 King Street.

Open to children from age 7 all the way up to High School (end of year 8).

Our regular sessions are on Tuesdays during term time – at New
Plymouth Operatic Society Rooms - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Taranaki Children's Choir is a not-for-grofit organisation Discounts for more than one child from the same family attending.