



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday
5th
November
2025

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,

I thought this week I would direct your reading energies to find out who the current school board are with only two meetings deep with four newer members in the governance role. The team have undergone some recent board training and are committed to their roles and supporting our students, staff and community.

Ngā mihinui
Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

MEET THE BOARD!

PRESIDING MEMBER - JAYDEN DEVONSHIRE

Kia ora koutou, I am proud to serve as the Presiding Member of the Mangorei School Board. I have three children at the school – Taine (Year 8), Aliyah (Year 6), and Niko (Year 4) – who absolutely Love being part of the Mangorei whānau. Like them, I also attended Mangorei School, leaving in 1999, and it is incredibly special to now see my children following in those same footsteps. Our family (Balsoms) has a long history with the school – my great-grandmother was one of its original pupils, and one of my great-aunties even served as Principal in the early 20th century. My children are the fifth generation of our family to attend Mangorei, and that legacy is something I value deeply. It is this sense of continuity and belonging that drives me to help ensure the school remains a place where future generations can thrive. I am particularly excited about being involved in planning for next year's Centenary celebrations in October – a wonderful opportunity to honour our history and celebrate who we are today. As the newly elected Presiding Member, I am also focused on strengthening the connection between the school, the board, and our wider community. *He waka eke noa – we are all in this together*, is a principle I truly believe in as we work to support every child to learn, grow, and enjoy a variety of experiences, whether that is in sport, music, kapa haka, or beyond. After many years in the banking industry specialising in Business and Commercial Finance, I decided it was time for a change. In May this year, I took the leap and started my own business as a Business Adviser and Mortgage Broker. My career began in Wellington, but when the opportunity came to return home, I did not hesitate. I'm grateful every day that my children get to enjoy the same Mangorei School experience I did - and to grow up surrounded by the spirit that makes Taranaki such a special place. If you see me around the school, please don't hesitate to say hi - I'm always keen to connect and hear your thoughts.



SECRETARY - PIP PARKER



I am Pip Parker, Mum to Ariana (Year 6) and McKenzie (Year 5). The Parker family have long standing ties to Mangorei school, and they are 3rd generation or potentially 4th generation Parker's to attend the school. I have a diverse background in the Oil and Gas industry, having held a variety of roles. I now tailor my work schedule to accommodate my children, whose busy calendars filled with sports and extracurricular activities often seem more hectic than mine. I have joined the school board with the goal of obtaining a deeper understanding of the school's operations and contributing meaningfully to the community. My aim is to be both accessible and well-informed, ensuring that I am available to support the needs of all and to actively foster open communication and engagement across the school community.

TREASURER - HANNAH LÖWL

I am a mum to two little girls (Addi & Lexi) at Mangorei School, and two little ones at home (Ida & Carter). My husband grew up here in New Plymouth, and we moved back several years ago for work - it has been so nice to put down roots and be part of this wonderful community. Professionally, I have built a career within the financial services and insurance industry, with experience in customer service and sales, now having a specialised focus on fraud detection, risk assessment, and compliance. I currently work full time while juggling life as a busy mum of four. I joined the School Board because I care deeply about our school, our teachers, and our children's future. I am passionate about making sure every child feels supported, challenged, and inspired, and that parents continue to have a strong voice in shaping the direction of our school. It is a privilege to contribute, and I am really looking forward to being part of the team helping Mangorei School continue being the amazing little school it is!



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES - PETER GEORGE

I'm Pete George, proud dad to Navin (11) and Opal (9). I was elected to the Mangorei School Board in 2025 after serving as a co-opted member since August 2024, supporting the team with property and facilities planning. Originally from New Plymouth, I returned in 2018 after living in Australia and Christchurch. It's nice to be back, this is a great place to raise children. I'm passionate about giving back to the community that we live in. Professionally, I work as a strategic and project advisor across several organisations, with experience leading major infrastructure, housing, and community projects. Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, family time, and continuing to landscape our home near the school. It's been a privilege to work with Gary and the team, contributing to the school's direction, and I am looking forward to continuing that work. Mangorei School is a special place, and I'm proud to play a small part in helping our school continue to thrive.



