



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Term 1
Wednesday
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February 2025

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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

Tena Koutou o ngā whānau o Mangorei,

Nau Mai, Haere Mai, Hoki mai! Welcome to our returning and new families to Mangorei School. We are very excited to be getting back underway and having the privilege of helping your tamariki on their all important learning journey for 2025.

I know the start of the year has been a bit unorthodox with our later start (we did start early for the first time last year) combined with the positioning of Waitangi Day. As a school we are to be open for 386 half days and so we are meeting this, meaning we finish later than most schools (as we saw last year). Feedback from the previous year was that parents appreciated having students at school longer during the December month in the lead up to Christmas. We are also expected, where possible, to tie in with our local schools and one of our main High Schools are closed this Friday, as well as some other primary schools in our area. We could see that our school attendance on Friday was going to be poor with a large amount of parents taking the one day as annual leave to holiday (to get a four day weekend to spend with family), as well as whānau returning from Chinese New Year celebrations, and so to maximise attendance we decided to add this day to the end of the year as opposed to being open this Friday.

We also are directed to have two Curriculum Refresh days this year. We will have one of these in Week 6 of Term 3, and the other we will do at the very end of the year when school has closed so these will only impact on our community with one day in the year. I'd also like to note that our staff had been called back in their holiday break for professional development on the curriculum refresh as well. As a parent though I know that having a later start can feel like a waiting game but I do want to reassure you that we are still doing the amount of days we are directed to do in 2025! We finish on Wednesday 17th December by the time we account for the curriculum days.

There are many times for you to be involved in the school and your child's learning so please take the time to gander through the newsletter in order to take up these opportunities.

In terms of our school we are nearing the end of the Senior Bathroom redevelopment and will be excited to have new, modern facilities for our Year 7 and 8 students. With this just being a refurbishment we won't be doing an official opening as such but this does not reduce the huge effort behind the scene of the Mangorei School Board in pushing for this facility to be pulled into the modern era!

A special thanks to **Andy** and **Bernie** our Caretaker duo, along with **Andrea Mathews, Hayley Olliver, Stephanie Taylor, Tim Suckling & Brendon Gatley** who have assisted with the pool over the summer. We certainly could not have had this open for our keyholder families without the help provided. Also thank you to grandmother **Karen Gwerder** who continues to volunteer time to come and help with our gardens as well.

I look forward to connecting up with you all over the upcoming term.

Ngā Mihi,

Gary Poulgrain
(TUMUAKI)

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

A HUGE WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS THAT HAVE STARTED WITH US TODAY.

Ameena Syed, Ava Thompson, Brooke Mascull, Dylan Ryder, Eishal Khan, Emma Mathews, Ethan Miller, Grace Hopkins, Hunta McCutcheon, Joe Hopkins, Keller Leicester, Libby Wells, Lona Pike, Mazi Pike, Peter Hopkins, Ryken Jensen, Samuel Lim, Sofie Lim, Sophie Davison, Taylor Drought, Theo Masters, Vann Humphreys, Vicky Thomson, Yuzuna Mann and Lydia Callaghan.

CRICKET – TERM 1 2025

Is your child interested in playing cricket in Term 1?

If so, please complete the registration by following the link to the PlayHQ website below by this **Friday 7th February**. Only those children who have registered will be able to be placed into teams.

The subscription cost for the term is:

\$20 per player New Entrants to Year 2 students

\$30 per player for Years 3-8 students



This is Due by **Friday 28th February 2025** (Payment instructions are included below and on PlayHQ)

SUPERSTAR KIWI (Years 1 & 2) and **SUPERSTAR INCREDIBALL** (Years 3-6) will be played on a Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm. The first game of the season will be played on **Friday 14th February**.

SUPER SMASH (Years 5 & 6) & **SUPER BASH** (Years 7 & 8) will be played on Saturday mornings with the first game starting on **Saturday 15th February**.

