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Term 3 2026 Newsletter

Celebrating Learning, Growth and Community

What a busy and rewarding term it has been at our school! There has been so much happening across our classrooms, sports fields and wider community, with our students embracing new experiences, challenging themselves and showing what they can achieve.

Learning by Doing

One of the highlights of the term has been the many opportunities for experiential learning. Our students have been developing important real-world skills through problem-solving activities, learning the art of being a barista, running markets, delivering speeches and taking part in Northland Science Fair. These experiences have encouraged students to think creatively, work collaboratively and apply their classroom learning in practical and meaningful ways.

Our students have also had opportunities to reflect on their learning — thinking about what they have achieved, the challenges they have overcome and the next steps in their learning journey. This ability to reflect, evaluate and set goals is an important part of becoming confident, independent learners.

Learning with Purpose

Our school community has also been involved in learning about issues and causes that matter. We have continued to raise awareness around men's mental health, encouraging conversations about wellbeing and the importance of looking after ourselves and others, whilst being allowed to wear our pyjamas to school.

We have also celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, providing opportunities for our students to engage with te reo Māori and strengthen their understanding and appreciation of our language and culture.

Celebrating Achievement

Our students have been working hard with their assessments, including CAA assessments and derived grade preparation. We are proud of the effort, perseverance and commitment they have shown. Assessment is not simply about results — it is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning, recognise their progress and identify where they can continue to grow.

Getting Active

There has been plenty of energy on the sports front too! Our students have represented the school in basketball and cross country, showing determination, teamwork and a willingness to challenge themselves. Whether competing, supporting teammates or simply giving something new a go, our students have demonstrated great school spirit.

Stronger Together

Our connection with our wider community continues to be an important part of school life. We have enjoyed coming together for our Matariki event, opening the school to the Pipiwai community to train for volleyball on Thursday evenings and hosting marae hui in the community room. To raise funds for the school and provide a much needed service in the local area we have launched the school's own second hand shop. Our latest venture has been to host and cater Te Wānanga's Adult Education noho marae at the school.

These experiences remind us that learning happens everywhere — and that strong relationships and community connections are an important part of education.

Looking Ahead to Term 4

As we look towards Term 4, there is plenty more to look forward to! We will be preparing for our **Cultural Festival**, celebrating the diversity, talents and cultural strengths within our school community.

For our senior students, NCEA external examinations will also be an important focus. We wish them all the very best as they prepare and encourage them to keep working hard, asking questions and believing in the progress they have made throughout the year.

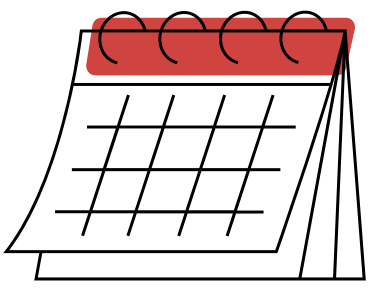
What a fantastic term of learning, connection, challenge and achievement. We are incredibly proud of the way our students continue to step up, try new things, support one another and make the most of the opportunities around them.

Bring on Term 4!

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds
Tumuaki/Principal

Upcoming Events / Important Dates Term 4

12th Oct - First Day of Term 4
26h Oct - Labour Day
29th Oct - Beach Safety trip (Years 1 - 10)
6th Nov - Senior students study leave,
Years 11 - 13 progress reports
19th Nov - MAS Junior Cultural Festival
20th Nov - Staff Only Day
5th Dec - Years 1 - 10 progress reports
11th Dec - Whole school prizegiving



NCEA EXAMS

TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

9.30AM - LEVEL 1 MATHS

2.00PM - LEVEL 1 TE AO HAKA

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

2.00PM - LEVEL 2 TE AO HAKA

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

2.00PM - LEVEL 3 TE AO HAKA

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

9.30AM - LEVEL 1 ENGLISH

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

9.30AM - LEVEL 2 BIOLOGY

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

9.30AM - LEVEL 1 HEALTH

2.00PM - LEVEL 1 SCIENCE

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

2.00PM - LEVEL 2 HEALTH

Mangakahia Area School

ENROLMENTS OPEN

TO STRIVE - TO SEEK - TO FIND

We are accepting enrolments in all year levels - 5 year old's, year 9 students and all other year groups.

Collect an enrolment pack from the front office today!

Phone to enquire

09 4331 702

Mangakahia Area School

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

3:15PM 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE STAFF ROOM

Our school thrives because of the amazing support from our whānau, and we'd love YOU to be part of it!

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) plays a huge role in supporting our students, staff, and wider school community. From fundraising and organising events to helping create opportunities for our tamariki – every little bit makes a big difference.

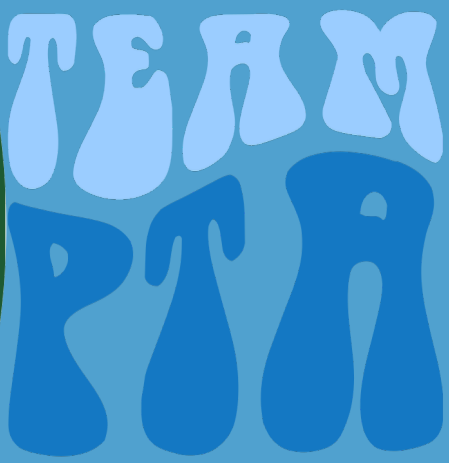
Why join the PTA?