JANICE FLOOD – HEALTH AND SAFETY



Kia Ora everyone, my name is Janice. I am originally from Ireland and moved to New Zealand nineteen years ago and have been living in New Plymouth for the past thirteen years. I am married to Chris, who is a local, and we have two gorgeous children, Tara who is eight and four-year-old Cillian. I recently decided to volunteer to become a board member as my daughter absolutely loves Mangorei School, and I wanted to give back to the place where she thrives. I also work as a psychologist, and most of my career has been spent working with children and young people who are struggling in various areas of their lives so I understand how challenging it can be for families and schools to meet their young one's needs. In my spare time, aside from being with my family and our dog, I enjoy trail running, tramping, travelling, reading, and going to see live music. I look forward to working with the board, and welcome anyone who wants to come up and say hi or have a chat.

STAFF

REPRESENTATIVE

EMMA

Kia ora, my name is Emma Saywell, and I am the Staff Representative for the Mangorei School Board of Trustees. I have been working at Mangorei School for 21 years, starting in the New Entrant room in 2004 and teaching at every year level since! Both of my own children attended Mangorei School, my daughter now attends NPGHS, and my son has left NPBHS for an apprenticeship. I grew up in New Plymouth, leaving for Palmerston North for Teachers College of Education, and coming back to begin my career in teaching. I have worked at Highlands Intermediate and Okato Primary School before coming to Mangorei School where I am now the Deputy Principal. It is a real privilege to be the Staff Representative on our Board of Trustees and I look forward to working with Gary and the Board to continue to keep our Kura thriving into the future.



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

To view our School Policies and Procedures our community can access them at <http://www.schooldocs.co.nz>

- Search for: Mangorei School
- Username: mangorei
- Password: country

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK 5 - TERM 4

TONIGHT!

Thursday 6th November
Friday 7th November

WEEK 6 - TERM 4

Monday 10th November
Tuesday 11th November

Thursday 13th November

Friday 14th November

WEEK 7 - TERM 4

Monday 17th November
Tuesday 18th November
Thursday 20th November

Friday 21st November
Sunday 23rd November

WEEK 8 - TERM 4

Tuesday 25th November
Wednesday 26th November
Thursday 27th November

Friday 28th November

- **PTA MEETING (Our last one for 2025!)
6.30pm In The Library**
- Reading in Schools
- Visit to Te Hongonga (Years 7/8)
- Taranaki Golf Visit (Years 4-8)
- Rippa Rugby Sessions (Years 1-4)
- Athletics Trials (Years 7/8)
- Hinengaro Hīkoi - (Walk To School Day)
- Reading in Schools
- Athletics Trails Postponement Day (Year 7/8)
- Dash, Leap, Launch Day (Years 4-6)
- Taranaki Golf Visit (Years 4-8)
- Rippa Tournament - TBC (Years 1-4)
- Interschool Athletics
- Taranaki Golf Visit (Years 4-8)
- Go For Gold (Te Tihi o Taranaki)
- Reading in Schools
- Calendar Art - Last Day to Order by 6pm
- Kids Market
- Road Patrol Appreciation Day (Year 7/8)
- Board Meeting (Final one for 2025)
- Hinengaro Hīkoi (Walk To School Day)
- Reading in Schools
- Hinengaro Hīkoi (Walk To School Day)
- **TEACHER ONLY DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
(Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum)**

WELCOME - NAU MAI HAERE MAI

To Liam Brown who has started with us this week.
Wonderful to have you with us and to have you connected with Mangorei!

CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!

- ★ Erin van Deventer - For obtaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Olivia Heslop - For obtaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Jaylee Campion - For obtaining her Cultural & Art Excellence Certificate
- ★ Kinley Hayward - For obtaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Sophia Goodey - For gaining her Super Certificate of Achievement

THANK YOU!

