



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WK8, TERM 4
Thursday
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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 Mangorei Whānau

This week we received the sad news of the passing of ex pupil and long-time Mangorei School advocate Alistair Jordan. Ali, as he was more commonly known here, had an extensive history with the school, being both a Board member and eventual Chairperson of the Board in the late 80' and early 90's. During that time he was widely known as a person of action who always sought to make decisions that supported the work of the teaching staff of the school. During those years his children (Amanda, Kate and Kent) attended the school and in a generation later his grand children attended (Blake, Emily, Theya, Melah, Evie, Xavier and Olivia - Olivia just finishing at Mangorei last year). You can see his children and grandchildren's names scattered amongst the Champion Lamb and Champion Calf trophies from Pets Days past.

You can't talk about Ali without acknowledging his outstanding contribution to Cricket, and his fingerprints are all over the way Mangorei Cricket has produced representative cricketers for both the region and the country. The Cricket wicket that we have at school was made possible as a direct result of Ali and his advocating for the sport. He is quite likely the longest serving coach the school has ever seen with it only being very recently that Ali has not been at school offering hints and tips, giving throw downs in the nets and getting in behind our teams.

I had the privilege of doing a drive around the Maude Road/Kent Road/Alfred Road loop with both Ali and Dianne a few years ago when we were working with the MOE on reinstating the bus route for Mangorei School families (still ongoing...) and it was so evident the love and joy that he had for this beautiful piece of countryside on the mountain slopes. We stopped so often to chat with different farmers fencing on the roadside or passing in a tractor - everyone knows the Jordans and we think of the farming community in the area as well. He will certainly be missed.

The message below is from our School Board Presiding member Jayden Devonshire.
'Ali's contribution to Mangorei was immense — from coaching and mentoring countless young players (myself included), to ensuring the school secured the cricket block that became the envy of many. Ali never forgot where his roots were, and our school is better for the many years he spent guiding and supporting our young people.'

Our thoughts are with Dianne and the whole Jordan family. Rest in Peace Ali.

Ngā mihinui
Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK 8 - TERM 4

TOMORROW

- ***SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING***
TEACHER ONLY DAY - (Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum)

WEEK 9 - TERM 4

Tuesday 2nd December

- Wearable Arts House Competition
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Wednesday 3rd December

- Halberg Mile -
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Pizza Lunch Day - Final one for the year!
- **Mangorei School Concert @ 2pm**

WEEK 10 - TERM 4

Monday 8th December

- Beach Ed Day - Piwakawaka, Toutouwai & Ruru (Years 0-3)

Tuesday 9th December

- Beach Ed Day - Miromiro & Tūi (Years 2-3)

Wednesday 10th December

- Beach Ed Day - Kāhu & Korimako (Years 4/5)

Thursday 11th December

- Beach Ed Day - All Year 7's

Friday 12th December

- Beach Ed Day - All Year 8's
- Ranui - Bell Block Swimming Pools
- Ahuwhenua (Years 4-6)
- School Disco 5.30pm - 8.30pm

WEEK 11 - TERM 4

Monday 15th December

- Beach Ed Day - Kererū & Kōtāre (Years 5-6)
- Ranui - Aquatic Centre
- Te Tai O Rehua (Years 7-8)

Tuesday 16th December

- House Competition Reward Afternoon

Wednesday 17th December

- Year 8 Leavers Breakfast - Stumble Inn

Thursday 18th December

- Year 8 Final Assembly- School closes 2pm
- Last Day of Term 4 2025 - School closes 2pm

TERM 1 2026

Monday 2nd February

- Family drop in day

REMINDER FOR TOMORROW - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING

Our teachers are attending a 'Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum' day tomorrow, thank you for making alternative arrangements for your children whilst we are closed for learning. We look forward to you returning on Monday.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS BREAKFAST - SAVE THE DATE!

