



## FEBRUARY Whānau Pānui 2025

E te whānau katoa tēnā koutou, tēnei te mihi o te wā ki a koutou katoa.

We are now nearly half way through the first term. We have had a great start to the year with good leadership from the seniors and new students settling well into routines.

Please take the time to ready through this months pānui, there is a lot of information pertaining to your child that we do not want you to miss. As expected, Te Matatini week is always one of the most exciting weeks of the year and many students were out, performing or supporting whānau performing. We will acknowledge all our performers on Monday.

Next week (Thursday 6th March) we are holding a 'meet the teacher' evening for new (or returning) whānau who may have any patai or would like to introduce themselves to your child's teachers. We look forward to seeing you there, alternatively all staff are available to speak via phone or Zoom if you would like to check your child's progress in any area.

Lastly, we have a number of students with outside sporting commitments. Please ensure their MANUKURA coach is fully informed of outside commitments so they can manage their load effectively and prevent injury or exhaustion.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Ilane Durie

Tumuaki



# ADMINISTRATION

## 2025 GOODS & SERVICES

For the first time in many years an increase to our Goods & Services costs has had to be made . This is in part due to the Government's decrease in Lunches In Schools funding and increasing costs from external providers. The 2025 Goods & Services is \$2850.00 per annum. Please adjust any automatic payments accordingly.

A big thank you to those whānau who set up their APs well in advance. This really does make a big difference to how we can continue to operate and provide for our tamariki.

If you have any questions contact Lisa on 0272972814 or

## PHYSIO

We are fortunate enough to have Dean onsite every Tuesday. Injuries need to go through Code Leads and they will arrange an appointment with Whaea Tania. Some requests that are coming through are associated with muscle soreness rather than injury so keep encouraging your child to stretch, roll, hydrate and eat well to help with this.

## COUNSELLING

Kelly from Te Wakahuia Counselling Services is available each Monday and Thursday. Contact Whaea Tania if you'd like to book an appointment. Ph. 06 354 9531.

## 2025 BOARDING

We are still seeking board for a couple of our new students. If you have ever considered being a boarding whānau or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact the office.

[admin@manukura.school.nz](mailto:admin@manukura.school.nz)

We are happy to discuss with you what this entails and match students to the needs of your whānau. MANUKURA recommends boarding costs of \$180pw for 7 day boarders.



## Upcoming events

**28/2 - 3/3** Open Touch Nationals

**4/3** Site visit - Project Award

**6/3** New whānau meet the teachers

**8/3** Waka Ama Regionals

**19/3** RYDA Workshop

**20/3** Senior Science Wānanga

**24 - 28/3** Waka Ama Nationals  
-Rotorua

**25/3** Race Unity Speeches

**31/3** 1st Kapa Haka Practise



# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

## Vaping

There is rising concern in kura and wharekura throughout Aotearoa about burgeoning vaping rates among rangatahi, in particular rangatahi Māori. Alongside vape companies that are targeting our rangatahi, government policies have done little to address the risk of rangatahi taking up vaping.

MANUKURA staff are committed to the vision of **MANUKURA** and **Māori advancement** as a part of our wider communities and this is the commitment we ask of our whānau also. It was therefore disappointing to have to ask many groups of whānau present at our Pōwhiri to refrain from vaping onsite and in front of our tamariki/mokopuna.

This kaupapa exists to achieve **educational, cultural, and sporting excellence**, produce **capable contributors**, achieve **quality outcomes**, contribute to the **advancement of education**, and to operate in a climate where **success and healthy habits are normalised** for our rangatahi - vaping does not align with our messaging and will never be an accepted practice at MANUKURA.

Should your tamaiti/mokopuna be found vaping, you will be contacted. At times it is necessary for rangatahi to return home to their whānau and arrange a hui with the kura before a decision to return is made. Education, role-modelling, and lobbying of legislators, regulatory agencies and the government for tougher legislation is the collaborative strength required to ensure the health and wellbeing of our rangatahi is not determined by multi-million dollar tobacco companies.

