



2026 APRIL WHĀNAU PĀNUI

E whakatata mai nei tō tātou kuia a Hine-takurua me ngā āhuatanga ōna e whakapipiri ai te tangata ki rō whare.

Tēnā tātou katoa.

Term 2 has commenced and sport seasons will be underway shortly. Our SANIX 7's team are nearing the end of their trip to Japan and although they did not reach the finals of the competition they were awarded for their engagement and support of the kaupapa with the 'most respectful team' award - they will come away with invaluable memories and experiences.

The Kapa Haka have completed two of their six wānanga in preparation for the Nationals at the end of this term and our orators are sharpening their tongues for the regional Ngā Manu Kōrero competition on the 11th of May at the Regent Theatre.

'He rau kaupapa, he rau tāngata hei whakatutuki i ngā mahi kei mua i te aroaro.' We are indebted to our whānau support, our cooks in the kitchen and our team managers - e kore e mimiti te puna o maioha.

We look forward to seeing you all in person at our mid-year Matariki celebration at the end of this month.

Ngā manaakitanga.

Nāku nā Nick Fonotoe

Tumuaki Taupua



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A huge acknowledgement to all candidates who stepped forward and seized the opportunity to share how they would make a difference for the collective, it was powerful to witness.



The student votes have now been finalised, and we would like to congratulate **Jordie-Lee Kotuhi** on her appointment as Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. We look forward to the contribution she will make in the voice of our taura.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

Sat 2nd: Bball Girls Pre-season exchange - Central Hawkes Bay College

Sat 2nd: Premier Boys Rugby Grading; Secondary School Netball Grading

Tues 5th: Japan Exchange with Matsuura High School (Girls 7s/10s); Premier Netball Grading

Fri 8th - Sun 10th: Kapa Haka Wānanga #3

Sat 9th: Youth Rugby Grading , Premier Boys Rugby Grading

Mon 11th: Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals - Regent Theatre

Wed 13th: Hato Paora Rugby Exchange (Home)

Sat 16th: MSS Premier Rugby starts. Youth Rugby Grading.

Tues 19th - 21st: Literacy and Numeracy Examinations for Year 10 &11 Students

Thurs 21st: Yr13 Career Expo

Friday 22nd - Sun 24th: Kapa Haka Wānanga #4

Fri 22nd: St Mary MEGA Exchange (Home)

Sat 23rd: Youth Rugby Grading

Wed 27th: Pūhoro Wānanga - All Day

Thurs 28th: MATARIKI Celebration 1pm start

Fri 29th: Holiday - no school

Sat 30th: U15 Māori League



ADMINISTRATION

PHYSIO

We are fortunate enough to have Dean and his team from **Movement IQ Physiotherapy** onsite at MANUKURA.

Injuries must be reported to code leads/coaches, who will arrange an appointment with Whaea Tania in the office.

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.

Office: 06 354 9531

APPOINTMENTS

Please endeavour to book doctors/ dental appointments outside of school time, so your tamaiti/mokopuna does not miss out on important learning instructions / classes.

Haircuts and personal care/ beautician appointments are not an approved reason for missing classes.

COUNSELLING

Te Wakahuia Counselling Services is a Kaupapa Māori holistic counselling service for rangatahi/tamariki, whānau, local schools, and groups within our community.

Whaea Kelly Jarvis is available each Monday and Thursday. Students can book an appointment through Whaea Tania at the office
admin@manukura.school.nz

DENTIST

New Zealand high school students entering Year 9, up until their 18th birthday, are eligible for free basic dental treatment.
Below are two options available in Palmerston North.

Lumino

0508 881 481

Carpenters Dental

06 355 8218

ABSENCES

A big thank you to all whānau who have kept up with notifying the office regarding absences.

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2026 TERM 2 BUS ROUTES

Levin

6.40am Bath Street, Levin Intercity Stop
6.55am Foxton iSite Information, 92 Main Street
Foxton
7.10am Shannon (Near the Foxton/Shannon turnoff,
(by the 70 k traffic sign)
7.20am Tokomaru - Williams Rd/Makeura Rd Turn off
7.21am Tokomaru Hall
7.25am Linton - Tennent Drive (just past Linton
Camp Rd)

7.40am MANUKURA

Our Levin bus this term is at capacity so it is really important that students who are not entitled to take that bus do not jump on when they feel like it. Any changes or requests **must** to come through to the office.