WHO: Year 8 Students and their families

WHERE: Stumble Inn - Merrilands

DATE: Wednesday 17th December **TIME:** 7.30am

COST: Price per head is \$25 & \$15 for under 12 years of age

RSVP: [Year 8 Leavers Breakfast Registration](#)

RSVP

2026 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Monday 2nd February 2026 (Drop in day) - Thursday 2nd April 2026

TERM 2: Monday 20th April 2026 - Friday 3rd July 2026

TERM 3: Monday 20th July 2026 - Friday 25th September 2026

TERM 4: Monday 12th October 2026 - Wednesday 16th December 2026

Please note the correct Term 2 start date is Monday April 20th 2026, not Tuesday 28th April 2026

CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!

- ★ Caleb O'Mara - For attaining his Sporting Achievement and Cultural & Arts Excellence Certificates
- ★ Hadley Erb - For attaining his Cultural & Arts, Academic and Services & Duties Achievement and Excellence Certificates and also his Sporting Excellence Certificate
- ★ Paige Olliver - For attaining her Sporting Achievement Certificate
- ★ Samuel Lim - For attaining his Sporting Achievement Certificate
- ★ River Mills - For attaining his Services & Duties Achievement Certificate
- ★ Miko Branca - For attaining his Sporting Achievement Certificate
- ★ Ilse Jans van Rensburg - For attaining her Academic Achievement & Services & Duties Excellence Certificates
- ★ Maegan Gately - For attaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Olivia Carruthers - For attaining her Services & Duties Achievement Certificate
- ★ Jeannie Lee - For attaining her Sporting Excellence Certificate
- ★ Harlow Giles - For attaining her Services & Duties Achievement & Cultural & Arts Excellence Certificates
- ★ Sam Cochran - For attaining his Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Finn Jones - For attaining his Academic Achievement and Excellence Certificates
- ★ Hannah Jones - For attaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Addyson Rumball - For attaining her Services & Duties Excellence Certificate
- ★ Annawee Yimpoonsap - For attaining his Academic, Cultural & Arts, Sporting and Services & Duties Achievement Certificates, along with his Cultural & Arts Excellence Certificate
- ★ Hazel Knowles - For attaining her Sporting Achievement and Services & Duties Excellence Certificates
- ★ Savannah Lightfoot - For attaining her Cultural & Arts Excellence Certificate and Services & Duties Achievement and Excellence Certificates

SPORTS BOARD

One of the ways we celebrate sporting excellence at Mangorei School is to recognise those students who have represented either Taranaki or New Zealand on our Sports Board in the hall. If your **Year 8 student** has been selected to represent either Taranaki or New Zealand during their time at Mangorei School can you please email Emma Saywell emma.saywell@mangorei.school.nz with supporting documents which state that they have been selected in a representative team.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Could parents and tamariki who park, walk, bike, scooter to school please ensure they use the Kia Crossing when crossing over to the other side of the road. Also if you need to turn your vehicle around, please do so in a safe manner. We have seen so many instances of near misses by doing 3-5 point turns on this very busy main road.

NEW PLYMOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TRIALS

Please register your U12 or U14 child for December trials to be considered for Easter Tournament teams. Early registration helps NPBA plan the right number of coaches and arrange accommodation in Tauranga. Register here [NPBA REGISTRATION](#)
Any questions contact Grant Lee manager_coordinator@newplymouthbasketball.co.nz



YOU HELPED PACK THE BUS!! - THANK YOU

Thank you to our Mangorei whanau who helped 'Pack The Bus' along with Perty the Mouse and the team at Property Brokers last Thursday. Our school council got behind this local cause and donated to the following charities:

- ★ ON THE HOUSE - Who provide food to those in need.
- ★ TARANAKI RETREAT - For children who have family members at the retreat.
- ★ TARANAKI ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST
- ★ WE LOVE DOGS CHARITABLE TRUST

We even made the news!! Check out the write up using the following link:

<https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/360893102/annual-charity-campaign-back-time-christmas>



PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 2nd December we will be holding our Parent Helper's Morning Tea as a way to show our appreciation and that we value parent support within the school for the assistance you have given us during the year. Invitations were given out last week to all of our helpers. If you think that you may have missed an invite or have yet to RSVP, please contact the school office, we would love to see you here!