- Meet other parents and build connections
- Have a say in school activities and initiatives
- Help raise funds for resources and experiences for our kids
- Be part of a positive, supportive team

Time commitment?

As much or as little as you can give – whether it's helping at one event or coming along to meetings, every contribution counts.

No experience needed – just a willingness to help!



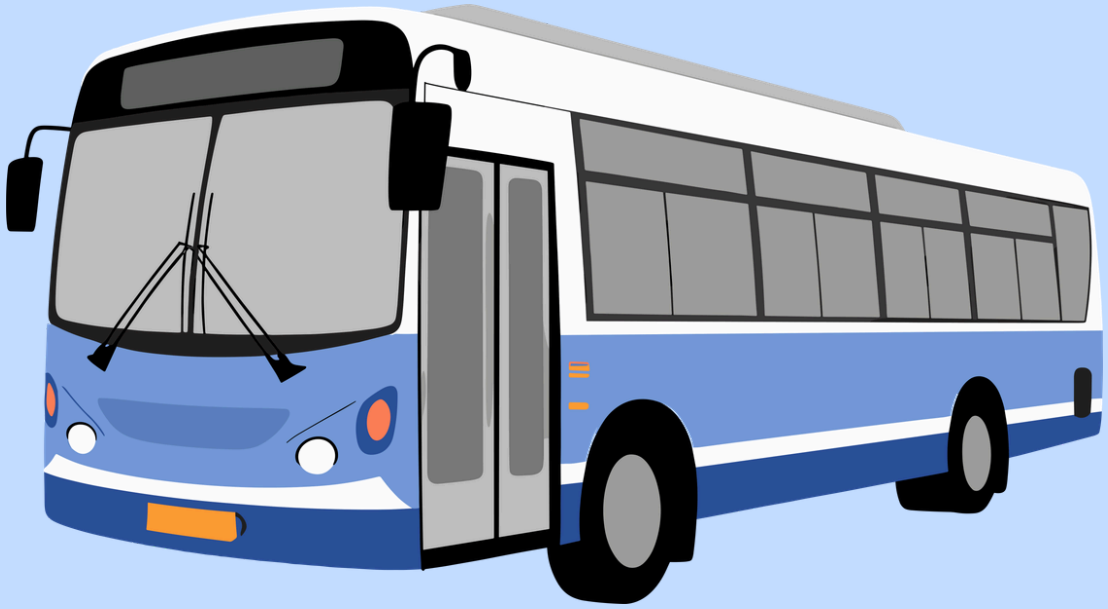
Kura Notices

Bus Travel Reminder

To ensure the safety and comfort of all students, tamariki are only permitted to travel on the bus they have been allocated to. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate students on alternative buses, as all routes are currently operating at full capacity.

If your child will not be travelling home on their usual bus, please arrange an alternative means of transport for them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Keeping Our Kura Healthy

As we move out of the winter months, we have noticed there is still a few coughs, colds, and other seasonal illnesses within our kura.

While regular attendance is important for learning, we kindly ask that students who are unwell remain at home until they are feeling better. Keeping sick children at home helps prevent illness from spreading and supports the wellbeing of our students and staff.

If your child is experiencing symptoms such as a fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, a persistent cough, or is generally feeling unwell, please keep them at home and notify the school of their absence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a healthy learning environment for everyone.



Introducing our new Student Board Representative

We are pleased to announce and congratulate Heeniriria Niha on being elected as the new Student Respresentative on the Mangakahia Area School Board.
This is an important role that gives our students a voice in the governance of our kura. As Student Representative, Heeni will bring a student perspective to Board discussions, contribute to decision-making, and help ensure that the views and interests of our akonga are heard.

We would also like to acknowledge all students who put themselves forward for this poition. Your willingness to step up and represent your peers is something to be proud of.
A big thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and participte in the election process.

Congratulations Heeni!!
We look forward to seeing you grow in this leadership role and contribute to the future of our kura.



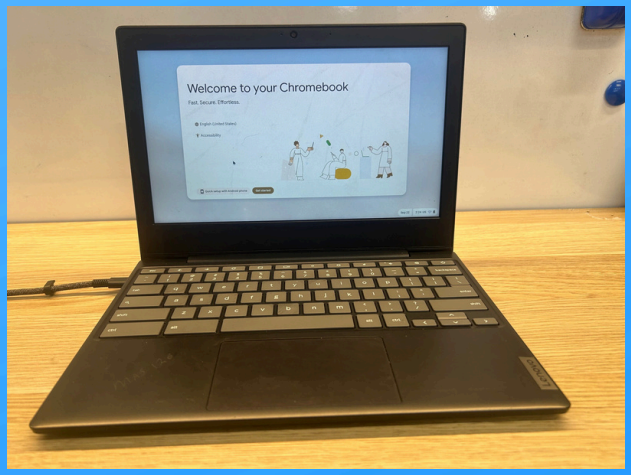
CHROMEBOOKS For Sale

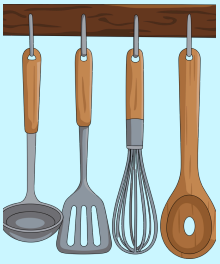
$50 Each
The school has a number of older Lenovo and HP Chromebooks available for sale for $50 each. These are basic, older-model Chromebooks suitable for light streaming, web browsing, homework, Google Docs and general everyday use. They are not suitable for gaming or demanding applications.

