

Mangawhai Beach School

NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Soapbox

Last week, we were proud to host a **beautiful pōwhiri** to welcome our newest students and their whānau to our school community. It was a special occasion filled with connection, culture, and aroha. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event so memorable.

We are also thrilled to welcome **Peacelender Horomba** to our teaching team. Peacelender will be supporting our new entrant students as they begin their school journey. She brings warmth, enthusiasm, and a deep passion for early years education, and we are excited to have her as part of our Mangawhai Beach School whānau.



Nau mai, haere mai — a heartfelt welcome to all our new tamariki and families. We look forward to learning and growing together!

This week marks the beginning of our annual **PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests)** for students in **Years 3 to 8**, focusing on **Reading Comprehension and Mathematics**. These assessments help us gain valuable insights into how our learners are progressing and identify areas where we can offer further support or extension.

The majority of the testing will take place over the next **three weeks**. During this time, we aim to provide a calm and focused environment to ensure every student can do their best. *Please ensure your child/children get a good night's sleep, eat a hearty breakfast and have plenty of nourishing food in their lunchbox to feed their brains so they can concentrate and perform at their best.*



A big thank you to the parents who have kindly offered their time to assist as **reader/writers** for students who require extra support. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we are grateful for your contribution to helping all our learners succeed.



IMPORTANT DATES:

12th May - PAT tests start

13th May - Yr 7/8 Auckland Writers Festival

16th May - Pink Shirt Disco Jnr (Yr0-4) 5pm-6pm, Snr (Yr5-8) 6:15pm-7:15pm

19th May - BoT Meeting 6:30pm

27th May - FoMBS Meeting 7:30pm

29th May - "Speak Up" Co Theatre Show

29th May - Whole School Assembly

30TH MAY - TEACHER ONLY DAY

2nd Jun - King's Birthday

6th Jun - Junior Gathering 9:30am

6th Jun - Middle Gathering 1:20pm

10th Jun - Intermediate #1 Auckland Museum & Clip & Climb

11th Jun - Intermediate #2 Auckland Museum & Clip & Climb

13th Jun - School Cross Country

19th Jun - Matariki Dawn Breakfast

20th Jun - Matariki Public Holiday

After School Changes: With the wet weather approaching and after school sports inevitably being cancelled, the office can get very busy with after school transport changes. Please be patient with our office staff and know that they are dealing with hundreds of phone calls just like yours. Provide your children with umbrellas or



raincoats to keep them dry as much as possible if they are walking. Messages cannot be sent to the classrooms after 2pm - if you need to make changes please do so before then.

Rolling Car Pickup: Reminding those that use the rolling car pick up and those that are new to the school, that the car pick zone means stay in your car and stay in the queue. Off load or pick up your child as quickly as you can.

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 - 17th Dec

Please do not block the pathway at the carpark entrance and drive slowly and carefully when entering. Please do not pull around another car in the queue unless they have been asked to pull over parallel to the gym. Children are exiting and entering vehicles on both sides of a vehicle so please be wary.

ICT Update: We're excited to share that our school has been fortunate to receive 200 new Chromebooks, generously funded by our Board of Trustees. These devices are currently being set up and will be delivered to classrooms over the coming week. To help us take good care of this valuable resource, we ask that you please review the [ICT Contract](#) with your child (scroll to page 4). This is a great opportunity to remind them of their responsibilities when using school devices and their own! Unfortunately, we have seen a recent increase in deliberate damage to Chromebooks. Please be aware that any such behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful digital learning environment.

