



# MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2, Term 1  
Wednesday  
12<sup>th</sup>  
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

Kia Ora Mangorei Whānau,

It is great to be back in the routine of school and to see the exciting learning going on in classes from the get go! Teachers have been prioritising the development of a positive, friendly, learning-focused environment and have all been commenting about how ready for learning the tamariki are, so well done whānau!

Next week there are three opportunities for us to connect up and so I do encourage you to make the most of these opportunities to do so. On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**, our New Entrants up to Year 6's are inviting parents to come in during their swimming session to see some of the learning they are doing in the pool around water safety. Teachers will communicate when their sessions are via HERO. On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** in the afternoon at **2pm** we are holding our Traditional Mangorei Mihi Whakatau Welcome, to our new families here at school. We would love to see our new parents for this which, if the weather is fine, will involve the whole school on the front court. We have some shared kai afterwards with it finishing close to the 3pm near the end of day. Existing families are welcome to come and be part of the school as the welcomers. Thirdly, on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February** we have the School Picnic and Meet the Teacher evening starting at 5.30pm. Bring some kai and a blanket and come and join us on the school field. Depending on what Roopu (syndicate) your child is in, there will be a time to go to the class to hear the teacher talk about the unique nature of the class and how the programme runs. At the end of the class sessions there is an important **Camp meeting for all Year 7/8 parents** to attend. More details further in the newsletter. We would dearly love to see you connect with us as we partner up for the year!

Talking of 'partnering up', on behalf of the staff, I very much want to encourage you to consider how you may be able to support your child's' school. At present our PTA are using a virtual megaphone asking for help! If you have the capacity to help out, or are just looking to meet some new people and form some social connections then the best way is to help out the school. Click on this link [pta.mangoreischool@gmail.com](mailto:pta.mangoreischool@gmail.com) to flick an email to our amazing PTA Chairperson - Andrea - who can let you know what is on offer (you can read later on). One urgent need is for a few parents to (what could just be a 30 minute slot) help cars park on the school field on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** for a Tūpare event. The council will then give a donation to the school towards our school camps. Thanks for volunteering!

In the upcoming weeks we are reviewing the frequency of the school newsletter and ensuring that our communication around what is happening at school is meeting the community's needs. We will look to get a survey out over the next month around this.

Have an excellent rest of your week,  
Ngā Mihi,

**Gary Poulgrain**  
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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## WEEK 2 - TERM 1

**THIS AFTERNOON!!** - **LIFE ED TRUCK OPEN FOR PARENTS (3PM AND 3.20PM)**  
From Week 2 *until* - Life Education Sessions with Megan & Harold  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

## WEEK 3 - TERM 1

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Parents invited in to come and watch swimming sessions of their child (Years 0-6).  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Mihi Whakatau (All Welcome) - From 2pm - 2.45pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Life ED - Year 5/6 Girls 'Our Changing Bodies'  
- School Picnic/Meet The Teacher Evening - From 5.30pm - 7pm  
- Camp Meeting Year 7/8 at 7pm

## WEEK 5 - TERM 1

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 7/8 Immunisations  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - TRI/BI Day and Whānau Kai Tahi Day

## WEEK 6 - TERM 1

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March - **TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - School Hockey Sessions start at school for each class  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - **FIRST PTA MEETING FOR 2025! COME ALONG! @ 7.30PM IN THE LIBRARY**

## WEEK 7 - TERM 1

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March *until* - Wool in Schools for the Ahuwhenua (Year 4-6) Roopu  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March *until* - **SCHOOL CAMP IN WELLINGTON FOR TE TAI O RĒHUA**  
Friday 21<sup>th</sup> March **YEAR 7-8 ROOPU**

## WEEK 8 - TERM 1

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Weetbix Tryathlon  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6-8 Swimming Sports

## WEEK 9 - TERM 1

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April - **MANGOREI FAMILY FUN EVENT! (SEE INFO ON PTA NEWS)**

## WEEK 10 - TERM 1

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Tabloid Sports  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

## HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

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

*Leefy Mariner, Slater Mariner, Jack Burke, Lily Burke & Syris Young*  
and also to our newest Teacher Aide *Nichola McLeod!*

## CONGRATULATIONS - KAI PAI

*McKenzie Parker*  
For achieving  
a Super Certificate of Merit

## LIFE EDUCATION SESSIONS

*Megan, Tom* and *Harold* have kicked off the week in the Life Education truck at Mangorei School that will run over the next few weeks for our tamariki!