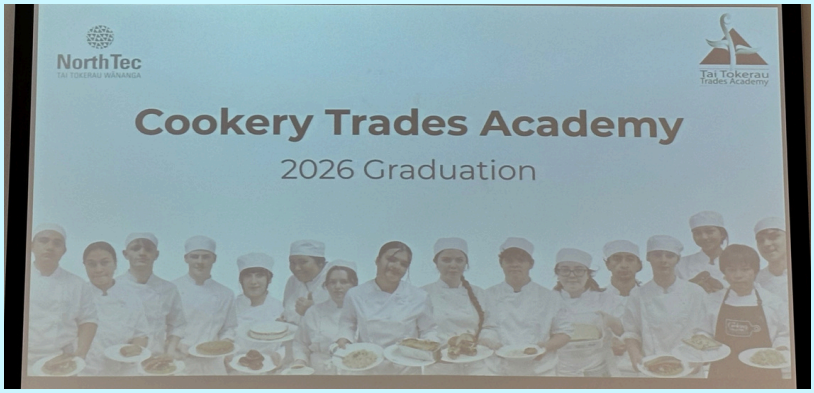
Most Chromebooks do not come with a charger. They use any standard USB-C charger.

$50 each – sold as is.
Limited numbers available. Please contact the office to purchase one.





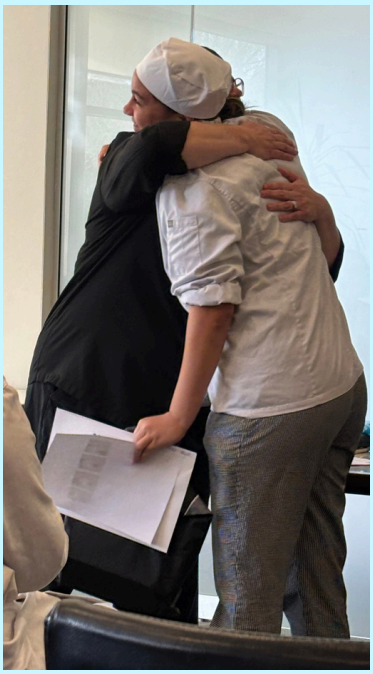


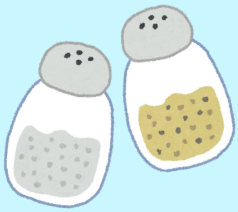




Congratulations to Arihia who successfully completed the Trades Cookery Course. It was a lovely graduation. The words that Arihia's tutor said about her were really special.
"she'd employ her in a heartbeat!"
She has obviously made a real impact.











Art with Whaea Leah















Term 3 has been busy for our senior students

It has been a big and successful term for our senior students, with plenty of opportunities to develop new skills, build confidence and prepare for their futures beyond school. Gateway has been a particular highlight.

Our Level 2 students have also completed a Barista course, giving them another practical skill that they can take with them into the workplace and use well beyond their school years. They also completed a Problem-Solving course, which culminated in a trip to Paihia, where students had the opportunity to put their teamwork and problem-solving skills into action — and enjoy an exciting jet boat ride!

Voices of Hope

We were also very pleased to host Jazz Thornton and three other presenters as part of our Voices of Hope experience. Our Year 9–13 students were entertained, challenged and inspired by the presenters, who shared a strong and positive message about the opportunities available to young people and the importance of having hope for the future.

Celebrating Our Year 11 Students

Our Year 11 students have had a particularly busy couple of weeks, completing their CAA exams and derived grades, while continuing to work hard across English, Health and Science. Their commitment throughout the year has produced some excellent results, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have put in. To celebrate their hard work and achievements, the students enjoyed a well-deserved reward trip to KFC!

It has been fantastic to see our senior students stepping up, taking advantage of opportunities and developing the skills, confidence and aspirations they need for their next steps. Well done to all of our students — you should be proud of what you have achieved this term!





The Taniwha Challenge was a cold, wet, and muddy day, but that didn't dampen our spirits! Everyone had a fantastic time and gave it their absolute best effort. We were especially fortunate to have World Champion boxer Lani Daniels supporting us as one of our marshals.

TANIWHA CHALLENGE 2026








This year we had four students place in the top 10 at the Taniwha Challenge:
Peyton Marr, Eruera Niha, Ariana Keefe, and Kobi Goodson. Peyton and Eru also qualified for the inter school WPSSA Cross Country at Barge Park. Well done!