A Huge 'Thank You' to
Merrilands New World for
providing our tamariki with
apples and bread this week!

ORIENTATION DAY TO NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS/GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday 18th November, we have our school's visit to NPBHS/NPGHS for those students enrolled for 2025. We usually take parent cars to this as parents are welcome to attend this visit as well. We will be leaving Mangorei at 10.40am so that everyone has plenty of time to find parking and returning to school by 12.30pm.

If you are available to help with transport and join us on the tour, please email me at emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz and let me know how many students you can transport.

YEAR 7 ROAD PATROL APPRECIATION DAY

All Year 7 Road Patrollers are invited to celebrate a successful year, of keeping our community safe each afternoon by being part of the Kea Crossing team, with a day out at the Aquatic Centre thanks to NPDC and AA.

DATE: Tuesday	25 th	November
TIME:	9.40am	- 2.20pm
VENUE:	New Plymouth	Aquatic Centre
TRANSPORT: TBC		

Children must bring - togs, towel, sunscreen, sunhat, morning tea and lunch. They will be able to swim indoors and outdoors and will have a set time to go on the hydroslide. I am just wondering if anyone would be available to help with transport on the day? The pools/hydroslide are free as a thank you, but to keep costs to a minimum if we had enough parents to drop off and pick up we could avoid a bus cost.

Please email me if you are able to help emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz

JUNIOR SPEECH MAKERS CONTEST

We are extremely proud of Peter Hopkins who earned second place at the Lions Clubs International Junior Speech Maker Contest in Hawera on Sunday. Peter did a prepared speech "Potatoes" and an impromptu speech on the topic "Has social media strengthened our connection with people?" Congratulations to Olivia Grimmer who also participated and represented Mangorei School so well.



MANGOREI PRIMARY CENTENARY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE

**LET'S COME
TOGETHER
RECONNECT
AND REMINISCE!**

LABOUR WEEKEND 2026
Fri 23rd - Sun 25th Oct 2026



About Our Event!

We are planning a wonderful weekend of events to celebrate our Centenary, a significant milestone in the life of our school and community. To keep up to date with all event details and important announcements, ensure we have your email by completing the form on our website or getting touch via email or phone.

Register now on the link below!!

<https://mangorei.school.nz/centenary>

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Register your interest by completing the form on our website or email your details

Facebook ◀

Follow our Facebook page Mangorei school 100 years for event updates



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TARANAKI CRICKET - GIRLS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Well done to Ilse Janse van Rensburg in year 8 who was called upon to play in the Year 9/10 Taranaki Girls Development Team in Palmerston North last weekend. The team played against Wellington and Ilse helped the team win the second game... Go Ilse!!..

CALENDAR ART

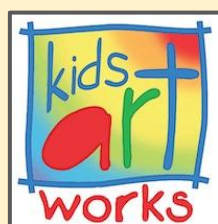
All profits made by the purchase of calendars, note pads or cards are going towards our school camps. Every year this supports our EOTC programme for our senior students - every child gets the benefit of this at some stage of their time here at Mangorei. They make the absolute best gifts for family and are a great way to show your love of your child's efforts in their art!

**** THE LAST DAY TO ORDER THESE PRODUCTS IS:**

Friday 21st November 2025 @ 6.00pm**

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code on your child's individual flyer



HELP THE SCHOOL COUNCIL TO PACK THE BUS!!



Join in the spirit of giving
this festive season!



Make this Christmas special for Taranaki families by bringing a donation of any non-perishable food items, a new gift for a child of any age, cat/kitten or dog/puppy food to help us Pack the Bus!

All donations will be gifted to On The House, Roderique Hope Trust, Taranaki Animal Protection Trust, and We Love Dogs Charitable Trust to help support our locals in need these holidays.

