



TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA
MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL
Week 4, Term 1

Te Pānui ō te Tumuaki:



“Kua tawhiti ke tō haerenga mai kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa ō mahi kia kore e mahi tonu”

Ko Mendips te maunga,
Ko Avon te awa,
Ko SS Great Britain te waka,
No Bristol te hapū,
Ko Jay te wahine matua,
Ko Rachel Clothier-Simmonds tōku ingoa.

My background within education includes a range of leadership positions in London, South Auckland and Northland. Within Northland my positions have included Principal at Otamatea High School in Maungaturoto for 7 1/2 years, Director of Learning Support at Kamo High School and Deputy Principal at Mangakahia Area School last year. I am enjoying the challenge of taking on this principal position whilst the new Board looks to appoint a permanent principal and I believe that this is providing much needed continuity for the school.

2023 was a year of tremendous change as the staff lifted expectations for our students. Students, staff and whānau can attest to the positive shift in school culture which took place over the course of the year. The 16 new students which represent 13 new families are already benefiting from a more settled school. In 2024, we are collectively continuing the journey and invite all students, staff, whānau and community members to be in the waka with us - paddling in the same direction.

At the outset of the school year, we held a pōwhiri for new staff and students. The Manukura Wahine, Anahera Kaipo, led the karanga whilst the Manukura Tane, Rangiatea Marsh, performed the role of whaikōrero, alongside Matua Morgan Peeni. At the pōwhiri, we heard and accepted the challenge to engage with the community, to embrace te Ao Māori and to ensure that our students know what it means to live by the school values. This aligns well with my vision for young people which is to be strong in their identity as this sets the platform for them realising their true potential - academically, culturally, in the arts and on the sporting field. It also aligns with the school's Mana Potential journey where the school values of Pono, Whakamana, Manaakitanga and Matauranga are actively taught and encouraged.

At the pōwhiri I shared the wonderful NCEA results from 2023 and these have also been proudly displayed on the school sign over the last couple of weeks. Of the senior students who were at school for the full 2023 academic year, 91% of year 11 students gained NCEA Level 1 and 100% of year 12 and 13 students gained NCEA Level 2. We didn't have any students working towards NCEA Level 3 last year but this year we have 3 year 13 students who are working towards NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance.

Whilst a few of our senior students have left the school to pursue employment or further education it is encouraging that most of them have made the decision to continue their NCEA journey into years 12 and 13. I have no doubt that experiencing academic success was instrumental in their decision to stay at school. In 2024 we will continue to raise the bar by encouraging students to gain an endorsement (14 credits) in each of their courses and aim for Merit and Excellence grades.

The process for student leadership is well underway and on Wednesday 28th February our 3 students who have been nominated to represent the student body on the Board of Trustees will deliver a speech to the school. All students in years 9 - 13 will then vote for their preferred candidate. We have also received nominations for Rangatira positions at the school and have elected students on the Student Council and as Student Librarians. On Thursday 7th March at 2pm we will be holding a celebration assembly followed by a barbecue to recognise NCEA success and student leadership.

Included in this first newsletter for the year are introductions of the new staff, important posters such as the Kaupapa of Learning, the importance of attendance, uniform expectations and the new 6 Cs. These have all been outlined to the students and will continue to be referenced throughout the year. Of course, there are some awesome photos of what the students have been involved in over the last few weeks. We are planning to use the school Facebook page more often this year, so make sure you check that out to keep informed of all that is happening at the school.

You will know that from Term 2 all schools in the country need to introduce a cell phone procedure which incorporates 'away for the day' practices. As staff we have discussed this, and I will take a recommendation to the Board for final approval at next week's meeting. Once this is confirmed, whānau will be notified of the new process.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the celebration assembly and barbecue on Thursday 7th March at 2pm. You are also welcome to attend the Board of Trustee meetings at the school. The next meeting is at 5pm on Wednesday 28th February in the school library.

Ngā mihi,
Rachel



A mixture of photos from our Powhiri



Can you find the hidden yellow duck?



A mixture of photos from school activities



‘Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today’.