Barge Park





Eruera Niha

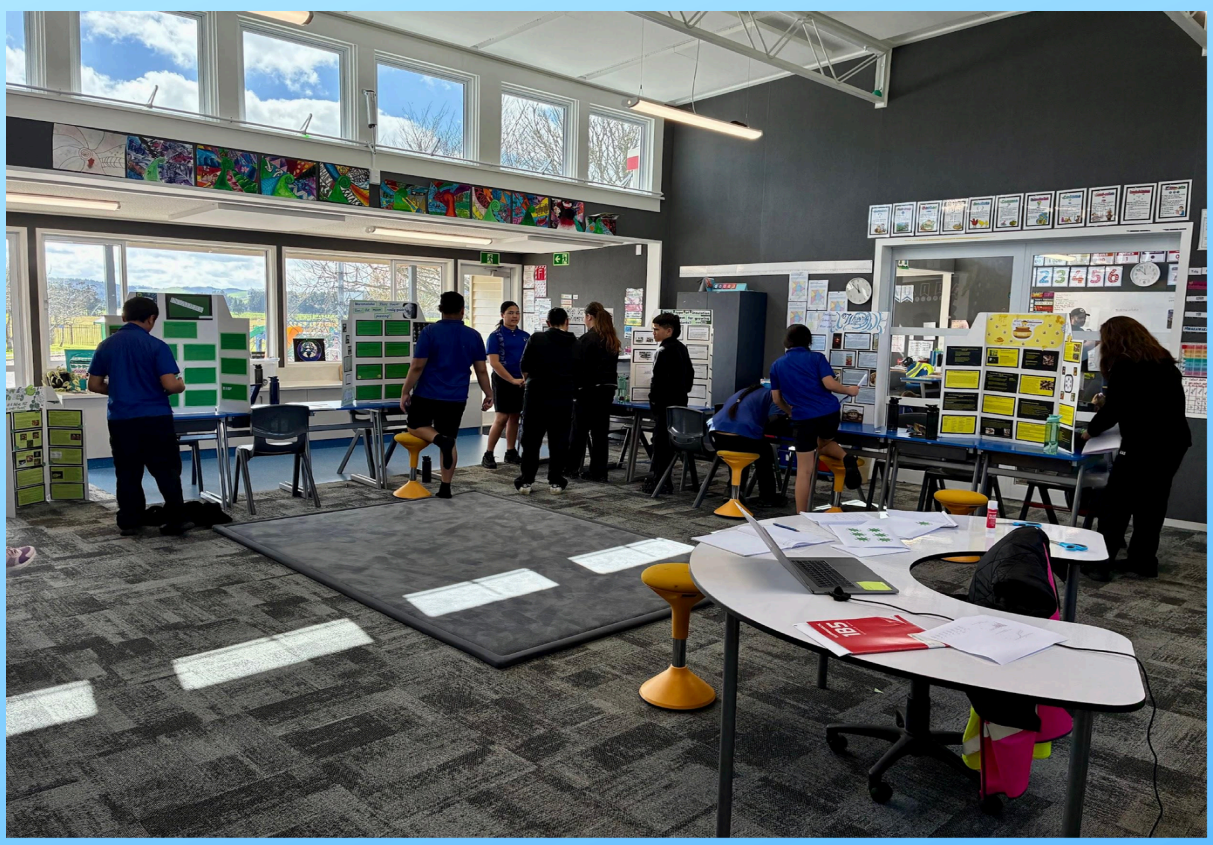


Peyton Marr

The annual Barge Park Cross Country took place in Term 3. Eruera ran in the 11 year old boys and Peyton ran in the 10 year old boys. The race was tough, but so were the boys! Well done boys on representing our kura!



Science Fair 2026







This year Kōhuri (Year 7 & 8) entered the Central Northland Science Fair and competed against schools all around Northland. They worked incredibly hard for over two months, researching and testing, and putting together science fair boards. They practiced their talk for the judges and even gave up some of their lunchtimes to make final touches. Although we didn't win any awards this year, we learned a lot from the experience and gained many ideas for next year!

Thank you ReSport!

Earlier this term, our kura received a donation of sports gear from ReSport Charitable Trust. This meant that we could clean out the PE shed in the Primary area and top up our resources. We are incredibly grateful to have some new PE gear to use during break times and get our bodies moving. We have since seen a wonderful display of tuakana-teina leadership. Each week, four students are responsible for running the PE shed and ensuring the gear that is 'checked out' is also returned at the end of the break. It's been wonderful seeing our students immerse themselves into a sense of responsibility; showing all four of our school values: pono, whanaungatanga, kotahitanga and kaitiakitanga.









Matatupu Term 3 2026



This Term Mātātupu has been hard at work learning about fractions and decimals, and 2D and 3D shapes. We have made different shapes and designs to help us understand the properties of shapes and how we can recognise those shapes in things around us.

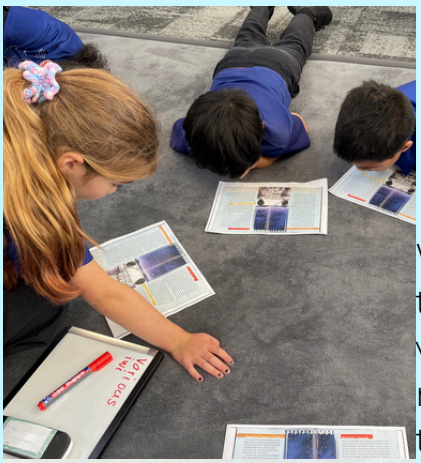






We also started with our sturctured literacy programme this term. We have been able to learn how words are put together, different prefixes and suffixes, and reading about our reading theme of Space.

