



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 8/ TERM 1

KNOWING MYSELF, KNOWING OUR PLACE, FINDING MY FUTURE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Mangorei Whānau,

It has been an action-packed few weeks at our school, filled with sporting success, community spirit, and thoughtful planning for the future. As we approach the end of the term, I wanted to share some important updates and celebrations with you all.

A massive congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Girls Cricket Team! The girls displayed incredible skill and sportsmanship in Stratford recently, securing clinical wins against Stratford Primary and Ōmata School. Because of their hard work, they have officially won the Taranaki Cricket Association's Kate Ebrahim Full Primary Trophy. This is a fantastic achievement for the team and our school. To celebrate their success, we will be holding a special presentation for the girls at tomorrow's assembly. We look forward to seeing them up on stage!

Recently, we've noticed a significant rise in the number of smartwatches being brought to school. While technology is a wonderful tool, these devices have evolved significantly; most now share the same transmitting capabilities as a smartphone, including messaging, internet access, and recording features. To ensure our learning environment remains focused and safe, and to be in line with current thinking and practice, the School Board has spent considerable time discussing how these devices fit into our current "away for the day" phone policy.

Starting from the beginning of Term 2, smartwatches will be categorised alongside mobile phones. This means students who bring them to school will be required to drop them at the office in the morning, where they will be secured, and they can be collected at 3:00 pm, in line with our phone processes. I want to thank the School Board for their well-thought-through discussion in making this decision.

Here are three primary reasons why we are implementing this change:

1. Minimising Distraction: Notifications and messaging on the wrist can be a major hurdle to "deep work" and classroom focus.
2. Digital Safety and Privacy: With cameras and recording capabilities, smartwatches can inadvertently compromise the privacy of other students and staff.
3. Encouraging Physical Play: School is a time for face-to-face socialisation. Removing the "digital tether" encourages our tamariki to engage more fully with their peers during break times.

In Week 3 of Term 2, we are looking forward to hosting the Education Review Office (ERO). Their visit is a vital part of our ongoing school improvement. They will be supporting our self-review practices and providing us with valuable feedback to ensure we are delivering the best possible education for your children. We welcome this collaborative process as we work together at bringing our school vision to life.

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Mr Poulgrain's ramblings contd.....

A huge thank you to our Year 6, 7, and 8 teachers for the smooth and wonderful running of our recent swimming sports. It was a fantastic day of competition and participation. A special shout-out to our Roopu Leader, Cody Chilcott, for his leadership in running the afternoon.

Earlier this week we had Mr Ray Farrow come around our Year 5 to 8 classes with a range of very noisy brass instruments, talking about his engaging and fun music lessons he will be doing here at school. We have a long(ish) history with brass groups who have gone on to represent New Plymouth in Junior and Senior Bands. We have even had one of our students go on to become the Junior NZ Tuba Champion when they were 17. Last week we talked about the value of Team sport, this week the value of playing music with others, and mastering a music skill and reading music is just as brilliant for brain and social development. Read on for more details, but please consider your child being involved.

Regarding Tabloid Sports, we have decided to postpone this event until Term 2 when we can hopefully hit a consistent stretch of fine weather. Please have your tamariki keep their house-coloured clothes handy! Tabloids are a highlight of our calendar because they provide a perfect opportunity for our Tuakana (older students) to support our Teina (younger students). It's about building connections across the school and ensuring everyone has success in a fun, inclusive environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our learners.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gary Poulgrain
TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR TERM 1

WEEK 8

Friday 27th March - Tabloid Sports **POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 2**

WEEK 9

Monday 30th March - Cycle Skills - Year 5/6 (Kōtare)

- Immunisations - Year 7/8

Tuesday 31st March - Science Roadshow

Wednesday 1st April - Tech - Year 7/8

- Interschool Swimming - Year 6-8

Thursday 2nd April - LAST DAY OF TERM 1

WEEK 1 - TERM 2

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Monday 20th April - FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Wednesday 22nd April - Kids Lit Quiz

