



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10, 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:

Kia Ora Whānau,

One common conversation you will hear across our classes is that of the 'Learning Pit'. It is a visual model that helps kids know that the process of learning can be a challenge, can be frustrating, include mistake making, can require help and support and it can be hard work that leads you to success. Being in this 'Pit' is not just for our kids though - as adults we find ourselves in this 'Pit' often.

One pit I am at the bottom of at the moment is how we assess your children in Reading, Writing and Maths, and how do we report this to you? We are working with limited direction from the Ministry and as I scramble in the bottom of this hole I find myself getting more frustrated. However, I take a leaf out of the book of all our learners and continue to try to work my way out of this current pit.

So what is it that we know presently about what we are teaching our students?

1. That we have new curriculums to teach to for Reading, Writing and Maths, and that the expectations are higher than the old 2007 curriculum. Not a bad thing at all but still a challenge we have to grapple with.
2. We know that the Ministry of Education said in 2023 Year 8 achievement was 42% meeting expectation, but then in 2024 after trying out the new curriculum with a group of Year 8's achievement was only 22%. Last year we were not teaching to the new curriculum so will we then expect a drop in our own achievement data? Tough going into an unknown!
3. We know that great teaching practice is a massive influence on progress. Looking at standardised test data that teachers at Mangorei have just collected in PAT tests, our scores are above the national average. However what will we expect moving forward? It's not like we can just say the kids have to do better and they just start doing better - it may take time.
4. That at the moment there is little to no clarity from the Ministry about what assessment tools are expected to be used, except they are looking overseas for what they see is in use and will fit best with the new curriculum expectations.
5. We know that we have been using PRIME as a resource to support maths learning for many years and that this is one of the Ministry's preferred resources they are wanting schools to use. However the way this aligns with the new mathematics curriculum means the pathway to using it is now a crooked path and will take time for teachers to master the new pathways, especially as we move towards teaching all students at the level they need to be exposed too.

So what are we doing?

1. We can still inform you of what your child is learning and how they are progressing with it.
2. When we hold our Mid-Year Discussions at the start of Term 3 we will implement what we can of the new expectations - however if there is no clarity, or it remains a mess we will stick with what we currently do because we want to maintain the integrity of the professionalism of teachers.

3. We will still post snapshots of learning on HERO (You should have a Literacy and Mathematics post, a settling statement, swimming post and others of interest to the class e.g Tri Bi)

It is important to state that all of this does have an impact on you.

We are able share what your child has been learning, how that is going and what is next for their learning, which really is the important stuff, but in terms of the new curriculum and how they stack up against that... we just are not ready for this yet.

So...while we still find ourselves in the Learning Pit, getting muddy in muck and working through such substantial changes in education - teachers keep doing amazing things with our students, kids keep learning and progress continues to be seen. We very much appreciate your patience while we climb out the other side.....eventually!

Ngā Mihi and have yourself a fabulous holiday break next week!

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK 10 - TERM 1

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| Thursday 10 th April | - | Year 7/8 Rippa Sessions with TRFU (9am - 10.30am) |
| | - | Tabloid Sports - (Support your child to get house colour ready!) |
| Friday 11 th April | - | Rānui: Te Tihi O TaranakiTe-Tai O-Rehua |
| | - | Strike Percussion Performance |
| | - | (Whole School From 2pm-2.45pm) |
| | - | LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |

WEEK 1 - TERM 2

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| Monday 28 th April | - | FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 |
| Wednesday 30 th April | - | <i>Our Moon - Then, Now & Beyond</i> - Len Lye Centre Govett Brewster Art Gallery - (Miromiro & Tūi) |
| Friday 2 nd May | - | <i>Our Moon - Then, Now & Beyond</i> - Len Lye Centre Govett Brewster Art Gallery - (Piwakakwaka, Toutouwai & Ruru) |
| | - | ANZAC ASSEMBLY - (At school, all families welcome 10am) |

WEEK 2 - TERM 2

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| Monday 5 th May | - | Year 5/6 Tackle 5's Day |
| Tuesday 6 th May | - | Year 5/6 Tackle 5's Day |
| Thursday 8 th May | - | Reading In Schools Starts |
| | - | <i>Weaving Stories</i> : Len Lye Centre Govett Brewster Art Gallery - (Piwakakwaka & Toutouwai) |
| | - | Otago Problem Solving #2 - (11am - 12pm) |
| Friday 9 th May | - | Year 5/6 Inter School vs St John Bosco - (AWAY) |