Early in the Term we braved the rain and the mud to run at the Taniwha Challenge.



Every Tuesday we are lucky enough to have Matua Jackson come along and play games and activities. During this time we are able to learn teamwork, build our confidence and resilience, as well as have ome good old competition while we are at it!

We also had opportunities outside the classroom. We had lots of fun visiting the cooking room and making things like pizzas, big mac tacos, cookies, and butter chicken.







Pyjama Day 2026

MAS got comfy for a cause as they came together to raise awareness and support men's mental health. Mental Health matters, and too often the men in our lives feel they need to face their struggles in silence. Pyjama Day was a fun way to remind everyone that it's okay not to be okay, asking for help is a sign of strength, and no one should have to struggle alone.

We encouraged all students and staff to come to school in their pyjamas and show their support for this important matter.







Parents, help your child read and write with confidence

Word Whizz makes it easy for Kiwi parents to boost their child's early literacy skills, helping them catch up or excel in reading and spelling.

Free Workshop - wordwhizz.co.nz

⭐ Structured Literacy Approach ⭐ Unlimited Sessions

HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE WGHS NETBALL DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO THE GOLD COAST



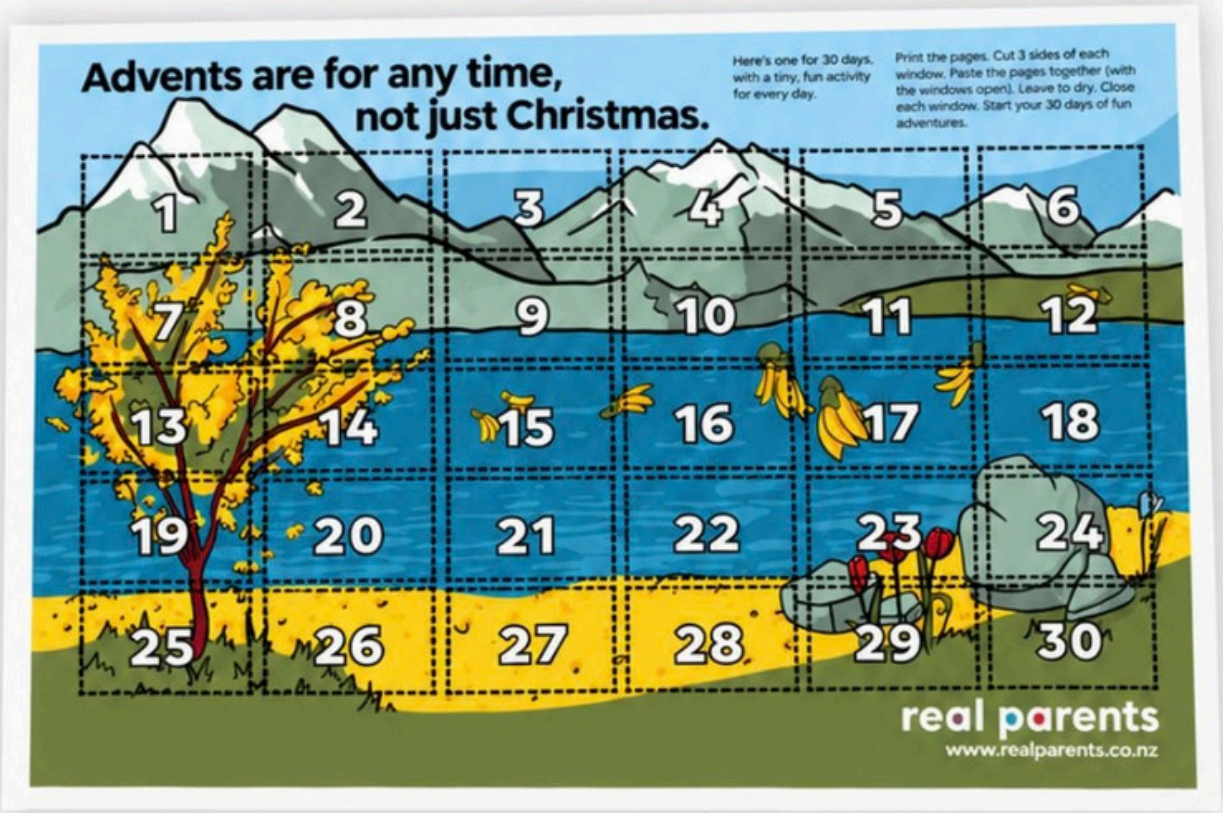
Year 5/6 - Tuesday 6th October
Year 7/8 - Wednesday 7th October
9am - 3pm
Whangarei Girls High School
$40 per player
BYO food and water

Coach Hayley Taylor, along with a support crew, will be running this clinic
It will include development of Fundamental skills, Attack and Defence skills and specific positional sessions - Shooting, Mid-Court and Defence
Finishing with consolidation games

For more info or to register, please contact our manager mel2gardner@gmail.com or phone 022 690 3603

FREE SPRING ADVENTURE CALENDAR

Perfect for the school holidays



30 tiny adventures for tamariki and whānau to enjoy together.

