



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WK 4/ 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,
Centenary fever is building! Our Centenary Committee met this week to continue the monumental task of planning our upcoming celebrations for Labour Weekend, and I walked away feeling incredibly excited to have such a "powerhouse" team steering this important event. The depth of Mangorei history sitting around that table is truly impressive; I want to extend a huge thank you to **Pam Davies** (Student 1960s), **Andrew Moffatt** (Student 1980s and ex-Board Chairperson), **Lyn Gee** (long-serving staff member of 37 years), **Rachel Broadmore** (past pupil 1990s), **Jayden Devonshire** (Student 1990s, current Presiding Member on the board, Jayden is a direct descendant from one of our founding first day students), **Kate Gwerder** and **Emma Saywell** (current staff), **Andrea Mathews** (current parent and Chairperson of the PTA), and **Lynsay Ireland** (Co-ordinator). Nearly all members have had children (and in some cases, grandchildren) through the school. With this much passion and experience combined, this Centenary is shaping up to be something historic!

As we work through the logistics, the committee is officially seeking **expressions of interest for any services** that can help make this event a success. We are also open to sponsorship opportunities for this very special milestone. I'm asking our community to help us get the message into every corner of New Plymouth. Please start "shoulder tapping" anyone you know in a service industry who we should consider involving—whether it's catering, logistics, or entertainment, we want our local experts on board. Please read below for possibilities to ponder:

'We will be celebrating our Centennial Weekend on Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th October 2026, marking 100 years of education, community, and country spirit. We are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced and reliable service providers to support the delivery of this significant event.

We invite EOI from suppliers who can provide one or more of the following services by filling in the form linked below:

- Catering and food vendors - Friday official welcome (3pm - 6pm) and Saturday 10am - TBD) food trucks at pet day
- Sound equipment - Friday official welcome (3pm - 6pm) and Saturday (10am - TBD)
- Photography and videography - will be needed for the full weekend
- Marquee and equipment hire - Friday official welcome (3pm - 6pm), set-up on tennis court by the hall
- Marketing, printing, collateral
- Decade ribbons - to be used in decade photos '

These Expressions of interest are on the bottom of the Centenary page <https://mangorei.school.nz/centenary/>. **Feel free to share this far and wide!**

Please, once again, check your calendars and make sure you have Labour Weekend booked in for the Centenary. As you may have gathered by reading the EOI we do have one **MASSIVE** change to announce that we are incredibly excited about:

We will be holding our iconic Pets Day on the **Saturday** of the Centenary weekend!

We want this celebration to perfectly mirror the "city school with a country heart" that makes Mangorei so special. By hosting Pets Day on the Saturday, we allow all our visitors to see our unique school spirit in action in the middle of the weekend. The committee's goal is to organise a multi-layered weekend that caters to every generation—from our students who attended in the late 1930's to our current families and staff. Whether you are a past pupil or a "new entrant" parent, there is something special being planned for you to engage in over the weekend. I am genuinely buzzing with excitement about celebrating the whakapapa of the school.

Have an amazing rest of week - today is my birthday so that makes a great one by default!

Ngā mihi nui

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TERM 1

WEEK 4

TOMORROW

Friday 26th February

- **Happy Hikoi Day (Walking to School Day)**
- Meet the PTA Session - from 6.30pm - 8pm
- Americarna Drive By the School

WEEK 5

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 4th March

Friday 6th March

- St John Sessions for Years 7/8
- Tech for Years 7/8
- PTA Meeting - 6.30pm in the Library
- Tri/Bi Day

WEEK 6

Monday 9th March

Tuesday 10th March

Thursday 12th March

- **Taranaki Anniversary (school closed for learning)**
- St John Sessions for Years 7/8
- Happy Hikoi Day (Walking to School Day)

WEEK 7

Monday 16th March

Tuesday 17th March

Wednesday 18th March

Friday 20th March

- Interschool Swimming Sports - Years 6-8
- St John Sessions for Years 7/8
- Girls Cricket Festival Day - Years 7/8
- Tech for Years 7/8
- Ahuwhenua Camp - Vertical Horizon
- Boys Cricket Festival Day - Years 7/8

GATES GONE FROM TOMORROW!

Tomorrow the school will resemble something from Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome (arguably the best Mad Max movie with Tina Turner at her best with a killer soundtrack) as our **FRONT GATES will be removed** to be powder coated. There will be temporary fencing up and we ask families to **use the bottom gate, bus bay gate or Oakwood Drive gate** in the interim. Date of return is expected to be next Friday.

