



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday
4th
February 2026
WEEK 1/ TERM 1

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

Tēnā koutou katoa, Nau mai, haere mai - welcome back to another exciting year at Mangorei School!

It has been an absolute joy to see our grounds come alive again this week. The sound of laughter on the playground and the focused energy within our classrooms are the best indicators that a new year is officially underway and kids are ready to go! Thank you for setting up your children to have a successful start to the year. I hope you all had a restful summer break and managed to enjoy some quality time with whānau and friends in amongst a mixed bag of weather.

With our returning students, it is wonderful to see how much they have grown over the break and to witness the leadership they are already showing in making our new tamariki feel welcome. I also want to extend a special, warm welcome to all the new families joining us for the first time; we are thrilled you are part of our Mangorei community. We are very much looking forward to more formally welcoming all our **New families at our Mihi Whakatau, which will be held on Friday 13th February at 9.15am.** This is a significant occasion for us to acknowledge our newest members and bring everyone together as one. A reminder all families can attend and be part of welcoming our new ones.

Building strong relationships between home and school is key to a great year of learning for children, and it will be wonderful to families at the **School picnic/Meet the teacher evening at 5.30pm on Wednesday 18th February.**

This is a relaxed, informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher, connect with other parents, and enjoy an evening on our beautiful school grounds. Please feel free to bring along your picnic dinner and a rug for a great night of community connection. The pool will be open and sports gear out ready to go!

This year is exceptionally special for Mangorei School as we celebrate our Centenary. Marking 100 years of education in our place is a momentous occasion, and there is a real sense of legacy in the air as we reflect on our rich history while looking forward to the future. The occasion fits in so well with our school vision (see top of newsletter in white text).

Ok...now a brief mention of the elephant in the room - I am talking fences and gates. As communicated last year we are making improvements to keeping our students safer onsite during the school day with closeable gates. We are looking to maintain the 'warm, inviting, inclusive' feel to the school whilst managing the 'prison, mad max, go away, apocalyptic' vibe that may currently be being projected. We will get a good place soon! The fencing and gates are not quite complete yet but this should be rectified in the upcoming weeks. There will be a time where the front gates will be removed and we may have no access through this area whilst gates are brought up to code. We will communicate with you when that happens.



With the gates - the current process is

- On arrival to school, all gates are open for families and students. All children will be able to maintain their independence in coming into school.
- Gates are closed at 9.10am. Gates are still able to be opened and entered into by visitors during the school day but we ask that they are closed after entering.
- Gates are then opened again at 2.55pm for easy exit of all students and will remain open all night and morning, until 9.10am where the cycle continues.

This is the process at present - if it changes (and it may as it is our first rodeo) then we will let everyone know. If you have any trouble with entering the school during school hours, then please contact the office 027 758 7860 and someone will be there to assist you.

Have an amazing rest of week and remember - **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK** as staff are engaged in Professional Development in a Teachers Only Day on Writing at St Josephs New Plymouth. Enjoy the long(er) weekend and feel free to come to Ngāmotu Beach on Waitangi day to watch our Kapa Haka Roopu perform!

Nga Mihinui
Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI

MIHI WHAKATAU

A WELCOME TO MANGOREI SCHOOL TO NEW FAMILIES

As is the Mangorei way, we will be holding our Mihi Whakatau for new whānau that have started with us since Term 4 2025. This will be held at **9.15am on Friday 13th February**. We'll follow our whakatau with shared kai as part of the process. New children bought invitations to this home yesterday - please RSVP per the details on the invitation. We of course want to invite all current families to be part of the Tangata Whenua of the school in welcoming our new families - yes, everyone is welcome!

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TERM 1

WEEK 1

Friday 6th February - **Waitangi Day - School Closed for Public Holiday**

WEEK 2

Monday 9th February - **Teacher Only Day - School Closed for Students**

Tuesday 10th February - Life Ed Sessions begin with Megan and Harold
- St John visit Te Tai o Rehua (Year 7/8)

- Swimsafe Taranaki Poolside Session Day

Wednesday 11th February - Tech Begins for Year 7/8

- Life Ed Sessions with Megan and Harold

Thursday 12th February - Life Ed Sessions with Megan and Harold

Friday 13th February - Mihi Whakatau from 9.15am

- Life Ed Sessions with Megan and Harold

WEEK 3

Monday 16th February - Life Ed Truck Open to parents/caregivers
from 2.50pm - 3.15pm

Wednesday 18th February - Tech for Year 7/8

- School Picnic & Meet the Teacher from 5.15p

WEEK 4

Tuesday 24th February - Swimsafe Taranaki Poolside Session Day

- Tech for Year 7/8



A huge 'THANK YOU' to New World Merrilands for supplying our tamariki with yummy apples.

