



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday
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WEEK 3/ 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 Mangorei Whānau,

10 days into school and we are all go! It is a real privilege to go into rooms and see tamariki settling into their learning and teachers enjoying getting to know their new classes.

As we settle into this smooth rhythm of the term, I wanted to take a moment to touch base on something that has been in the headlines recently: the new nationwide attendance expectations.

While the expectations from the Ministry have become clearer, our approach here at Mangorei School remains the same - we want to have a partnership with you to support your child to be at school. As I've said in the past, in class is where a lot of magic happens, and through learning, new doors open, and more options present themselves in the future for kids who are learners.

Although these new guidelines are focusing a lot on numbers and percentages, we want to focus on *people* first. We know that consistent attendance is the secret ingredient to learning, but more importantly, it is a key to belonging. When your child is here, they are part of the team, part of the laughter, and part of the learning journey. Put simply we actually miss them when they aren't here.

When we come back to the numbers though, a target has been set on having **80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030**. In 2023, NZ statistics were at a pretty terrible 45.9% for the whole country. In Term One last year Mangorei School was at 72% which, to be fair, is better than most but still short of the target if 2030 was upon us tomorrow. If we treat this as a bit of a team sport and see that by reaching for this we get more kids taking part in learning and social experiences at school then it can flip it from a **'we have to'** focus (i.e we have to because the government says so) to a **'we get to'** focus. In short by having our tamariki attend with great regularity **'we get to'** have more connected, capable and confident learners who are supporting our school vision of 'knowing themselves'.

As part of the mandatory requirements 'we get to' develop an Attendance Management Plan which outlines the schools response in support for families in having regular attendance at school. 'We get to' have clarity around where our role and where parent's roles are and 'we get to' access further supports to help families if patterns of non-attendance continue. We will include the management plan in next weeks newsletter as well as have it uploaded to our website within the next week.

Have a brilliant rest of week and see you at tonight's picnic!

Ngā mihi nui

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TERM 1

WEEK 3

TONIGHT!!!

- 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
- St John Sessions for Years 7/8
- Americana in Town!

Wednesday 25th February

- Tech for our Year 7/8

Thursday 26th February

- Happy Hiko Day (Walking to School Day)

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 (See Programme below)

WEEK 6

Monday 9th March

- Taranaki Anniversary (school closed for learning)

CURRICULUM TEACHER ONLY DAY TERM 2

We have been given two Ministry of Education Curriculum Days to be had over 2026. Our first will be on **FRIDAY 24th APRIL**. Please note we have placed this on a Friday before a long weekend (Monday 27th is a Public Holiday as ANZAC day is 'Mondayised'). This is for the benefit of whānau who may wish to plan a longer weekend break. Our second date will be in November and we will confirm this next week.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN - ALISON SLATER

We have been very lucky over the last few years to have Alison Slater connected to our school as our School Chaplain. Alison is a listening ear to support any tamariki who need a chance to talk. If you would like your child to have a connection with Alison for this reason please let your child's teacher know.



CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!

- ★ Paige Olliver - for attaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Abbie Heslop - for attaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Olivia Grimmer - for attaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Willa Espin - for attaining her Cultural & Arts Achievement Certificate
- ★ Flossie McLeod - for attaining both her Cultural & Arts and Sporting Achievement Certificates.

A huge 'congratulations' also to **Levi Crawford** who will be heading over to New York in July this year, to play in the **Under 10's NZ Rep Football Team for the Youth World Cup!** We are so proud of you Levi - what an amazing opportunity. Good luck, we look forward to hearing all about your trip later on in the year.

SPORTS UNIFORMSWE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!

Could you spare some time to help out in Term 1 with organising and distribution of sports uniforms? Looking after the sports uniforms has been a role filled by parent volunteers, however our volunteers have now moved on and we urgently need someone to fill this role. If this sounds like something that you could help with please let the office know by emailing: office@mangorei.school.nz

HINENGARO HĪKOI - (WALK TO SCHOOL DAY) - STARTS NEXT WEEK!!

We are having a walking school bus again! Join us in a happy hikoi for your hinengaro on Thursday next week, and then again in weeks 6 & 8 (see events calendar).
Get dropped at Branch Road or Tupuhi Place.

- The bus students and anyone here early will leave school at 8:15am with Mrs Duncan.
- We aim to get to Branch Road and Mangorei Road Corner between 8:25am and 8:30am.
- Mr Chilcott will be at Tupuhi Place around 8:40am to meet up with any extra children wanting to walk together.