This afternoon **between 3pm and 3.20pm** *Megan & Tom* 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.

## HERO APP 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, school notices, accounts, current newsletter, calendar events, reporting and much more! If you download the HERO app in your app store on your device, then create a login, this will match you to your child/childrens profile at our school. If you have any problems creating a login, please get in touch with Donna or Sam in the office, please email:

[office@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:office@mangorei.school.nz)

Here's the link for you to sign-up to the App: [HERO APP FOR NEW FAMILIES](#)

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| CLASS NAMES                  | TEACHERS EMAIL ADDRESSES  |
|------------------------------|---|
| PĪWAKAWAKA<br>(New Entrants) | <i>Mrs Anne Stuck &amp; Mrs Shannon Small</i><br><a href="mailto:anne.stuck@mangorei.school.nz">anne.stuck@mangorei.school.nz</a> / <a href="mailto:shannon.small@mangorei.school.nz">shannon.small@mangorei.school.nz</a>              |
| TOUTOUWAI<br>(Year 1)        | <i>Mrs Angela Duncan</i><br><a href="mailto:angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz">angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz</a>  |
| RURU<br>(Year 2)             | <i>Mrs Katrina Aitchison / Mrs Shay Orrell</i><br><a href="mailto:katrina.aitchinson@mangorei.school.nz">katrina.aitchinson@mangorei.school.nz</a> / <a href="mailto:shay.orrell@mangorei.school.nz">shay.orrell@mangorei.school.nz</a> |
| MIROMIRO<br>(Year 2/3)       | <i>Miss Aaliyah Reade</i><br><a href="mailto:aaliyah.reade@mangorei.school.nz">aaliyah.reade@mangorei.school.nz</a>   |
| TŪĪ<br>(Year 3)              | <i>Miss Tessa Lilley</i><br><a href="mailto:tessa.lilley@mangorei.school.nz">tessa.lilley@mangorei.school.nz</a>  |
| KŌTARE<br>(Year 6)           | <i>Mrs Kirsten van Greevenbroek</i><br><a href="mailto:kirsten.greevenbroek@mangorei.school.nz">kirsten.greevenbroek@mangorei.school.nz</a>   |
| KORIMAKO<br>(Year 4/5)       | <i>Mrs Kate Gwerder</i><br><a href="mailto:kate.gwerder@mangorei.school.nz">kate.gwerder@mangorei.school.nz</a>   |
| KERERŪ<br>(Year 5/6 )        | <i>Mrs Sarah Rowson</i><br><a href="mailto:sarah.rowson@mangorei.school.nz">sarah.rowson@mangorei.school.nz</a>   |
| KĀHU<br>(Year 4/5)           | <i>Mrs Penelope Moffat / Mrs Shay Orrell</i><br><a href="mailto:penelope.moffat@mangorei.school.nz">penelope.moffat@mangorei.school.nz</a> / <a href="mailto:shay.orrell@mangorei.school.nz">shay.orrell@mangorei.school.nz</a>         |
| KORORĀ<br>(Year 7/8)         | <i>Mr Cody Chilcott</i><br><a href="mailto:cody.chilcott@mangorei.school.nz">cody.chilcott@mangorei.school.nz</a>   |
| TOROA<br>(Year 7/8)          | <i>Mrs Morgan Brewer</i><br><a href="mailto:morgan.cowper@mangorei.school.nz">morgan.cowper@mangorei.school.nz</a>  |
| TŪTURIWHATU<br>(Year 7/8)    | <i>Mr Craig Henson</i><br><a href="mailto:craig.henson@mangorei.school.nz">craig.henson@mangorei.school.nz</a>  |
| TUMUAKI<br>(Principal)       | <i>Mr Gary Poulgrain</i><br><a href="mailto:principal@mangorei.school.nz">principal@mangorei.school.nz</a>  |
| DEPUTY PRINCIPAL             | <i>Mrs Emma Saywell</i><br><a href="mailto:emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz">emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz</a>   |
| OFFICE                       | <i>Mrs Donna Goble &amp; Mrs Samantha Heslop</i><br><a href="mailto:office@mangorei.school.nz">office@mangorei.school.nz</a>  |