Here's some good tips on discussing vaping with your tamaiti/mokopuna:

[healthify.nz/hauora-wellbeing/v/vaping-how-to-talk-to-your-kids/](https://healthify.nz/hauora-wellbeing/v/vaping-how-to-talk-to-your-kids/)



# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

## **Meet the Teacher Evening**

Please join us for an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher

**Thursday 6th March, 5.30pm -6.30pm.**

## **Stationery**

There are still students with outstanding stationery that is meant to be used each day in classes. Please arrange to purchase any items outstanding as soon as possible.

[Stationery list](#)

## **Covid**

We have had a handful of cases of Covid recently. Please keep vigilant and test your child if you suspect they may have Covid. The advice of Te Whatu Ora remains the same, which is:

"If you test positive for COVID-19, it is recommended you isolate for at least 5 days, even if you only have mild symptoms. This is to prevent spreading COVID-19 to other people. You would start your isolation at Day 0 — this is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first. Isolation means not leaving your house and not going to work or school. It also means staying away from others in your household as much as possible."





# ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

**All Year 12 & 13's** - Wednesday 19th March, Central Trust Arena, 9.30am - 2.00pm

Due to the increasing number of student drivers we have at MANUKURA, we have decided to cover the costs of putting all Year 12 and Year 13 students through a 1-day Road Safety Education course run by [Road Safety Education Ltd](#) on **Wednesday 19th March**. RYDA is designed for 16-17 year olds as they begin to drive or ride in cars driven by their peers. This workshop (part of a broader programme) challenges students to change the way they think about road safety and lay the foundation for safe road use throughout their lives. Students **do not need** to have their license to take part in the programme. The aim of the programme is to increase an understanding of road safety issues (including risk factors), educate students about their rights and responsibilities on the road and equip them with the tools they need to choose behaviours that lead to safer outcomes on New Zealand roads.

Male drivers in the 15–19 year age group are approximately eight times more likely to crash than male drivers in the lowest risk age group of 55–59 years and female drivers aged 15–19 are about six times more likely to crash than female drivers in the lowest risk group of 45–49 year olds. Also for every fatality there are approximately another 10 people who are seriously injured. It is crucial that we equip our young people with the right tools and strategies to navigate through this. Please read the attached flyer and visit [www.rse.org.nz](http://www.rse.org.nz) for more information and our parent resources.

On a similar note, we have a lot of drivers who are driving outside their licence conditions. Can parents please email [ilane@manukura.school.nz](mailto:ilane@manukura.school.nz) with any arrangements you have with your tamaiti, particularly the carrying of passengers and licence class.





# 2025 PROJECT AWARDS

Maycroft Construction's entry of the 'MANUKURA campus development' has been scrutineered and accepted as an entrant in this prestigious national competition. The competition recognises the collaboration and innovation required to bring a commercial project to life. The past weeks has seen professional photographers onsite and this coming Tuesday MANUKURA, alongside our construction company, architects and project management group will welcome in the Registered Master Builders judges. Nathan and Ilane will also present on the design and functionality of the campus.

The results will be celebrated at an awards ceremony on the 16th of May at the Viaduct Event Centre in Auckland.





# SENIOR SUBJECT UPDATE

## Senior Mathematics

Students have made a conscientious start to the year in the Maths space. Year 11's have either begun their first internal Statistics topic on Drivers' Licence pass rates or are working on their Number projects. Year 12's are well into Trigonometry and the Year 13's are researching and analysing Time Series investigations about our Weather and Climate.

Whaea Toni, Pa Harry & Whaea Renee

## Senior Sports Science

All students involved in Sports Science have started well with lots going on in all classes. The purpose in Sports Science is to equip students with tools to use in conditioning and sport. Year 11's are working on an iMovie Vlog which captures their ability to demonstrate strategies in their chosen sport. Year 12's are learning about Biophysical Principles and relating them to their current conditioning planner and Year 13's are learning about Leadership styles and implementing them into planned sessions within their codes and house sports.

