



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 Koutou to our Mangorei Families,

Last night was the final board meeting of our current cycle. In fact, the nomination box for the next generation of members has been emptied with the names of the new crew who are ready to take on a pretty important mantle in being the next Mangorei School Board.

However it is very important to highlight our outgoing members who have given so much of their time and expertise to making those big and often challenging decisions that have to be made in schools.

Firstly we farewell Kim Pennington who has been an absolute champion of the school and long serving member of the board. Kim has been on the board for well over 12 years and was elected as 'Chairperson' towards the very end of 2019. Kim was a strong support over the turbulent time of Covid, which were some of the most challenging times for the school and community, consistently ensuring our response during that time was one of care, understanding and safety. Kim has overseen a Board that has seen the environment of the school really change over her time. The School Turf and numerous building projects are some of the most visible changes, but it really is Kim's commitment to the policies of the school, making sure they clarity for everyone that is certainly a strength. The fact Kim has stayed on, with her youngest child now well into secondary school, has shown her heart for the kura (school). Kim has been unwavering in her commitment to Mangorei.

Daimon Stewart has been a mountain of support in the financials area. With the support of Lyn Gee, and now Donna Goble, Daimon has seen us get exemplary audit reports each year. I have always appreciated his efforts with the school budget, and his watchful eye in making sure the school is in a good position with income and expenditure. Daimon has given 4 and a half years of his time to Treasurer and I thank him for the energy and accuracy he brought to this role.

Emma Loader has had a similar tenure, 4 years in the Health and Safety role. Emma has always committed to meetings outside of the board meeting schedule to make sure the school environment is safe, and well maintained. Emma has had a really positive relationship with our caretaking crew and I have always valued her contribution to not only the physical, but also contributing to important conversations about the social and mental wellbeing of staff and students.

Kirsten van Greevenbroek rounds out our outgoing Board members and has been a committed and dedicated Staff Representative for over 8 years. Kirsten (like Kim) has had a role in the appointment of many of the wonderful staff we currently have and has provided a voice for the staff at board level. Kirsten has always had a great way of painting a picture for the Board of the multi-coloured reality the teachers see, in relation to the decisions made at Board level. Kirsten's voice has been an important one over her tenure.

The smooth running of the school is always a feature of the governance role at Mangorei. However it has been the challenging times where our school board has really stepped up and lead the way, by supporting the kaupapa (values and principles) of the school.

To Kim, Daimon, Emma and Kirsten - thank you hugely for your contributions to the school!

Ngā mihi mahana (warm regards)

Gary Poulgrain

TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

VISION & HEARING SCREENING - NEW ENTRANTS AND YEAR 7'S

This screening is completed by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Vision and Hearing Technicians at our school. The technicians will be visiting us on Monday 11th August
Eligible children include:

New Entrants - Routine screening is completed for children who are new to school, and/or have not completed their B4 School Check and/or require further testing post B4 School Check.

Year 7's - Routine vision screening is completed for all Year 7 students and Year 8 students who have not completed the Year 7 screening and/or students that require further testing.

If you have any queries or concerns, or do not wish for your child to have this screening done, please contact the school office office@mangorei.school.nz

STAFF PAID UNION MEETINGS

All staff union members are expected to attend meetings in school time to discuss the current offer from the Government. With over 90% of all Mangorei Staff being members it does create challenges for the school but we are committed remaining open during this time. The Mangorei School Board signed a pledge to support our teachers, support staff and principal with negotiations for better support and pay to ultimately benefit our tamariki and their learning.

MANGOREI'S MAGICAL MISSION PRODUCTION TICKETS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK!

We are busy preparing for this years school production - ***Mangorei's Magical Mission***. Tickets for our school production will be ready to purchase from next week.. Tickets are \$20 per person for the evening shows and \$10 for the matinee. Families with younger or older members of their whānau may find they enjoy attending the matinee performance.

Tickets can be purchased through Trybooking, look out for the details on Hero next week. To begin with, tickets are limited to 4 per family due to the capacity of our school hall. If we have more tickets available closer to the dates, we will open up ticket sales so families may purchase extra tickets which will be subject to availability..