Feilding/Kelvin Grove

6.55am Feilding Intermediate
7.10am Stonebrook Lane (on Stoney Creek Rd)
7.15am 26 McLeavey Drive Bus Stop
7.17am 124 Roberts Line
7.20am 84 Roberts Line (Woolworths)
7.23am 45 Rata Street
7.24am Vogel Street (Opp Oceans Takeaways)
7.25am 157 Vogel Street
7.26am Memorial Park on Main Street
- Opp Weston Ave
7.28am Cnr Ferguson and Stewart Cres
7.30am Albert St (past Hokowhitu School)
7.32am St Albans Church, Albert St
7.33am 78 Te Awe Awe St
7.34am 8 Te Awe Awe St by Wallace Park

7.40am MANUKURA

Town

6.55am Cnr Seddon & Liverpool Sts
6.57am 181 Featherston St
7.02am Ruahine St, Hospital Stop near Puriri st
7.04am 1 Fairs Rd
7.05am 70 Langely Ave
7.06am 37 JFK Dr bus shelter by Langley Ave
7.08am 112 Benmore Ave
7.10am 72 Benmore Ave
7.11am 109 Gillespies Line
7.12am 198 Tremain Ave
7.13am 156 Tremain Ave
7.14am Cnr Turakina & Halswell Sts
7.17am 24 Pembroke St
7.18am 120 Monrad St
7.19am 580 Pioneer Highway
7.20am 5 Maxwells Line
7.23am 77 Slacks Rd
7.25am 36 Pitama Rd
7.26am 12 Pitama Rd
7.29am West End School, Botanical Rd
7.30am 35 Park Rd
7.32am 156 Park Rd
7.35am 301 Fitzherbert Ave Harringtons Lodge
7.37am Massey University Stop

7.40am MANUKURA



JUNIOR HIGHLIGHTS

CAA Literacy and Numeracy examinations for Year 10 students will be held during Week 5 of this term. These are high-stakes assessments, so extra study and homework should be encouraged. Normal academic classes will have these as a focus in the weeks leading up with extra support provided where necessary.

SCIENCE

Y10 science students have started our Chemistry focus for this term. Some exciting experiments ahead, started off with something simple: Observing phase change in H_2O .





SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Physics

Last term students in L2 Physics journeyed through the mātauranga that has been developed by Isaac Newton. Unpacking mechanical forces, kinematic motion and translational energy, students have explored the laws of physics that govern the macro human experience. Every student has had to learn multiple different languages, symbols, syntax, mathematical equations and translate the laws that govern the macro human experience into mathematical interpretations and then use those interpretations to solve macro human problems. Projectile motion, circular motion, springs and collision momentums are examples of the types of macro human problems that L2 Physics students have had experience solving. All students have been doing well taking on the most cognitively challenging subject on offer.

Climate Clarity Youth forum 2026

Jordie-Lee and the three Maia's attended the Climate clarity youth forum early this term and they represented our kaupapa extremely. They came back energised, and full of ideas and inspiration to make moves towards being the next wave of eco-warriors. Ngā mihi nui girls.



Photo: Rubbing shoulders with the Rangatira: (From left to right) Beth and Jerry Lew (organisers), Kararaina Te Puni (Atmospheric scientist), Maia Manuel, Maia Phillips, Andrew Watt (Horizons), Jordie-Lee and Maia Watchman.

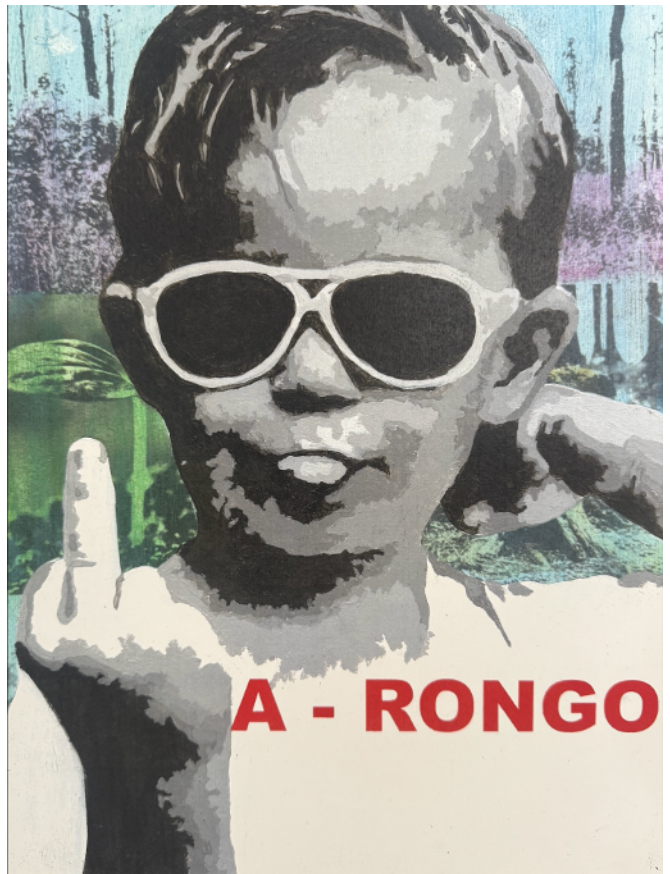


ART

Some argue education should focus only on what is measurable or 'productive.' Yet when learning narrows to function, we risk losing imagination. Technical knowledge matters, but without the arts we lose creativity; without indigenous worldviews we lose balance. True sustainability comes when we weave science with creativity, technology with whakapapa, and progress with tikanga because the future depends on both.

