



# MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3, Term 1  
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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

Today is the day! I hope to see you all tonight at the School Picnic / Meet the Teacher evening we are having at school starting at 5.30pm. The pool will be open, sports gear out, gazebos up, tarps laid out and teachers rearing to go with telling you about their class programme and what your child gets up to for 30 hours of their week! Over the afternoon there will be some announcements and ringing bells to direct you off to your child's class at the right times.

Yesterday we had a beautiful Mihi Whakatau and welcomed our new tamariki (27 kids, a kapa haka tutor and family, an office administrator and a lot of caregivers including some grandparents!) It was a pleasure to have our new families and staff brought into the school in our Mangorei way and to spend some time together. Big thanks to Miss Aaliyah Reade for helping organise the welcome and Matua Kingi for supporting our Kapa Haka Roopu, Toitoiwhakamanawa. We will look to hold this again two more times over the year as we have more families joining us. We were so pleased the rain cleared so we could have the whole school involved in this occasion.



If you are a caregiver of a Year 7 and 8 student we are encouraging you to stick around after the meet the teacher session to attend a camp meeting in the library at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to hear the programme and have any questions answered about the camp. Camp is a wonderful memory making activity for our tamariki and a chance to try new things and push new boundaries in a safe environment.

Have a brilliant rest of your week - Americarna is in full swing and for those of you on Mangorei Road north of the school the street parade tomorrow night is great fun. Then next week we play host to the amazing spectacle that is Te Matatini - which will prove to be a stunning event with some breathtaking performances! Get amongst it!

Ngā Mihi,

**Gary Poulgrain**  
TUMUAKI





**Olivia Roche (Yr 8)**

## CONGRATULATIONS - KAI PAI GIRLS!

A huge congratulations to **Olivia Roche** and **Emily Wang**, who both competed in a number of swimming events at the Taranaki Summer Champs in Bell Block & Hawera. **Olivia** came home with a whopping 6 gold medals, 1 silver and 1 bronze in the 12 year old races. **Emily** came home with 2 silvers and 1 bronze medal; as well as placing 5<sup>th</sup> in three of her races, 6<sup>th</sup> in two and 7<sup>th</sup> place in the age 12 races. Both girls swam beautifully and competed against the best swimmers of their age in Taranaki. Well done!



**Emily Wang (Yr 8)**

## BOARD NEWS

### POLICY REVIEW

At present the Board are reviewing the following policies:

- ❖ Health Safety and Welfare Policy
- ❖ Risk Management
- ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Safety Management System
- ❖ Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation
- ❖ Recording and Reporting Accident Injuries and Illness

The policies can be viewed by going to <http://www.schooldocs.co.nz>

- Search for our school name
- Username is: mangorei
- Password is: country

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding these policies please email:

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

## APPLICATIONS FOR OUT-OF-ZONE- STUDENTS FOR TERMS 2, 3 & 4 2025

If you know of families where our Full Primary (Year 1-8) and the 'City School with the Country Heart' feel would match their vision for their child then feel free to share with them:

The Mangorei School Board has determined that there are the following vacancies in these areas of our school for the remainder of 2025 for **out of zone students**, starting at the beginning of Term 2.

- 10 Vacancies in the **Year 1 to Year 3**
- 8 Vacancies in the **Year 4 to Year 8**

Application forms are available by emailing [office@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:office@mangorei.school.nz). The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday 10th March 2025

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. Ballots, if required, will be held by 12th March 2025. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

## ABSENCE REMINDERS

There are a number of ways to let us know of an absence:

- **HERO APP:** Open the [HERO](#) app, click Report an Absence, select the Reason for the Absence and then a short explanation for the absence, eg, sore throat, sore tummy, doctors' appointment etc. You will then get a notification that school has been notified.
- **TEXT:** The school cell phone on 027 758 7860 with your child's name and the reason for their absence.
- **EMAIL:** [office@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:office@mangorei.school.nz) with your child's name and the reason for their absence.
- **PHONE:** Phone the school office on (06) 758 7860

If we have not received notification of an absence, please expect a text message or call from school asking you to confirm that your child is away. If a text messages are unanswered, someone will phone to follow up. This helps us to ensure that all tamariki are accounted for and safe.

**\*\*Please ensure that you notify the office by 8.30am daily if your child is going to be absent from school\*\***



## STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### COVID 19

We have some confirmed cases of COVID-19 that caregivers have let us know of over the week.

If your child is symptomatic or feeling unwell please keep them home and consider testing them for COVID-19. If your child has a positive test result, please keep them away from school for at least 5 days and notify school that their absences is due to COVID.

### STOMACH BUGS

In addition to the confirmed COVID-19 cases, we also appear to have a tummy bug circulating.