Full colour or colour-it-yourself.

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Practical, evidence-informed support to help you understand your child's behaviour and feel more confident in the tricky moments.
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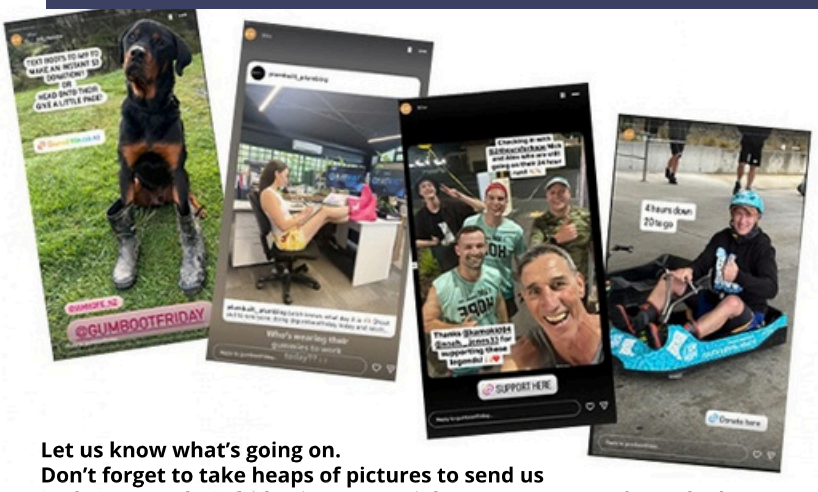
DONATE

GUMBOOT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

GUMBOOT UP & GET INTO IT

Kiwis are great at getting behind a cause and we're hoping you'll join us. There are heaps of fun ways groups or individuals can get involved. Businesses can do it, sports teams can do it, whānau, neighbourhoods, even just a bunch of friends that want to make a tangible difference for the young people of Aotearoa.

There's nothing that can't be turned into a fundraiser for Gumboot Friday.



Let us know what's going on.
Don't forget to take heaps of pictures to send us and tag #gumbootfriday in your social posts so we can share the love.

Get friends to sponsor something you're doing like a 10 k run. (Or even the Auckland Marathon or Taupo Challenge)
Wear your gumboots somewhere outrageous for a fee - that'd be pretty funny on the socials. Just saying.
Have a Gumboot fashion show.
Decorate the gumboots you wear at work or in your garden.
The good old sausage sizzle. We're looking at you Bunnings.
And you Mitre 10.
Hold a gumboot ball. Get fancy in your gummies.
Start growing your mullet for a year starting on this November 6.
Donate a portion of sales for November. Or all of them, up to you.
Do a physical challenge like 50 press ups.
Do a non physical challenge liking reading 3 books.
Make an awesome Gumboot Friday Song and chuck it out there.
Make some other kind of Gumboot Friday art.
See how long you can stand on one leg. In gumboots.
Gumboot dress up party. You could be anyone from Fred Dagg to Kate Moss at Glastonbury.
It's tons of fun for a great cause that works for our young people.

START FUNDRAISER

Buy Merch at iamhope.org.nz



Start your fundraiser at givealittle.co.nz



gumbootfriday.com

GUMBOOT FRIDAY IS NOVEMBER 6

MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

SECOND HAND *Shop*



OPEN EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am – 1:30 pm
(TERM TIME)





LOCATION:
OLD EFS ROOM
behind the Food Tech Room



If you have any
quality used items
you are wanting to get rid of,
PLEASE DONATE THESE TO OUR SECOND HAND SHOP.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL • SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY • SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

TERM 4 2026

Te Manawa Tahi is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. *This is a free service.*

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

See our timetable below for dates of our local hubs.
All hubs are open from 9am until 12pm unless otherwise stated.

Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable
WHANGAREI, BREAM BAY, AND KAIPARA

Date	Hub Location Term 4 2026
Mon 19th Oct	**Clark Rd Chapel**, 4 - 6 Clark Road, Kamo
Wed 21st Oct	**Bream Bay Community Trust,** 9Takutai Place, Ruakākā
Thur 22nd Oct	**Ministry of Education,** 24KakaStreet, Morningside
Thur 29th Oct	**Onerahi Community House,** 130Onerahi Road, Onerahi
Wed 4th Nov	**Early Years Hub,** 29 Hokianga Road, Dargaville
Wed 11th Nov	**Ministry of Education,** 24KakaStreet, Morningside
Mon 16th Nov	**Clark Rd Chapel**, 4 - 6 Clark Road, Kamo
Wed 18th Nov	**Bream Bay Community Trust,** 9Takutai Place, Ruakākā
Thur 26th Nov	**Hikurangi School,** 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi
Wed 2nd Dec	**St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall,** 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto
Thur 3rd Dec	**Ministry of Education,** 24KakaStreet, Morningside
Wed 9th Dec	**Early Years Hub,** 29 Hokianga Road, Dargaville
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o see a speech Language Therapist make
ent by phoning **0800 524 842**
T.Support@education.govt.nz

Te Manawa Tahi

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

WEEK 1

St John

Come and Touch-a-Truck! Have a close uplook at a St John Ambulance

Come and watch St John's first aid demonstrations and interactive activities

10am-2pm

Heart Foundation

Visit the Heart Health Promoter for Free Blood Pressure Checks and One on One Heart Health Conversations

Wed 30th Sept

10am-2pm



Creative Northland Play Trailer

Come and craft with us!