We really appreciate the support that you give to our kura.

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

A 'Huge Warm Welcome' to our new students that have started with us this week!

Ryleigh McCutcheon, Cady Brownlie, Elena Crawford, Jordy Warne, Leo Sarten, Marcus Ou, Harry McKinlay, Munro Rogers-Smith, Harvey Bennett, Irah Rogers-Smith, Chase Gallichan, Zane Gallichan, Fergus Stones, Hayze Nisbet, Lucy Fagg, Shaan Desai, Asher Perret, Leo Magan, Asher Magan, Kairo Magan, Sebastian Foot, Alannah Foot, Isabella Allen, Chloe & Ella Vincent, Ian Lodewyckx and Armaan Singh

<u>CLASS NAMES</u>	<u>YEAR LEVELS</u>	<u>CLASS TEACHERS</u>
Pīwakawaka	New Entrant	Mrs Anne Stuck / Mrs Shannon Small
Toutouwai	Year 1	Mrs Angela Duncan
Ruru	Year 1/2	Mrs Kristy Hicks
Miromiro	Year 2/3	Miss Aaliyah Reade
Tūi	Year 3	Miss Tessa Lilley
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 6	Mrs Kirsten van Greevenbroek / Mrs Shay Orrell
Kororā	Year 7/8	Mr Cody Chilcott
Toroa	Year 7/8	Mrs Morgan Brewer / Mrs Liz Carberry
Tūturiwhatu	Year 7/8	Mr Craig Henson

HAVE HAT...CAN PLAY!! - 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

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.

YMCA AFTER-SCHOOL CARE IN 2026

Just a reminder that you can get support from Jordan and the team with YMCA After-School care operating out of the school hall from 3pm-5.30pm each day. If this can Support you with any childcare needed get in touch with *Jordan* around registering your child/children for the year.



's Kids Care

Jordan.Reeve@ymcataranaki.org.nz
 Ph 06 758 3666 ext 852 or 027 258 3920
 www.ymcataranaki.org.nz
 83 Liardet Street, PO Box 474 New Plymouth 4340

Te Whānau
 Te Kaitiaki
 Te Arawa
 Te Tairāpiti
 Te Whanganui-a-Tara

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CRICKET – TERM 1 2026

Is your child interested in playing cricket in Term 1?

If so, please complete the registration by following the link to the PlayHQ website below by this Thursday 5th February.

Only those children who have registered will be able to be placed into teams.

The subscription cost for the term is:

\$20 per player (New Entrants to Year 2 Students)

\$30 per player (Years 3 - 8) Students



This is Due by Thursday 5th February 2026 (Payment instructions are included below and on PlayHQ)

SUPERSTAR KIWI (Years 1 & 2) and SUPERSTAR INCREDIBALL (Years 3 - 6) will be played on a Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm. The first game of the season will be played on Friday 13th February.

SUPER SMASH (Years 5 & 6) & SUPER BASH (Years 7 & 8) will be played on Saturday mornings with the first game starting on Saturday 14th February.

Each team requires a Coach and Manager for the season before we enter teams. Parents/Caregivers who are able to assist teams with coaching, managing, scoring or umpiring this season, could you please also register interest using the same link below, or please email me to let me know in a capacity you can assist the team in.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact cody.chilcott@mangorei.school.nz, or the school office.

If you are new to cricket, an explanation of expectations for each grade and rules can be found on the Taranaki Cricket website: <http://www.taranakicricket.co.nz> - Click on the 'Junior' tab at the top of the home page then follow the links.

PLEASE REGISTER BY THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY USING THE LINK BELOW:

[Play HQ Registration Link - Cricket Term 1 - 2026](#)

Registration fees are to please be paid directly to the Mangorei School Board Bank Account: 15-3957-0536753-00 by Thursday 12th February, include your child's name and 'Cricket' as reference.

**** PLEASE NOTE - we will enforce a "No Pay, No Play" rule this season - your child will NOT be able to play without their subs being paid first. Once teams are confirmed and registered, fees will not be refundable. ****

LIFE EDUCATION SESSIONS

Megan Lilley and Harold will be having a blast at Mangorei School over the next few weeks! The topics vary per year level.

On **Monday 16th February** there will be an afternoon (**between 2.50pm and 3.15pm**) where Megan will be opening the Life Ed truck to welcome parents to come and see the space, as well as discuss anything related to the programmes and topics. Please make contact with your class teacher through either email or in person if you wish to see the units of learning done over this time or contact *Megan* directly by email at: newplymouth@lifeed.org.nz

Please note that all students will be invoiced approximately \$6 for attending the Life Ed Lessons

COME AND WATCH A SWIM SESSION!

