

Mangawhai Beach School

NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Soapbox

STRIKE ACTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THURSDAY 23RD OF OCTOBER. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.

What a truly special way to start the school term last week! We want to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to all our new students, teachers, and parents who have joined the MBS whānau (family) and were welcomed onto the school grounds with our beautiful pōwhiri ceremony. A special thanks to our Hīnātore staff who prepared our students for our welcome and to Huia, Lily, Kowhai, and Mahalia for the kiakaranga (call); Kobe for the kiakarania (welcome) and Kaia for his kiakorero (speech).

Progressive Achievement Tests start this week. Please ensure your children get to bed at a respectable time so they get a good night's sleep. Also plenty of healthy food and snacks for them during the day to nourish their brains in order for them to do well.

Colour Fun Run: Sponsorship is coming in daily and starting to ramp up. We have had a couple of classrooms running sponsorship initiatives to help boost their chances of prizes for their rooms. In the five weeks since sponsorship forms were sent home we have raised \$4938 from students and \$2150 in corporate sponsorship. Our target is \$70,000 so please keep the money coming in. The classrooms who have raised the most so far are: Room 18, Room 3 and Room 13 but there are other sponsorship ideas already in play so this could change at any stage.

Parsons Pantry Official Opening & The Generosity That Made It Happen

We were delighted to celebrate the opening of Parsons Pantry, our newly upgraded Recreation Centre kitchen last week.

This project was made possible by the incredible generosity of Jill and Eric Parsons, who donated \$30,000 to Mangawhai Beach School in November 2018—the spark that started it all. The goal was always to transform the kitchen into a modern, functional space for the school and the wider community.

After an initial idea to expand the space was put on hold by Covid, Luke Canton and Emma Grieve stepped up to design a brilliant new layout. They focused on creating a high-quality, functional kitchen that could accommodate various group sizes and needs.

Parsons Pantry is a product of skilled work and community effort, brought together by cabinetmakers, electricians, plumbers, painters, the Board of Trustees, and our caretaker Geoff.



IMPORTANT DATES:

20th Oct - BOT Meeting
6:00pm

20th Oct - PAT Testing week

21st Oct - FoMBS Meeting
7:00pm

22nd Oct - Cricket coaching
starts

27th Oct - Labour Day

28th Oct - PAT's continue

30th Oct - Rm 17 Pond trip

31st Oct - Yr 2 Action Ninja
World day trip

4th Nov - Yr 5+6, 7 Rugby
Whangarei

4th Nov - Hinetore Picnic

5th Nov - Rm 4 Kayaking

6th Nov - Athletics Finals
Day

6th Nov - Rm 12 Pond trip

7th Nov - Gumboot Day

7th Nov - Disco Yr 5-8

10th Nov - Yr 6 Kayaking

**21st Nov - Teacher Only
Day/CRT (school closed)**

28th Nov - FoMBS Clothes
Grab

It will support and nourish our community for many years to come.

So, to Jill and Eric — thank you. Your donation has made a real, lasting difference. And to everyone who contributed to making this vision a reality — we are incredibly grateful.



DAILY TIMETABLE

8.55am-10:30am (Block 1)
10:30am-11:00am (Interval)
11:00am-12:30pm (Block 2)
12:30pm-1:15pm (Lunch)
1:15pm-2:45pm (Block 3)

2025 Term Dates:

**4th Feb - 11th Apr
28th Apr - 27th Jun
14th Jul - 19th Sep
6th Oct - 18th Dec**

If you have children turning five next year, please enrol them as soon as possible so we can confirm staffing and plan for classrooms. Our online enrolment form is on our website: <https://www.mangawhaibeach.school.nz/enrolment>

Private Speech-Language Therapy Available at Mangawhai Beach School

We currently have families access private speech-language therapy services on-site at Mangawhai Beach School. This service is provided by Amanda Klopper, an experienced and qualified speech-language therapist who works directly with students during school hours, providing tailored support to help children thrive in their communication and learning.

Assessment Fee: \$150

Therapy Session Fee: \$95 per 45 minutes session (shorter or group sessions may also be considered if appropriate)

This service is designed to be convenient and accessible, with sessions held at school to minimize disruption to your child's day. If you're interested in learning more or booking an assessment, please contact Amanda directly, at amandaklopper.speechtherapy@gmail.com or 021 50 84 85.



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO PROJECTUS who are sign sponsors on our car park fence. Projectus is a property management and construction advisory team based here in Mangawhai and Luka is currently spearheading the project to get our turf court recovered. Thank you to the team at Projectus for supporting our school.

*Nga mihi nui
Aaron Kemp/Emma Grieve
Principal/Deputy Principal*

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DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

31st Oct



**Mangawhai
Hills
College**

Mangawhai Hills College is open for enrolments in 2026

Mangawhai Hills College will be accepting enrolments for Years 7-10 in 2026. To view the prospectus and download the application form, please go to www.mangawhaihills.school.nz

We Offer:

- An international curriculum
- High quality specialist teaching and learning
- Small class sizes
- A range of extra-curricular activities in the community

A limited number of scholarships will be available in 2026. For more information, please contact the school office on 027 5106116 or email office@mangawhaihills.school.nz

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



SPOOKY NIGHT

\$15 per family
\$10 Friend families

5-8PM FRI 31 OCT

Explore Mangawhai Museum...
IN THE DARK

Dress up | Bring Torches
Spooky Disco | Prizes | Candy-free
+ Games in the Light



CHOICE APPOINTMENTS

What is a Choice Appointment?

A Choice Appointment with a Kalarahi (Clinical Lead), is the first step in your journey with the Mana Ake programme, which supports the wellbeing of tamariki aged 5-12 years across primary and Intermediate schools in Te Tai Tokerau.

Purpose of Choice Appointment:

To listen to you and your tamariki (child):
We want to understand your concerns and hear your story in your own words.

To explore what's going on:
We talk about things like emotions, behaviour, friendships, whanau life, and school – anything that might be affecting your child's wellbeing.

To help make a plan together:
At the end of the appointment, we'll talk through possible next steps. This might include support from a Mana Ake kaimahi (worker), a referral to another service, or practical strategies you can use at home or school.

Who is involved?
Usually, the Choice Appointment includes:
The tamariki (child)
A parent, caregiver or whanau.

How long does it take?
Around 45-60 minutes
Held at school.

What happens after?
Following the choice appointment, we work with you to decide the best next steps – this might be a Partnership Plan with Mana Ake, or linking you to another service better suited to your needs.

Mana Ake is here to support you and your whanau.
You don't need to have all the answers – the Choice Appointment is a starting point and we're here to walk along side you.

Vision: Enhanced resilience, wairua, and mana of our tamariki in Te Tai Tokerau so they are 'stronger for tomorrow'.



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Terms 4 & 1 | ages 7-15

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3 day program - Xmas holidays | ages 7-15

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BREEM BAY YOUTH AMBASSADORS

BEACH ART

& SAND SCULPTURE DAY

Spot prizes + refreshments on the day

Grab your friends, bring your whanau and get creative in the sand. Show what a healthy Bream Bay means to you. From the ocean and sea floor, to dunes and coastal wildlife.

SAT 25 OCT 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Ruakākā Beach - Meet in the carpark - Ruakākā Surf Club

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