



# MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**WK10, TERM 4**  
**Wednesday**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**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

Xin chao (Greetings in Vietnamese),

I am writing this from Hoi An in North Vietnam as I support the Year 12 Social Sciences trip to South East Asia as a parent help. It was lovely to bring over some school supplies, first aid kits and lovely messages written by some of our students to bring to a school in Cambodia. The school children were from families where their income is from working at the dump, collecting the last of any recyclable materials that are amongst the trash. We saw the dump - a mountain as big as a 6 story building and as large as a town. Children die from being hit by machinery or in some cases falling in and being buried - absolutely horrific - all for raising around \$2.50 for a week's work. The school, up until recently, had been paying parents a bag of rice a week in order for them to let their children come to school, and keep them off the trash heap. The NPBHS boys presented a bag of rice (together with some lovely writing done by our tamariki) to each child. I'd like to thank the School Board for granting me leave to have this experience. It certainly makes one grateful for our life here in NZ and the opportunities our children have here.



We farewelled a lovely staff member Danxue Luo, who has been our Mandarin Language teacher supporting our intermediate Second Languages programme and our learners of other languages in the area of English. Danxue's support has been immeasurable and we will certainly miss the caring and thoughtful way she worked within the school.

With a week to go I hope you are keeping on top of the end of year busyness - it was lovely to hear the Music Performance went well last week, the Wearable Arts run by the council, the Halberg Trust mile and to see our wonderful parent helpers honoured in our morning tea. I see parents supporting our beach ed sessions this week and gearing up to get their tamariki to the next council run event - the disco on Friday - thank you.

Tomorrow teachers will be posting their end of year Overall Teacher Judgements in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, as well as their summary statements giving a general comment on your child's year. If your child is in Year 0 to Year 7 it will also include their class for 2026. As we have communicated to you over the year with us required to teach to the new refreshed curriculums it has meant that we are very much in a transition time of adapting to these changes. Especially when we have the 'new new' curriculums drop in September which have such significant changes again for us to manage. Even though this is a transition time curriculum-wise, what I can say is that the teachers' commitment at Mangorei remains unchanged in terms of focussing on student progress across the curriculum. As a staff we see some excellent value for our tamariki with the curriculum changes - however the timeframe and false starts are detrimental to its implementation and our energies are only finite! We will enter into 2026 with renewed energy no doubt, but we will work our way through one more week, and a good break before getting back into it!

Finally, the School Board have issued this statement on the recent changes to the Education Act which seek to make giving effect to Te Tiriti optional for school boards.

Changes to the Education and Training Act have taken away the explicit requirement for schools to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Despite this shift, the Mangorei School Board has confirmed its commitment to Te Tiriti and has agreed to join the growing number of schools across Aotearoa reaffirming its importance. We recognise that Te Tiriti o Waitangi supports all New Zealanders to understand their rights and upholds principles of partnership and equity. It also provides a framework for navigating issues of equality, inclusion, and cultural diversity, while encouraging open communication, collaboration, partnership, and self-determination for the benefit of all students and their whānau.

As a Board, we believe that strong relationships and genuine partnership are central to a thriving school community. A change in legislation does not alter the values we stand by or the responsibility we feel to uphold them. We also want to make clear our full support for our staff. Mangorei has a proud reputation, and we're committed to backing our team so that this continues well into the future.

Embedding Te Tiriti in daily school life supports positive outcomes for every learner.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi promotes a holistic, strengths-based, culturally responsive approach to wellbeing, which we strongly believe enhances the emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental health of all our students. These values guide the way we make decisions and the environment we strive to create for our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to move forward together.

Have a wonderful rest of the week,

Ngā mihinui

**Gary Poulgrain**

TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### WEEK 10 - TERM 4

- |                                    |   |   |
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| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Hinengaro Hikoi - (Walk To School Day)  |
|                                    | - | Beach Ed Day - All Year 7's             |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | - | Beach Ed Day - All Year 8's             |
|                                    | - | Ranui Day - Bell Block Swimming Pools - |
|                                    | - | Ahuwhenua (Years 4-6)                   |
|                                    | - | School Disco 5.30pm - 8.30pm            |