Wed 30th Sept

10am-2pm





Medical Museum

Come and visitthe Medical Museumto diveinto Northland's medical history!

Free admission. Private tours can be arranged upon request

Tues 29th Sept

Wed 30th Sept

10am-2pm

Planetarium

Take a 15 minute tour through the planetarium and observatory, and look through the solar telescope!

No bookings necessary, koha appreciated

Wed 30th Sept

10am to noon



Mini Trains

Big Trains

Wed 30th Sept,

Thu 1st Oct

Fri 2nd Oct

Tractors + BBQ

Wed 30th September

Get yourtickets at thestations

10am-2pm





Rock + Gem Club

Polish an Agate: Make your own agate fridge magnet!

For ages 6-12yrs.

Cost $5.00 ea.

Visit the club room between 10.30 - 11.30am

Bookings essential call 0210486682

Wed 30thSept

10:30-11:30am



Kiwi North

Daily 10-4pm

Kiwi Keeper Talks 11am + 2pm

Meet 15 different native species in our living collection

Special Exhibition: Ambulance: 100 Years of St John

Included with general admission or FREE for members





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Kiwi NORTH

Heritage Park, 500SH14, Maunu

www.kiwinorth.co.nz

BECOME A MEMBER! WINTER PROMO NOW ON!

WEEK 2

Keeper Talk: Hidden in Plain Sight

Are you interested in spotting our native species that are experts in camouflage?

Listen to our Keeper explore how forest gecko, stick insects and tree wētā are masters of disguise!

Included with general admission or FREE for members

Wed 7th Oct
10:15 am
1.30 pm



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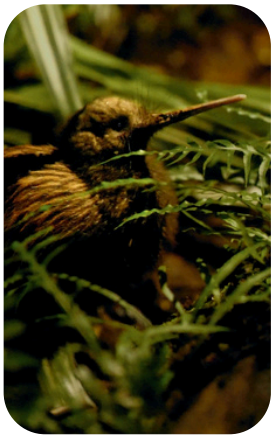


Rock + Gem Club

Fiddling withFossils: Search for fossils,learn about dinosaurs! For ages 6-12yrs. Cost $5.00 ea.

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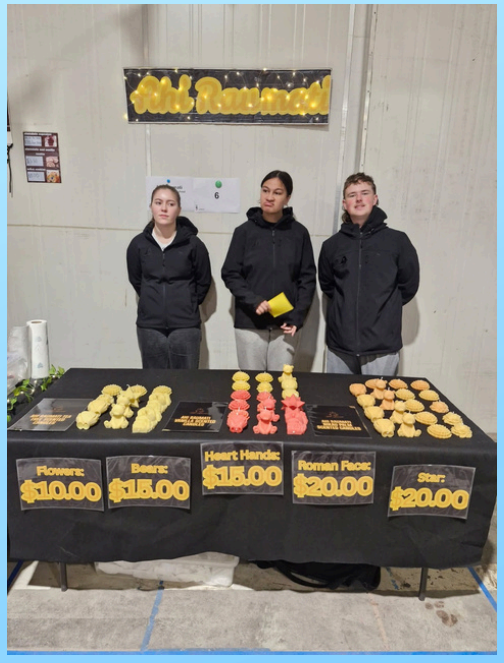


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Kiwi North
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BECOME A MEMBER! WINTER PROMO NOW ON!

Terms 1, 2 and 3 at MAS

























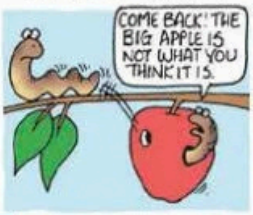
JT's Kidz Zone

If you have any jokes you may want to include - please post them to Jimbocmba Times PO Box 43, Jimbocmba 4280

TO BECOME A MEMBER: Send in name, address, contact phone number & date of birth - see Membership Form in the Classifieds.
Conditions apply. Age limited 2-14yrs

JUNIOR PUZZLERS

Which American city is nicknamed 'The Big Apple'. Chicago, New York or Los Angeles?



Did Australian entertainer Bert Newton, Rolf Harris or Paul Hogan create a character who had 3 legs?

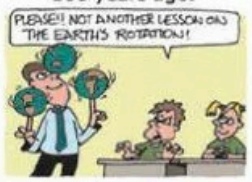


Were cockatoos, canaries or pigeons used by miners to detect poisonous gases in mines?



DID YOU KNOW

Because the Earth is rotating slower over time modern days are 1.7 milliseconds longer than 100 years ago.





