



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 5/ 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,

It will be wonderful to see you all here on Friday this week! I know the Tri/Bi is the main event but please remember it is also our **Whānau Kai Tahī day** meaning you can stay for lunch with your child (PTA selling sausages and drinks) and have your child go into the class to show you what they have been learning over the last four weeks. We know that students do better in their learning when they have active interest from a family member and so this is a wonderful chance for you to show this support, champion their successes and support their growth mindset on the hard stuff they may be learning at present!

We have again included in the newsletter the 'run' (excuse the pun) down of the day of the approximate times of the races. The Tri/Bi is a great challenge that all kids can achieve at so please support your child with being here, being ready and cheering them on. That feeling of having given it a good go helps develop confidence to keep giving hard things a try.

Just a reminder from last week that we are trying our school community first for any businesses/services that would like to be involved in the School Centenary weekend in October. If you (or someone you know) has connections in **catering/food, sound, photography/video, marquee/equipment hire, marketing/printing** then please get them to jump on this link <https://mangorei.school.nz/centenary/>, scroll to the bottom and register.

I'd like to finish with an acknowledgement of our own school hero, **Mason Noblet**, a Year 7 student who last week helped avoid a possible fire at Devon Intermediate. A Devon student had put their hat unknowingly on a solder iron (which had been switched off at the class mains) but then the next day when mains were switched on the hat heated up and caught fire. Our Year 7 and 8 students travel to Devon for a range of Tech classes - food technology, digital tech and hard materials to name a few. Mason's quick thinking saw him remove the hat that was alight and quickly stomp it out avoiding evacuation, and more importantly damage to the classroom. Mason's teacher was full of praise for his quick thinking actions and they have reviewed their processes there to make sure this does not occur again. Ka rawe Mason - brilliant quick thinking!

By the time the next newsletter comes out next week we should have the school gates back up again - repainted and ready for signwriting. Sorry for the inconvenience it has provided to those families that use the main entrance - thank you to all those who have used the bottom gate, or bus bay gate if coming in, or exiting the school grounds.

Have a wonderful rest of your week and hope to see you either tonight at the PTA Meeting here at school at 6pm in the Library, or on Friday for our Whānau Kai Tahī day.

Ngā mihi nui

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TERM 1

WEEK 5

TONIGHT!Friday 6th March

- **PTA Meeting - 6.30pm in the Library**
- Tri/Bi Day

WEEK 6

Monday 9th MarchTuesday 10th MarchWednesday 11th MarchThursday 12th March

WEEK 7

Monday 16th MarchTuesday 17th MarchWednesday 18th MarchThursday 19th MarchFriday 20th March

WEEK 8

Monday 23rd MarchTuesday 24th MarchWednesday 25th MarchThursday 26th MarchFriday 27th March

- **Taranaki Anniversary (school closed for learning)**
- St John Sessions - Years 7/8
- Netball Skills - Years 7/8
- Tech - Years 7/8
- Taranaki Hockey Visit
- Year 5/6 Camp Parent Meeting (6pm in the Library)
- Happy Hiko Day (Walking to School Day)
- Swimming Sports - Years 6-8
- St John Sessions - Years 7/8
- Ahuwhenua Camp - Vertical Horizon
- Girls Cricket Festival Day - Years 7/8
- Tech - Years 7/8
- Ahuwhenua Camp - Vertical Horizon
- Ahuwhenua Camp - Vertical Horizon
- Girls Football - Year 4
- Boys Cricket Festival Day - Years 7/8
- Vision & Hearing Testing - NE & Year 7's
- Cycle Skills - Year 5/6 (Kereru)
- Tech - Years 7/8
- Weetbix Tryathlon
- Inter school Swimming - Year 6-8
- Board Meeting - 6pm
- Happy Hiko Day (Walking to School Day)
- Cycle Skills - Year 4/5 (Kōrimako)
- Tabloid Sports

HAERE MAI! WELCOME! ~ Izzy Rolfe who has started with us in Piwakawaka.

SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Our School ambassadors for the first two terms are Flossie McLeod and Connor Mullineux, and our Deputy Ambassadors are Lila Donovan and Samuel Lim. Our leaders will be meeting with our class councillors next week to begin to collect voice from our tamariki.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Class Councillors and House Captains for Terms 1 & 2.