PARAKUIHI/BREAKFAST CLUB - HELPERS NEEDED

We are thrilled to be able to offer Parakuihi/Breakfast club at our kura. It is off to a great start in the Ahuwhenua kitchen area on Mondays so far! A big thank you to our whānau who have already volunteered their time. This is a fantastic initiative that provides a great start to the day for many of our students.

We have children enjoying Weetbix and Milk provided by the KickStart Breakfast programme, as well as toast with spreads donated by Merrilands New World. We have some canned fruit too, but rely on donations to keep our stocks up there. Some mornings we are able to offer different kinds of kai(food) to add fun and bring in more kids. Breakfast is pretty chill, with some mornings busier than others.

Being part of this time of the day is so lovely, and it's a joy to see students so well-fueled and ready to learn afterwards. **We are still looking for more parents to join our team.**

Your support would be a tremendous help in keeping this initiative running smoothly.

Even if you can't commit to a regular schedule, any irregular help would be very much appreciated. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mrs VGB:

kirsten.vangreevenbroek@mangorei.school.nz

CANNED FOOD FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

To help build our stocks we would like to run a canned food drive over the next few weeks.

We would really love it if students could please bring a can of either tinned fruit or tinned spaghetti, which we will keep on hand and offer alongside the Weetbix and milk already supplied by the KickStart Breakfast team. Donations will be collected in the Ahuwhenua kitchen. They can be put in the House Group donation box for your child and House Points will be awarded for the cans.

TOMORROW!! HINENGARO HĪKOI - (WALK TO SCHOOL DAY)

We are having a walking school bus again tomorrow - Join us in a happy hikoi for your hinengaro, and then again in weeks 6 & 8. 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 Tūpuhi Place around 8:40am to meet up with any extra children wanting to walk together.

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 CAMP - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Have a look through the Slideshow via the link [A Sneak peak at Vertical Horizons](#) to find out more about our upcoming camp.

Once you have watched the slideshow, please follow this link to complete our [Camp Permission and Medical Form](#). We need this form completed by this **Friday 27th February** to help us continue our camp planning.

Your child's classroom teacher will be happy to help with any questions that arise.

YEAR 7/8 IMMUNISATIONS

Your child will have brought home an Immunisation form for you to either consent or not consent to the immunisations that will be given by the Public Health Nurse. Please return these to school promptly. No immunisations can be given without the signed consent form being returned to school. You can opt to take your child to your GP for these immunisations if you prefer. These immunisations are scheduled for Monday 30th of March.

MANGOREI SCHOOL TRI/BI DAY - NEXT FRIDAY

A few Points to remember for our upcoming Tri/Bi Day:

- First Race Starts At 9:30am
- Our 'triathlon' is not a typical event - it is a run, bike and swim.
- Parents, friends and family are welcome to attend of all of the events.
- **BIATHLON:**
You must wear a t-shirt for the run. 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 and wear a helmet for the bike section. You also need to wear closed in shoes for the bike section of the triathlon. Jandals or crocs are not acceptable.
- Please do not take your child after their race.
- The PTA will be selling sausages at lunchtime (cash only).

SCHOOL CHARGES AND DONATIONS

As the school year progresses various charges will appear on your child's account. You can see accounts on the [HERO](#) app. Statements are periodically updated and issued via email from the school office. We require payments for charges to be made prior to the end of each term.

REQUIRED PAYMENTS

Required payments are for all goods or services that your child has received during the year, such as any stationery that they have purchased through the office, trips and activities, technology fees, camp fees, sports team registration fees, kapa haka performances, excursions etc and are required to be paid much like you would pay for groceries or a power bill.

REQUESTED PAYMENTS

Requested payments are Donation payments that the Board of Trustees asks families to pay as a donation for each child attending here at Mangorei School. Unlike a lot of other schools where they are eligible for a donations scheme (i.e The Government pay the donation), we, as a low equity school, are not. We request that families pay the annual amount of \$150. Donations help us to cover things like employing Teacher Aides to support learners, caretakers equipment for maintaining playgrounds, some maths and literacy resources, the school swimming pool and in some instances to subsidise costs of trips and events which helps keep costs minimal so that we can continue to provide quality and a variety of experiences to our tamariki. If you prefer not to pay the school donation, please advise the school. Any credit balances on students accounts will be allocated to the donation after required payments have been paid unless you have advised the office that you do not wish this to happen.