Student Illnesses

- High Temps
- Persistent Cough
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Book in with the GP
- **Stay home to Rest**

STUDENT ILLNESSES

Thank you to our families for making the call to keep your child home if sick.

Please be aware we have cases of Influenza A and Influenza B in the school.

This is presenting as cold/flu symptoms but can also present as **vomiting and diarrhea** in children.

Use the process of informing the school via the HERO app if your child is away or contact the school office.

Teachers are working hard to make sure spaces are well ventilated and are reminding students about elbow coughs and hand washing.

ENDURANCE AND RESILIENCE DAY 2025

DATE: Friday 15th August (postponement date is Tuesday 19th August)

TIME: First race starts at 9:45am – final race ends at about 1pm

VENUE: Mangorei School

We are excited to welcome everyone back for our Endurance and Resilience Day – a high energy day of movement, teamwork and fun! **Tamariki are able to choose a course that suits them: either our cross-country style run or a fun obstacle race.** Please talk with your child about which challenge they want to face.

Our classes are already training hard with running distances and we cannot wait to see everyone give it their best on the day.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- All runners will know their course before race day. It will be clearly marked with friendly staff along the way.
- Races will be at school and down Mangorei Rd, some as far as Branch Rd
- Senior students will guide junior races to keep everyone on track
- Every runner earns a token for their house. Top 10 finishers are recorded – bonus points for the first three!
- Some students may be selected for regional events later this term
- Spectators are welcome – please keep the course clear for runners
- Runners must stay with their house group
- Tamariki stay for the full day to support others – that's part of the spirit!
- A race schedule with estimated times will be shared, but races may shift a little on the day
- From approximately 1–2pm, whānau are invited to join us for Whānau Kai Tahi. Our amazing PTA will be running a pizza lunch day, so make sure to include your pizza order with your child's order. Drinks will be available to purchase on the day
- After Whānau Kai Tahi, you are welcome to sign your child out at their classroom

TIPS FOR RUNNERS ON RACE DAY!

- Wear comfy clothes like shorts and a T-shirt or singlet
- Show house pride by wearing your house colour!
- Double knot your laces if you're wearing lace up shoes
- Eat a light snack at least an hour before your race
- Listen for your race call to be ready at the start line
- Cheer for your mates and house group
- Bring your inhaler if you have asthma - carry it when you run
- Most of all, smile, try your best and enjoy the day!
- Be prepared - sun smart and weather ready (Even in winter, the sun can be strong).
- Please apply sunscreen before school and pack it to reapply
- Bring a warm layer and a rain jacket - we'll be outside for most of the day

RACE SCHEDULE (ESTIMATED TIMES)

TIME	AGE AS OF 17 SEPTEMBER	TIME	AGE AS OF 17 SEPTEMBER
09:45am	9 year old girls	11:15am	13 year old girls
09:55am	9 year old boys	11:25am	13 year old boys
10:00am	5 year old girls	11:30am	MANGAMAHOE OBSTACLE COURSE
10:05am	5 year old boys	11:40am	7 year old girls
10:10am	NGAHERE OBSTACLE COURSE	11:50am	7 year old boys
10:20am	10 year old girls	12:00pm	12 year old girls
10:30am	10 year old boys	12:10pm	12 year old boys
10:35am	6 year old girls	12:15pm	TŪPARE OBSTACLE COURSE
10:40am	6 year old boys	12:25pm	8 year old girls
10:45am	BURGESS OBSTACLE COURSE	12:35pm	8 year old boys
10:55am	11 year old girls	12:50pm	WHĀNAU OBSTACLE COURSE
11:05am	11 year old boys		WHĀNAU KAI TAHI DAY

SCIENCE FAIR PRIZE WINNERS - YEAR 7/8 (TE TAI-O-RĒHUA)

Mangorei School Year 7/8 students had fabulous results at the recent Science Fair last Wednesday - a whole two pages of prizes - have a look at our awesome results!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PRIZE WINNERS:

Carlo Branca, Sophie Davidson, Willa Espin & Lila Donovan, Maihi Goldsmith & Jasper Cleaver, Sam Gwerder, Olivia Heslop & Erin van Deventer, Hazel Knowles, Samuel Lim & Jeannie Lee, Giovanni Marengo, Miko Branca, Flossie McLeod, Asher Razali, Addyson Rumball & Savannah Lightfoot and Emily Wang.

