



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

502 Mangorei Road, Highlands Park
New Plymouth, 4312
PHONE: 06 758 7860, CELL: 027 758 7860

EMAIL: office@mangorei.school.nz WEBSITE: www.mangorei.school.nz

Wednesday
11th
February 2026
WEEK 2/ 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

Kia ora whānau,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out and share some of the incredible mahi (work) our team has been doing behind the scenes, and to extend a huge thank you for your support.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility regarding our recent Teacher Only Day. These days are vital for our growth, and this one was particularly special. Our teaching staff and teacher aides spent the day working with Esme Elias-Tito focusing on the teaching of Writing. It was a hugely beneficial session that has left the team inspired and equipped with some fresh strategies to support our tamariki in further developing their understanding and skills. What can you do to support great writing from your child? Help them be a great reader! - keep reading books to your child and for older kids make sure they all have a book on the go!

Beyond the classroom walls, the staff have also been busy exploring the "why" behind what we do. We've been diving into the history and heritage of Mangorei School, looking at how we can continue the whakapapa and connection that binds our past, present, and future families together. Inspired by the work of Owen Eastwood, we are reflecting on what it means to belong to this place and how we can ensure every student feels like a vital link in the Mangorei chain. Understanding our story helps us build a stronger sense of belonging.

On the physical side of our curriculum, our teachers recently enjoyed an afternoon of professional development with Cecille Elliot from Swim NZ. It was wonderful to see several families join us poolside over the day to watch the demonstrations. Seeing the learning in action really highlights the technical skill required to teach swimming effectively. Please note we are doing this again on Tuesday 24th February if you would like to come and see it in action.

However, I need to share some sobering news. This summer, New Zealand has seen 31 drownings. This is a horrific statistic that serves as a grim reminder of why water safety is a non-negotiable part of our school life.

We have noticed a growing number of tamariki bringing notes to be excused from swimming for a variety of reasons - some clearly legitimate, and others perhaps less so. While we understand that things like forgotten gear or mild "off days" happen, we are asking for your honesty and partnership here. Our goal isn't just "learning to swim laps" - it's about water safety and survival skills. In a country surrounded by water, these are essential life-saving tools. Please work with our teachers to ensure your child is in the water during their scheduled sessions. If there is a genuine barrier, let's talk about it so we can find a way to get your child comfortable and safe in the pool.

There has been a lot more media attention on education recently - new reporting terminology as well as new assessment tools. Once again, with already a pretty full plate of new initiatives to manage we will get to this in due course once we know more about what this means for us.

We are so excited for the year ahead and feel privileged to be part of your child's journey. Thank you for continuing to support us as we strive for the best outcomes for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

P.S see you at the School Picnic on Wednesday!

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TERM 1

WEEK 2

- Thursday 12th February - Life Ed Sessions with Megan and Harold
 Friday 13th February - **Mihi Whakatau from 9.15am (all welcome!)**
 - Life Ed Sessions with Megan and Harold

WEEK 3

- Monday 16th February - **Life Ed Truck Open to parents/caregivers from 2.50pm - 3.15pm**
 Tuesday 17th February - St John Sessions for Years 7/8
 - **Board Meeting from 6pm**
 Wednesday 18th February - Tech for Years 7/8
 - **School Picnic & Meet the Teacher (see times below)**
 Te Tihi o Taranaki (All Year 0-3 classes) 6pm- 6.20pm
 Ahuwhenua (All Year 4 to 6 classes) 6.20pm - 6.40pm
 Te Tai o Rēhua (All Year 7 and 8 classes) 6.40pm - 7pm

WEEK 4

- Tuesday 24th February - Swimsafe Taranaki Poolside Session Day
 Wednesday 25th February - Tech for our Year 7/8

WEEK 5

- Tuesday 3rd March - St John Sessions for Years 7/8
 Wednesday 4th March - Tech for Years 7/8
 Friday 6th March - Tri/Bi Day

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

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

Stephen Thomson and Nathaniel Pugh

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.