KAUPAPA OF LEARNING

For all tairua at Te Kura Takiwā o Mangakahia

BEFORE EACH LESSON

- ★ Be a self-manager - eg, before coming to class turn off your cellphone and leave it in your bag with your earphones, go to the toilet and/or drink some water
- ★ Be prepared - come to class in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment (stationery, books, PE gear)
- ★ Be punctual to class
- ★ Wait outside quietly and sensibly. When the kaiako asks you to enter, take your seat and get your equipment out ready to learn

DURING EACH LESSON

- ★ Show respect - for yourself, each other, your kaiako and the kura
- ★ Be a learner - each tairua has the right to learn without distractions
- ★ Be focussed - quiet hum in class

AT THE END OF EACH LESSON

- ★ Be responsible - assist with packing up the classroom, leaving it tidy for the next class

AT ALL TIMES

- ★ The kaiako decides how long each activity lasts, when it is time to pack up and when you are able to leave the class to go to your next class
- ★ Take responsibility for our own actions and acknowledge your mistakes
- ★ Always work to best of your ability

We had a delivery of Duffy books come in for our junior class. The primary students, below, are showing us the books that they get to keep.



NCEA Level 1 Achievement...Congratulations & welldone!



Te Ao Haka

Year 11-13 students practising Te Ao Haka



School hours

8.40am School begins
8.40am – 9.00am Hapu
9.00am – 10.00am Period 1
10.00am – 11.00am Period 2
11.00am – 11.30am Break
11.30am – 12.30pm Period 3
12.30pm – 1.30pm Period 4
1.30pm – 2.00pm Break
2.00pm – 3.00pm Period 5

There are two eating breaks within the day. We would like to remind all whānau that during school hours, your child is expected to be present and learning. Where possible, we ask that appointments be scheduled outside of school hours, so as not to impact on your child's learning. We also ask that every effort is made to arrive at school on time for 8.40am Hapū classes.

If you are arriving late, please sign in at the admin office. If you don't sign in, you may get a text that your child is absent as it won't be recorded.

Student Attendance

Every single day counts towards your child's learning at school and gives them the best chance to do well in life. Whānau play a big role in helping their child do well in school by making sure they attend every day and by letting the school know if they're sick.

Regularly attending school helps students to get the most out of their education.

The current government has indicated a strong focus on attendance, and this is supported by the local attendance services who help schools to support whānau. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your Tamariki are at school for the whole day. School starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.00pm and all parts of the day are important for your child to feel that sense of belonging and connected as well as fully understand what is going on in their classroom.

A massive and sincere thanks on behalf of Mangakahia Area School students and staff, to the Whangārei City Rotary Club for their support and donation, enabling the school to purchase Safety

Vests for the school community. We are fortunate to have had this opportunity and are appreciative of the relationship we have formed with Rotary.

It is extra special having our school logo and the Rotary Emblem on each high Vis Jacket. They range in size from XXXS to XXXL so there is one for every person at every occasion.

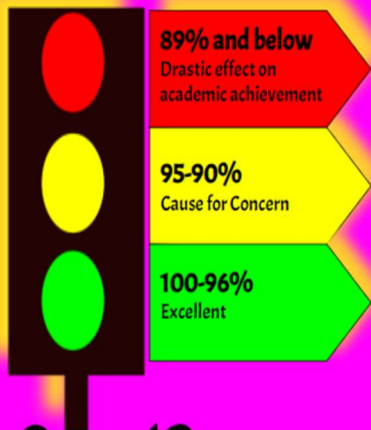
They arrived on our very last day of school last year and were able to show them off to whanau after our Junior Prizegiving. This year they have already been put to use in our playground, and it is so nice to see our students wear them with pride.



Missing School = Missing Out

Attendance Matters!

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How do you Measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 Days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW

Get UP. Dress UP. Show UP. Never give UP.
Because EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY, COUNTS!



The new 6 C's!



Water Only School

We are a water only school. This is to help promote healthy lifestyles. By limiting the quantity of sugar consumed at school, the students will be more settled and focused on their work.