MERIT PRIZE WINNERS:

Miko Branca, Samuel Lim, Samuel Lim & Jeannie Lee, Addyson Rumball & Savannah Lightfoot, Christian Stone & Keagan Slabbert and Emily Wang.

Carlo Branca

Level: 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "O fudge"

Prize: First Prize Scientific Investigation, Year 8

Prize: Special Prize Yarrows Bakery Employees Charitable Trust sponsor prize for best projects related to food

Prize: Special Prize Elemental Group sponsor prize for scientific endeavour

Prize: Special Prize Fonterra top premier prize for Best Project in Year 7/8

Miko Branca

Level: 7 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Feel the heat"

Prize: Merit Scientific Investigation, Year 7

Prize: Special Prize Ara Ake premier prize for projects that show creative use of energy

Sophie Davison

Level: 10 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "The Science of Popping Boba Pearls"

Prize: Special Prize Yarrows Bakery Employees Charitable Trust sponsor prize for best projects related to food

Samuel Lim Emmy Wang & Giovanni Marengo Carlo Branca

Level: 7-8 **Entry:** Years 7/8 Quiz

Prize: First Prize Years 7 & 8 Quiz

Willa Espin & Lila Donovan

Level: 7 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Germey Journeys"

Prize: Third Prize Scientific Investigation, Year 7

Prize: Special Prize Elemental Group sponsor prize for scientific endeavour

Prize: Special Prize Skin Expert Centre sponsor prize for health projects

Maihi Goldsmith & Jasper Cleaver

Level: 7 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Optimal free throw" **Prize:** Special Prize ICS Labs sponsor prize for scientific endeavour

Sam Gwerder

Level: 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Sports Mode"

Prize: Special Prize NZ Statistical Association sponsor prize for statistical excellence

Prize: Special Prize IPL/Channel Infrastructure NZ sponsor prize for outstanding experimental technique

Prize: Special Prize Terry Stowers Award for scientific rigour and diligence

Olivia Heslop & Erin van Deventer

Level: 7 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "SUGAR SHOCKERS TO AVOID" **Prize:** Special Prize Terry Stowers Award for scientific rigour and diligence

Hazel Knowles

Level: 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Cooling or heating"

Prize: Special Prize NZ Statistical Association sponsor prize for statistical excellence

Samuel Lim**Level:** 7 **Entry:** Water Rockets**Prize:** Third Prize (Equal) Water Rocket Challenge Year 7**Samuel Lim & Jeannie Lee****Level:** 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Clean and Clear"**Prize:** Merit Scientific Investigation, Year 8**Prize:** Special Prize **Prize:** Special Prize **Prize:** Special Prize**Samuel Lim**

Methanex NZ sponsor prize for the best demonstration of kaitiakitanga of water

Armatec Environmental Ltd sponsor prize for the best science or technology project investigating ways to protect and/or clean our water or air NIWA sponsor prize for the best environmental projects based on climate, freshwater or marine issues

Level: 7 **Entry:** Observational Drawing**Prize:** Merit Observational Drawing, Year 7**Giovanni Marengo****Level:** 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Should you drink it?"**Prize:** Special Prize

Methanex NZ sponsor prize for the best demonstration of kaitiakitanga of water

Flossie McLeod**Level:** 7 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Beat the Rust"**Prize:** Special Prize **Prize:** Special Prize**Asher Razali**

ACA sponsor prize for the best study or innovation in material durability (including corrosion or mitigation)

Energyworks/Taranaki Foundation sponsor prize for scientific investigations/technological developments that best show a novel demonstration of the industrial application of science or engineering.