REMINDER - UPDATING DETAILS

Yesterday your child/children will have brought home a Strengthening & Partnership and Contact Details/Medical information sheet. 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. 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 **Friday 13th February 2026 (even if there are no changes).**

MIHI WHAKATAU - THIS FRIDAY!

We have a Mihi Whakatau for new whānau that have started with us since Term 4 2025. Our special event will be held this Friday and we ask that family members and new staff gather outside of the main front grate of the school by 9.10am (9.15am start). We'll follow our whakatau with shared kai as part of the process. We of course invite all current families to be part of the Tangata Whenua of the school in welcoming our new families - everyone is welcome!

THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to those members of our parent community who helped with the upkeep of the pool over the summer break and who continue to support it with evening checks. They have been, of course, our dynamic caretaker duo of Andrew Howatson and Bernie Devine, and volunteers Brendon Gately, Andrea Matthew and Melissa Devine. We are a school that very much depends on our parent community to step into roles that see us continue to be able to provide these opportunities - so thank you, and thanks in advance for all the times our families help out this year!

PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS

The Ministry of Education is providing period products (pads) to students to allow them to manage their monthly cycle. We will have product available for students to pick up and take home, as well as having product available in our Senior Girls bathroom. We will have the product packed in discrete brown paper bags with two packs of pads and a pack of liners which can be picked up from the office. There is no need to ask, just email the office on office@mangorei.school.nz to request one. Parents are also able to come into the office and request a pack if your daughter feels more comfortable with this.

PTA WELCOME FOR 2026

Kia ora and welcome to a new school year! On behalf of the PTA, I'd like to warmly welcome all our new Mangorei School whānau, and also say welcome back to everyone returning after the summer holidays. We hope you've all had a refreshing break and are ready for another great year ahead.

At the end of last year we farewelled a number of valued PTA members as their journeys with Mangorei School came to an end. We are incredibly grateful for everything they contributed, and we would absolutely love to welcome some new faces to the PTA this year. New ideas, enthusiasm, time, or expertise are always appreciated.

The PTA raises funds to help provide extra educational resources and fun equipment for our students and staff, supporting our tamariki throughout their learning journeys at Mangorei School. Our first fundraising focus for the year is contributing towards the Year 5/6 school camp taking place in March. As part of this, we will be opening the school field for extra parking during the **Tūpare Summer Jams concert on Sunday 22nd February**. To make this possible, we need volunteers to help direct cars and ensure parking is organised and safe for pedestrians walking across the field to the concert.

If you're able to donate an hour or two of your time between 10am-2pm, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch at pta@mangorei.school.nz

To stay up to date with PTA specific happenings at school, please follow the Mangorei School Facebook page, and join the Facebook group for current Mangorei whānau. When requesting to join the group, remember to answer the membership questions so we can approve your request, click on the link below to join the group!!

[Mangorei Whanau Facebook Page](#)

Joining the PTA can look different for everyone. You might have a specific skill to offer (for example, creating raffle hampers or organising our popular pizza lunch days), be available to help casually at fundraisers, or simply want to be on our mailing list so you can lend a hand when you're able. If you're new to the school and keen to meet people, you're also very welcome to join our friendly committee. We meet formally once a term, with smaller working groups forming as needed for specific events.

We'd love to have you involved in whatever way works for you.

REMINDER - MANGOREI SCHOOL PICNIC -NEXT WEEK!

A reminder to pop in your calendar. Next **WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY** we have our 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. So, Picnic start 5.30pm. Bells will sound to show the start of each session in the classes and you may hear me announce this over the speaker system!

Te Tihi o Taranaki (All Year 0-3 classes)
Ahuwhenua (All Year 4 to 6 classes)
Te Tai o Rēhua (All Year 7 and 8 classes)

6pm to 6.20pm
6.20pm to 6.40pm
6.40pm to 7pm

WAITANGI DAY PERFORMANCE FROM OUR TOITOIWHAKAMANAWA ROOPU

Our amazing Toitoiwhakamanawa were given the opportunity to perform at a public Waitangi Day celebration last Friday at Ngamotu Beach. We extended this invitation to our talented Year 8's from last year- we were very grateful to our tamariki and their families that attended this event at such short notice. The feedback we had from supporters and spectators was that the roopu were so professional. A huge thank you to Miss Reade and Matua Kingi for making this happen for our tamariki and taking the time from your days to support and organise this.