A reminder that if your child has/had vomiting or diarrhea, per the advice of the Ministry of Health, you need to keep them home for **48 hours** after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

For example - If your child has been vomiting and their last episode was at 8am on Monday morning, they can return to school on Wednesday morning, as long as they haven't vomited since the Monday morning. This helps to break the cycle of infection and the spread of the bugs and to keep our tamariki well and healthy.

## MANGOREI SCHOOL IT INFORMATION

Digital technology is an important part of our curriculum, as a school we make every effort to ensure that our ākonga are safe while using technology.

### AS A SCHOOL WE USE:

- ❖ **Network for Learning (N4L)** to provide internet restrictions, web filtering, blocking inappropriate content and to reduce the risk of online threats.
- ❖ **NORRCOM** is our digital provider and we have a person onsite every week to help with the day to day running of our systems, and to work alongside our other providers, such as N4L.
- ❖ We use **JAMF** and **ASM** to manage the majority of our school devices. This allows us to ensure that software is updated regularly, set password policies and monitor devices across the school. Apple Classroom allows teachers to view students' screens while they are working on devices in real time. Teachers can lock devices, and limit applications students have available to them.
- ❖ We use **GOOGLE WORKSPACE** for education, which offers advanced admin controls and policies, so we can manage content, and applications accessed when a student has a google workspace for education account. The Ministry of Education provides our school with free licences for both **Google** and **Microsoft**, and we have set up a single sign on for canva.

Over the last few years we have become more aware of the necessity to review applications and software we are allowing students to access. We refer to the Safer Technologies for Schools (ST4S) site for guidance, and take time to review application choices as much as possible. Therefore we have seen a reduction in the amount of applications students can access at school. Our school management system (HERO), library system (Accessit) and reading system (Lexia) are all ST4S approved.

Each term every classroom in the school reviews our student IT contract. Teachers and students discuss the importance of digital citizenship, online safety, problem solving etc. As a school we use the netsafe website to provide information and lessons about cyber security.

On enrollment we provide parents with a Mangorei School Digital Agreement, which provides parents and students with information about school expectations with regard to the use of technology in our school. Each year we will attach this document to a newsletter and we ask that you take the time to read it through with your children.

Technology is forever changing and at times we may find a gap in our security after an event has happened. It is important that families, students and staff at Mangorei work together to ensure everyone is safe. If you become aware of any issues, we would appreciate it if you could bring it to our attention, so we can be proactive in our response.

## MANGOREI SCHOOL TRI/BI DAY

DATE: FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

TIME: FIRST RACE STARTS AT 9:30am

VENUE: MANGOREI SCHOOL

We are excited to be running our annual Tri/Bi Day at Mangorei School again this year. This is a fun school day where we compete, celebrate and cheer each other on showing House spirit and displaying our school values. Our 'triathlon' is not a typical event - it is a run, bike and swim. We are aware that this is not how these events are usually ordered; but to make our races more efficient and for easiest use of our school grounds, this is how we choose to run them. The distances that children run, cycle and swim are all different based on their year level. All children will have the course explained to them prior to the event by their classroom teacher, so they are aware of how many lengths they are swimming, laps they are biking and where they are running. The course will be clearly marked on the day and helpers will be posted around the course. The course loops around the school. Each student who completes the course will receive a token to put into their House bucket. The first four competitors to finish will receive extra points for their House group.

## ADVICE TO WHĀNAU:

Parents, friends and family are welcome to attend. The PTA will be selling sausages at lunchtime. Visitors please be aware that as you arrive there may be competitors running or cycling by some of our school entry points, and you might need to wait for them to pass. Staff will be there to help. It is essential that all visitors and parents stay in the correct viewing area, so the course is always accessible. For safety reasons we ask that parents do not enter the swimming pool area. Because this is a School House event we expect that students will remain in their allocated House group areas joining in on the cheering and supporting their fellow students. It would be unfortunate for a student to miss their race because they were not in the correct area to hear their race being called. We also ask for students to stay with their House groups when not racing, although they are welcome to mix and mingle with parents at morning tea and lunch.

**\*\* Please do not take your child after their race, children must stay until the end of all of the events \*\***

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR COMPETITORS:

## ❖ BIATHLON:

You must wear a t-shirt for the run, then remove it at the pool for the swim. A rash shirt may be worn underneath if needed - you can run in bare feet.

## ❖ TRIATHLETES:

You must run and bike in a t-shirt. You must remove your t-shirt in the bike transition zone. A rash shirt may be worn underneath the t-shirt if needed, you must wear a helmet for the bike section. You must wear closed in shoes for the bike section of the triathlon. **Jandals or crocs are not acceptable.** You must remove your shoes in the bike transition zone.