Each team requires a Coach and Manager for the season before we enter teams. Parents/Caregivers who are able to assist teams with coaching, managing, scoring or umpiring this season, could you please also register interest using the same link below, or please email me to let me know in a capacity you can assist the team in. If you have any questions or concerns please contact cody.chilcott@mangorei.school.nz, or the school office. If you are new to cricket, an explanation of expectations for each grade and rules can be found on the Taranaki Cricket website: <http://www.taranakicricket.co.nz> - Click on the 'Junior' tab at the top of the home page then follow the links.

PLEASE REGISTER BY FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY USING THE LINK BELOW:

[Play HQ Registration Link - Cricket Term 1 - 2025](#)

Registration fees are to please be paid directly to the Mangorei School Board Bank Account:

15-3957-0536753-00 by Friday 28th 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. ****

LIFE EDUCATION SESSIONS

Megan Lilley and **Harold** will be having a blast at Mangorei School over the next few weeks! The topics vary per year level. **Te Tihi o Taranaki (Year 0-3)** will be learning about "*Growing a Friend*". **Ahuwhenua (Year 4-6)** will be learning about "*Relationships and Identity*" and **Te Tai o Rēhua (Year 7-8)** will be learning about "*Digital Well Being and why our reputation and identity is important*".

On **Wednesday 12th February** there will be an afternoon (**between 3pm and 3.20pm**) where Megan 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@lifed.org.nz

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



SCHOOL PICNIC/MEET THE TEACHER EVENING/CAMP INFORMATION MEETING

Get it in your calendar!! **Thursday 20th February - School Picnic/Meet the Teacher Evening.** The school grounds will be the host to a school picnic that starts from 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 who will also be around) 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

Te Tai-o- Rēhua (Year 7- 8 classes) - 6.40pm to 7pm

Te Tai-o-Rēhua (Year 7- 8 classes) Camp Information session 7pm to 7.30pm

At the conclusion of the classroom session parents from Te Tai-o-Rēhua (Year 7 and 8) are invited to the library for a Camp Information Meeting. This will cover all you need to know in preparation for our camp coming up in March.

If you have questions that are more personal to your child then please do not hesitate to make a separate appointment time with your child's teacher on another day.

MIHI WHAKATAU - A WELCOME TO MANGOREI SCHOOL TO NEW FAMILIES

As is the Mangorei way, we will be holding our Mihi Whakatau for new whānau that have started with us since Term 3 2024. This will be held at **2pm on Wednesday 19th February.** 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 - yes, everyone is welcome!

YEAR 7/8 IMMUNISATIONS

On Monday 3rd March we have our Public Health Team coming in to administer vaccinations to our Year 7/8 Students. Parent information and consent booklets about these immunisations will be coming home before this date. These booklets will need to be returned to school by the date indicated on the booklet. 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.

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.

SUN HATS (POTAE) FOR TERM 1

Please ensure your child has their wide brimmed hat each day at school for Terms 1 & 4. 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 for \$22each by emailing:

Angela Duncan on: angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz . It is beneficial for students to arrive at school having sunblock already applied and have some readily available on their bags to re-apply during the school day.



TECHNOLOGY AT DEVON

We have our first session of Technology at Devon Intermediate next Wednesday for our Year 7 and 8 students who travel down by bus with our Teacher Aides and rotate around five different Technology classes over the year. The bus leaves Mangorei School just after 8.30am so it is important that all Year 7 and 8 students are at school by 8.30am on Wednesday's. If you are going to be dropping your child off at Devon Intermediate for any reason please let the school office know. Fees for these classes are set by Devon Intermediate and will be added to your child's account through the office once we are advised.


ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES ONSITE FOR STUDENTS

Our school classrooms are open for students from 8.30am.

We have our bus students who arrive a little earlier than that and stay in the grounds. Children who are not on the bus, or part of the YMCA After School Care are expected to **vacate the school grounds by 3.15pm**. If children are waiting longer than that then they should be enrolled with the After School Care Team. Please see below for more details.

YMCA AFTER-SCHOOL CARE IN 2025

Just a reminder that you can get support from **Jordan** and the team with YMCA After-School care operating out of the school hall from 3pm-5.30pm each day. If this can Support you with any childcare needed get in touch with **Jordan** around registering your child/children for the year.



the Y's Kids Care
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Before School, After School and School Holiday Programmes

Before School care at the YMCA with NP City and Omata school drop offs.

