

# MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Week 3 Term 3 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 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**

Kia ora Koutou ngā whānau o Mangorei,

Week 3 of the term already here and we are getting glimpses of spring weather slowly knocking at the door! I noticed a giant rhododendron in the junior bush area already in full bloom - you can't beat this area in the morning with dappled sunlight, birdsong and the green space.

The Year 7 and 8 part of the school have brought to a conclusion their science learning with the use of the Science Investigation Process to test ideas. We had a steady flow of families popping into the school hall last Friday to come and see the exhibits and look at the finished products of their efforts. These have been entered into the Taranaki-wide Science Fair and we will know results of this in tonight's prizegiving held at NPBHS. This is traditionally a strength of our tamariki who have come through Mangorei and developed curiosity and enjoyment in Science. It doesn't end there for our Year 7 and 8 students with a group of 10 who headed off to the Rugby 7's yesterday, nearly 20 who went to the Water Rocket Interschool Finals and Toroa (Mrs Brewers class) going to TOPEC for Outdoor Education tomorrow.

Recently the media has been relaying the latest Ministry of Education direction regarding the refreshed Maths Curriculum. Fascinating to have an email in my inbox on Sunday, giving me the heads up of an announcement which happened nationwide an hour later! The challenge with this refresh is that when the nation knows, it really is then that principals know - we don't get very special treatment when a decent heads up would be nice!

The heartbreaking statistic shared was that just 22% of Year 8 students in New Zealand are at the expected curriculum benchmark for Mathematics. It shows just 12% of Māori students are where they should be and that 63 % of the overall Year 8 cohort are more than a year behind - I nearly fell off my chair! The reason being our latest Mangorei School data - which uses Mathematics PAT data as part of it (which is an assessment tool the MOE want used) - is a different picture.

At mid year, 67% of our Year 8 students are currently at or above the expected curriculum level (this will increase as we still have half a year of teaching to go) and 67% of our Māori students in Year 8 are where they should be (same thing). Only 5.3% of our overall Year 8 cohort are more than a year behind in Mathematics.

Our feel is that we are well underway with some of the key messages the government are advocating schools to connect into. We are believers in a knowledge rich curriculum and believe that learning should be sequenced, built upon (so as to ensure kids have the building blocks of learning in place as a base, before adding to this with new learning). This approach is rooted in the Science of Learning and was the reason we adopted Structured Literacy three years ago - it had science and brain research backing.

It does not however give us permission to sit on our laurels though. We are an innovative school but are regularly refining and checking on the effectiveness of what we do. As the quote says ' Once you know better, do better'.

Have a great rest of your week,

Ngā Mihi,

**Gary Poulgrain** (TUMUAKI)

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EVENTS		
TONIGHT	-	Science Fair Prizegiving
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	-	TOPEC Trip - Toroa
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	-	Golf Sessions for Ahuwhenua and Te Tai-o-rehua
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	-	TOPEC Trip - Koroā
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	-	SLANZA School Library Week - Local Author will visit our junior rŌpū
	-	David Hill Writers Course
	-	Year 5/6 Inter-school Finals
	-	BOARD MEETING 7pm in the Library
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	-	TOPEC Trip - Tūī
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	-	LEAD Conference
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	-	TOPEC Trip - Tūturiwhatu
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	-	PTA MEETING
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	-	Otago Problem Solving #5 (Y6-8 students that are involved in this)
	-	TOPEC Trip - Korimako
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	-	Taranaki Primary and Intermediate School Chess Competition 2024
	-	Pizza Lunch Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	-	TOPEC Trip - Kererū
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	-	TOPEC Trip - Toutouwai
	-	Visit from Rachael Maia - Para Olympian (Ahuwhenua)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	-	Mangorei School Endurance & Resilience Run
	-	Whānau Kai Tahi Day (12:30pm-1:30pm)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	-	TOPEC Trip - Kōtare
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	-	TOPEC Trip - Miromiro
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> September	-	AIMS Games
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	-	TOPEC Trip - Pīwakawaka
Friday 20th September	-	SCHOOL PHOTOS
	-	Pizza Lunch Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	-	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	-	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Otago Problem solving #6 (FINAL)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	-	PETS DAY
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	-	TEACHER ONLY DAY (CURRICULUM REFRESH)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-	LAST DAY OF TERM 4
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## KA RAWE KIA KOUTOU!

- Archer Jones for obtaining his Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- Maku Chitnis for obtaining her Services & Duties Excellence Certificate
- Mackenzie Austin for obtaining her Sporting and Services & Duties Excellence Certificates
- Brodie Stewart for obtaining his Services & Duties Excellence Certificate

#### AMBASSADORS AND DEPUTY AMBASSADORS

Last week those Year 8 students who wanted to be considered for our Ambassador roles presented a short prepared speech to our Leadership team as to why they should be considered for these positions. Once again all these students did an amazing job and we would like to applaud them on their presentations. After much consideration, our Term 3 and 4 Ambassadors are **Brodie** 

Stewart & MacKenzie Austin with Reagan May & Maggie Cleaver as our Deputy Ambassadors. Congratulations to you all and we are sure you will perform these roles in a professional manner.