- Tech - Year 7/8

Thursday 23rd April - Anzac Assembly

Friday 24th April - TEACHER ONLY DAY - KURA CLOSED

Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day Observed - KURA CLOSED

YEAR 7/8 GIRLS CRICKET FESTIVAL DAY

What an awesome day of cricket for our Year 7/8 girls team had last Wednesday at the Kate Ebrahim Festival Day in Stratford. The girls took out the title and brought home the trophy - kai pai!. A big thank you to all the players, parents and supporters who made the day such a success. It was great to see the energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship displayed throughout. A big 'shout out' to Mr Chilcott for organising this event, and to the parents who helped and to the parents who help transport the girls.



CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!

- ★ Flossie McLeod - for attaining her Sporting Excellence Certificate
- ★ Erin van Deventer - for attaining her Sporting Excellence Certificate
- ★ Ishy Lashin - for attaining his Sporting Excellence Certificate
- ★ April Hagenson - for attaining her Cultural & Arts and Sporting Achievement Certificates

AIMS GAMES REGISTRATIONS - NOW OPEN!!

Registrations are now open for the 2026 Zespri AIMS Games in September. If you would like to enter your Year 7/8 child into individual events, **the registrations must be done through school**. Should you decide you want to take your child to be involved in an individual event please contact the school office by emailing office@mangorei.school.nz. Unfortunately as a school we are unable to organise team trips to AIMS although we can offer advice from past parents who did so, if this is an option families want to take on board. For more detailed information, please visit [AIMS Games Event Information 2026](#)

Registrations will close at Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Thank you

Merrilands New World
for
our donation of Yummy apples this week, our tamariki have been enjoying them as always.

MINIBALL AND BASKETBALL REMINDER (ALL AGES CAN PLAY!)

Please remember to register your child below for one of our Mangorei Basketball/Miniball teams.

Registrations are now open!

[MINIBALL & BASKETBALL REGISTRATION](#)

If your child is interested in playing the link above to register them so we can sort them into Mangorei Teams. Once you click on the link it will give you the other information you need. It is also double the fun if you are able to coach a team or even manage!

YEAR 6 - 8 SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2026

Yesterday we held our annual Swimming Sports for our Year 6 - 8's at the Bell Block Aquatic centre. Well done everyone for your efforts!

YEAR 8 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FREESTYLE	Asher Razali	Armaan Singh	Dirco Stoltz
BACKSTROKE	Samuel Lim	Miko Branca	Dirco Stoltz
BREASTSTROKE	Ishy Lashin	Miko Branca	Lochlan Menhennet
BUTTERFLY	Miko Branca	Lochlan Menhennet	-
YEAR 8 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FREESTYLE	Lila Donovan	Kinley Hayward	Paige Olliver
BACKSTROKE	Lila Donovan	Erin van Deventer	Sofia Danych
BREASTSTROKE	Erin van Deventer	Paige Olliver	Theja Garner
BUTTERFLY	Erin van Deventer	Lila Donovan	-
YEAR 7 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FREESTYLE	Joe Hopkins	Taane Carruthers	Lincoln Saunders
BACKSTROKE	Joe Hopkins	Charlie Maseyk	Taane Carruthers
BREASTSTROKE	Joe Hopkins	Charlie Maseyk	Taane Carruthers
BUTTERFLY	Charlie Maseyk	Joe Hopkins	Jesse Belcher
YEAR 7 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FREESTYLE	Audrey Lightfoot	Ariana Parker	Violet Venizelou
BACKSTROKE	Ariana Parker	Isobelle Chubb	Audrey Lightfoot
BREASTSTROKE	Sarah Li	Ariana Parker	Isobelle Chubb
YEAR 6 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FREESTYLE	Ofek Cohen	Lona Pike	Kane May
BACKSTROKE	Ofek Cohen	Geetham Addagada	-
BREASTSTROKE	Ofek Cohen	Geetham Addagada	Lona Pike
YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FREESTYLE	McKenzie Parker	Seul Lee	Aria Razali
BACKSTROKE	McKenzie Parker	Aria Razali	Seul Lee
BREASTSTROKE	Scarlett Moore	Selvi Macmillan	Seul Lee

HOUSE POINTS

TUPARE	BURGESS	NGAHERE	MANGAMAHOE
89	76	156	141

KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

Mangorei School is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. These are replacing the ICAS exams that have traditionally been done at school. The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance.