When we return back from the Teacher Only Day, the very next day (**Tuesday 10th February**) and then again on **Tuesday 24th February** we will have a representative from Swim NZ coming to work with the class teacher by the pool. This is a great chance for parents to come and watch our aquatics curriculum in action and see what happens to develop water confidence, safety and survival in the pool environment.

Below is a link to the times that your child's class will be at the pool on those two days - have a look because not all classes are in the pool on both days. See you here!

[Swimsafe Timetable 2026](#)

SCHOOL DONATION

The School Donation is \$150.00 per child per year. This is a voluntary contribution but one that is needed for the many extras that cannot be provided for by our budget. Our Equity Index (high decile rating) means that we are funded less than a majority of schools in our city. This charge will show on your child's Hero account and can be paid directly to the Mangorei School Board account number 15 3957 0536753 00. Please include your child's name and donation as a reference.

SCHOOL PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE!

Get it in your calendar! **WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY**- School Picnic/Meet the Teacher Evening. The school grounds will be the host to a school picnic that starts from 5.30pm onwards where you can bring a blanket and some kai to have with your family. There will be sports gear out and the school pool will be open for use during the time. There will be set times over the evening for each syndicate to go to your child's class to hear 20 minutes of top drawer information! It is a lovely way to connect with other families, maybe introduce yourself to some new faces and enjoy some time together.

HERO APP FOR NEW FAMILIES

Just a reminder to all of our new families, we use the student management app called HERO for our communication with you. This app has lots of features such as reporting absences, school notices, accounts, newsletters, year long calendar events, reporting and much more. If you download the HERO app in your app store on your device, then create a login, this will match you to your child/childrens profile once the Office Team have completed your child's enrolment at school.

If you have any problems creating a login, please get in touch with Donna or Sam in the office on office@mangorei.school.nz

Here's the link for you to sign-up to the App [HERO APP FOR NEW FAMILIES](#)

TECHNOLOGY AT DEVON

We have our first session of Technology at Devon Intermediate next Wednesday for our Year 7 and 8 students who travel down by bus with our Teacher Aides and rotate around five different Technology classes over the year. The bus leaves Mangorei School just after 8.30am so it is important that all Year 7 and 8 students are at school by 8.30am on Wednesday's. If you are going to be dropping your child off at Devon Intermediate for any reason please let the school office know. Fees for these classes are set by Devon Intermediate and will be added to your child's account through the office once we are advised. Please return the signed bus code of conduct as soon as possible.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES ONSITE FOR STUDENTS

Our school classrooms are open for students from 8.30am.

We have our bus students who arrive a little earlier than that and stay in the grounds. Children who are not on the bus, or part of the YMCA After School Care **are expected to vacate the school grounds by 3.15pm**. If children are waiting longer than that then they should be enrolled with the After School Care Team.

BEING SAFE WHEN LEAVING THE GROUNDS

As a reminder, at 3pm when the bell goes can we please ask our community to do some important actions to ensure the safety of our tamariki and other footpath and road users.

1. **Use the Kea Crossing** when it is operational between 3pm and 3.10pm if needing to cross the road. Our tamariki are impressionable and so if you cross over on the Tūpare bend or at other places on the busy Mangorei Road it is sending messages to them about taking these chances themselves.
2. **Do not park on the yellow lines/or double park in the school driveway/or the neighbours driveways or attempt to squeeze past cones in the bus bay.** Please be considerate of the visibility that our patrollers need to see up and down Mangorei Road. We have seen cars being ticketed in the past for some of these driving behaviours.
3. Speed limits are important at this time. **You must be doing 30 km per hour past the school when you leave at this time.** We do, at times, have police monitor this.

UPDATING EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

As part of our Schools Policy, we are making sure that all student records are current and correct for all **Primary** and **Emergency** Contacts and that all medical information that we hold for your child is current. This is to ensure that we are prepared for any scenario including Emergency, Disaster or Crisis. We know that life gets busy and things like updating a change of circumstances, address or contact number can get missed, however it is imperative that we are able to contact parents/caregivers when required.

Each student will be bringing home a contact details/medical information sheet - this is the information that we currently have for your child. Please check that all of the details on the sheet are correct/current, update anything that is incorrect or not up to date and return the sheet to the your child's classroom teacher by **Tuesday 10th February (even if there are no changes)**.

WAITANGI DAY PERFORMANCE TOITOIWHAKAMANAWA STUDENTS AND WHANAU!

Our kura has been given the opportunity to perform at a public Waitangi Day celebration this Friday 6th February. We have extended this invite to our 2025 Year 8 students as well. What an awesome opportunity! This performance will take place in the afternoon (3.50pm-4.05pm). Unity Wara is hosting this event and is thrilled to have the opportunity to reconnect with past students. We would love you all to come and support this fantastic event. Please contact aaliyah.reade@mangorei.school.nz if your child is available to perform.

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