- ❖ Please have a spare t-shirt packed in case it gets wet poolside.
- ❖ If asthmatic, remember to run with your inhaler.
- ❖ Don't eat anything too heavy just before the race.
- ❖ Remember to have a warm sweatshirt/jacket to put on after your race.
- ❖ Cheer on your mates and house members and enjoy the day..
- ❖ **BE SUN SMART!** - This event has our students out of the classroom for the hottest part of the day. We always have sunscreen out in the crowd, but it can be helpful to pack some, especially for those who have special sunblock for sensitive skins.



## APPROXIMATE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

**\*\* STUDENTS WILL BE SEATED IN HOUSE GROUPS FROM 9:15AM\*\***

**BIATHLON:**

**First Race Approximately at 9.30am**

Year 8 Boys  
Year 8 Girls  
Year 7 Boys and Girls  
Year 6 Boys and Girls  
Year 5 Boys and Girls  
Year 3 Boys and Girls  
Year 4 Boys and Girls  
Year 1 and 2 Boys and Girls

**MORNING TEA:**

**Approximately 10:30 -11:00**

**TRIATHLON:**

New Entrants  
Year 1 Boys and Girls  
Year 2 Boys and Girls  
Year 3 Boys and Girls  
Year 4 Boys and Girls  
Year 5 Boys and Girls  
Year 6 Boys and Girls  
Year 7 Boys and Girls  
Year 8 Boys and Girls

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If the Tri/Bi can not go ahead on this date due to weather challenges, the PTA will still be selling sausages at lunchtime and Whānau Kai Tahi still happens for you to come in and see your child's learning.

**PTA NEWS****FIRST PTA MEETING OF 2025!**

Our first PTA meeting for the year is on: **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7.30pm IN THE LIBRARY** - Come along and get involved, everyone is welcome!

As mentioned in our newsletter last week, Our wonderful PTA team 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 us.

**TŪPARE SUMMER JAMS EVENT THIS SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY FROM 10:30am - 2pm**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with parking this Sunday. You should have received the time slot you have been rostered on for.

**\*\* We would love some more volunteers as we are still light in some time slots if you can help 11am-12pm, 12pm-12:30pm or 12:30-1pm please get in touch.\*\***

**KITCHEN AID FUNDRAISER**

Please keep those orders coming in! Visit the link below to place an order. **ORDERS MUST BE COMPLETED BY TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

[MANGOREI SCHOOL - KITCHEN AID FUNDRAISER](#)

**SCHOOL FUN RUN - CRAZY COLOUR DAY**

Just one week to go until the @nzschoolfunrun Crazy Colour Day launches. Next week students will bring home sponsorship forms and a parent letter. The event will be held on **SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL** and we'd love as many people on the day to cheer the kids on as possible! **We're also looking for some helpers, so if you're available please email the PTA at [pta.mangoreischool@gmail.com](mailto:pta.mangoreischool@gmail.com)**





*We are*  
**FUNDRAISING**  
& need *your*  
**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!

**\$40**



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## TARANAKI DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - STRATFORD

An integrated Anglican Year 9 - Year 13  
Boarding and Day School

**OPEN DAY – Wednesday 19th March 2025**  
– visit anytime between 10 am - 2 pm

**Enrolments: Weekly Boarding, Part  
Boarding (2/3 nights) and Day Students**  
**Daily transport options from and to New  
Plymouth and Hawera**

**Prospectus Packages available**  
**06 765 5333**

[sandrac@taranakidio.school.nz](mailto:sandrac@taranakidio.school.nz)

Virtual Tours available any time via website  
[www.taranakidio.school.nz](http://www.taranakidio.school.nz)

## INTRODUCING OUR CAST

**ROBERT** DAVID ROHI

**CATHERINE** JAMIE FENTON

**CLAIRE** KATE HANSEN

**HAL**  
MICHAEL  
BUGBEE

**PROOF.**  
BY DAVID AUBURN  
DIRECTED BY VIVIENNE BATY

**2-12 APRIL 2025**





COMPASSION 仁義  
INTEGRITY 勇氣  
COURAGE 名譽  
HONOUR 真  
HONESTY 礼  
RESPECT 志  
LOYALTY 義  
SELF CONTROL 自制

**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)**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TE MATATINI FESTIVAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Next week from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Te Matatini is in Taranaki and a large population of performers and supporters will be in New Plymouth for the event. The event is attracting tens of thousands of people, which will have an impact on many kura.

For many other schools around New Plymouth the impact will be through the transport volume and challenges arising from the event. We have been advised by Civil Defence that whanau who travel to school via a vehicle, may need a bit more time and patience as they move around. Our bus services are confident that they will be fine during the event. Many visitors have to stay out of New Plymouth due to accommodation shortages. This may mean that schools out of the city will also see a rise in traffic. Please, as always, ensure that your child is kept safe and uses the Kia Crossing when entering or leaving the school.