- Entries are administered by the school.
- For further information, please consult the CAM website <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/academic-study/education/centre-for-assessment-and-monitoring/kiwi-competitions>
- The cost of these Exams are to be confirmed.

Please click the link [2026 Kiwi Assessments](#) to register your child's interest by: **Wednesday 13th May.**

**** NOTE ** NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ****

OUT OF HOURS MUSIC - YEARS 5-8

Each year Mangorei School hosts the 'Out Of Hours' Music Programme that is run through the Ministry of Education. It gives Year 4 – 8 students the opportunity to learn an instrument at school. These lessons have a small cost of \$15 to cover the cost of photocopying the music.

This year we are able to offer weekly Ukulele lessons, starting in Term 2.

- Ukulele will be held after school on a Wednesday, the tutor is *Maree Smith*. (Ukuleles will need to be supplied by students).

Also forms have been sent home with our year 5-8 students advising that registrations are open for Brass Class starting in Term 2. Each year Ray Farrow runs brass instrument lessons at Mangorei School. It gives Year 5-8 students the opportunity to learn a brass instrument at school.

- These lessons have a cost of \$120 for the year to cover the cost of the music and instrument hire
- Brass will be held before school (either 8am or 8:30am) on a Tuesday (Brass instruments can be hired if necessary)

If your child is interested in this musical opportunities, please contact Mrs Carberry by Monday 30th March liz.carberry@mangorei.school.nz

APPLICATIONS FOR OUT-OF-ZONE- STUDENTS - TERMS 2, 3 & 4 2026

The Mangorei School Board has determined that there are the following vacancies in these areas of our school for the remainder of 2026 for out of zone students.

- 12 Vacancies in the Year 0 - Year 3
- 2 Vacancies in the Year 4 - Year 6

Application forms are available by emailing office@mangorei.school.nz. The deadline for receipt of applications is **4pm on Wednesday 1st April 2026**



A HUGE Thank you to

NEW WORLD

MANGOREI SCHOOL PTA
EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Grocery Hamper

Tickets \$2 each

Raffle Forms come home this afternoon. Please ensure all tickets & money are dropped in by next Tuesday the 30th of April 2026. The raffle will be drawn Wednesday the 1st of April 2026 and winner(s) notified by phone.

Thanks so much for supporting this PTA fundraiser



MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK!!

Save these dates to enjoy a beautiful High Tea at Tupare Gardens - 100% profit to the school!!

- Sunday 17th May
- Sunday 14th June
- Sunday 26th July
- Sunday 23rd August
- Sunday 20th September
- Sunday 18th October

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME




Come join us for games, crafts and gymnastics!

Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th April
Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th April

8.30am - 3.30pm
\$45 per child per day

Register at www.gymnastica.co.nz

Have a go at CANOE POLO!



**TARANAKI
CANOE POLO**

Sunday 29th March
1:30 - 3 pm
Methanex Aquatic Centre
Bell Block

TCP invites you to our Introduction Demo Day to see and have a go at this awesome sport which runs in Term 2 and 3 in BBK. We provide the gear and basic training (wet exit). Just bring your togs and towel plus a rashie/sports top to have a go. Registrations will be opening soon for high school students and adults.
If we get enough intermediate interest, we can cater to younger students too.

RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Winter football registrations are open New season, fresh start.

If you're keen to play, now's the time to lock in your spot and be part of it.

All ages and levels welcome - whether you're just starting out or already into it, there's a place for you here.

Sign up here:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/471133>

More info here:

<https://www.nprangers.co.nz/how-can-i-play/junior-registration-1>

JOIN OUR RANGERS FAMILY

**WINTER
FOOTBALL**

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