Level: 7 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Bread Mould"**Prize:** Special Prize

Yarrows Bakery Employees Charitable Trust sponsor prize for best projects related to food

Addyson Rumball & Savannah Lightfoot**Level:** 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "Hands up for Sourdough"**Prize:** Merit Scientific Investigation, Year 8**Prize:** Special Prize Yarrows Bakery Employees Charitable Trust sponsor prize for best projects related to food**Prize:** Special Prize Arxada sponsor prize for Scientific Endeavor**Christian Stone & Keagan Slabbert****Level:** 8 **Entry:** Scientific Investigation "What energy drinks affect your heart rate"**Prize:** Merit Scientific Investigation, Year 8**Emily Wang****Level:** 8 **Entry:** Scientific Journalism**Prize:** Second Prize Scientific Journalism, Year 8**Emily Wang****Level:** 8 **Entry:** Observational Drawing**Prize:** Merit Observational Drawing, Year 8

RESILIENCE RUN PIZZA LUNCH

On Friday 15h August 2025 Mangorei School PTA are running a Pizza Lunch. Order for everyone in the family!

Slice of pizza is \$2.50
Whole pizza (8 slices) is \$15



If you wish to order some pizza for your children and yourself, please fill in the form below and place it in the 'Pizza Lunch Day' box in the school office foyer by **THIS MONDAY 9am Monday 11th August 2025** with the exact amount of cash in an envelope or sealed bag. If the form didn't make it home, no problem! Just include a note with your order money including your child's name and room, number of slices and/or pizzas and whether you require gluten free.

Pizzas will be available to collect in the school hall at the lunch break of the Resilience Run.

Drinks will be sold separately on the day for \$3 - bring cash!

Thanks for your support!

MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Get your family, friends, work colleagues together and come along for a fantastic evening of music, dancing, fun and lots of laughter.

We have our first table sold already so get in quick, this is not a night you want to miss!

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT PRICE

Early Bird Tickets - Mangorei School Musical Quiz Night 2025QUIZ NIGHT AUCTION DONATIONS

The night promises to be filled with fun, excitement, and friendly competition, along with auctions and raffles. To make this event even more special, we are on the lookout for big-ticket items to be auctioned off.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO DONATE?

- Special sports team memorabilia that could excite fellow fans?
A luxury weekend getaway that we can auction to the highest bidder? - We have already been kindly donated a weekend away in Taupo.
- Beautiful artwork or stunning photography that someone would love to take home?
- A service you provide that we could promote and auction during the event?
- Or perhaps you have a unique and exciting item that doesn't fit into these categories but would make a great auction piece?

Your contributions will help make our quiz night a memorable success.

Thank you for considering supporting this event, and we can't wait to see you there!

HIGH TEA

Huge thankyou to all the Helpers, Donators, Bakers and Supporters for the August High Tea held last Sunday. It was another great afternoon. Also again a huge thank you to **Kirsty Lee Boobyer** for the beautiful new floral decorations. I never managed a photo but they looked amazing. Thanks all, and bring on Septembers' High Tea.

Michael Mathews, Emma Hall, Pip Parker, Emily Hayward, Oksana Cohen, Susan Fisher, Hannah Löwl, Samantha Heslop, Lisa Corrigan, Amy Browne, Ellie Smith, Shay Orrell, Belinda Westport, Pip May

COMMUNITY NEWS

I am delighted to announce registrations are now open for the Gumboots and Jandals Bands weekend on 20 and 21 September, 2025 in the Feilding Band Rooms, Feilding.

The weekend is for any young players aged 8+ who can play an instrument and would like to join with other young musicians for a weekend of fun music making.

We welcome young musicians and new players ready to learn. Our bands are led by Harmen Vanhoorne, internationally-renowned, conductor, musician and educator. Other tutors include members of The Royal New Zealand Army Band and local community bands.

The weekend format is designed so players who are keen for a challenge will get one, and players who are just starting out are given a supportive and fun place to take those first steps.

Our Gumboots Band is for brass, woodwind, percussion and rhythm guitar. Players should already be playing in an ensemble.

Our Jandals Band is for everyone. Young players and parents who would like to sit in a band with their young musician.

I've attached a flyer with a link to our registration form. Here is the link again just in case

<https://forms.gle/FJvBwN6JBbF8Cjx7>

Please share this opportunity with your music departments, music students and wider school family.

The Gumboots Band Project was established in 2021 to create opportunities for young musicians in rural and regional centres across the Central North Island. We bring the expertise to the students.

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