On Fridays with our lunch orders – only juice & flavoured milk will be available for the students to buy.

Please do not drop off drinks for students other than water. We will ask that you take the drinks home for the students after school.

Lunch Orders

Every Friday is lunch order day. Caregivers/Parents can order directly from the Titoki General Store Friday Mornings or students can drop their order into school office.

Athletics Day

Our Year 12 PE students are organising our athletics day on the 5th March from 11.30am to 3.00pm – You're welcome to come along and show your support.

Our Junior Art Students



Year 1-3 Students

They have been doing a statistical investigation of other students' favourite ice cream



Senior School Uniform Year 9-13



TE KURA TAKIWĀ O MANGAKAHIA Mangakahia Area School

UNIFORM PRICELIST: *SENIOR SCHOOL YEAR 9 - 13*



MAS SENIOR BLACK JACKETS
Size Med - 5XL: **\$67.00**



MAS SKORTS
(Skirt/Shorts Combination)
Sizes 12yrs - 14yrs: **\$39.00**
Sizes 16yrs - 18yrs: **\$41.00**



MAS SCHOOL POLO TOP
Size 12yrs - Mens 5XL: **\$45.00**



MAS CARGO SHORTS
Sizes 12yrs - 14yrs: **\$41.00**
Sizes Sml - 2XL: **\$47.00**



MAS SENIOR GIRLS A-LINE SKIRTS
Size W10 - W16: **\$49.00**



MAS SENIOR JERSEY
Sizes 16yrs - 4XL **\$55.00**



MAS CARGO PANTS
Sizes 12yrs - 14yrs: **\$45.00**
Sizes Sml - 2XL: **\$50.00**



MAS BLACK BEANIE
One Size Fits All: **\$16.00**

FOOTWEAR (Not stocked at School)



Summer Footwear Options:



Winter Footwear Options:



Socks Options:

**FOOTWEAR MUST BE FULLY BLACK.
NO JANDALS, CROCS OR SLIDES
ALLOWED.**

*Please note: Uniform items are only available from the school. We do not stock Footwear at school but you will find them at most shoe retail stores in Whangarei.

Junior School Uniform Year 0 - 8



UNIFORM PRICELIST: JUNIOR SCHOOL YEAR 0 - 8



MAS JUNIOR BLUE JACKETS
Sizes 4yrs - 14yrs **\$63.00**
Sizes Sml - 2XL **\$67.00**



MAS CARGO SHORTS
Sizes 4yrs - 14yrs **\$41.00**



MAS SCHOOL POLO TOP
Sizes 4yrs - 14yrs **\$45.00**



MAS BLUE BUCKET HAT
Sizes Sml - Lge **\$16.00**



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Our new staff



Ko Parihaka taku Maunga
Ko Hatea taku Awa
Ko Te Renga Paraoa taku Marae
Ko Ngapuhi taku Iwi
Ko Tim rāua Ko Ann taku Mātua
Ko Tracy taku tuākana
Ko Peter rātou ko Raymond ko Timothy akū Tungāne
Ko Annalise rāua Ko Ivy aku Tamariki
Ko Theunis taku Tāne
Ko Lisa taku ingoa

My name is Lisa and I am a beginning Teacher in Ngā Kākanō Year 1-4 at Mangakahia Area School. I studied at the University of Auckland and am very excited to start my teaching career at Mangakahia Area School. I am a mum to two young daughters. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Welcome to Divya

My name is Divya. I hold a Bachelor's degree in English Literature along with a Masters in Business Administration. I pursued my teacher education at the esteemed University of Waikato. Previously I had the privilege of working at Western Heights High School in Rotorua. I am thrilled to embark on a new journey as a member of Mangakahia Area School. Reading has always been my cherished pastime. I find immense joy in sharing knowledge with my students

Welcome to Enya

Kia Ora Whanau,

Ko Enya Tipene tōku ingoa. No Pipiwai ahau.

I took over the caretaker role after my father retired. I can't stand being inside all day. Nature is one of my favorite things on earth so anything outside is a win for me. I'm the youngest of 6 kids with the most loving parents. I'm a pretty lucky person anyways, that's me!

