



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WK9, TERM 4
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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 Koutou whanau and look, it's December!

As we approach the end of the school year, we are preparing to say a very fond farewell to our graduating students who are moving on from us to their respective high schools - can't believe where the time has gone! As mentioned early in the year we are also farewelling Katrina Aitchison our teacher in Ruru and now we are also farewelling another of our staff with many years experience with us - Maree Smith. Maree has been a long time contributor to our community for over two and a half decades. She joined us in 2000, and will be finishing her time at Mangorei School at the end of this term.

Maree, like Katrina, leaves a legacy of service that few achieve in education.

Over the last 25 years, she has worn many hats and adapted to the changing needs of the school with grace. More recently, she has been an invaluable support to our teaching team as a release teacher, stepping into classrooms seamlessly and maintaining a positive learning environment for our students. Many of our tamariki will also know her from her dedication to the Arts; her generosity in taking the Ukulele group during out-of-school hours has brought music and joy to many.

Maree has always brought to the school her fun sense of humor, and her consistently positive approach to working with children. To the staff, she has been a wonderful colleague with a generous spirit and a lovely social nature that has brightened many busy days. I think this has grown from her early Pihama days around the coast - a great muck in and help out attitude. We wish her the very best for her next steps of further travel, and time with her lovely mokopuna (grandchildren). Both Katrina and Maree can compare notes on caring for the next generation!



Thank you to the community for your support of the school when staff took part in the curriculum Teacher Only day last week - the session helped to provide more clarity for the staff on the implementation of the 'new new' refreshed Maths Curriculum. We are getting excited about how this can be used to improve student achievement in this area in 2026.

Have a wonderful rest of week.

Ngā mihinui
Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

EVENTS CALENDAR**WEEK 9 - TERM 4**Friday 5th December

- Halberg Mile - Postponement Date
- Pizza Lunch Day - Final one for the year!
- Mangorei School Concert @ 2pm

WEEK 10 - TERM 4Monday 8th December

- Beach Ed Day -
- Pīwakawaka, Toutouwai & Ruru (Years 0-3)
- Interschool Surf Comps - (Year 6)

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

- Hinengaro Hīkoi - (Walk To School Day)

Friday 12th December

- Beach Ed Day - All Year 7's
- 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 4Monday 15th 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 (Years 7/8)

Tuesday 16th December

- House Competition Reward Afternoon

Wednesday 17th December

- Year 8 Leavers Breakfast - Stumble Inn
- Year 8 Final Assembly - School closes @ 2pm

Thursday 18th December

- Clean Up Day - School closes @ 2pm

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- Family drop in day

CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!

- ★ Savannah Lightfoot - For attaining her Academic Achievement Certificate
- ★ Emily Wang - For attaining her Services & Duties Achievement and Excellence Certificates
- ★ Ishy Lashin - For attaining his Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ AJ Fisher - For attaining his Sporting Achievement and Excellence Certificates
- ★ Cadel Sutton - For attaining his Cultural & Arts Achievement and Services & Duties Achievement and Excellence Certificates
- ★ Liv McKee - For attaining her Academic Achievement Certificate
- ★ Jeannie Lee - For attaining her Cultural & Arts and Services & Duties Excellence Certificates
- ★ Fletcher Barnes - For attaining his Sporting Achievement Certificate
- ★ Olivia Carruthers - For attaining her Cultural & Arts Excellence Certificate
- ★ Eden Goodey - For attaining a Super Certificate of Merit

HALBERG MILE - POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY

Today's Halberg Mile fundraising event will be postponed to this Friday 5th December due to the heavy rain and thunderstorms forecast for today. We look forward to your blue and yellow dress ups and awesome involvement on Friday. Don't forget that gold coin!

YEAR 7/8 ROAD PATROL APPRECIATION DAY - LAST WEEK

Last Tuesday, our Year 7/8 Road Patrol students enjoyed a fun day of swimming and at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre as a token of appreciation from the New Plymouth Police. All students who have volunteered their time this year got to spend the day at the pools.

YOU ARE INVITED TO



MANGOREI SCHOOL CONCERT 2025

PERFORMANCES BY:

TOITOIWHAKAMANAWA

MANGOREI SCHOOL BAND

BRASS GROUP

UKULELE GROUP

CHRISTMAS CHOIR



FRIDAY 5TH
DECEMBER
2pm
School Hall

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.

[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.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - BEACH ED DAY AT FITZROY BEACH

We in needs parent helpers for our Beach Ed days next week 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)



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

HINENGARO HĪKOI - (WALK TO SCHOOL DAY) - CHRISTMAS THEME!

Come and join us in our christmas themed 'happy hikoi for your hinengaro' on:
Thursday 11th December. Dress up, wear your favorite christmas accessory!!

Get dropped off at Branch Road or Tūpuhi Place.

- 8.15am: The bus students and anyone here at school early will leave school at with Mrs Duncan.
- 8.25am: We aim to get to Branch Road and Mangorei Road Corner.
- 8.40am: Miss Reade will will be at Tupuhi Place to meet up with an extra children wanting to walk together.



SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all those who have settled their child's accounts, we appreciate your prompt payment. If you haven't yet done so, please pay directly into the Mangorei School Board account number 15-3957-0536753-00 prior to the close of school on 18th December 2025. Some students may have had a charge added to their account for lost library books - if you find a lost library book and return it to school by the end of next week and the charge will be removed. Should you have any queries please contact the school office.



THANK YOU!!

'Merrilands New World'
for
donating apples to our
kura this week.



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

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL - REMINDER

A reminder to parents and students, that ALL medication brought to school MUST be handed into the office to be kept in locked storage and an accompanying Medication Authority Form completed (signed by parents/caregivers). Per our school policy/procedure for medication. Students are not to keep medication in their bags or share medication with friends. *This includes all forms of medication - inhalers, pain relief, antihistamines etc.* Our staff will administer medications when needed and record them accordingly. Medication that is no longer required is returned to parents/caregivers. We also send all medication home at the end of the year, so that parents/caregivers can check expiry dates and renew as needed for the new year. Thank you for your cooperation.



COMMUNITY NEWS

EPIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

IS YOUR CHILD OR TEEN
INTERESTED
IN TECHNOLOGY?



JANUARY 2026

For beginner & advanced coders
Ages 9&10, 11&12, 13&14, 15 to adult
Fun, Free & Educational!

Sign up at codingnz.com/holidays



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](#)