



MANGOREI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 2
Term 2
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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

Tēnā Koutou Whānau o Mangorei!

It has been a pleasure to meet some new families at Mangorei over the last week and hear the lovely success of their tamariki settling into the routine of school. One of the strengths of the Mangorei Staff is to work at helping tamariki to settle into the new environment. We understand that all our children have different levels of adaptability and so are here to support them from wherever they are at. We encourage families to work with the school if there is anything better we can do to help with the transition.

Today we want to share with you an important date. It is not until Term 3 but we would love for you to grab your calendar - virtual, printable or writeable - and jot it down. That date is **Friday 26th July**. Why? This will be the day we hold our **Three-way Learning Conferences** (Student/Teacher/Parent). On that day there will be 15 minute slots that you will be able to book and we would ask you to keep your child at home that day, bringing them in when the interview time is. This is a change from last year as we are responding to feedback from families with 2 or more children when these were done over multiple days, and the challenge of having to come in multiple times over the week. Our staff also fed back around interview week being very taxing - doing full day interviews, then having to teach the rest of the week, with extra students in the class while other teachers had their interviews. I hope the way this is organised this year will support both our larger whānau and staff. We will give reminders over the term, as well as let families know when appointment bookings become live through HERO.

On the topic of HERO I did talk with a parent the other day about their child's progress and it became apparent that they had not been seeing the real-life reporting posts that the teachers had been posting on their child's Learning and Progress tab in HERO. There was a bit of a surprise when they saw they had many learning posts sitting there from this and last year! If you need help with getting the HERO app or accessing your child's learning posts then please check in with your child's teacher via email. These posts can make for great conversations at home. Just to reiterate that you don't need a 'post' or an interview time to come in to see your child's teacher - email is the best contact initially but you certainly are encouraged to make a time to come in if you have any questions around your child's learning.

On the topic of important dates, this term has quite a few - **King's Birthday** and **Matariki** are days the school is closed. Another 'school's closed' day is a **Teacher Only Day** we are having to look at the Curriculum Refresh which is a big piece of work we are facing as educators. A day which we are looking forward to is our **Puanga Celebration Day** which will have a community invite to as well for part of the day. You can find all these important dates in the calendar part of this newsletter, and also on the calendar tab in HERO.

Have a brilliant rest of your week!

Ngā Mihi,

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI

EVENTS:

- Friday 10th May - Registrations close for Kiwi English, Mathematics & Science Competitions
- Wednesday 15th May - Final Day to place Scholastic Book Orders
- Friday 17th May - Year 5/6 Interschool Exchange vs Waitara East - AWAY
- Wednesday 22nd & 23rd May - Board Meeting 7pm
- Thursday 23rd May - **Pink Shirt/Wacky Hair Day**
- Friday 24th May - Scooter Skills
- Friday 24th May to - Year 2-6 Gymsport Day
- Wednesday 12th June - Year 7/8 Gymsport Day
- Wednesday 29th May - Year 5/6 Interschool Exchange vs Lepperton - HOME
- Friday 31st May - Cycle Skills
- Monday 3rd June - Year 8 National Young Leaders Trip (Hamilton)
- Friday 7th June - Year 5/6 Rippa Tournament
- Wednesday 12th June - **Teacher Only Day - School Closed**
- Friday 14th June - **King's Birthday - School Closed**
- Blue Light Police Challenge
- Year 7/8 Rippa Tournament
- Year 7/8 Rippa Tournament Postponement Date

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

We would like to welcome *April Williams* and *Cora Rail* who have started in Piwakawaka this week.

MOUNTAINAIRS VISIT

Our Year 7 and 8 classes had a great time meeting the stars of the Taranaki Mountainairs team as they took them through some basic body movements/jumps in the game and playing some fun drills. Australian imports Sam Froling and Mitch McCarron, Point guard Derone Raukawa and local Taranaki players Dane Bertinshaw and Nico Hill said our kids were super responsive, respectful and a whole lot of fun to be around!

KŪMARA KŌRERO AT TOPEC

The kūmara were bountiful! Yesterday members of our Enviro Group, that had been involved in the propagation and planting of kūmara tipu at the end of last year, continued their mahi to haul in a handsome harvest! The unearthing began with a karakia (blessing) and then it was all hands in soil! This connection with our community at TOPEC has been beneficial for these tamariki as they learn to embrace the environment with a different lens. These beauties will be roasted up at some stage soon for the rōpu (group) to enjoy. It is hoped that the connection with TOPEC will continue to develop and that the kūmara crew are able to learn from this season to see how to make the next one even more successful.

