



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KNOWING MYSELF, KNOWING OUR PLACE, FINDING MY FUTURE

'E mohio pū ko wai au, e mōhio pū ki tāku turanga, kia rapu tāku huarahi'

Wednesday
22nd
April 2026

WEEK 1 / TERM 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora koutou whanau o Mangorei! A big greeting to all our Mangorei families!

Holidays came, and holidays went and after two intense days of wind, leaves, branches and hayfever from the dust, you could be mistaken that its week 5! There is something about this weather that is tiring so we really appreciate you bundling your kids up in scarves and beanies and getting them to school to kick start a great term of learning ahead.

We are currently in AWE of one of our students, in particular with some holiday success in one of his passions and it has to be highlighted!

Geetham Addagada, Year 6, recently competed in the 2026 Oceania Youth Chess Championships, an event that brings together the brightest young minds from across Australia, NZ and the Pacific Islands. It was held at the prestigious Christchurch Town Hall, the competition was incredibly fierce and most certainly required immense mental stamina. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Geetham secured a silver medal, a truly remarkable feat on such a grand international stage. This achievement is a testament to his natural talent and the quiet, focused confidence he carries within our school. To see a Mangorei student excel at such a level is an inspiration to us all and a significant highlight for our school year.

Success in chess is never accidental; it is the result of countless hours of deliberate practice, intense focus, and disciplined strategic thinking. Geetham serves as a brilliant example to our other tamariki that this level of success is born from dedication and the courage to test oneself against the best. His journey reminds every student at Mangorei that pursuing a passion with heart and discipline leads to incredible outcomes. It fits in superbly with our school vision! We want to pass on our congratulations to Geetham's parents, Uma and Lokesh for their vital role in his journey. Read on in the newsletter to see what the next exciting step for Geetham is!

A big reminder that there is no school on Friday. Teachers will be onsite for our first Curriculum Teacher Only day with Bex Langton as we continue to get immersed in the new Mathematics Curriculum. As I have mentioned before, education at all levels, has undergone rapid reform. For our teachers to become more confident in the assessment and teaching of what are multiple learning areas with changing expectations has been huge. This is already on top of a full work week so to take one day to solely focus on Maths is like gold for us. We appreciate your support with us and hope with it being attached to a long weekend already means you can plan a break for your family as well.

I want to invite anyone and everyone to our Mangorei School ANZAC assembly at 10am on Tuesday - all are welcome as we remember those who served and are serving among us to give us this free life we have today. Grab a jacket as we aim to be outdoors for this.

Have a wonderful rest of the week - Ngā Mihi

Gary Poulgrain

TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2

WEEK 1

- Thursday 23rd April - Cycle Skills catch up (Korimako - Y5's only)
- Interschool Football Trials - Year 5/6
- Friday 24th April - **Teacher Only Day - (Curriculum Refresh)**
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING

WEEK 2

- Monday 27th April - **ANZAC Day Observed**
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- Tuesday 28th April - ANZAC Assembly
- Tackle 5's Rugby - Year 5/6
- Seasons for Growth Group
- Wednesday 29th April - Tech - Year 7/8
- Thursday 30th April - Interschool Round 1 - Year 5/6 (Away Waitara East)
- Reading In Schools
- Otago Problem Solving #1

WEEK 3

- Wednesday 6th May - Tech - Year 7/8
- Board Meeting - 6pm
- Thursday 7th May - Reading In Schools
- Friday 8th May - AWHI Day (See poster further on)

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING

A Reminder that our kura will be closed for our Ministry of Education Curriculum Day **this FRIDAY 24th APRIL**. Please note we have placed this on a Friday before the 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.

HAERE MAI! WELCOME!

Millie Coleman, Isaac Brophy, Lockie Hamerton, Daniel Lodewyckx, Eamon Bruce and Ahmed & Emaan Yasir who have started with us this week.

CONGRATULATIONS - KA RAWE!