MANGAMAHOE

NGAHERE

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

COMPASSION 仁
INTEGRITY 義
COURAGE 勇
HONOUR 名
HONESTY 譽
RESPECT 真
LOYALTY 礼
SELF CONTROL 忠
自制

CLASSES ALSO AT: SPOTSWOOD, WELBOURN & WESTOWN

BOOK NOW FOR YOUR FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSON

www.samurai.nz

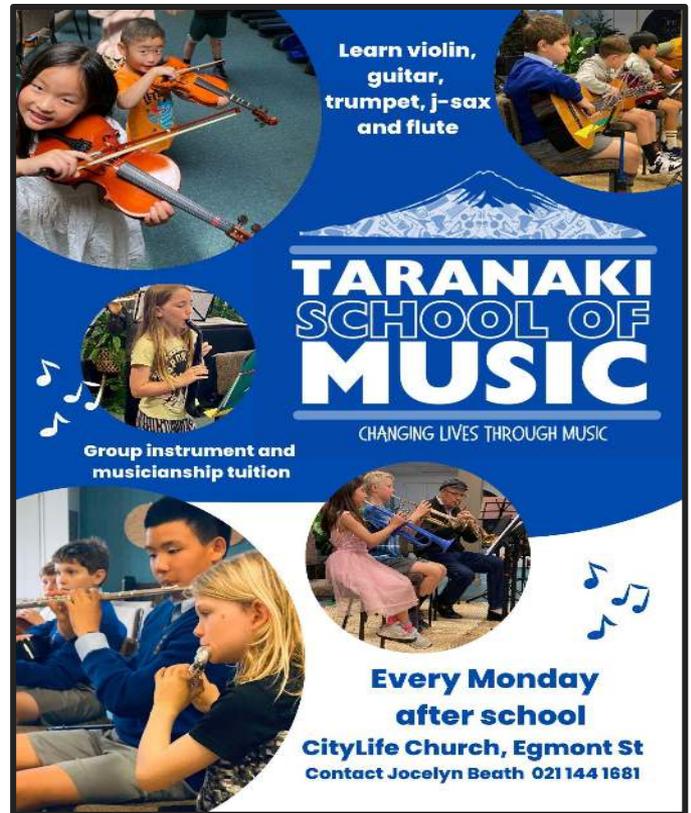


Merrilands Kindergarten
OPEN AFTERNOON!
Wednesday 18th February 2026
3:00pm - 4:00pm
49A Lismore Street, New Plymouth

Come and visit our wonderful kindergarten!
Meet the team & explore our centre!

Fun Activities & Light Refreshments!
All the Family Welcome!

For more info, contact us:
Ph: 06 7582531 | Mobile: 027 8127574
Email: merrilands@kindergartentaranaki.co.nz



Learn violin, guitar, trumpet, j-sax and flute

TARANAKI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC

Group instrument and musicianship tuition

Every Monday after school
CityLife Church, Egmont St
Contact Jocelyn Beath 021144 1681



Inglewood Pippin Unit

Is looking for new members to join Girl Guiding for 2026

When do we Meet?
Inglewood Pippins meets at Inglewood Scout & Guide Hall on Thursdays from 4 - 5.30 pm in Term 1 & 4 and from 4 - 5 pm Term 2 - 3

What Happens at Pippins
At Pippins girls learn how to participate in hands-on, adventurous activities like baking, scavenger hunts, camping, and badge work.

What is Pippins?
Pippins is a programme based for girls aged 5-6 years old and is the youngest group of girls in Girl Guiding
At Pippins we focus on girls building valuable life skills through fun, adventure and learning through activities that they can use for a lifetime.

Sign Up Today!
Sign up for Pippins today at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/stores/inglewood-pippins/>
or Scan the QR code for a direct link to the Girl Guiding NZ Website.

scan here!