### MINISTRY CURRICULUM REFRESH DAYS

**(Teacher Only Days)**

We can confirm that our two Ministry Curriculum Refresh TOD's this year are:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**&**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

### REMINDER - SUN HATS (POTAE) FOR TERM 1

Well done to all that have remembered to bring their hats to school this week! Just a reminder to please ensure that 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](mailto:angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz) It is beneficial for students to arrive at school having sunblock already applied and to have some readily available on their bags to reapply during the school day.

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## 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 on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**. 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!

## LIFE EDUCATION - YEAR 5/6 GIRLS

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** our Year 5/6 girls will be having a special "girls chat" on the topic of '*Our Changing Bodies*' providing some details around menstruation, particularly on what to do if this happens at school. Please make contact with your class teacher either by email or in person if you wish to ask any questions or have any concerns about what will be covered, or contact Megan directly on [newplymouth@lifeed.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@lifeed.org.nz)

## PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS

The Ministry of Education is providing period products (pads) to students to allow them to manage their monthly cycle. We will have product available for students to pick up and take home, as well as having product available in our Senior Girls bathroom. We will have the product packed in discrete brown paper bags with two packs of pads and a pack of liners which can be picked up from the office. There will be no need to ask, just email the office on [office@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:office@mangorei.school.nz) to request one. Parents are also able to come into the office and request a pack if your daughter feels more comfortable with this.

## SCHOOL PICNIC/MEET THE TEACHER EVENING/CAMP INFORMATION MEETING

Get it in your calendar! **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 4-5 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.

## YEAR 7/8 IMMUNISATIONS

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter and on HERO. On **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, the Public Health Team are coming in to administer vaccinations to our Year 7/8 Students. Parent information and consent booklets about these immunisations came home yesterday with your child, thank you to those that have returned them. Please return these to school by this **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. No immunisations can be given without the signed consent form being returned to school. If your child didn't receive their booklet - please contact the office for a copy. Note that you can opt to take your child to your GP for these immunisations if you prefer.

## KEA CROSSING ROAD PATROL

We've had an amazing number of Year 7 students bring permission slips back for Road Patrol! If your child is interested in becoming a member they would have brought a notice home for you to sign, this needs to be returned by **TOMORROW** at the latest as we have Constable Gary Toa coming in to hold a session about how to effectively run the Kea Crossing. Your Child will need to attend this and bring covered in shoes. If you have any questions please feel free to email: [morgan.cowper@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:morgan.cowper@mangorei.school.nz)



## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

We have a growing amount of unclaimed property over by the hall. Weather dependent we will pop it out on the court, so children have access to it and reclaim what is theirs. If you notice your child is missing an article of clothing please encourage them to have a good look at the unclaimed property. Any items remaining at the end of Term 1, will be donated to a local charity.

## PTA NEWS

Our first PTA meeting for the year is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the Library - Come along and get involved, everyone is welcome!**

The PTA have been working on a number of different fundraising events and activities for this term. Please have a read through and if you have any questions or are able to help with any of the volunteer roles or donations please get in contact via [pta.mangoreischool@gmail.com](mailto:pta.mangoreischool@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY!!!

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** we are looking for volunteers to help direct cars on the school field for parking for the Tūpare Summer Jams event from 10:30am - 2pm. Can you spare 30mins to help on the day?

The school will receive a donation for supplying this parking for the event, which will go towards helping fund our students to go on school camp - please consider as over your time at Mangorei all children will have two camps and so all families benefit at some stage!

## KITCHEN AID EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISER

We are thrilled to announce our latest initiative where you can support our school while enhancing your kitchen with high-quality kitchen aid equipment available through Fundraiser Factory. Every purchase made will help us provide funds to support our students heading away to camp. Explore the selection here <https://fundraisefactory.com/my-fundraiser/mangorei-school-pta-fundraiser/> share the link with friends and family lets whip up some support for Mangorei School.