- ★ April Hagenson - for attaining her Services & Duties Achievement Certificate
- ★ Kinley Hayward - for attaining her Services & Duties Achievement Certificate

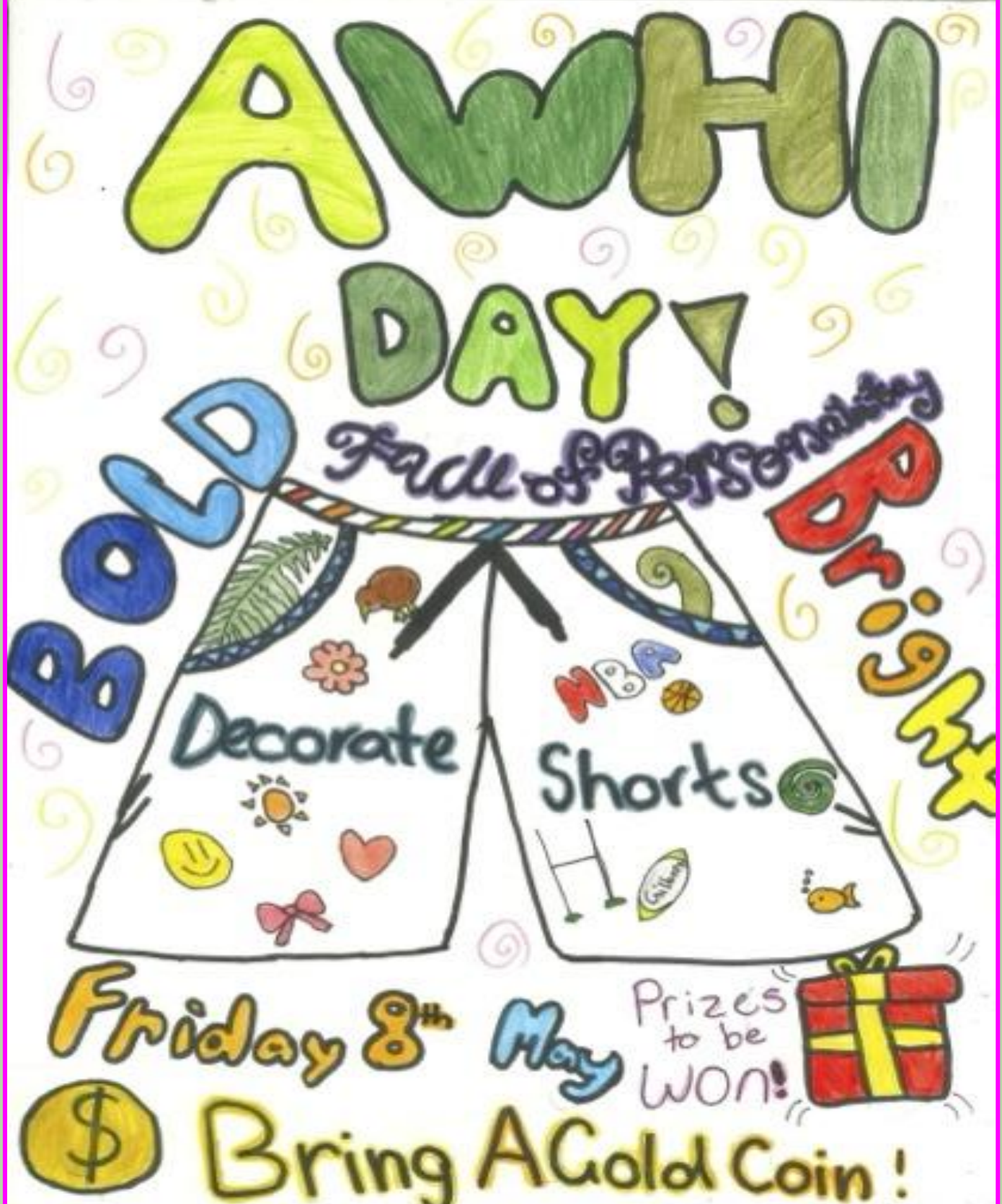
THANK YOU - To *Merrilands New World* for our donation of Yummy apples this week.

CURRICULUM HOTSPOT

Every few weeks we hope to highlight some of what is on top as we countdown to completing our first of two sets of reporting to you, our caregivers about the Progress and Achievement of your child(ren) that will happen Mid-year. This year teachers will be using new **'PROGRESS DESCRIPTORS'** to explain where a student sits, within their year level, in relation to the New Mathematics AND New English curriculums. This means come mid-year, the usual vocab we have been using of 'Well Above, Above, At and Towards' will be gone. Look out for a new 5 tier system of **'Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient and Exceeding'**. We will start to unpack these more for you over the upcoming term.

AWHI DAY FOR HOSPICE TARANAKI - SAVE THE DATE!

