



MANGOREI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday
1st

April 2026

WEEK 9 / 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,

Well, what a term it has been. Trying to summarise it would not do it any justice but what was clear was that as teachers, school leadership and community, we continue to walk together with our focus on the learning and wellbeing of our tamariki. There has been some outstanding learning going on - I had the privilege of seeing a young students significant progress in their writing from day 1 to now - now that's worth celebrating!

Cramming the media space at the moment it all seems to be about petrol, diesel, and pump prices. Everyone is feeling the pinch of this and the challenges this brings. I am guessing that for us as a school the main issue may be the ability to transport kids to school if you are travelling a certain distance each day. At present we are keeping an eye on what is developing and, of course, if that is you in that situation please let us know if you know you are about to experience challenges. I have come across this website <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/fuel/> and was impressed with these 'gas hacks' that could be of benefit in these moments!

Last week I had mentioned the inclusion of smartwatches as coming under the 'transmitting devices' definition when our policy is updated over the break. Please talk with your child (there have been discussions in classes already) about following process and handing into the office on arrival to school to be locked away for the day, then returned at 3pm from the office. We appreciate your support with this.

Massive thanks to members of the PTA team for running the Easter Raffle this year. We are very grateful to New World Merrilands, who continually go above and beyond with support for our kura with the Easter Basket of goodies. Thanks to RaMarnie Ameriks and Morgan Thomson for supporting the admin side of this mahi (work). This particular raffle will contribute to the purchase of new books for our school library which really gets our kids excited!

I would like to take the time to really put back into our communities focus just how much the staff here at Mangorei work so hard to make it what it is. We have wonderful support staff who fulfil their roles in amongst the class programmes. I witness daily the way they support some of our learners all at different stages of the curriculum and it really is watching genius at work in the way they do this. This term for our classroom teachers has been a very big one. Never before has NZ Education undergone significant changes across a range of key areas. It is a real pleasure to hear the top end discussions about curriculum happening around the place, and to see them adapt their daily teaching sessions to engage learners, while being learners themselves.

I encourage you to flick them a quick message of support in an email as our teachers are doing the 'heavy lifting' of this curriculum work.

As we move into this Easter I encourage our staff, and yourselves, to find those good things that fill your hauora (wellbeing) 'buckets'. If it's the odd Creme egg (my weakness), some hot cross buns, getting outdoors or socialising with friends and family - get into it!

Ngā Mihi,

Gary Poulgrain

TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 9

TOMORROW

- Kids Lit Quiz Trials - Year 7/8
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

WEEK 1 - TERM 2

Monday 20th AprilWednesday 22nd AprilThursday 23rd AprilFriday 24th April

- **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**
- Kids Lit Quiz - Year 7/8
- Tech - Year 7/8
- Anzac Assembly
- Cycle Skills catch up (Korimako - Y5's only)
- **Teacher Only Day - (Curriculum Refresh)**
- **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING**

WEEK 2

Monday 27th AprilTuesday 28th AprilWednesday 29th AprilThursday 30th April

- **ANZAC Day Observed**
- **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING**
- Tackle 5's Rugby - Year 5/6
- Tech - Year 7/8
- Reading In Schools

THANK YOU MERRILANDS NEW WORLD!

For the apples this week, they are greatly appreciated as always.

KIDS LIT QUIZ TRIALS - TOMORROW!

We will be holding trials tomorrow for our Year 7/8 students who wish to take part in the Kids Lit Quiz next term. The teams for the quiz will be determined from these results and parents will be notified via HERO.

KIDS LIT QUIZ - TERM 2

On Wednesday 22nd April we will be having teams of Year 7/8 students competing at The Kids Lit Quiz. The quiz encourages students to read widely for pleasure across genres and authors whether that be books, or electronic devices and it improves their performance across curriculum areas. Just a reminder that reading for pleasure includes: fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, magazines, websites and even cereal packets!