## MORNING TEA FOR AGE CONCERN

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** we are catering morning tea and lunch for Age Concern Taranaki's Conference - Age Is Just A Number. This is a free conference for anyone over the age of 65. It is expected we will be feeding 150 attendees on the day!

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO MAKE UP THE MORNING TEA:

Bread, Eggs, Whole Chickens in oven roasting bags, Cheese, Flour, Sugar, Icing Sugar, Butter, Chocolate for brownies, Cucumber, Carrot, Fruit - easy to eat (things like apples are too hard for false teeth), Gluten free wraps, Milk, Tea, Coffee. Food donations can be brought in to the school office and will need to be at school by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** please.

**\*\*We also need volunteers on the evening of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March to prepare food and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (8:30am-1pm)\*\***

## WHĀNAU TAHI KAI DAY

We can't wait to host the whānau Tahi Kai day at the Tri/Bi event on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare/cook sausages in the morning and to help serve sausages and drinks at lunchtime.

## SCHOOL FUN RUN - CRAZY COLOUR DAY

We're excited to be participating in the school fun runs Crazy Colour Day on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.** We'll be launching the fundraising in two weeks, so make sure to keep an eye out for more information.

We hope you'll support our school and student's fundraising for more library books, games and activities for our students in the playground and in the classrooms on wet days.

Thank you all for your continued support.

***The Mangorei School PTA Team***



# MANGOREI

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HELP!

We would LOVE your support.

Join us in our exciting fundraising journey with the Mangorei School PTA!  
 We are thrilled to announce our latest initiative, where you can support our school while enhancing your kitchen with high-quality Kitchen Aid equipment, available through Fundraise Factory.  
 Every purchase you make helps us provide essential resources and enriching experiences for our students.  
 Together, we can make a difference in our school community.  
 Thank you for your generosity!



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## Mini Stitcher's - Kids Sewing Class

Join Stitch Up Society for their brand-new Kids Sewing Classes – *Mini Stitchers*!

Stitch Up Society kicked off less than a year ago with a mission to help reduce textile waste by helping people to master the art of mending, altering, and upcycling their textiles.

*Mini Stitchers* is perfect for kids aged 8-12 who want to learn how to sew while also becoming little eco-warriors. They'll pick up handy skills through fun, bite-sized projects, and by the end of the six-week course, they'll be sewing like a pro... or at least like a Grandma (who are basically sewing legends!)

Classes are small with a maximum of 6 kids - suggested age 8-12 years old - No experience necessary, all we ask you to bring is some smiles and enthusiasm. All tools, equipment and fabric provided but you are more than welcome to bring along your own machine if you'd prefer.

The cost is \$150 per child for 6 weeks

For further details or to book a spot, please visit: [Booking Link](#).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [:stitch.up.society@gmail.com](mailto:stitch.up.society@gmail.com)

## AMERICARNA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!!

Get ready to mark your calendars because Supercheap Auto Americarna 2025 is rolling into Taranaki from **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Follow the link to see when cars will be cruising through your area <https://americarna.com/event/cruise-routes/>





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### CONFIDENCE BEATS BULLIES

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](http://www.samurai.nz)



### ADVENTURES IN CREATIVITY

for ages 8-12

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THURSDAYS 4:15-5:15PM

NEW PLYMOUTH CBD



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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### CODING LESSONS



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Years 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10  
 Weekdays after school  
 Attend online from home



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## Whānau Pakari



Whānau Pakari is a community-based, no cost, whānau-centred programme for children and adolescents aged 4-15 years (inclusive), wanting to improve their lifestyle.

Whānau Pakari uses an expert team to support children and their whānau to make long term changes to activity, food and lifestyle choices, in a respectful and non-judgemental way.

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora


Activity sessions in Hāwera and New Plymouth for 4-10 year olds, two half-day workshops for adolescents 11 years and over, and a term of physical activity sessions twice per year.

The Whānau Pakari team includes:


- dietitian
- clinical psychologist
- paediatrician
- physical activity specialist
- healthy lifestyle coordinator.

**To access the service or information:**  
 Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator:  
[whanauapakari@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:whanauapakari@tdhb.org.nz) or  
 753 6139 extn 8729

**For information or to self refer:**  
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