HALBERG MILE - NATIONWIDE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Next Wednesday 3rd December, our students are completing the Halberg Mile with their class to help fundraise for the Halberg Foundation. We are asking for a gold coin donation from each child. This will be collected by Ambassadors on the morning of the event. All students are encouraged to dress in yellow and blue to support this. Should you wish to, you can also donate using the online portal below if this is a charity you would like to support with more than the gold coin on the day

[Halberg Mile - Donation Portal for Mangorei School](#)

We are very much looking forward to supporting this event next week.

BEACH ED DAY AT FITZROY BEACH - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mangorei School needs parent helpers for Beach Ed at Fitzroy Beach!

HELP IS NEEDED FOR:

- ❖ Transport
- ❖ Water Safety support - (standing in the surf up to waist height - you will get wet!)

DATES:

- ❖ Monday 8th December: Pīwakawaka, Toutouwai & Ruru (Years 0-2)
- ❖ Tuesday 9th December: Miromiro & Tūi (Years 2-3)
- ❖ Wednesday 10th December: Kāhu & Korimako (Years 4/5)
- ❖ Thursday 11th December: All Year 7's
- ❖ Friday 12th December: All Year 8's
- ❖ Monday 15th December: Kererū & Kōtāre (Years 5-6)

Email your child's teacher or return the slip that you may have been given if you can help, and please specify how many children you can transport.

YEAR 8 FINAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Our Year 8 Final Assembly is on Wednesday 17th December at 12pm and school closes at 2pm. Please make arrangements on this day to ensure your child is picked up in a timely manner. On this day we have our Final Assembly, which in Mangorei Tradition is aimed at celebrating our Year 8 students and their last year at Mangorei. For this reason, and due to the size of our school hall, we are only able to invite our Parents and families of our Year 8 students to this event.

YEAR 8 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS - please click on the link below to register your attendance

[Year 8 Final Assembly Registration](#)

SWIMMING POOL KEYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Each year at Mangorei we like to offer our whānau the use of the school pool over the summer period. The pool will be available from Saturday 21st December. If you would like to get a pool key, you can do this by hiring one from the office. The cost for this is \$70 which helps to cover the running costs of the pool. Unfortunately we don't have Eftpos, so if you are wanting to pay please do so by cash or directly into the Mangorei Board account number: TSB 15-3957-0536753-00. Please note that The pool Conditions of Use and Rules must be completed and signed before a key is issued, these can be obtained from the office

*** The final day for internet payments is Friday 12th December and the last day to be able to get a pool key if you are paying cash is Monday 15th December ***

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!!

For us to continue to offer the pool, we are asking if there are any families that could help out our fantastic caretakers with maintaining the pool over the the holidays. If this is something you feel that you could do, please email the office at office@mangorei.school.nz. Your help is very much appreciated.

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.

Uniforms/tops will be reissued in Term 1 as required for those playing any sports.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

As we near the end of the school year we ask our families to ensure their school accounts are settled so that any outstanding fees are paid prior to the close of school. Account balances can be seen on the Hero app or you can contact the office to check your balance or if you would like clarification about the charges on your child's account. If you have a balance outstanding, we welcome part payments and installments. If you have a credit balance and you do not want this to be applied to the school donation, please let us know.

WHERE WILL I SEE MY ACCOUNT

You can see accounts on the HERO app. Statements are periodically updated and issued via email from the school office.

WAYS TO MAKE PAYMENTS

Our preferred payment method is online banking (we do not have eftPos). Please include your child's first and surname and the invoice number as a reference. We welcome part payments and installments. Many parents find it is easier to chip away at school fees across the year. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to pay a small amount frequently, please let me know via email donna.goble@mangorei.school.nz



Tupare-Burgess-Mangamahoe-Ngahere-
House point will be awarded.

