



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Term 2
Wednesday
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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 Team Mangorei!

There is a lovely refreshed look to the tamariki coming in through the front gate and lots of great stories of holidays had and fun experienced. I hope that as parents you had some down time yourselves over the Easter Break and are ready to roll into an action packed and exciting Term 2.

We start the term, by putting back in front of our tamariki the importance of ANZAC Day to our national identity. This week we hold our special ANZAC Day assembly on **Friday at 10am** and have **Colonel Brendon Jull** attending to address the assembly. Late last year, Brendon was appointed as the Assistant Chief of Army (Reserves), the top reserve appointment in the country, reporting to the Chief of Army. We also have Brass Band Cornet Player - **Bryce Gordon** - coming to play the last post. The assembly is coordinated by our School Ambassadors and all are welcome. Weather permitting it will be outside by the School Flagpole.

I would like to invite any members of the community who would like to be involved in an initial hui around the School Centenary that is planned to be held in October 2026 to come to one of two meetings, one in school hours and one later afternoon. The School Pets Day is an iconic day and what better time to celebrate the country heart of Mangorei with holding this over labour weekend in 2026 to showcase this key feature of the school. These hui are planned for **Wednesday 21st May at 11am and then again at 3.15pm**. We would love to have connection and contribution of ideas from past generations of Mangorei Old Boys and Girls. If you have a connection to anyone in this group, please feel free to pass this invitation on. We would love to have them represented at these hui.

These first three weeks are a real collection of great reasons to be a student at Mangorei! Te Tihi o Taranaki are visiting the local Art Gallery and studying fire safety - including a firefighter visit. We have sports exchanges for our Year 5 and 6 tamariki including trips away to play, we will host a school here, as well as Tackle 5 sessions. We have our Mihi Whakatau in week 3 to welcome new families who have joined us here at school since the start of Term 1 and, of course, our ANZAC assembly mentioned above - lots of opportunities to jump in and get involved in the school.

I would like to finish by recognising and thanking our teachers. Education, at times, feels like we are in a constant wash and spin cycle and with the speed of change that comes at schools. With each media update there is an expectation that we click fingers and all is good. This is not the reality and our teaching staff have proven resilient and adaptable with new curriculum.

Have a brilliant rest of your week.

Gary Poulgrain (TUMUAKI)

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

A huge warm Mangorei School welcome to our new students and whanau that have started with us this week

Lily Dey, Dylan Ryder, Emmi Stewart, Lexi Löwl & Koen Boyd

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK 1 - TERM 2

- Friday 2nd May - **Anzac Assembly** - (At school, all families welcome 10am)
 - Our Moon - Then, Now & Beyond - Len Lye Centre| Govett
 Brewster Art Gallery - (Pīwakakwaka, Toutouwai & Ruru)

WEEK 2 - TERM 2

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

WEEK 3 - TERM 2

- Tuesday 13th May - *Weaving Stories*: Len Lye Centre|Govett
 Brewster Art Gallery - (Ruru)
 - *Weaving Stories*: Len Lye Centre|Govett
 Brewster Art Gallery - (Tūi)
 Wednesday 14th May - **Mihi Whakatau (2pm - 2.45pm)**
 Thursday 15th May - Year 5/6 Inter School vs Merrilands - (HOME)
 Friday 16th May - **Pyjama day! Wear your PJ's and bring a gold coin or new pyjamas or quality 2nd's to donate!**
 - Firewise Firefighter Presentation - (Te Tihi ō Taranaki)

WEEK 4 - TERM 2

- Wednesday 21st May - School Centenary Hui for 2026 -
 (1st Hui at 11am- 2nd Hui at 3.15pm)

CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE

- ★ **Savannah Lightfoot** - For obtaining her Sporting Certificate of Achievement
- ★ **Emily Wang** - For obtaining both her Achievement & Excellence Sporting Certificates

OUR SCHOOL MIHI WHAKATAU

We will be having our second Mihi Whakatau of the year on **Wednesday 14th May from 2pm - 2.45pm**. This is a more informal form of Powhiri to welcome our new whānau, and tamariki that have joined us in Term 1 at Mangorei School. Our existing families are also welcome to be part of school in welcoming our Tangata Whenua (Mangorei Community).

CONSULTATION ON NEW RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION FRAMEWORK

The government have released a new draft framework on how schools are to teach two areas of the Health Curriculum - 'Sexuality Education' and 'Body Care and Physical Safety'. The consultation period is very short - it opened in the holidays, through to 9th May 2025. Schools and their communities are welcome to have a say on the proposed framework. You can read the draft RSE framework and have your say here:

<https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/5637263826.p>

This consultation is clear in it's messaging that this framework will not be implemented until 2027, that as a school we will do our own consultation with our whānau before implementing it here and that parents have the right to withdraw their children from sessions. e.g. If it differs from the family's religious or cultural values. There is still a long way to go before implementation in 2027 so expect updates over the next few years.

INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS:

My apologies for the error in our Week 10 Term 1 Newsletter. Please see across for the correct student for the Year 6 Girls placing - Well done to Ciara :)

YEAR 6 GIRLS

Ciara Roche
★ 3rd Medley

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

We are excited to be heading to Hamilton this year to National Young Leaders Day! National Young Leaders Day is an opportunity for our Year 8's to meet up with other students of the same age and listen to inspiring speakers with a focus on developing leadership skills. More information on the event can be found at <https://nyldnz.org>
This is a day trip and we would be leaving Mangorei School at 5.30am and returning around 8pm that night, it is a big day but so much fun!

This trip is an **optional activity** and it is up to you to decide whether or not your child will go. We usually hire Mini Vans, which will be driven by staff members, then depending on numbers we can take extra cars to accomodate all those who wish to attend.

DATE: Wednesday 11th June

TIME: 5.30am - 8.00pm

COST: Approximately \$80

(which will be confirmed once numbers are confirmed)

WHAT TO BRING: Day bag with lunch, drink bottle, extra snacks, money to buy dinner on way home in Otorohanga.

All Year 8's will have already bought home a permission slip for this event, please fill it in and return it to school ASAP to advise if your child will be attending or not.

Any questions please contact Emma Saywell on emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz

2025 KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

Mangorei School is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. These are replacing the ICAS exams that have traditionally been done at school. The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised. All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

NOTE: Their policy is not to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource. **Entries are administered by the school.**

For further information, please consult the CAM website: www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

Each exam costs \$9.90 per student and will be added to your child's account once you have registered. Please follow this link to register your child by **Wednesday 7th May 2025**

[Kiwi Assessment Registration Form](#)

**** NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ****

THANK YOU - To Merrilands New World for our donation of Yummy apples this week as well as donating fruit for our Year 7/8 camp last term! It was much appreciated.

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 in:

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

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

ABSENCE REMINDERS

**** IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON ****
**** PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY 8.30AM ****

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 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 text messages are unanswered, someone will phone to follow up. This helps us to ensure that all tamariki are accounted for and safe.

AIMS GAMES:

If you have a Year 7 or 8 child who is interested in participating in AIMS Games, please ensure you register on the website by: 7.59pm on Wednesday 28th May. Check out their website for more information or details on how to enter: www.nzaimsgames.co.nz

PYJAMA DAY!

The School Council are looking to support the WISE Charitable Trust in their Pyjama Drive happening this term. The WISE Charitable Trust helps families with insulation, heating and warmth in homes. With the tough cost of living sometimes warm pyjamas are low on the list of important things for struggling families. On **Friday 16th May** tamariki are asked to wear their PJ's and bring in a gold coin to donate to the charity to use to buy new PJ's for those in need. They can also bring in new PJ's or good quality 2nd's to donate on the day. The council wanted to get in behind something that would be good for others with the upcoming winter on its way.



YEAR 4-8 GIRLS RUGBY SESSION

During Tuesday lunchtime our Year 4-8 girls, who were interested in giving rugby a go, were lucky enough to take part of a skills session with **Kelsyn McCook**. Kelsyn is a former Mangorei student, who now plays rugby in the South Island for the Mātatu Super Rugby and Canterbury teams. It was awesome seeing all the girls involved, enjoying the games and encouraging each other... maybe a few future Black Ferns in the making.



PTA NEWS

COLOR RUN STUDENT PRIZES- WE NEED TO URGENTLY ORDER!

We are waiting on 20 students who have yet to choose their prizes for the fantastic efforts in fundraising for the Colour Run last term. We hoped to have had these ordered over the holidays, but with us waiting for these to be completed, this hasn't yet been done.

WE DON'T WANT THESE STUDENTS MISSING OUT!

Please email Andrea Matthew's on pta@mangorei.school.nz by 3pm tomorrow (Thursday 1st May) to get the prizes ordered. Thank you.

KITCHEN AID FUNDRAISER - NEED TO ORDER!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We have a localized basketball program at Playmakers to introduce younger year levels into the sport, while also developing kids that already involved in basketball. This program is purposefully placed on a day which doesn't clash with the NPBA junior basketball competitions so that this program can be complementary skills development to those kids playing for your school team. Or an alternative for kids that miss out on the school team or any other reason not to be involved in the local competition.

PLAYMAKERS

NEW PLYMOUTH YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

8 WEEKS

THURSDAY

\$80

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GIRLS GOT GAME BASKETBALL PROGRAM

8 WEEKS

SATURDAY

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