YEAR 4/6 CLASS COUNCILLORS

KĀHU: Grace Hopkins & Mila Noblet

KORIMAKO: Lexie Dodunski & Elijah Graham

KERERŪ: Lila Hagenson & Connagh Rumball

KŌTARE: Seul Lee & Kairo Magan

HOUSE CAPTAINS

BURGESS: April Hagenson & Archer Garrett-Quest

MANGAMAHOE: Paige Oliver & Jack Hall

NGAHERE: Sofia Danych & Miko Branca

TUPARE: Sophie Davison & Asher Razali



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

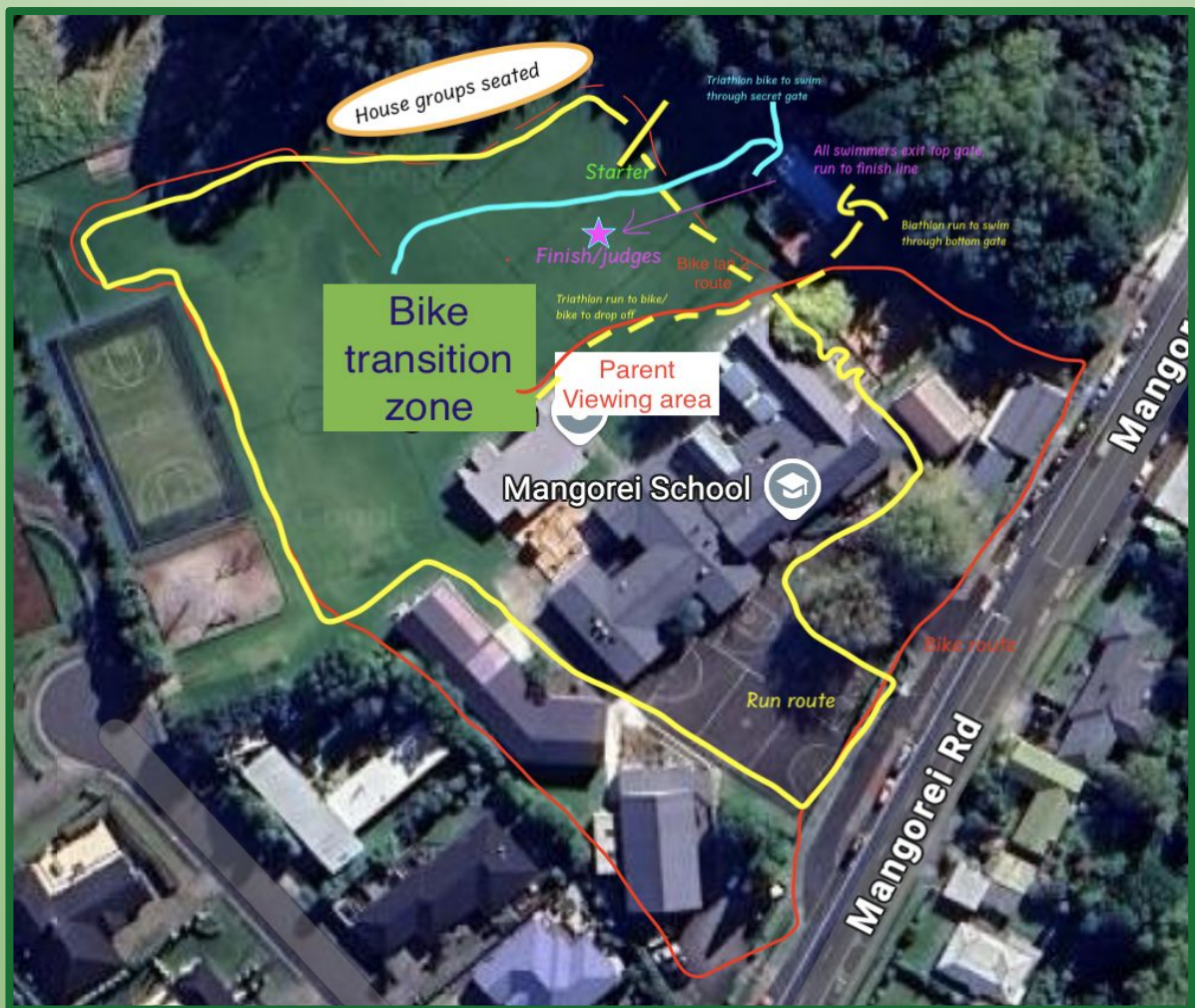
MORNING TEA:

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:



LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Keep your eyes peeled for the latest Lucky Book Club Catalogue that will be coming home this week! Orders will need to be in by Friday 13th March.

PARAKUIHI/BREAKFAST CLUB - HELPERS NEEDED

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are thrilled to be able to offer Parakuihi/Breakfast club here at our kura. It is off to a great start in the Ahuwhenua kitchen. A big thank you to our whānau who have already volunteered their time.

We are still looking for more parents to join our team on a Tuesday & Thursday morning.

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

REMINDER - DONATIONS FOR OUR 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.

CAMP PARENT HELPERS MEETING

We will be holding a meeting for our camp parent helper crew on Wednesday 11th March at 6pm in the Library. Please come along and join us.



YEARS 7/8 WINTER NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Welcome to the 2026 Year 7 and 8 Netball, this is to inform you all about key dates and information this season, along with collecting individual details from those children wanting to play. It is also highlighting your child's desire to continue developing their netball skills throughout the season and being a committed member in the team they are placed into. We are also requiring volunteers and helpers to make these teams a success; if you are happy to help please contact pip.parker@outlook.com or if you have any further questions feel free to contact me.

There will be in school netball skills for all registered players on Tuesday 10th March - if you wish to participate in this, but not be in a team please contact me.

Opening Tournament: 7th June - Closing Tournament: 23rd August

- Round 2: 13th June
- Round 3: 20th June
- Round 4: 27th June
- Round 5: 4th July
- Round 6: 25th July
- Round 7: 1st August
- Round 8: 8th August
- Round 9: 15th August

Registrations close this Friday 6th March, please follow the link below to register.

[Mangorei School Year 7/8 Netball Registration](#)



THANK YOU!! 'Merrilands New World' for donating apples, bread and spreads to our kura this week.

TARANAKI HOCKEY VISITS

Next Wednesday 11th March, we will have a representative from Taranaki Hockey come to school to run a session with our Year 3-8 classes. Each class session will be half an hour, and will introduce students to the basics of hockey. It is recommended student wear shoes for this. Hockey Registrations for this year will be available from next week in the school newsletter and on hero.

PTA MEETING - COME ALONG TONIGHT!!

Our first PTA meeting of the year is tonight at 6:30pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

TRI/BI SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

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

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

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