BOARD NEWS**POLICY REVIEW**

At present the Board are reviewing the following policies:

- Alcohol, Drugs, and other Harmful Substances Policy
- Sun Protection
- Digital Technology and Online safety
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices
- Safety and Welfare for Students on Work Experience
- Firearms Not Allowed

The policies can be viewed by going to <http://www.schooldocs.co.nz>

- Search for our school name
- Username is: mangorei
- Password is: country

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding these policies please email: principal@mangorei.school.nz

ABSENCE REMINDERS

There are a number of ways to let us know of an absence:

- **HERO APP** Open the [HERO](#) app, click Report an Absence, select the Reason for the Absence and then give a short explanation for the absence, eg, sore throat, sore tummy, doctors' appointment etc. You will then get a notification that school has been notified. Note this can only be reported on the day of absence and one day at a time. If your child is away for a longer period of time, please send the office an email explaining this.
- **TEXT** The school cell phone on 027 758 7860 with your child's name and the reason for their absence.
- **EMAIL** office@mangorei.school.nz with your child's name and the reason for their absence.
- **PHONE** Phone the school office on (06) 758 7860

If we have not received notification of an absence, please expect a text message or call from school asking you to confirm that your child is away. If a text messages are unanswered, someone will phone to follow up. This helps us to ensure that all tamariki are accounted for and safe.

****Please ensure that you notify the office by 8.30am daily if your child is going to be absent from school****

MANGOREI SCHOOL TRI/BI DAY

DATE: FRIDAY 6th MARCH

TIME: FIRST RACE STARTS AT 9:30am

VENUE: MANGOREI SCHOOL

We are excited to be running our annual Tri/Bi Day at Mangorei School again this year. This is a fun school day where we compete, celebrate and cheer each other on showing House spirit and displaying our school values.

Our 'triathlon' is not a typical event - it is a run, bike and swim. We are aware that this is not how these events are usually ordered; but to make our races more efficient and for easiest use of our school grounds, this is how we choose to run them. The distances that children run, cycle and swim are all different based on their year level. All children will have the course explained to them prior to the event by their classroom teacher, so they are aware of how many lengths they are swimming, laps they are biking and where they are running. The course will be clearly marked on the day and helpers will be posted around the course. The course loops around the school. Each student who completes the course will receive a token to put into their House bucket. The first four competitors to finish will receive extra points for their House group.

ADVICE TO WHĀNAU:

Parents, friends and family are welcome to attend. The PTA will be selling sausages at lunchtime. Visitors please be aware that as you arrive there may be competitors running or cycling by some of our school entry points, and you might need to wait for them to pass. Staff will be there to help. It is essential that all visitors and parents stay in the correct viewing area, so the course is always accessible. For safety reasons we ask that parents do not enter the swimming pool area. Because this is a School House event we expect that students will remain in their allocated House group areas joining in on the cheering and supporting their fellow students. It would be unfortunate for a student to miss their race because they were not in the correct area to hear their race being called. We also ask for students to stay with their House groups when not racing, although they are welcome to mix and mingle with parents at morning tea and lunch.

**** Please do not take your child after their race,
children must stay until the end of all of the events ****

HELPFUL HINTS FOR COMPETITORS:

- ❖ **BIATHLON:**
You must wear a t-shirt for the run, then remove it at the pool for the swim. A rash shirt may be worn underneath if needed - you can run in bare feet.
- ❖ **TRIATHLETES:**
You must run and bike in a t-shirt. You must remove your t-shirt in the bike transition zone. A rash shirt may be worn underneath the t-shirt if needed, you must wear a helmet for the bike section. You must wear closed in shoes for the bike section of the triathlon. **Jandals or crocs are not acceptable.** You must remove your shoes in the bike transition zone.
- ❖ Please have a spare t-shirt packed in case it gets wet poolside.
- ❖ If asthmatic, remember to run with your inhaler.
- ❖ Don't eat anything too heavy just before the race.
- ❖ Remember to have a warm sweatshirt/jacket to put on after your race.
- ❖ Cheer on your mates and house members and enjoy the day..
- ❖ **BE SUN SMART!** - This event has our students out of the classroom for the hottest part of the day. We always have sunscreen out in the crowd, but it can be helpful to pack some, especially for those who have special sunblock for sensitive skins.