After School care on site at Welbourn, Woodleigh, Mangorei and Vogeltown Schools with pick ups within New Plymouth City and Omata for care at the YMCA Central City Service on Liardet Street.

MSD OSCAR WINZ subsidy available for eligible families

Phone: 06 758 3666
Register at: www.enrolmy.com/ys-kids-care



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the Y TARANAKI

BEING SAFE AT 3PM

As a reminder, 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. We have seen cars being ticketed in the past for some of these driving behaviours.
3. Speed limits are important at this time. **You must** be doing 30 km per hour past the school when you leave at this time.

PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to welcome all of families back to school for a fantastic 2025.

If you are not a member of the groups, please follow the links below and request to join us. It is a great way for families to connect. When requesting to join please make sure to answer the admin questions (child's teacher and child's room) or you will be denied access to the page. This is to help keep scammers off the page and to keep it to current families of the school.

[Mangorei Whānau Facebook Page](#)

[Mangorei School Facebook Page](#)

Also we would love for you all to **put Saturday 5th April in your calendars!** Lock it in and come to school for a fun School Community event here at school. The PTA are working hard at trying something different that will help fundraise for brand new Library books for our children. Did you know that your child has a regular Library time at school and can get out new books each time? That we have close to 650 books out of the library at anytime and that new titles are added every term? More details to come but please hold that date!

Our first PTA meeting for the year is: **Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm in Library - Come along and get involved!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Improv Taranaki are now taking [registrations](https://improvtaranaki.com/classes/) for our Term 1 after-school class for 8-12's, Adventures in Creativity - starting February 13th, in a new location in the New Plymouth CBD. Adventures in Creativity is an exciting 8-week after-school program designed for kids ages 8-12 that sparks their creativity, spontaneity, and sense of fun. Through dynamic improvisation-based games and activities, children will tap into their imagination while developing essential life skills such as communication, resilience, and teamwork: <https://improvtaranaki.com/classes/>



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MANGOREI SCHOOL - CHILDREN'S CLASSES (7+ YEARS)
TAIJUTSU (UNARMED SELF DEFENCE) - THURSDAYS 6PM
KENJUTSU (JAPANESE SWORD) - THURSDAYS 7PM

Bell Block | Ferndale | Highlands Park | Spotswood www.samurai.nz

AMERICARNA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!!

Get ready to mark your calendars because Supercheap Auto Americarna 2025 is rolling into Taranaki from Wednesday 19th February - Saturday 20th February 2025! As in previous years, the cars will be cruising in convoy around our province with organised stops in Opunake, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford, Hawera and New Plymouth. Your incredible support has always been a highlight of our event, and we can't wait to experience the thrill once again. Past participants have raved about the fantastic atmosphere you help create along Mangorei Road, and we look forward to making 2025 even more memorable with your continued support. To help you stay informed, we'll send you a timetable in early February, detailing when and where the cars will be cruising through your area.



In other school related news we do have some spaces available for out of zone enrolments with up to five vacancies across Years one to eight. Applications are in the school office and they close at 11am Monday if interested - email principal@mangorei.school.nz

Central Hinds Girls Cricket Skills Day:

We're stoked to let you know that with the Hinds being in town for this weekend's fixtures against the Northern Districts, some of the players will be available to run a **free and super fun skills based training session for any girls** out there who might be interested.

This will take place at Pukekura Park on Friday 7th February from 4pm - 5pm

- There will games setup that are based on batting, bowling and fielding and everyone will get a chance to have a go at each one.
- You do not have to have any experience with cricket to take part and all gear will be provided.
- The days have been super hot so please be sure to wear a cap, have sunblock on and bring a water bottle.
- Feel free to pass this on to anyone who has a daughter who might be keen to take part.

So we have good idea of numbers, please have the form completed by 8pm Thursday 6th February.

Registration form: [Central Hinds Girls Cricket Skills Day - Registration Form](#)