The bus, with special guest Perty will be at

Mangorei School
Thursday 20 November



Get on board and help us 'Pack the Bus'! The School Council are wanting to get in behind this local cause to help make a difference in the lives of our city! Tamariki are encouraged to bring in either a **Non-Perishable Food item** (Donated to 'On the House' who provide food to those in need), **or an unwrapped gift** (Donated to children whose family are in the Taranaki Retreat) **or cat food/kitten food/puppy food/dog food**

(Donated to the Taranaki Animal Protection Trust and We Love Dogs Charitable Trust). Children can bring into their classes and the school ambassadors will collect over the next week and a half.

The bus will visit our school in person on **Thursday 20th November** with Perty the mouse mascot!

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMASH PLAY CRICKET

Just a quick reminder that our FREE Smash Play Cricket Hubs are starting this week — and we'd love to see as many Years 1–4 tamariki involved as possible!

There are six hubs available across Taranaki (see flyers attached):

Inglewood Cricket Club Hub – Karo Park

New Plymouth Marist United Hub – Lynmouth Park

New Plymouth Old Boys Hub – Western Park

Woodleigh Cricket Club Hub – Sutherland Park

Stratford Cricket Club Hub – Victoria Park

Opunake Hub (Years 1–4 & 5–8) – Opunake Events Centre

It's not too late to register – even if the first session has already started, players are still welcome to join in for the remaining weeks!

Register here: <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/2a680f>

Please feel free to share this with your school community and include it in your newsletters. We've attached the flyers with all the key details for easy reference. It would be awesome if the flyer could go out as a paper notice.

Thanks heaps for your help spreading the word - we really appreciate your support in getting more kids out enjoying cricket this term!

Nga mihi,

Jordan Gard | Community Development Coordinator

Contact: 027 326 1380

Email: jordan@taranakicricket.co.nz

FREE! Junior Cricket Years 1 - 4

NORTH TARANAKI HUBS

- H** NEW PLYMOUTH OLD BOYS CC
- U** THURSDAYS: 4.00-5.00pm
- B** 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)
- 1** WESTERN PARK, NEW PLYMOUTH

- H** WOODLEIGH CRICKET CLUB
- U** THURSDAYS: 4.00-5.00pm
- B** 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)
- 2** SUTHERLAND PARK, NEW PLYMOUTH

- H** NEW PLYMOUTH MARIST UNITED CC
- U** THURSDAYS: 5.15 - 6.15pm
- B** 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)
- 3** LYNMOUTH PARK, NEW PLYMOUTH

TO FIND OUT MORE SCAN QR CODE:

SCAN ME

TARANAKI CRICKET

TO FIND OUT MORE SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:
<https://www.taranakicricket.co.nz/programme/taranaki-smash-play-2023-24>

FREE! Junior Cricket Years 1 - 4

CENTRAL AND SOUTH TARANAKI HUBS

- H** INGLEWOOD CRICKET CLUB
- U** WEDNESDAYS: 5.00 - 6.00pm
- B** 4 WEEKS, 5 NOV - 10 DEC (2 reserve weeks)
- 4** KARO PARK, INGLEWOOD

- H** STRATFORD CRICKET CLUB
- U** FRIDAYS: 5.00 - 6.00pm
- B** 4 WEEKS, 7 NOV - 12 DEC (2 reserve weeks)
- 5** VICTORIA PARK, STRATFORD

- H** OPUNAKE HUB
- U** THURSDAYS: 4.00 - 5.00pm (YEAR 1-4)
- B** THURSDAYS: 5.15 - 6.15pm (YEAR 5-8)
- 6** 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)
- EVENTS CENTRE, OPUNAKE

TO FIND OUT MORE SCAN QR CODE:

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TARANAKI CRICKET

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<https://www.taranakicricket.co.nz/programme/taranaki-smash-play-2023-24>

PTA NEWS

Our final PTA meeting for the year is **TONIGHT!**

As some of our long-serving members move on with their children finishing at Mangorei School, we'd love to welcome new members to join us and help plan fundraisers for next year.