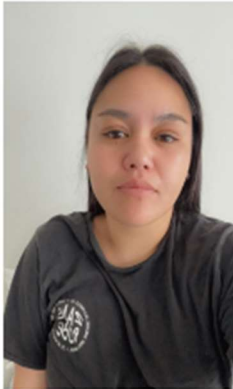
Aroha mai, Aroha Atu!

Our new staff



Kiaora Whanau,

My name is Bonnie. I am the new office administrator at Mangakahia Area School. I am also the board of trustees Secretary. I have lived in Whangarei most of my life and currently live out Maungakaramea with my partner. I am a mum to a 6 year old daughter. Outside of school, me and my partner are contract milkers so farm work takes up alot of our time. I look forward to meeting all the parents at some point.



Ko Oranoa Henare tōku ingoa,

he uri nō Te Tai Tokerau whānui, Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara, Te Arawa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou me Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga.

Ko au te kaiako reo Māori / Te Ao Haka ki te kura takiwa o Mangakahia.

Ōku tino ko te whānau me ōku hoa.

Mihi nui ki a koutou

Welcome to Tracy

Hi I am Tracy, the finance manager in the school office. I have a bachelor of business degree majoring in accountancy. I am new to the education sector, previously having worked in the financial accounting arena. I have three children and one husband. My youngest son is still at home and my oldest two children are both currently living in Australia. I look forward to seeing you next time you are in the office.



TE KURA TAKIWĀ O MANGAKAHIA
Mangakahia Area School



Mangakahia Area School invites you to celebrate our:

2024 Student Leaders
2023 NCEA achievements and
students modelling school values.

When: On Thursday 7 March 2024

Time: 2pm

Where: School Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend.



TE KURA TAKIWĀ O MANGAKAHIA

Mangakahia Area School

Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees Meetings Schedule for 2024

Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 14th August 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 5pm

Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 5pm

The meetings will be held in the library at 5pm

The board of trustees welcomes anyone interested in attending to come along and see what happens.

Community Events



MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday 24th February 2024
Mangakahia Community & Sports Complex
10am - 3pm

Tractor & Pony Rides
Local Produce
Bouncy Castle

FREE ENTRY

Food Stalls
Market Stalls
Live Music

Further info at www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz or  facebook.com/mangakahiacomplex



MANGAKAHIA FOOTBALL RALLY

22nd of March
5.00pm - 6.30pm

 Upstairs at the Mangakahia complex
 Boys and girls aged 4 - 14

For more information email:
mangakahiasoccerclub@gmail.com



Community Notices



SORE THROATS MATTER
Te mamea o te korokoro hei aukati rumatiki
Preventing Rheumatic Fever
Hei aukati i te kirikaa rumatiki

PHARMACIES OFFERING FREE THROAT SWABBING TO ELIGIBLE WHANAU

Whangarei area

- Life Pharmacy Orrs Pharmacy, Cameron Street
- Unichem Orrs Pharmacy, Ruakaka
- Kensington Pharmacy
- Otaika Pharmacy, Raumanga
- Buchanans Pharmacy, Tikipunga

Mid North

- Kawakawa Pharmacy, Kawakawa
- Paihia Pharmacy, Paihia
- Unichem Kerikeri Pharmacy
- Unichem Kaikohe Pharmacy

Eligibility criteria

Maori or Pacific & aged 3-35
Or
Has a family history of Rheumatic Fever



Are you retired? Or thinking about it? Why not support your whanau and get paid to do it as a Ritchies bus driver?

Ritchies buses are the lifeline of our schools and communities, and we need new drivers right now.

All you need is a clean driver's licence and we take care of the training. There's good pay, guaranteed hours and a great team to work with.

Contact Malcolm at our Dargaville Depot 09 4394902 or email jobs@ritchies.co.nz and we can go from there.