WAYS TO MAKE PAYMENTS

Our preferred payment method is online banking to the Mangorei School Board account #:15-3957-0536753-00. Please include your child's first and surname and the invoice number as a reference. Some parents/caregivers may have difficulty paying these costs all at once. We welcome part payments and installments. Many parents find it is easier to chip away at school fees across the year. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to pay a small amount frequently, please let me know via email donna.goble@mangorei.school.nz

PARENT PORTAL/MATHS PRACTICE WEBSITE

Last year the Ministry of Education announced a new parent portal on the Ministry of Education website. This portal contains many tools for parents to access about education in New Zealand. Please click the link to access : [Parent Portal](#)

One of the tools available to you is a Maths practice site. You can use the site to help your Year 3-8 child practise what they have learned over the past year. It is best to work together on the year level your child has just finished at school as consolidation, as opposed to the year they're about to start. After your child completes each question or puzzle, you will see a summary page suggesting next steps. You can use the Maths practice site on your tablet, laptop or phone.

Any engagement with such tools works best when the child is keen, feels supported and the experience is enjoyable (for all!). Feel free to dive in for a look! [NZC Maths practice](#)

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Unclaimed property will be laid out over by the hall, weather dependent, so children have access to it and reclaim what is theirs. If you notice your child is missing an article of clothing please encourage them to have a good look.

PTA NEWS

A massive thank you to Emma Hall, Robbie Brown, RaMarnie Ameriks, Pip Parker, Ikue Mann, Luella Raj, Amy Jin, Sarah Gillum, Paul Maseyk and Josh Vanner for helping with parking on Sunday. Thanks to your time and effort supporting parking on the school field for the Summer Jams event at Tupare Gardens, we raised an awesome \$430 in donations. We also really appreciated the help from our wonderful students this year — Sophia Mathews, Tate Hall, Rory Hall, Grace Ameriks, MacKay Ameriks and Charlie Maseyk. It was fantastic to see you getting involved and supporting the school. Thank you!

MEET THE PTA INFORMATION EVENING

Tomorrow we are hosting a Meet the PTA information evening in the school library. Please feel free to drop in anytime between 6:30pm and 8:00pm to say hello, find out more about what we do, and see how you might like to be involved. Whether you can offer some hands-on help, have a special skill, or have even contacts that could support our fundraising, we would love to hear from you.

PTA MEETING

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 6:30pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

TRI/BI SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

On Friday 6th March, during the Tri/Bi, the PTA will be running a sausage sizzle fundraiser, with sausages and drinks available for \$2.50 each (**CASH ONLY - NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE**)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRI/BI DAY

We are looking for volunteers to help cook and sell food and drinks between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Our PTA team is small and we can't do it all on our own, so if you are able to spare an hour, we would be incredibly grateful. It also helps ensure our volunteers don't miss seeing their own children participate.

Thank you for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you!.
Please email pta@mangorei.school.nz if you can help out.

COMMUNITY NEWS



CALLING ALL GIRLS

NEW PLYMOUTH RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB IS INVITING ALL GIRLS IN THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS

- U10 Girls (DOB 2016/2017)
- U12 Girls (DOB 2014/2015)
- U13 Girls (DOB 2013/2014)
- U15 Girls (DOB 2012/2011)

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEB 4.30PM

No matter your experience level, you're invited. Come give football a go in a supportive, fun environment - and bring a friend along for the ride.

SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW



REGISTER

WINTER FOOTBALL 2026




MANGAMAHOE

NGAHERE

Whānau Pakari



Whānau Pakari is a community-based, no cost, whānau-centred programme for children and adolescents aged 4-15 years (inclusive), wanting to improve their lifestyle.

Whānau Pakari uses an expert team to support children and their whānau to make long term changes to activity, food and lifestyle choices, in a respectful and non-judgemental way.

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Activity sessions in Hāwera and New Plymouth for 4-10 year olds, two half-day workshops for adolescents 11 years and over, and a term of physical activity sessions twice per year.

The Whānau Pakari team includes:

- dietitian
- clinical psychologist
- paediatrician
- physical activity specialist
- healthy lifestyle coordinator.

To access the service or information:
Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator:
whanaupakari@tdhb.org.nz or
753 6139 extn 8729

For information or to self refer:
www.tdhub.org.nz > Services
> Whānau Pakari



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