### WEEK 11 - TERM 4

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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | - | Beach Ed Day - Kererū & Kōtāre (Years 5-6)            |
|                                     | - | Ranui Day - Te Tihi o Taranaki (Years 0-3)            |
|                                     | - | Ranui Day - Aquatic Centre - Te Tai-O-Rehua (Yrs 7/8) |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December   | - | House Competition Reward Afternoon                    |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Year 8 Leavers Breakfast - Stumble Inn                |
|                                     | - | Year 8 Final Assembly 12pm- School closes @ 2pm       |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | - | Clean Up Day - School closes @ 2pm                    |

### WEEK 1 - TERM 1 2026

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| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February  | - | Family drop in day       |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February | - | First full day of school |



**CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!**

★ Cadel Sutton - for attaining his Cultural & Arts Excellence Certificate

**CLASS YEAR LEVELS/TEACHERS - AHUWHENUA 2026**

Please see the below the amended class information for the Ahuwhenua syndicate for 2026.

CLASS NAMES	YEAR LEVELS	CLASS TEACHERS
Kāhu	Year 4	Mrs Penelope Moffat / Mrs Shay Orrell
Korimako	Year 4/5	Mrs Kate Gwerder
Kererū	Year 5/6	Mrs Sarah Rowson
Kōtare	Year 5/6	Mrs Kirsten van Greevenbroek

**HALBERG MILE EVENT**

It was a brilliant Friday full of sunshine for our Halberg Mile event. Thank you to the children who dressed up, and all competitors in their classes who ran, walked and enjoyed the chance to move around the course. Including gold coins and donations made through the fundraising link so far, our Mangorei whānau has raised \$230.60 for the Halberg Trust!

Thanks to Max and John from Halberg for coming along, to Kaelynn Ross and Hazel Knowles for helping to run the event and everyone for taking part. We can still collect any further donations if your child forgot their gold coin on Friday through our fundraising link <https://mile.halberg.co.nz/fundraisers/mangoreischool>



A huge  
**'THANK YOU'**  
to Merrilands New World  
for supplying our tamariki  
with yummy apples.  
We really appreciate their  
support and ask our  
families to support them.

**SUN HATS FOR TERM 1 2026**

Please ensure your child has their wide brimmed hat each day at school for Term 1. Students who do not have their hats will be directed to a shaded area at the front of the school during break times. School hats can be purchased (\$22 each) by contacting Angela Duncan on [angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz)

It is beneficial for students to arrive at school having sunblock already applied and have some available for them in their bags for them to re-apply during the day.

## WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

Our talented designers and their amazing models brought two brilliant categories to life: Christmas and Recycling. The runway was filled with festive cheer and incredible outfits made from repurposed materials. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our esteemed judges, Anne Stuck and Cody Chillcott, who had the difficult task of selecting the winners. They did a fantastic job navigating the high quality and sheer brilliance of the entries!

This wonderful event was expertly organised and run by our hard-working School Council, alongside our dedicated Ambassadors and Deputy Ambassadors.

We are thrilled to report the event was a joy-filled occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and participated!



## YEAR 8 FINAL ASSEMBLY 2025 - REMINDER

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. To our Year 8 parents and caregivers, if you haven't yet done so, please click on the link below to register your attendance by this Friday 12th December 2025.

[Year 8 Final Assembly Registration](#)

Please make arrangements on this day to ensure your child is picked up in a timely manner after the assembly due to the school closing at 2pm.

## ATTENTION - BUS USERS

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December we have the final assembly with Year 4 - 8's in the hall and our farewell for Year 8s. As this assembly is wrapped up by 2pm all classes are released early. We would like to know the numbers for those going home on the bus on this day. We also are open on Thursday 18 December for a "clean up day" due to our changed Teacher Only Day, on this day we are also releasing children early at 2pm. We would like to know the numbers for the Mangorei Road bus route on this day too.

Please complete this survey to help us meet your needs best [Bus Survey for final week](#)

If you need to send any further information or ask any question please get in touch with Mrs VGB by email [kirsten.vangreevenbroek@mangorei.school.nz](mailto:kirsten.vangreevenbroek@mangorei.school.nz)



**SAFE ROAD USAGE**

A reminder to all families that as the end of the year/Christmas season approaches and everyone gets busy to please remain mindful of road usage and parking here at school. Our number one priority is to keep our tamariki safe and to do this we need all road users to ensure that they take the extra bit of time to ensure safety around the school when operating vehicles, this includes the use of parking spaces/areas around school. We understand that at busy times, parking can be difficult, but please ensure that you are parking safely and respectfully and not across neighbouring driveways or in a manner that obstructs turning traffic - not on yellow lines and within designated parking areas marked by white painted lines.



# 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**

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