WEEK 3 - TERM 2

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| Tuesday 13 th May | - | <i>Weaving Stories</i> : Len Lye Centre Govett Brewster Art Gallery - (Ruru) |
| | - | <i>Weaving Stories</i> : Len Lye Centre Govett Brewster Art Gallery - (Tūi) |
| Thursday 15 th May | - | Year 5/6 Inter School vs Merrilands - (HOME) |
| Friday 16 th May | - | Firewise Firefighter Presentation - (Te Tihi ō Taranaki) |

CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE

- ★ **Harlow Giles** - For obtaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ **Olivia McKee** - For obtaining her Services & Duties Achievement Certificate

POOL KEYS REMINDER:

As mentioned in our last few newsletters, could all pool keys be returned to the school office before this Friday (last day of term). Thank You!!

YEAR 5/6 INTER SCHOOL EVENTS 2025 - REQUEST FOR COACHES:

In Term 2 Mangorei School is part of the our local Year 5/6 Inter School Sports organised by Whiria/NPPA. The Ahuwhenua teachers are very excited to support our Year 5/6 students with this fabulous and rewarding event. Currently we are asking for Year 5/6 students to sign up to show interest in Rugby, Netball, Football and Chess.

To support the teachers for home and away games, we really need parent support as coaches. Coaches will help our students at the events with organising the team at the event, sending on subs, and some refereeing if the code requires it. Coaches may want to run practices if needed. Some codes will need a trial if large numbers sign up. Ideally we would want to have a couple of parents willing to help as there is a time commitment in terms of the events being run during the school day.

If you are keen to help with supporting any of the teams inL:

- RUGBY
- NETBALL (2 teams)
- FOOTBALL
- CHESS

Please email **Mrs VGB** on: kirsten.vangreeevenbroek@mangorei.school.nz

SPORT UNIFORMS/TOPS:

Thank you to those who have already returned their sports uniforms/tops that students are no longer using.

We **NEED ALL** of these returned in a clean condition, in a bag with your child's name, room number and placed in the uniform bin in the front foyer by Friday.

Uniforms/tops will be reissued in Term 2 as required for those playing any sports.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY:

With the end of the term drawing near, we would like to make parents aware that any unclaimed property that is still here at school will be donated to charity.

The unclaimed property will be laid out over by the hall, weather dependent over the next few days, so children have access to it to collect 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.



TE TIHI O TARANAKI RĀNUI (YEARS 0-3):

We are celebrating the end of an amazing Term 1 by having a little scavenger hunt at school.

AHUWHENUA RĀNUI (YEAR 4-6):

Tomorrow we are celebrating the end of an amazing term by having a little scavenger hunt. At the end of the hunt each child will be offered a small marshmallow egg to enjoy. If your child has specific dietary requirements (cannot eat marshmallow eggs) please send to school a small alternative treat that they can enjoy. They can give this to their classroom teacher at the beginning of the day

TE TAI-O-REHUA RĀNUI (YEAR 7/8):

On Friday, we have opted for an 'at-school' Rānui celebration. The children will be put into groups and will be given some scavenger hunt clues and challenges to complete and capture evidence of. Following this our syndicate will all gather and will watch each team present their photo or video evidence from their morning activities.

PTA NEWS:**SCHOOL FUN RUN – CRAZY COLOUR DAY:**

What a great day we all had at the *Crazy Colour Day*! Congratulations to all our students, parents and teachers who got out there and made our day such a blast!

It's an exciting time as we now get to focus on the prizes you've worked so hard to achieve. We are still fundraising until **Sunday 13th April**, so please keep fundraising.

If you have already hit your fundraising target, why not increase it and either get a better prize, or a 2nd prize?. The more we raise the more we can support our students and teachers with resources, so don't be afraid to share your link some more.

Please log on to your profile page at schoolfunrun.co.nz before Sunday 13th April to order your prize.

PLEASE NOTE: *If you have selected a 'Goal' prize, this will not be ordered for you – you still need to log on to order your prize.*

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help look after the obstacle stations, throw colour, start the races, look after the registration table and staff the BBQ.