Ngātiwai Education
10 Porowini Ave
Te Renga Paraoa Marae
Morningside, 0110
Whangārei

Tēnā koe, otirā tēnā koutou katoa,

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā kārangaranga maha, tēnā koe, otirā tēnā koutou katoa. Te hunga mate kua wehe atu ki te pō, haere, haere, haere atu rā. Ko tātou rā ēnei ngā mahuetanga iho e whakakaha nei ki te pupuri, ki te hāpai i ngā taonga tuku iho mai i a rātou mā, ngā mātua tūpuna, nā reira tēnā koe, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Te Ramaroa te Maunga.
Ko Whirinaki te Awa.
Ko Hokianga te Moana.
Ko Ngātokimatawhaorua te Waka.
Ko Moria te Marae.
Ko Te Hekutu te Hapū.
Ko Ngāpuhi tōku Iwi.

E rere nei ngā mihi o 'Whakamānawa', o 'Maioha', atu ki a koe, otirā, ki a koutou katoa, ko Josephine Clifton tōku ingoa. He uri ahau nō ngā kāwai rangatira o Ngāpuhi nui tonu. Tēnā koutou katoa.

My name is Josephine Clifton and I work at Ngātiwai Education, Attendance Services. I am your schools 'Pou Whirinaki a kura', 'Attendance Advisor'.

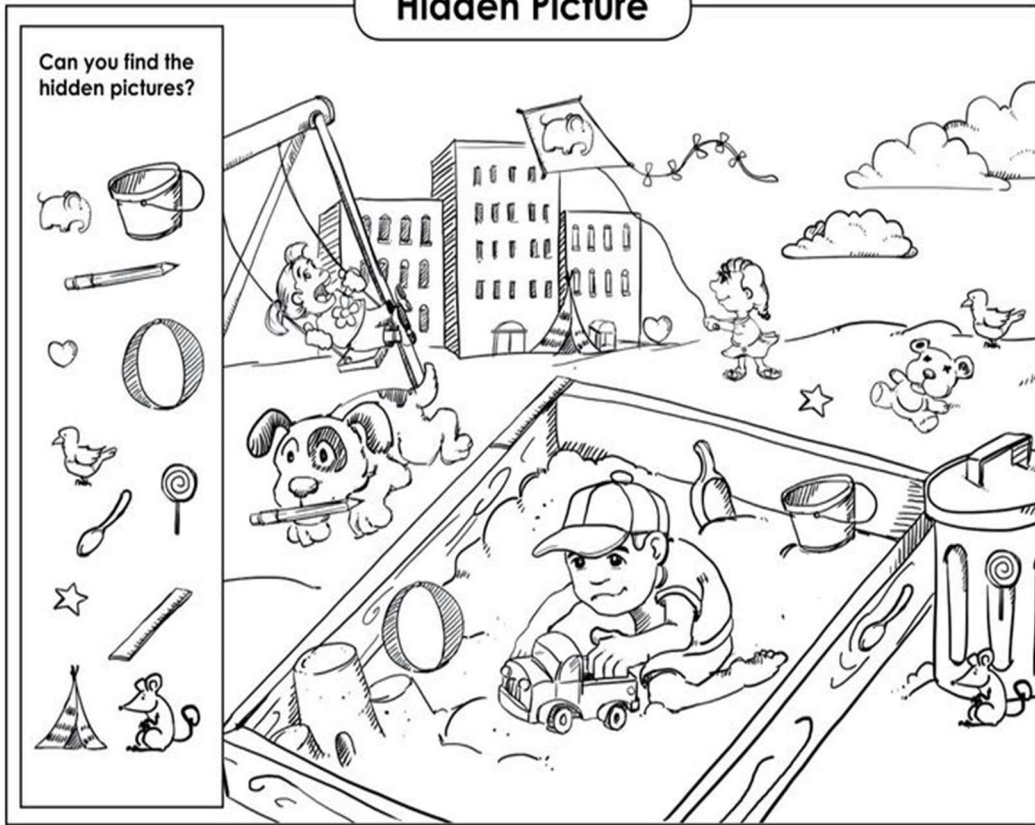
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Mauri ora

Josephine Clifton
Pou Whirinaki a Kura
Attendance Advisor
0800 894 513
09 4300939

Activities...

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Activities

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