## Senior Physics

Our Year 12 and 13 students have made a great start to the year, learning about Atomic Physics and Solar Cells, respectively. Both are preparing to write their reports on the topics, and the Year 13s have made a promising start to their beginning of the topic. So inspiring seeing young Māori scientists actively researching and working in the STEM space!

## Music

This term has kicked off with incredible energy for our Level 1, 2, and 3 music students, who have had the fantastic opportunity to work alongside Bernadette Sharp, their songwriting mentor and vocal coach. Bernadette's guidance has truly made a positive impact, igniting the students' creativity and helping them unlock the full potential of their talents. Her expertise and encouragement have sparked fresh ideas, resulting in some truly inspiring work that showcases the students' growth and passion for music. We're excited and looking forward to hearing some amazing original music from these talented students this term!





# ALUMNI

## Maia Davis - Black Fern #90

An unreal moment for Maia, her parents Moana & Pete, her iwi, hapu, as well as MANUKURA to see her debut for the Black Fern 7's in Vancouver this week. Not only did she debut 3 months out of MANUKURA but she scored her first try in the final helping the Black Ferns to become the Vancouver Sevens Champions beating Fiji 41-7 in the final. The future has arrived!



Maia Davis started MANUKURA as a Year 9 from Napier. She privately boarded for the 5 years of her schooling. We are extremely proud of her achievements and the legacy she has contributed to MANUKURA and the Girls Rugby Programme. Attached is the Stuff article with Maia's debut try - [Click Here](#)



# ALUMNI

## Joseph Gavigan - Hurricanes Squad

Ex student Joseph Gavigan comes from a whānau of teachers so was excited to be offered his first opportunity to relief teach last week. During his second class of the day he received a call from the Hurricanes to join the wider squad in Wellington that day! A short-lived teaching career but we will see him back in 4 weeks where he is keen to be involved in conditioning, classes and the Boys' Rugby Programme.





# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

## **BOT Student Representative appointment**

The successful candidate for the MANUKURA Board of Trustees Student Representative position is **Shirlayne Beckham**. Well done Shirlayne and thanks to both candidates who would have equally been excellent student representatives. Shirlayne takes over from Kaitlyn McIntosh who has now moved on to begin her degree at Massey University.





# TE MATATINI O TE KĀHUI MAUNGA

Nā rau ringa i puta ai ko rau wawata. Kei ngā kōkōuri, kei ngā kōkōtea o te whirikōkō o MANUKURA, kua aorangi ake te kaupapa nei i a koutou.

Fifteen students involved in Kapa Haka campaigns across the motu is a wonderful reflection of the dedication, skill, hard work and encouragement that our whānau and Kapa Haka tutors put in.

We enjoyed watching each of them on stage this week, as well as Whaea Tiya, Pā Nic and the countless ex students performing in the Olympics of Kapa Haka!

## **Te Tini o Rēhua**

Kohae Cherrington

Aria Komene

Te Mahia Pōhatu

Cree Poi

Nikora Ngahere

## **Te Whirikōkō o Rangitāne**

Kalas Matenga\_Philips

Alicia-May Te Rangi

## **Te Ringa Kaha**

Tāne Paewai

## **Te Ahi a Tahurangi**

Leilani Ponga

## **Tu Te Manawa Maurea**

Jackson Robin-Smith

## **Ngāti Whakaaue**

Mairangi Iwikau

## **Te Whānau-a-Apanui**

Keita Takitimu-Cook

## **Te Kura Nui o Paerangi**

Ihaka Whanarere-Tauri

## **Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao**

Whaea Tiya Blake-Ohlson

## **Te Tu Mataora**

Pā Nick Fonotoe





# STUDENT TEACHER

## Massey University Student Teacher

Welcome to **Joanne Young** who is with us for 8 weeks for her Massey University Practicum placement in Visual Arts. Joanne has been actively working with senior students, guiding them in developing ideas about their creative journey, helping them refine their artistic concepts and personal expression. With junior students, her focus has been on visual literacy, using it as a tool to deepen their understanding of contemporary art practices. Through discussions and practical exercises, she encourages students to analyse, interpret, and engage with modern artistic conventions, fostering both critical thinking and creative exploration. Joanne has already fully involved herself in all aspects of MANUKURA life. Ka rawe, Joanne!