The teams will work collaboratively during the quiz to answer 100 questions in ten categories. The categories are diverse in order to cater for all reading tastes. Book prizes are awarded and there are prizes for the winning team. The event lasts for three hours, with a twenty-minute break at the halfway point. The cost for taking part on the day is \$20 per student, and will be charged to your child's account. Any questions, please email cody.chilcott@mangoreischool.nz

AIMS GAMES REGISTRATIONS - OPEN NOW!!

A reminder that registrations for the 2026 Zespri AIMS Games close on:

Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7:59pm

If you would like to enter your Year 7/8 child into individual events, **the registrations must be done through school.** If 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 information, please visit the link below

[AIMS Games 2026 Event Information](#)

BOARD NEWS

Policies Under Review

In Term 2 the Board are reviewing the following policies:

- Daily School Bus
- School Swimming Pool / Swimming Off Site
- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities
- EOTC Risk Assessment and Management

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 before 1st May 2026

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. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised. All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

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.

PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS

The Ministry of Education is providing period products (pads) to students to allow them to manage their monthly cycle. We will have product available for students to pick up and take home, as well as having product available in our Senior Girls bathroom. We will have the product packed in discrete brown paper bags with two packs of pads and a pack of liners which can be picked up from *Mrs Saywell's* office. There will be no need to ask, just email the office on office@mangorei.school.nz to request one. Parents are also able to come into the office and request a pack if your daughter feels more comfortable with this.