In particular Thank you to the staff who came in to school on their day off to help the day happen, helping set up and pack down.

I would also like to make special mention to **Emma Hall, Faye Todd, Aimee Dodunski, Morgan Thomson, Christina McLeod, Janice King, Matt Goodey, Ra Marine Ameriks** and **Rachel Deegan** for helping with all the organisation, set up and pack down. Without this amazing team spending hours behind the scenes this day would not have been possible.

**KITCHEN AID FUNDRAISER:**

We still need a few more purchases to meet the minimum numbers for the product to be delivered. If you are in need of cling film, tin foil or baking paper please go to the website PTA Kitchen Aid Fundraiser to place an order. Spread the word to friends and family and see if anyone else you know is in need.

EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER:

Congratulations to the Easter Hamper Winners:

Ticket # 3
Ticket # 1147
Ticket # 623
Ticket # 1400
Ticket # 2368
Ticket # 1131

Food Bank New Plymouth
Jane Baker
Angus McLeod
Louise Hopkins
Laura Masters
Heather Knight



Thank you for all of the donations that we have received for the Easter Raffle - your support is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

WHĀNAU RUN: BOWL OF BROOKLANDS

The Whānau Run is a chance for families to run together over a fun, scenic course where the goal isn't about paces or places, but purely smiles on faces! Free entry! Bring your kids to together run a lap (or five!) of our stunning, traffic-free trails around Bowl of Brooklands. The course includes bush trails, obstacles and even a chance to have a dance on the Main stage! We hand out spot prizes and give certificates to kids for completing their run. Details:

- Friday 25 April 2025 (ANZAC Day) 4-5pm
- Bowl of Brooklands, Pukekura Park (900m per lap),
- Free entry
- New course that includes one set of stairs that can be avoided if you have a buggy or wheelchair.

With generous support from our Gold Sponsors: New Plymouth District Council, Toi Foundation, BDO Taranaki

A Special thanks to: New Balance, Warehouse Stationery (NP), TempoFit. Presented by Run For Your Life NZ, proudly brought to you by our premier sponsor - NZCT.

Extravaganza - you're invited!!

Taranaki tamariki are invited to Stadium Taranaki in New Plymouth on 4 May for a community extravaganza and free family fun day!!

The event will include tours of the new East Stand, food tucks, live music, face painting, activities for all ages on the Main Field (with Central Football and the TRFU) and more.

It runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm and there will be two free Central Football games after the event (starting at 12.30pm and 2.45pm).

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINIC #9

THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2025
9:15AM - 2:30PM
TSB STADIUM, NEW PLYMOUTH

\$45 PER PLAYER

FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS IN YEARS 6-9

Option 1: Beginners, those wanting to learn

Option 2: Advanced, those wanting to improve their skills

BRING SHOES, DRINK BOTTLE, LUNCH/SNACKS

SPACES ARE LIMITED



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 5PM 23 APRIL

ENTER USING THE LINK ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://facebook.com/SpotswoodVolleyballClub>



School Holiday Painting Sessions:

Master the art of FUN these school holidays at our painting sessions! We have some incredible sessions lined up these holidays at the studio, as well as some special Easter pop ups at Centre City!



BOHO BUNNY
Sat, 12/04, 10am
at Centre City



CRUSH
Sat, 12/04, 11am
at our studio



A GOOD EGG
Sat, 12/04, 2pm
at Centre City



SID THE SLOTH
Tue, 15/04,
10:30am at our studio



MERMAID
Wed, 16/04, 2pm
at our studio



A GOOD EGG
Sat, 19/04, 10am
at Centre City



DONUT WORRY
Tue, 22/04, 2pm
at our studio



HAROLD
Wed, 23/04,
10:30 am at our studio

Drop off your kids for 2hrs of creative fun or paint alongside them and create some amazing memories. Our artists will provide **step by step instructions**, guiding them from a blank canvas to a beautiful masterpiece. Questions? Email: taranaki@pinotandpicasso.nz

PRICE: \$39

ADDRESS: 49 Devon St East, New Plymouth

BOOK TICKETS: www.pinotandpicasso.nz/taranaki



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