AN ANZAC THANK YOU

As part of our special ANZAC assembly last week some of our tamariki noticed we have new, larger crosses added to our ANZAC display. These were new crosses and were painted by some of our senior students with materials gifted to the school by ex-student Tom Broadmore and his family. Last year Tom decided to research the specific 'old boys' of Mangorei School who are named on the Memorial Board up in the Upper Mangorei Road Cricket Club. He then put the names on these crosses and these will be part of our yearly tradition. A MASSIVE thank you to Tom and his family for this incredible gift.



2024 KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

Mangorei School is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

These are replacing the ICAS exams that have traditionally been done at school.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised. All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

NOTE: Their policy is not to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource. Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

Each exam costs \$9.90 per student and will be added to your child's account once you have registered.

Please follow this link to register your child by **Friday 10th May**. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

[Kiwi Assessment Registration Form](#)

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

We are excited to be heading to Hamilton this year to National Young Leaders Day!

National Young Leaders Day is an opportunity for our Year 8's to meet up with other students of the same age and listen to inspiring speakers with a focus on developing leadership skills. More information on the event can be found at <https://nyldnz.org>.

This is a **day trip** and we would be leaving Mangorei School at **5.30am** and returning around **8pm** that night, it is a big day but so much fun!

We have had some parent helpers volunteer for this trip which means we will hire one Mini Van and take cars for the other students.

DATE: Wednesday 29th May

TIME: 5.30am - 8pm

COST: Approximately \$60 - \$80 which will be confirmed once numbers are confirmed

WHAT TO BRING: Day bag with lunch, drink bottle, extra snacks, money to buy dinner on the way home in Otorohanga.

Any questions please contact Emma Saywell on, emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz

SCOOTER AND CYCLE SKILLS

We have Scooter and Bike Skill sessions coming up which will be held here at school by Let's Go Mā ake.

The aim of the Scooter Skills programme is to:

- ☐ - Build scooter rider skill and confidence through fun exercises
- ☐ - Reinforce scooter rider safety and courtesy while riding on the footpath

With the Cycle Skills, two grades of training may be delivered, with trainees being assessed following the completion of each grade. Grade 1 is taught in a non-traffic environment to enable skills to be developed. Grade 2 builds on the skills of Grade 1 and is taught on lightly trafficked, single-lane roads. All trainees' skills will be assessed prior to training on the road, and full risk management procedures are followed to ensure the safety of all trainees.

Next week consent forms will be coming home with students for these sessions. A form will be required to be completed for each child please.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT EXCHANGES FOR YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS

Our annual Year 5/6 Inter-school Sport Exchanges are in the process of being set up. We have rugby, football (soccer), netball and chess teams sorted and have had some practises. Games usually start around mid-day and finish by 1:45pm, and we always welcome parents coming to support games at school, and when we are visiting other schools. When we host schools we ask for a small contribution towards shared kai (food) to show appropriate tikanga as part of our hosting duties.

The games are set up for the following dates, although wet weather could cause postponement:

Wednesday 15 th May	vs	Waitara East - AWAY
Friday 24 th May	vs	Lepperton - HOME
Thursday 6 th June	vs	Waitara Central - HOME (no rugby)
Wednesday 19 th June	vs	St John Bosco - AWAY
Wednesday 3 rd July	vs	Inglewood - AWAY

More information will come out via HERO for the parents of children involved in the teams.

RIPPA RUGBY YEAR 5/6

We have 3 teams getting sorted for the Rippa Rugby Tournament being held on Wednesday 29th May at the New Plymouth Race Course. We are currently organising a session to be run by TRFU helpers for the students who have volunteered to be involved. More information will be shared directly to parents of children involved via HERO.

SPEED OUTSIDE SCHOOL

You will have seen signs flashing 30 Km during peak times outside school. Due to many vehicles not adhering to this the NZ Police will be doing 'spot' checks over the next month with ticketing possible. Tell your friends!



COMMUNITY NEWS



RE-WRITE THE STORY

A 4 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENT AND CHILD



Beginning Thursday 16th of May
4:00- 5:30 pm
New Plymouth CBD

For more info ring Jessica 0277559998

Or visit
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LEARN THE ART OF THE SAMURAI



CLASSES AT MANGOREI SCHOOL

Children's classes (ages 7+ years)
Kenjutsu (Sword) - Thursdays 6.00pm
Classes also at: Ferndale, Bell Block & Spotswood

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I have opened a (privately run) Facebook group called "Taranaki Autistic Community" – And I'm hoping to be able to connect Taranaki's autistic individuals, whanau, carers and professionals on one accessible platform; so we can keep in touch about what's available in our space and create social groups to connect and support each other.

If you're on FaceBook and would like to join us, click the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/taranakiautisticcommunity>

Take care and don't hesitate to contact me if I can help with anything else

Ngā Mihi,

Ashleigh Tippett (she/her)

Outreach Coordinator

Autism New Zealand Taranaki Branch