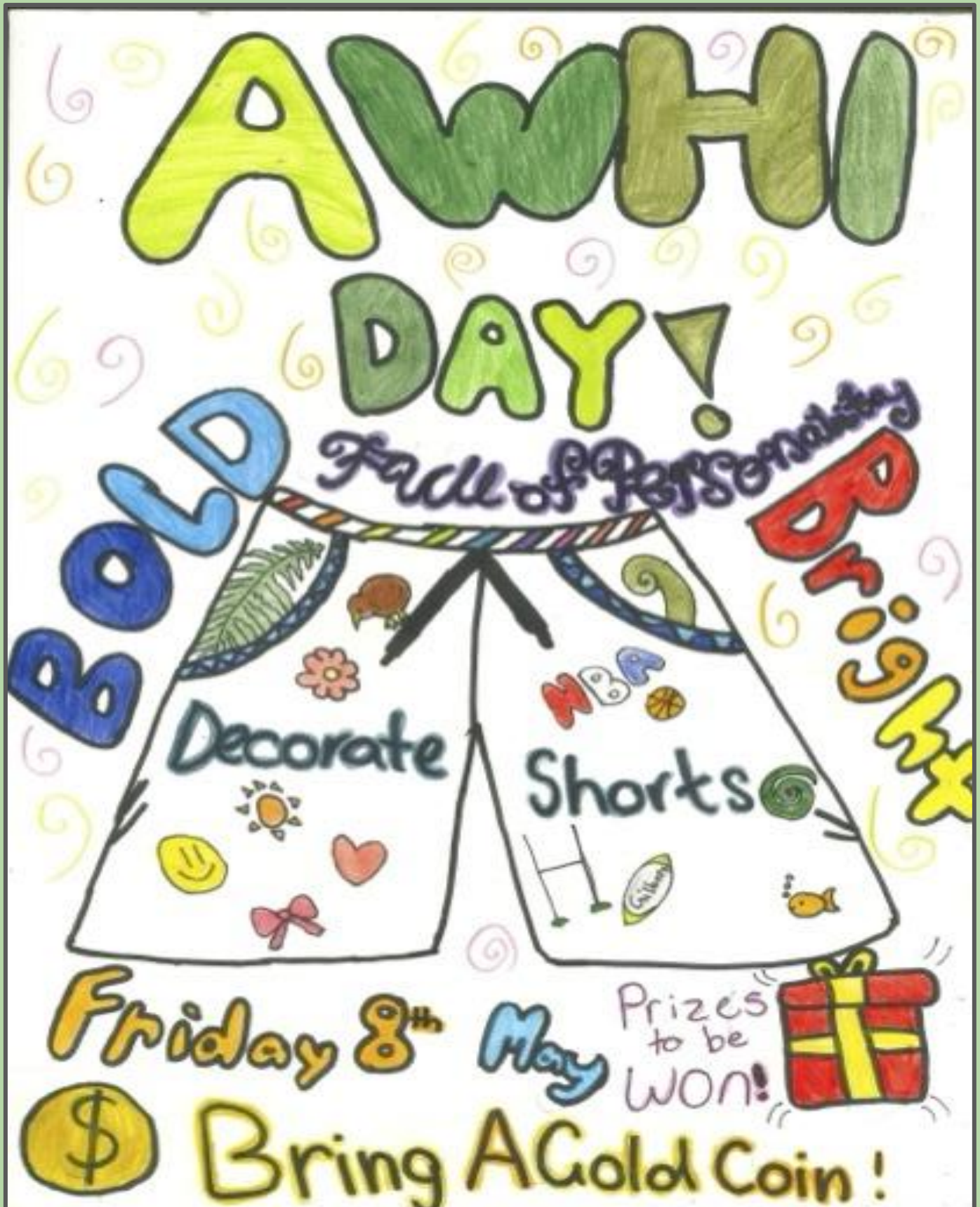
MINIBALL/BASKETBALL

Thanks to all who have registered and offered help for our Miniball (Years 0-4) and Basketball (Years 5-8). The teams will be organised soon in preparation for the season starting in Term 2.



AWHI DAY FOR HOSPICE TARANAKI - SAVE THE DATE!!

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.



TERM 3 NETBALL FOR YEARS 3 & 4

Registrations are now open for Years 3 & 4 for the Thursday Night Netball Season. Please follow the link below to register your child as a 'player'. This also highlights 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.

The netball season begins on Thursday 23rd July, Week 1, Term 3 through until Thursday 24th September, Week 10, Term 3. Games will be played between 3.45-5.30pm at Waiwhakaiho Courts in Fitzroy. Children will learn the basic skills of netball in a modified game of 5-a-side, using two-thirds of a netball court.

If you would like further information regarding the game please visit <http://www.netballtaranaki.org.nz/futureferns/years-34-1>

Please follow this link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/190556?as=t> Fees this year are \$40.00 (these will be asked for once teams are sorted).

Registrations close Wednesday 22nd April

We are also requiring the wonderful expertise of volunteers and helpers to make these teams a success; if you are happy to help or wanting to learn to coach or umpire please email Mrs Duncan on angela.duncan@mangorei.school.nz before Wednesday 22nd April.

MANGAMAHOE

NGAHERE

TUPARE

PTA NEWS

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.

\$30 per person*
BOOKINGS ONLY
 Book tickets at Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.co.nz/o/mangorei-school-pta-85525082983

 Fundraiser for the Mangorei School PTA
 Vehicle access not permitted

Sundays - 2pm to 4pm:

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

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



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Registrations are now open for the upcoming school holiday programme

Register at the link below:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/502921>



Holiday Programme

14-16 April 2026
9 am - 3 pm



- Experienced Coaches
- 5-12 Years
- Skills, Drills & Games

REGISTER NOW!!



2degrees GIRLS GOT GAME

GIRLS GOT GAME HOLIDAY CAMPS

@NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 5/6 -
8TH APRIL | SKILLS | 9AM-12PM
9TH APRIL | GAMEPLAY | 9AM-12PM

YEAR 7/8 -
8TH APRIL | SHOOTING | 12PM-3PM
9TH APRIL | DECISION MAKING | 12PM-3PM

\$30 FOR ONE DAY
\$50 FOR BOTH DAYS

REGISTER NOW!



CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS THIS DAYLIGHT SAVING



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