As mentioned last term, our school council have jumped on board and will be holding a 'Awhi Day' On Friday 8th May - this is a Taranaki-wide, school-based initiative focused on community, kindness, and **supporting local hospice care**. We are encouraging our tamariki on this day to wear or decorate shorts to promote joy, creativity, or just **come to school 'Bold, Bright and Full of Personality'** (Children are decorating paper 'shorts' in classes for a display). We would love to raise as much as we can so we ask that our tamariki **donate a gold coin donation for Hospice Taranaki**. There will be prizes to be won on the day for best 'Bold, Bright' outfit.



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

We are excited to be heading to Palmerston North this year to National Young Leaders Day! National Young Leaders Day is an opportunity for our Year 8's to meet up with other students of the same age and listen to inspiring speakers with a focus on developing leadership skills. More information on the event can be found at <https://nyldnz.org>



This is a day trip and we would be leaving Mangorei School at 5.30am and returning around 8pm that night, it is a big day but so much fun!

The trip is an optional activity and it is up to you to decide whether or not your child will go.

- **DATE:** Wednesday 3rd June
- **TIME:** 5.30am - 8.00pm
- **COST:** Approximately \$85 (TBA once numbers are confirmed)
- **WHAT TO BRING:** Day bag with lunch, drink bottle, extra snacks, money to buy dinner on way home in Whanganui.

All our Year 8's will have brought home a permission slip yesterday for this event, please fill it in and return it to school by Friday 2nd May to advise if your child will be attending or not, and if your able to help with transport to the event.

Any questions please contact contact Cody Chiccott cody.chiccott@mangorei.school.nz

INFORMATION FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Our Public Health Nurse Donna Mehring offers a free, confidential health service to our school.

She can assist with:

- ❖ Treatment for headlice, scabies and impetigo
- ❖ Hearing/vision concerns
- ❖ Toileting (daytime or nighttime wetting, soiling, constipation)
- ❖ Concerns regarding Behaviour, growth or development
- ❖ General health information
- ❖ Parenting support
- ❖

You can contact Donna on 027 449 8195, or ask a teacher to do referral for you.

CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL BAND??

We are in need of a keyboard for the school band, if anyone in our school community has one that is surplus to requirements that they could donate to the band, please contact liz.carberry@mangorei.school.nz



TACKLE 5'S - YEAR 5/6

Year 5/6 tackle 5's Rugby is next Tuesday 28th April, at Hickford Park, Bell Block.

We still need parent helpers with transport and coaching/managing teams for the day. If you are able to assist in any capacity, can you please contact cody.chiccott@mangorei.school.nz

More details including the draw for the day, what students need to bring and a link to register can be found on HERO.



CELEBRATING SOME OF OUR STUDENTS SUCCESS!



We love to celebrate our students success both in and out of school. If your child participates in extracurricular sports / activities and you'd like to give them a mention, please share with the office team or your child's teacher and we can share their news here in the newsletter.

OCEANIA YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2026 Oceania Youth Chess Championships, held from 9–13 April at the Christchurch Town Hall, brought together 223 of the region's top junior players.

Competitors from five countries contested 14 FIDE-rated events across nine challenging rounds. We are proud to celebrate Geetham Addagada, our Year 6 student from Mangorei School, who delivered an outstanding performance to claim the silver medal in the Under-20 year old category, scoring an impressive 5.5/9.

What is next for Geetham? In a months time Geetham will be travelling to Sri Lanka to take part in a Commonwealth Chess Tournament, going international again against fellow Commonwealth nations! We are right behind you!



MANGAMAHOE

NGAHERE

NEW PLYMOUTH BASKETBALL U12 & U14'S Teams

A massive well done to our amazing basketballers who took part in the Mel Young Tournament over in Tauranga on Easter Weekend. U12 game you came to went for 1 hour 50 minutes - NBL style!.

We had players (and coaches) involved from our school with Lily Tutavaha, Aaliyah Devonshire, Jasper Cleaver, Charlie Stewart, Lona Pike and Charlie Maseyk. Coaches Mark Stewart and Matt Cleaver, and Manager Kim Cleaver supported this success of two third places and an overall winning team with the New Plymouth U12 Girls team.



REMINDER - KIWI ENGLISH, MATHS & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

Last term we mentioned that we have the KIWI competitions upcoming and are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Maths and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. If you have not already done so, please register via the link below.