<p>Pink Shirt Day this Friday!</p> <p>This Friday, we're celebrating Pink Shirt Day and standing together to promote kindness and anti-bullying. Let's turn our school pink and show that we stand for respect!</p> <p>Students and staff are encouraged to wear anything pink – shirts, socks, tutus, hats, and fun accessories.</p> <p>✓ Pink wigs, ribbons, and accessories are welcome! ✗ No hair dye or coloured hair spray, please. 🦶 Footwear must be school-appropriate for safety.</p> <p>Let's make the day bright, positive, and full of kindness!</p>	<p>Pink Disco this Friday!</p> <p>\$ Entry: Koha</p> <p>Come and dance the night away at our Pink Disco to celebrate the day!</p> <p>🎉 Years 1–4 Disco 🕒 5:00pm – 5:45pm 👤 Parents must stay with their children during the junior session.</p> <p>🎵 Years 5–8 Disco 🕒 6:00pm – 7:00pm</p> <p>Students will not be permitted to leave the hall once the disco has started - anyone caught trying to sneak out will have their parents phoned for collection</p>
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1038 Mangawhai Beach School

Term 1, 2025

Final

10 May 2025

Introduction

Welcome to Every Day Matters. This is a termly report that highlights attendance patterns in your school and provides actionable insights to improve student attendance.

Four **Student Attendance Categories** have been developed to help schools understand how frequently each student attends. These categories give you a way to monitor the progress you are making in supporting students to attend regularly.

Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

This report provides a snapshot of how your school is performing, including an overview of the reasons for absence broken down by justified and unjustified reasons, insightful trends and next steps.

In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

NOTE: In some cases, results have been rounded to the nearest percentage point to simplify the presentation of results. As a result, some totals may not add up to 100%.

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

63%

Compared to 57% in Term 1, 2024

Irregular Absence 25%

Compared to 29% in Term 1, 2024

Moderate Absence 8%

Compared to 10% in Term 1, 2024

Chronic Absence 5%

Compared to 5% in Term 1, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

- (M) Illness / Medical Absence 52%
- (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 22%
- (G) Holiday 19%
- (J) Explained and Approved 7%
- (T) Unexplained / Trivial 1%

How many students were on time to class?

85% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

Which days and weeks had the highest and lowest attendance in Term 1, 2025?

	Highest		Lowest	
Day(s) of Week	Wednesday	93%	Friday	87%
Day(s) of the term	10/04/2025	95%	04/04/2025	82%
Week(s) of the term	Week 6, 03/03/2025	92%	Week 10, 31/03/2025	88%

Term 1 Detailed View

How many students are in each student attendance category?

In Term 1 of Year 2025, 427 of your students were attending school regularly, with 63% students at school above 90% of the time.

How have your student attendance categories changed over the last 5 terms?

NOTE: Percentages are shown on the vertical axis while the bars show the actual number of students.

