

Mangawhai Beach School

NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Soapbox

Welcome back - Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai!

On behalf of the staff, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all our students, families, and staff as we launch into the final term of the school year—Term 4! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and restorative break and is ready for an exciting and productive few months ahead.

While many of you were relaxing and spending time locally, I was fortunate enough to take a trip to Australia to Port Douglas to experience one of the world's most breathtaking natural wonders: the Great Barrier Reef. I wanted to share this experience because it was not only personally incredible, but it carries a powerful message of resilience and hope for our planet.

Diving into a Thriving Ecosystem

My time diving the Great Barrier Reef was truly an awe-inspiring experience. The beauty and vibrant biodiversity beneath the surface are beyond description. I am delighted to report that the sections of the reef I visited were absolutely thriving!

Contrary to some of the troubling headlines we occasionally see, the coral was spectacular. The waters were teeming with life—magnificent parrotfish, graceful turtles, and an incredible array of colorful reef sharks, all navigating a complex and healthy ecosystem.

Most encouragingly, I witnessed significant evidence of coral regeneration in many areas. It was a privilege to see young corals flourishing and taking hold, painting the reef with renewed life. This serves as a powerful reminder that while we must remain vigilant in our conservation efforts, nature has an extraordinary capacity to heal and bounce back when given the chance.

Let's carry this spirit of hope, resilience, and vitality into Term 4! We have an action-packed term ahead, filled with culminating projects, sporting events, and preparations for the year's end. We look forward to seeing all our students achieve their very best.

Academic and School Closure Notices

- PAT Testing: Testing for Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) will commence in Week 3 of this term. Please ensure students are at school and well rested for the assessments.
- School Closure - **POSSIBLE** Teacher Strike Day: School MAY be CLOSED on Wednesday October 23rd due to the proposed teacher strike action. Confirmation of the strike day will be confirmed when we know ourselves.
- School Closure - Teacher Only Day: The school will also be CLOSED on Friday, November 21st for a scheduled Teacher Only Day.



IMPORTANT DATES:

6th Oct - 1ST DAY TERM 4

6th Oct - New BOT Training evening

8th Oct - Tech Yr 7 & 8

9th Oct - Senior Kapahaka Whole Day

14th Oct - Animal Ag Day

14th Oct - Shark presentation

15th Oct - Powhiri 9:15am

17th Oct - Interschool Speeches

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

6th Nov - Athletics Champions Day

7th Nov - Gumboot Day

7th Nov - Disco Yr 5-8

Important Dates and Notices for Term 4

Welcome back! Here is a brief look at some key dates and events happening early this term. Please mark your calendars!

Key October Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Details</u>
School Ag Day (Calves, Lambs, Chickens)	Tuesday, October 14th @ 8:00 am	Come and celebrate our students and their animals!
Pōwhiri	Wednesday, October 15th @ 9:15 am	A formal welcome for all new students and whānau to the MBS community.
Interschool Speeches	Friday, October 17th	Best of luck to all our school speech competition winners competing at Wellsford!

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

Congratulations to all our amazing Talent Show finalists!
A special shout-out to our top performers:

JUNIORS

1st Place: Penelope Clough
2nd Place: Amos Sax
3rd Place: Matilda Harris
Highly Commended: Isabelle Beattie-Taofia

MIDDLES:

1st Place: Dart Harris
2nd Place: Mathew Stones
3rd Place: Hip Hop Girls (Scarlett, Alexis, Lexi, Leia & Maddie)
Highly Commended: Keziah Hardy & Alice Radvanska

SENIORS:

1st Place: AIMS Hip Hop Group
2nd Place: Daisy Sax & Ella Pope
3rd Place: Sage Kidd
Highly Commended: The No-Har Project (Noah & Harvey Mather)



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO MANGAWHAI COMMUNITY MARKETS who are sign sponsors on our car park fence. MCM supports the school by holding the weekend markets in the Mangawhai Recreation Centre. Funds raised from the market on Saturday morning come back to the school as a donation which helps cover the cost of maintenance and insurance on the Mangawhai Recreation Centre complex. Thank you to the management team, stall holders and community who support the market which in turn supports the community facility.

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

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Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI
BREAM BAY & KAIPARA



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Te Manawa Tahī 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 Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 4 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 9 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 15 th Oct	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 16 th Oct	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 29 th Oct	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 30 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 5 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.

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DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 4 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 12 th Nov	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thur 20 th Nov	Hikurangi School, 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi	
Wed 26 th Nov	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall St East, Maungaturoto	
Wed 26 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 3 rd Dec	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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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

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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

Sharks, Sharks & more Sharks

WHEN: Tuesday 14 October 2025

WHERE: Mangawhai Golf Club
Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Heads

TIME: 6pm – 8pm Presentation

COST: Donation Mangawhai Museum

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear Clinton Duffy, Marine Biology Curator, at The Auckland Museum, Tamaki Paenga Hira, share his HUGE passion for sharks of all shapes and sizes.

Come listen to Clinton...

as he shares his passion, journey and experiences with you.

- Raise your awareness of the scientific value of the sharks and rays
- Find out how you can help if you catch or find a specimen on the beach or out fishing
- Gain a new appreciation for these amazing creatures

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