WORD TRAIL

Starting at the selected white letter, move in any direction but use each letter only once to find a three-word phrase (1,7,8) related to the cartoon.



N	E	E	T
H	I	S	A
C	A	K	E
Y	A	W	A

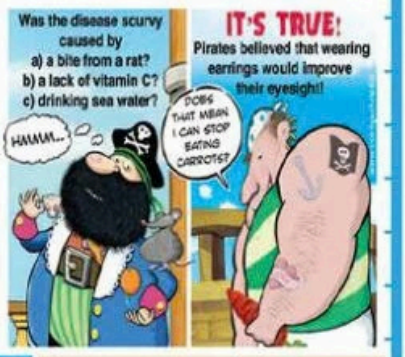
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Letters A to Z have a number value. Some are shown in the right-hand cells. Create remaining values using clues in centre cells.

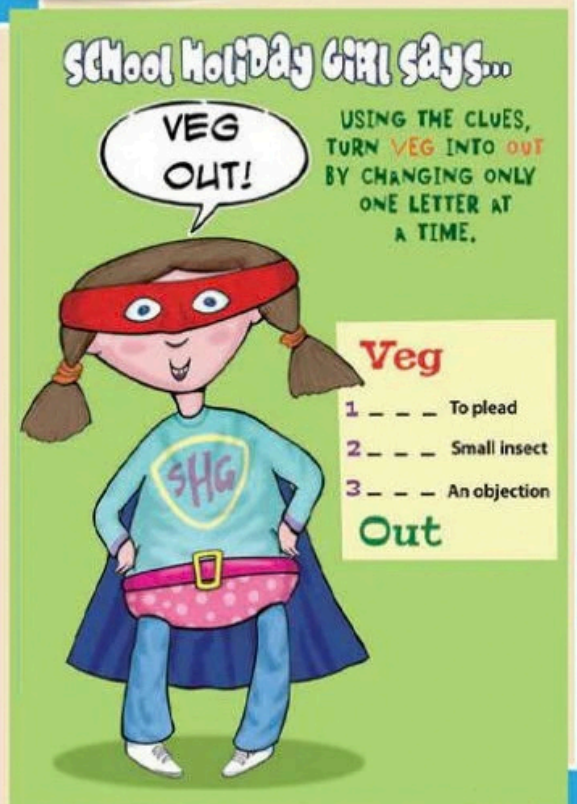
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B	C+H	
C	Q×T	
D	N+A	
E	O-R	
F	L×L	
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H	G÷T	
I	Q×L	15
J	P+O	
K	Y-L	
L	R-C	
M	Y-D	

N	E-L	
O	G-Q	
P	V-A	8
Q	T+L	5
R	J-M	
S	I+P	
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Z	I+H	

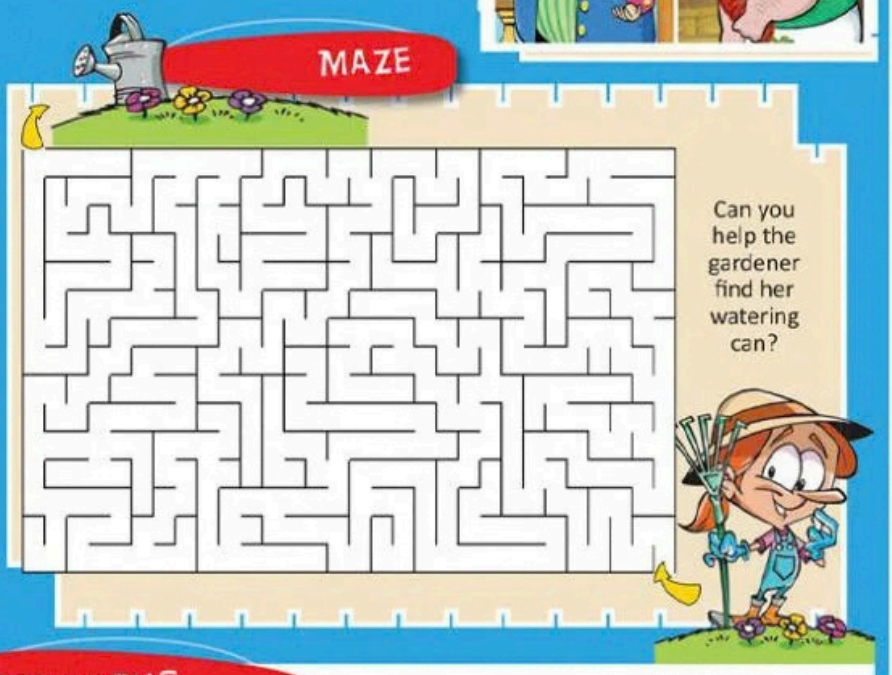
FUNKY FACTS



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ALFAKODO:

PIC PUZZLE:
Veg, 1-Beg, 2-Bug, 3-Bull
Out

JUNIOR PUZZLERS:
1. New York
2. Rolf Harris
3. Canaries

FUNKY FACTS:
b) a lack of vitamin C

WORD TRAIL:
"A Chinese takeaway"