Meeting: TONIGHT at 6:30pm

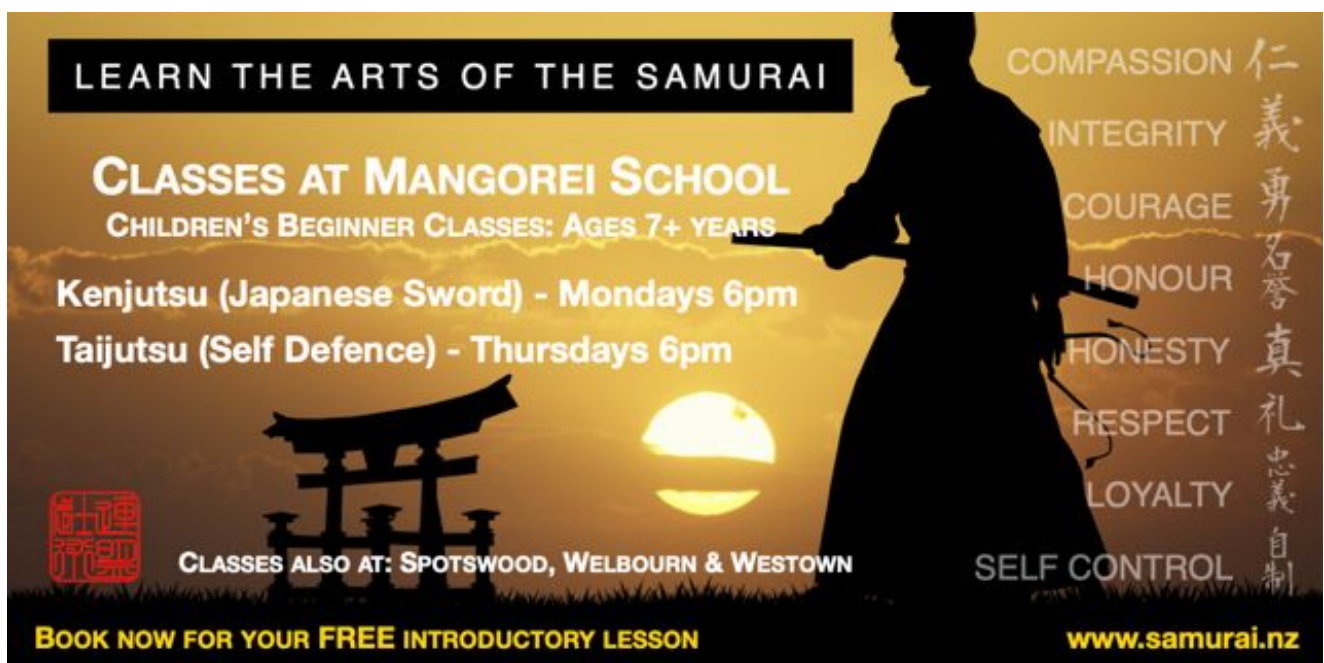
Location: School Library

Come along, get involved, and be part of a great team doing great things for our school! Feel free to email and join our FB page using the links below.

Email: pta@mangorei.school.nz

Facebook: [Mangorei Whanau Facebook Page](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



LEARN THE ARTS OF THE SAMURAI

CLASSES AT MANGOREI SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S BEGINNER CLASSES: AGES 7+ YEARS

Kenjutsu (Japanese Sword) - Mondays 6pm
Taijutsu (Self Defence) - Thursdays 6pm

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TARANAKI MONOPOLY - FUNDRAISER

Support Our School & Get Your Christmas Shopping Done!

This year, we're partnering with the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce on a fun and easy school fundraiser with the new Taranaki Monopoly board game!

For every game purchased before the end of the school year using our school's unique code, our school receives a \$10 donation (you must use our schools unique code). It's the perfect Christmas gift that encourages family fun, and every purchase directly helps us fund our school projects for next year.

How to support us:

Visit: <https://taranakimonopoly.co.nz/pages/schools>

Add the game to your cart.

Use our school & unique code at checkout: using your unique code

We then get a school donation!

Thank you for your support!