WEARABLE ARTS 2025

RECYCLABLE THEME

CRITERIA:

- Must be 80% recyclable items

CHRISTMAS THEME

CRITERIA:

- Must be Christmas related

GENERAL CRITERIA:

- MUST BE HOMEMADE
- MUST BE MODELLED
- MUST HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF AROUND 50 WORDS
- MUST BE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE
- ASK YOUR CLASS COUNSELOR TO SIGN UP

Tuesday 2nd December



Wearable Arts 2025

THIS YEAR, MANGOREI SCHOOL WILL BE HOSTING A WEARABLE ARTS DISPLAY. THIS YEAR'S THEMES WILL BE **RECYCLABLES, AND CHRISTMAS**. RECYCLABLE OUTFITS HAVE TO CONTAIN SOME FORM OF RECYCLABLE OBJECT. OUTFITS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE HOMEMADE. OUTFITS CAN VARY IN SIZE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR, TELL YOUR CLASS COUNSELOR. THE DATE WILL BE **TUESDAY 2ND OF DECEMBER**. PLEASE HAVE YOUR COSTUMES READY BY THEN. THERE WILL BE SPECIAL SECRET PRIZES!

MANGOREI SCHOOL HALL, **TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER**. CHECK NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

**DISCO
NIGHT**
Party

SPECIAL THEMES
NEON YEAR 4 AND UP
DRESSUP YEAR 3 AND BELOW

DEC 12 | TIMES:
YEAR 1-3, 5:30PM TILL 6:30PM
YEAR 4-6, 6:30PM TILL 7:30PM
YEAR 7-8, 7:30P TILL 8:30PM
GOLD COIN ENTRY PRICE
SNACKS AND GLOW STICKS WILL BE ON SALE
MANGOREI SCHOOL HALL, 502 MANGOREI ROAD
CHECK NEWSLETTER 4 DETAILS

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are excited to share with you the details for our Beta Climbing Gym summer holiday programme 2025/2026. Please find attached the flyer. Please share the following with your school communities: Starting from 22nd December, each programme session runs from 9am - 1pm, here at Beta on Burton Street, Waiwhakahio, New Plymouth.

\$25 per day for Members

\$50 per day for Non-Members

**pricing excludes shoe/chalk hire*

Come in and see us, email, enquire on the website

www.betaclimbing.co.nz or book through the links:

Betalings (5-9yrs):

<https://betaclimbing.gymmasteronline.com/portal/book/class/580832>

Betakids (10-13yrs)

<https://betaclimbing.gymmasteronline.com/portal/book/class/580833>



Your kids saying 'I'm the only one without a phone'? Join the movement!

Supporting Families with Digital Options You might be interested to know about Smartphone Free Childhood NZ, a charitable trust working to support parents to collectively delay smartphones and social media for tamariki. Their Parent Pact is a voluntary agreement that helps parents stand with others making similar choices, reducing social pressure and supporting kids' wellbeing. More info is available at www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.nz/parentpact

NP BRASS BAND

Each year the Band plays Christmas Carols around the streets of New Plymouth.

The following dates have been set for this year:

- Week One: 2-4 December (Tues to Thurs)
- Week Two: 8-11 December (Mon-Thurs)

We have room for more collectors for the trucks.

- Collectors need to be at least ten years old.
- Collectors need to be at the New Plymouth Brass Band Rooms in Rogan Street at 6pm each night they are rostered.
- Transport to and from the collecting point will be by private car.
- The collectors will arrive back at the Bandroom no later than 8.45pm each night.
- Collectors wear brightly coloured safety vests and carry an official collecting box.
- Collectors will be supervised by a responsible adult and given clear instructions before leaving the bandroom
- Collectors will be paid 15% of the money they collect. If possible each collector will be paid on the last night they collect.
- Collectors will be rostered on no more than two or three times in a week.

If you're young person is keen to be a part of this activity please complete the online form

[Christmas Carol Collecting 2025](#)