We also have Pā Jason, Whaea Rhiarna and Pā Nopera on staff who are completing their one year Post Graduate Diploma in Secondary teaching this year but continue to play integral roles on staff. Pā Harry is in his last year of his degree and Whaea Tiya and Pā Nic are also completing their Masters this year.

MANUKURA staff are encouraged to continue to find professional learning and development (PLD) opportunities that interest them or keep them up to date with changes to the profession or their area of expertise



# SPORTS SELECTIONS

A massive congratulations to **Kara Adrole** who has just returned from Brisbane competing at the Pacific Australia Netball Series with the Samoa Tifa Moana Netball Team. Their team had six games in six days and were crowned Gold Medalists after overcoming Scotland in overtime in the finals. It is the first time in history that Samoa have defeated Scotland and this win also moves them from 17th to 12th ranking in the World. It is with hope that Kara will continue to make her mark in this team with the goal to compete not only at the 2026 Commonwealth Games but also the Netball World Cup in 2027. We wish Kara all the best in her journey and will be following closely.



**Congratulations:** to **Riley Cribb** who won the Softball Nationals with her Manawātū WOMENS team.

She has also been selected for the New Zealand U15 Development Sox Squad. This has been a goal of hers for the last two years. Riley is the only Manawātū athlete to be named. A wonderful Achievement Riley.





# SPORTS

## Waka Ama

**Upcoming comps :** Our main focus for this term will be to prepare 2 competitive teams for the Nationals and 3 teams for the Regional Waka Ama sprints. Dates for these events are below.

[The National SS Waka Ama Sprints](#), 24th - 28th March, Tikitapu Lake, Rotorua. (2 teams)

[Hoetonga Regional Secondary School Sprints](#) Saturday 8th of March, Porirua Harbour. (3 teams)

Congratulations to the following students who are training hard and will be considered for selection in the teams competing for MANUKURA at the Regionals. Team naming for the Nationals will be made at a later date.

**J19 Girls** Lili, Quinny, Merenia, Kiriwai, Ngawhakahonore, Kingston-Ryze, India, Ariria

**J19 Boys** Troy, Deilo, Jackson, Kohae, Tukarepa, Hekenui

**J16 Boys** Liam, Micah, Kalas, Puhoro, Jackson, Reign

## Touch

### National Māori Touch Champions:

Congratulations to a number of girls who won gold at the National Māori Touch tournament.

In the U16 grade: Ana, Kaydence, Keighley-Rein, Tairi & Taukaea. A massive accomplishment for all those involved! To the right was our first night of touch for the 2025 season. It was great weather down at QEC and there was some great touch played by the teams.







# NETBALL

Trainings and match play are well underway for 2025. The improvement seen in just a few weeks is promising and exciting to see.

Congratulations to Olivia Norris-Spring (Year 12) who was selected for the New Zealand Development camp before the school year had even started.

Individual Performance Plans are currently being completed with individual players and will be shared with whānau once complete. Premier and Secondary School netball commences early next term so skill development, terminology, fitness and positional requirements are our main focus at present.





# HOUSE SPORTS

We have had two great weeks of House Sports, kicking off with a Valentines Day special musical fiasco with all houses showcasing their harmonies and enthusiasm to win over the hearts of our Judges Whaea Toni and Whaea Sue. Everyone had great energy and the competitiveness was evident in every house.

Last week we saw our best runners shine with Athletics Day on our very own fields. We began with full house competitions in Relays, Kickball, Tug of War & Red Light, Green Light and ended with house events in the 800m, 400, 200m, 100m races & house relays. It was an afternoon full of whanaungatanga for everyone and a great way to end the week.