NOTE: Their policy is not to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource. Further information available on website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

- ★ Entries are administered by the school
- ★ Register your child by 7th May via [Kiwi Assessment Registration Form 2026](#)
- ★ NO late entries will be accepted
- ★ Each exam costs \$9.90 per student and will be added to your child's account once you have registered.

MANGOREI SCHOOL CENTENARY WEEKEND!

As you are all aware we're celebrating our Centennial Weekend from Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th October 2026, marking 100 years of education, community, and country spirit. We will be holding our iconic Pets Day on the **Saturday** of the Centenary weekend!

We hope that all past and present Mangorei Whanau can attend our event, please be sure to save this weekend in your calendars.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

The sports uniforms will be distributed to our players over the next week for the start of the upcoming 'winter season'. Do you have any time spare to give us a hand with this job? For more information please contact Donna or Sam in the office.

PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to welcome our new families to the school.

If you are not a member of the groups, please follow the links below and request to join us.

It is a great way for families to connect. When requesting to join please make sure to answer the admin questions (child's teacher and child's room) or you will be denied access to the page.

This is to help keep scammers off the page and to keep it to current families of the school.

[Mangorei Whānau Facebook Page](#)

Or

feel free to contact us via our email address:

pta@mangorei.school.nz

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

High Tea at Tūpare

Dress in your finest attire and relive the splendour of Tūpare whilst enjoying a delicious High Tea in the Chapman-Taylor designed house.

Sundays - 2pm to 4pm:

- 4 May
- 1 June
- 6 July
- 3 August
- 7 September
- 5 October

\$30 per person*

BOOKINGS ONLY
Book tickets at Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.co.nz/whangorei-school-pta-85525062963



Fundraiser for the Mangorei School PTA
Vehicle access not permitted




TŪPARE
 Open all day, every day - free entry
 487 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth
 Ph: 0800 736 222

RUN WITH TEMPOFIT KIDS IN TERM 2!

CRUSH YOUR CROSS COUNTRY



FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO RUN!

TERM 2 2026

STARTS 4 MAY

TUE @ OMATA SCHOOL
3:05-3:50PM (5-8 & 9-13 YEARS)

WED @ PUKEKURA PARK
3:30-4:15PM (5-8, 9-13 YEARS)
4:20-5:10PM (11+ YEARS)

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

FRI @ ŌĀKURA
8:00-8:45AM (8-13 YEARS)

FRI @ EAST END
4:00-4:45PM (5-8 & 9-13 YEARS)

REGISTER FOR A FREE TRIAL
[TEMPOFIT.ORG/TEMPOFIT-KIDS](https://www.tempofit.org/tempofit-kids)

Crush Your School Cross Country with TempoFit Kids!

In Term 2 of TempoFit Kids, we will help you build your running engine so you can run further and faster ... of course while having lots of fun along the way!

Expert coaching, drills and technique, relays and running games. Whether you're a keen runner, looking to get fit and fast for team sports or just wanting to stay active and have a blast——TempoFit Kids is for you!

In Term 2 of 2026 our locations are:

- Tuesday 3:05-3:50pm at Omata School (5-13yrs)
- Wednesday 3:30-4:15pm (5-13yrs) at Pukekura Park (Bowl of Brooklands)
- Development Squad: Wednesday 4:20-5:10pm (11yrs +) at Pukekura Park (Bowl of Brooklands)
- Friday 8-8:45am at Ōākura Hall (8-13yrs)
- Friday 4-4:45pm at East End (5-13yrs)

Dates: Term 2 2026 kicks off on the week starting Monday 4 May (Week 3 of term) and ends the week starting Monday 29 June with the final session on Friday 3 July. There are 9 sessions in term 2.

New? Register for a free trial here: <https://www.tempofit.org/tempofit-kids/>



JUNIOR SHOOTING 2026

@ INGLEWOOD

SMALLBORE

RIFLE CLUB

Elliot Street Inglewood from 6:30pm Wednesday evenings during term
time starting 29th April 2026

\$12 per session which includes: 2x grouping cards, ammunition, rifle and
coaching

**If you think you have what it takes to become an expert
marksman, and you are 11 years of age or older, come and see
us at the Butler Range**

Find us on Facebook: [Inglewood Smallbore Rifle Club](#)

Email: secretary.isbrc@gmail.com

Or call Lou: 0277567640