APPROXIMATE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

** STUDENTS WILL BE SEATED IN HOUSE GROUPS FROM 9:15am**

BIATHLON:

First Race Approximately at 9:30am

- Year 8 Boys
- Year 8 Girls
- Year 7 Boys and Girls
- Year 6 Boys and Girls
- Year 5 Boys and Girls
- Year 3 Boys and Girls
- Year 4 Boys and Girls
- Year 1 and 2 Boys and Girls

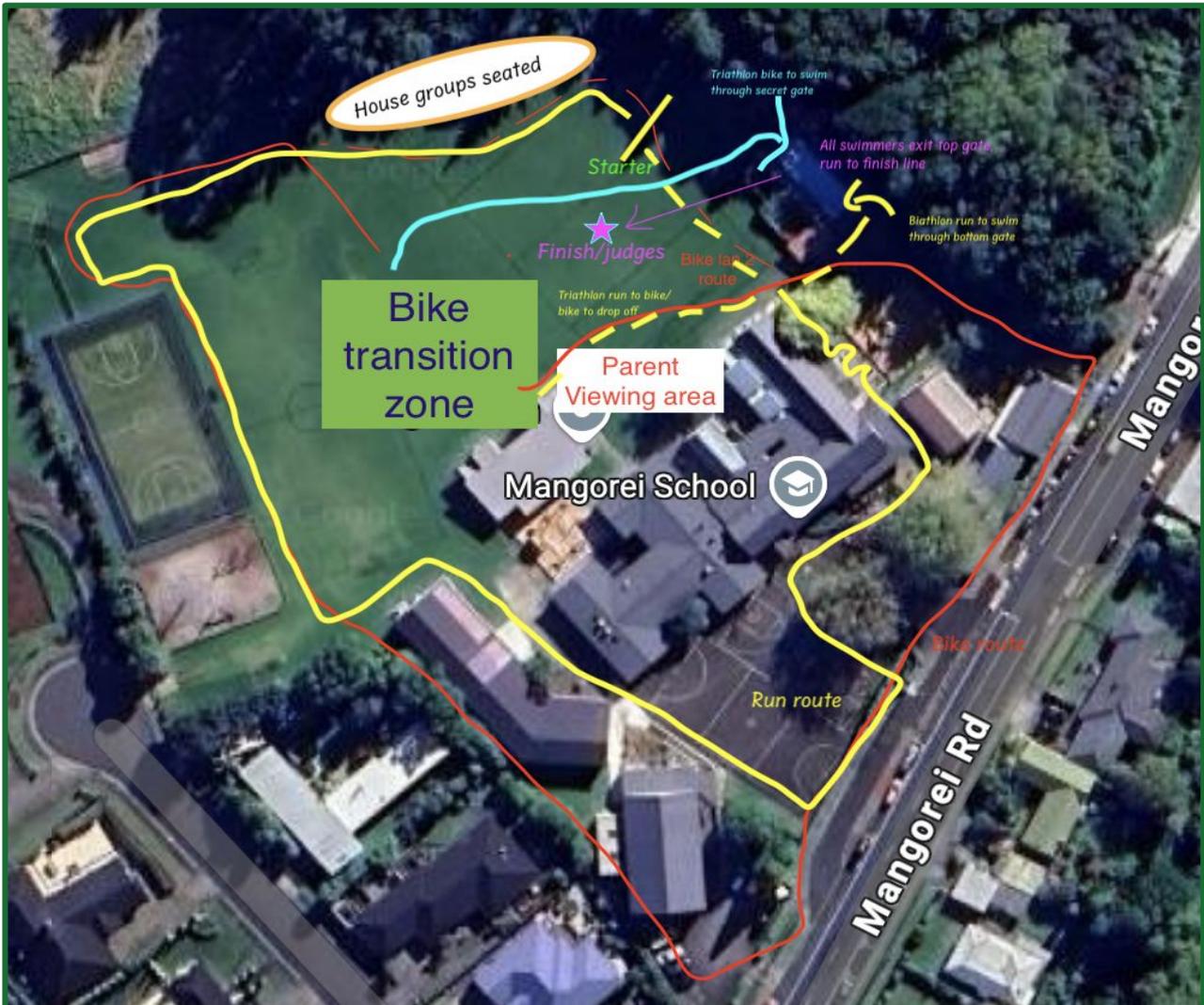
MORNING TEA:

Approximately 10:30 -11:00

TRIATHLON:

- New Entrants
- Year 1 Boys and Girls
- Year 2 Boys and Girls
- Year 3 Boys and Girls
- Year 4 Boys and Girls
- Year 5 Boys and Girls
- Year 6 Boys and Girls
- Year 7 Boys and Girls
- Year 8 Boys and Girls

TRI/BI MAP





SuperKidz TRYathlon 2026

The SuperKidz Tryathlon series is an event for the whole family to enjoy, focusing on participation, fun and family entertainment.