## PETS DAY CALVES AND LAMBS

With Spring on the way, now is the time to consider your child having a lamb or calf for our historic Pets Day, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. This is such a wonderful tradition of our school with the lamb and calf leading and rearing being a bit part of the day. More information will come out nearer the time but if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

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## **TOPEC TRIP - REMINDER**

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A reminder to check your notifications via HERO for your child's upcoming TOPEC trip. If you are able to help with transport please email the teacher and let them know you can help,including the total number of passengers you can take.

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#### YEAR 7/8 MATHS QUIZ

Some of our Year 7 or 8 students have been selected to be in the Methanex Maths Quiz. This event used to be the Methanex Maths Fair but has not been held for many years. This year the quiz component has been revived so we are entering four teams and the selected pupils have been notified.

It is being held at NPBHS on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**, but is out of school time. Families need to make their own arrangements to get to the event, a staff member will be there on arrival to support teams.

- Year 7 quiz is being held at 4pm, with registration at 3.45pm.
- Year 8 quiz is being held at 5pm, with registration at 4.45pm.

We understand that this event being out of school time may mean that your child is unable to attend, especially if they already have pre-booked commitments on a Wednesday afternoon. If your child is not able to attend please let Emma Saywell know as soon as possible as we can select another student to take their place. Participating in this event is a CV point in the area of academic and if they are placed could mean they earn more CV points as well.

#### **HELEN GRIFFITHS AUTHOR VISIT**

Our school was nominated and has been chosen to enjoy a FREE author visit. **SLANZA School Library Week** is this term (Week 4) **12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August**. Helen is a local author who has written two books; 'Ross the Cat' and 'Treasure Beyond Measure'. She is coming to visit Te Tihi o Taranaki Syndicate on Wednesday 14th August and have a session based around 'Ross the Cat'. These sessions are always fun and interactive. We had Helen share books last year with our Year 3 & 4 classes.

## DAVID HILL WRITERS COURSE

The Taranaki Literacy Association is hosting an afternoon with our local author, David Hill. David will share some of the stories behind his books, why he wrote them and what inspired him. He may even share something new!

We are able to send 4 students from our school and you will be contacted via HERO if your child has been chosen and with further information.

## **RUGBY 7S**

Yesterday, 8 of our Year 7/8 boys travelled to Jubilee Park in Inglewood to take part in the Intermediate Boys 7's competition. With already low numbers due to sickness, the team which included 5 newbies or returning players to rugby, played their hearts out and gelled well together to come away from the day with 1 win and 2 close losses to far more experienced opponents. *Reagan May & Carlo Branca's* led the team from the front, as the senior players, through some fantastic tackling and ball carrying. Fellow rugby player *Sam Gwerder's* 100m try to secure the win in the first game was nothing short of amazing, while *Baylen Wells* was incrediblein the thick of the battle scrums during his first ever rugby game. *Jacob Gregory & Isaac Peters* were relentless in their work getting around the field,



while **Tom Henry** took out the team prize for best tackle following great tackling on much bigger opponents. **Archer Jones** was the teams top try scorer (and celebrator) running in 4 tries during the day. The boys enjoyed a fantastic day and would like to extend their thanks to the parents and grandparents who came to cheer them on. Huge thanks to Mr Cody Chilcott for his love of coaching which was a great encouragement to the boys.

## LEAD CONFERENCE

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August** there will be a LEAD Conference being held at City West Church here in New Plymouth. The theme for LEAD 2024 is EXPRESS YOURSELF! The Taranaki LEAD Youth Conference is an annual one-day event created to empower students during an important stage in their school journey as young leaders. Through a blend of inspirational talks and energising group activities, students will learn how to become active and inspiring leaders of their school and community.

There are 17 spaces available for our school and our Year 7s will be given the opportunity to attend. We will be asking for expressions of interest from our pupils and if there are more students wanting to go than spaces then we will draw names out of a hat. Those not attending will still get a chance to view this on-line. More information will follow via HERO for those students who are selected for the event.

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#### YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL - INTER-SCHOOL SEMI-FINAL

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August the Mangorei Year 5/6 Inter-school Football Team played a highly competitive semi-final crossover game against an evenly matched St Joseph's New Plymouth. St Joseph's had played the inter-school season last term in Pool B, and we played in Pool A. The teams were evenly matched and once again the game went to penalties to decide the score. Mangorei were triumphant with a 1-0 result. What a nail biter for all watching and playing. This means we have now qualified to play the winning team of the other Pool B crossover at the final on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** at St Joseph's, kicking off at 11am. Mrs Rowson has put up a message with the details of this event on Hero for the players and their parents. Thanks once again to parents and supporters who came to watch, and especially to Mr Adam Lashin for supporting the team as coach. A huge congratulations to all players for their achievement in reaching the finals. We wish you the very best for next week!



#### WALKING BUS DAY

It was an enthusiastic group of walkers who met at Branch Road and Tupuhi Place for a chilly walk to school last Thursday. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



#### FUN HOCKEY TRAINING SESSIONS - OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YEAR 1 to 3 STUDENTS!

#### Years 1-3 expressions of interest

We have had a wonderful dad offer to run some 'fun' hockey training sessions on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:15pm. **Currently the training sessions will be for students in Years 1 to 3**. If this is something you think your child would be interested in could you please email: Shannon Small at: <a href="mailto:shannon.small@mangorei.school.nz">shannon.small@mangorei.school.nz</a>.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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