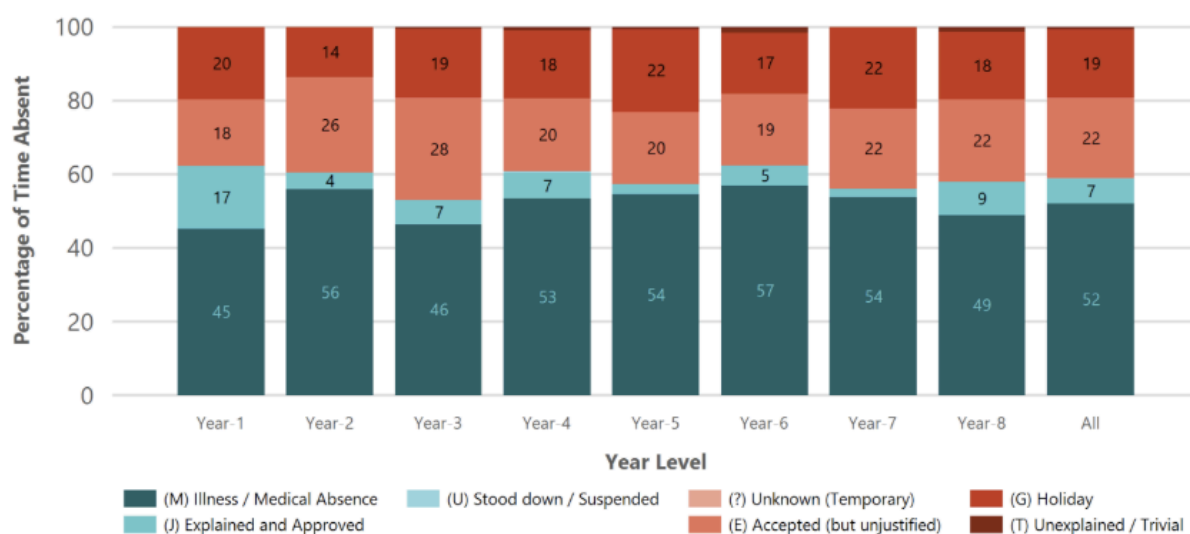
Absence

A **'Justified Absence'** is an absence defined within a school's policy as an acceptable reason for a student to be away from school.

An **'Unjustified Absence'** is recorded when a student is away from school and:

- There is no information or there is a throw-away excuse
- Explained but not within school policy, such as absence due to birthdays
- Absence due to holiday in term-time
- Extracurricular activities not organised by schools like sports, dance, music, or hobbies.

What differences are there between year levels in reasons given for absence?



Year 6 students had the highest proportion of justified absences, with 62% of their absences being for justified reasons.

Year 3 students had the highest proportion of unjustified absences, with 47% of their absences being for unjustified reasons.

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New Parent Portal Empowers You to Support Your Child's Learning

We're excited to share that the Government has launched a new Parent Portal, designed to help parents and caregivers better understand and support their child's learning at school.

Every parent wants their child to thrive — to feel confident, supported, and capable. The new Parent Portal provides clear, easy-to-understand information about what children will be learning in English and maths at each year level, with more subjects being added as the curriculum refresh continues.

As Minister Erica Stanford explains, "This is about giving parents clarity, confidence, and practical tools to support their child's learning journey."

Here's what you'll find on the Parent Portal:

- *A year-by-year guide to what your child is learning in English and maths*
- *Activities and resources you can use at home to reinforce learning*
- *Helpful videos and tips for starting school, including information on the Phonics Checks at 20 and 40 weeks*
- *Support for structured literacy approaches, including access to decodable books and the sequence of sounds being taught*
- *Tips for parent-teacher interviews to help you feel confident asking about your child's progress*
- *Online maths practice tools (coming soon)*

This is the first time parents will have access to such a comprehensive and practical resource — all in one place and accessible on any device. Whether your child needs support to catch up or is ready for extension, you'll now have tools to help guide them.

More resources will be added over time, building a growing library to support learning and raise achievement across the country.

To explore the Parent Portal, visit:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

Nga mihi nui

Aaron Kemp/Emma Grieve

Principal/Deputy Principal

FOMBS PRESENTS

« PINK DISCO » *Party*

FRIDAY 16TH MAY
YR 0-4 STARTS AT 5PM
YR 5-8 STARTS AT 6PM

LOLLIES

GLOWSTICKS

FOOD

KOHA ENTRY
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

Parents must stay for Yr 0-4 session

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE HALL WHEN THE DISCO STARTS

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



OSCAR approved

Ka Pai Butterfly

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL, AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES.

Location: At MBS, upstairs in recreation centre.
Availability: Every school day.

**AFTERNOON TEA, HOMEWORK COMPLETED,
 THEN ACTIVITIES &/OR FREE PLAY.**

For further information please contact Anita on
 021 330 191 or at anita@royalgoverness.com




Children Ages 7-12

ART CLASSES

Every Wednesday, 3:15 - 4:45pm
 14th May - 25th June

Mangawhai Artists Gallery Workspace
 45 Moir St, Mangawhai

7 week term: \$210
 Casual weekly attendance: \$35

- Materials and equipment included
- Limited Spots Available

for more info and to register contact:
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