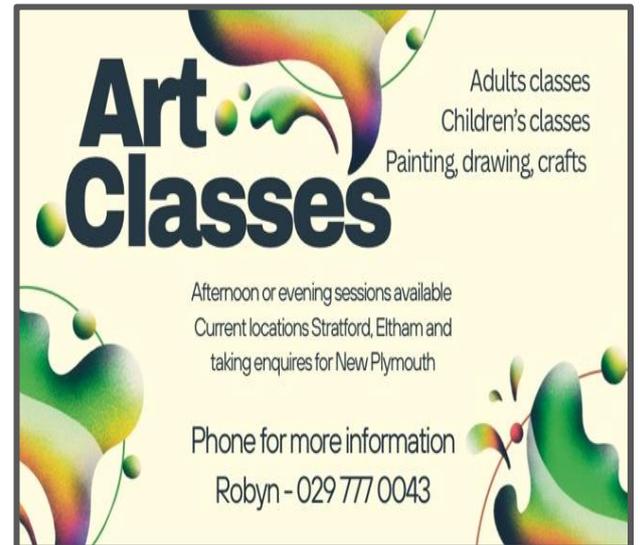
We want all our SuperKidz athletes to have fun and feel safe so we cater for three age group waves: Years 1-3; Years 4-6; Years 7-9.

WEEK ONE:	WEEK TWO:	WEEK THREE:	WEEK FOUR:
Thursday, February	Thursday, February	Thursday, March	Thursday, March
19	26	5	12

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Registration from 4:30pm, **First wave starts 5:30pm**

enter @ www.tritaranaki.nz **SCAN TO ENTER** 

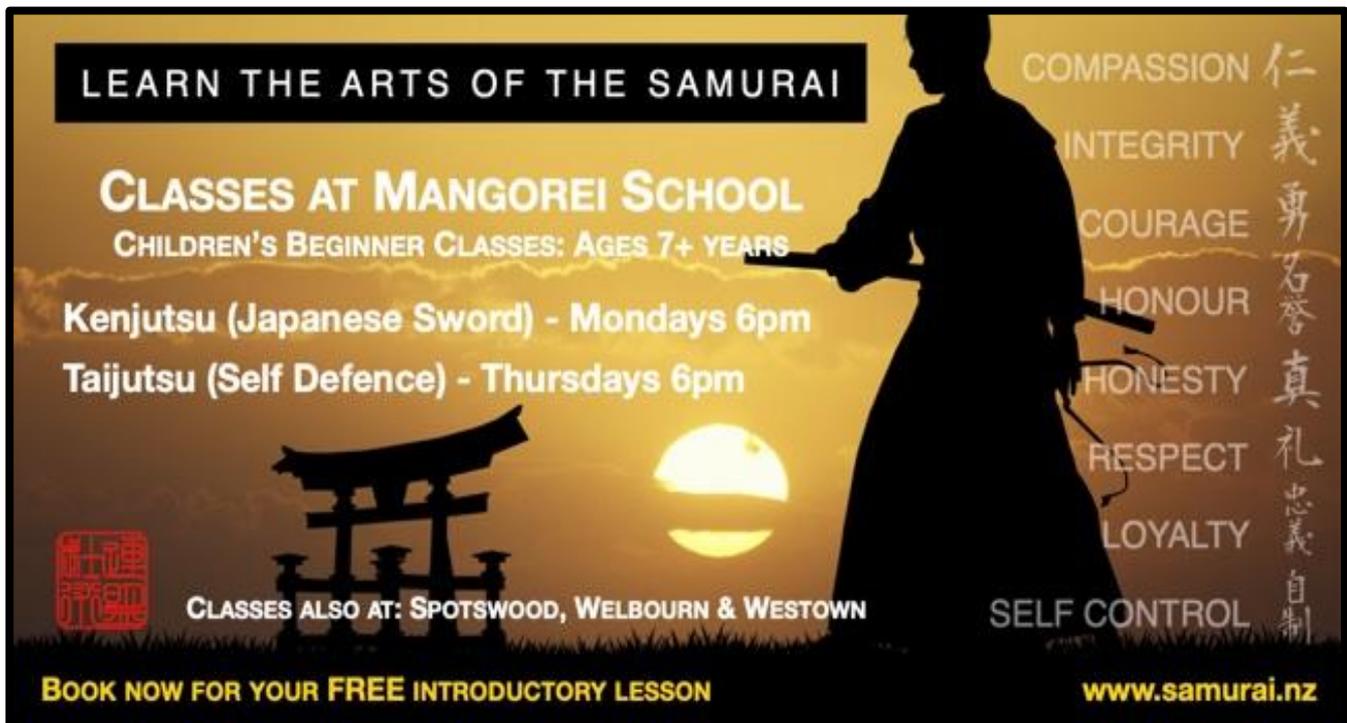


Art Classes

Adults classes
Children's classes
Painting, drawing, crafts

Afternoon or evening sessions available
Current locations Stratford, Eltham and taking enquires for New Plymouth

Phone for more information
Robyn - 029 777 0043



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

CLASSES ALSO AT: SPOTSWOOD, WELBOURN & WESTOWN

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