Education in Aotearoa must stop mirroring borrowed ideals of success. As a kaupapa, we have endeavoured to shape a programme within a system that empowers rangatahi to lead, innovate, and express their own unapologetic voices.

Support images painted by Taimania Tepania.



Music has hit the ground running in Term 2! Our Level 1, 2 and 3 students have launched into songwriting and original composition, exploring the big question: *How can we shape the future of New Zealand music?* Through creating our own originals! Students have been developing fresh ideas, meaningful lyrics, and authentic sounds, with some exciting waiata already emerging. Stay tuned for the final recordings at the end of the term, there are some standout originals in the making. A number of these waiata will also be entered into the national **Play It Strange** songwriting competition. Watch this space!



YEAR LEADS UPDATES

Year 9 - Awhina Rameka

Our Tau 9 taiohi have settled well into Term 2! We would like to warmly welcome Lucas Lovett to our Tau 9 cohort. We are excited to have him join our MANUKURA whānau.

This term, our literacy focus is centred on speech writing. Taiohi will be developing the skills to craft and deliver their own speech, exploring how to express their ideas with clarity, confidence, and impact.

A gentle reminder to please ensure all personal belongings are clearly named. It is important that our taiohi take responsibility for their personal gear. Water bottles are also essential for the school day, and we encourage all taiohi to bring their own to stay hydrated and ready for learning!

Year 10 - Kristine Sue

The focus for the next four weeks are preparations for the Literacy and Numeracy CAA (Common Assessment Activities). These will be held onsite on these days:

19th May - US32406: Use mathematics and statistics to meet the numeracy demands of a range of situations.

20th May - US32403: Read written texts to understand ideas and information.

21st May - US32405: Write texts to communicate ideas and information.

It is vital that our rangatahi are spending time at home studying to fulfill these literacy and numeracy standards that all students must achieve before ascending into levels 2 and 3 of NCEA.

Year 11 - Toni Manuel

We are now well into preparations for the Winter Sports season. Exciting! This is the time the students can see all their hard work in conditioning paying off. We will also be reflecting on our Term 1 goals and setting new ones for Term 2. Please ask your child to share theirs with you. On the whole, attendance has been very good. A good reminder, as we approach the colder weather, is to ensure everyone is suitably dressed for training and for their academic day. Sickness during winter can often be avoided with some forward planning. As per usual, please make contact if you have any queries.

Year 13 - Tanu Aumua

This term, we rotate our POU to create space for new voices and continue lifting the standard of what excellence looks like within our kaupapa.

We acknowledge Taihua, Kiriti, Maddi, and Maioha for their contribution and leadership over Term 1. As we move forward, we welcome Māia ki Ūawa, Taylah, Nikora, and Henare into these roles.

With winter sport approaching, there will also be further opportunities for others in this cohort to lead within their codes and contribute to a legacy that reflects the values of our kura.



SPORTS

Netball

MANUKURA Netball has had an outstanding start to the year, with plenty of success already being celebrated across the programme. A huge congratulations to all of our kōtiro who represented at the Aotearoa Māori Netball Tournament. Your commitment to your kaupapa and the way you represented MANUKURA with pride was outstanding. Special mention goes to those who achieved Tournament Team selections: Kiana Mokai (U13), Kiera Thompson (U15), and Maddi Zimmerman (U17 AMNOHL Trialist). We also celebrate Maddi's selection into the Aotearoa Māori Netball Wider Squad for 2026; a fantastic achievement that reflects her dedication and continued growth within the sport.

Our Term 1 conditioning programme has also delivered great results, with 37 out of 42 athletes meeting the fitness standards required to represent MANUKURA this year. This reflects the discipline, effort, and dedication our tauira have shown throughout the term and the strong foundation they have built heading into the season.

Congratulations to all players named in our 2026 MANUKURA netball teams. Selection is always highly competitive, and every athlete should be proud of the work they have put in. As always, team naming is not the end of the haerenga, with opportunities for movement and continued development remaining open throughout the season for those who keep working hard.

Looking ahead, our Secondary School Competition begins on 02/05/2026, with Prem 1 Red and Prem 2 Black grading taking place on 05/05/2026. We thank all players, whānau, and supporters for their ongoing commitment to the MANUKURA Netball and look forward to an exciting season ahead as our teams take the court.

2026 AMNSS Squad Announced



Congratulations to Maddi Zimmerman. Following a strong weekend of trials, she has been named in the extended squad of 21 for the Aotearoa Māori NZSS netball team. With final selections still to come, Maddi's achievement reflects the potential of our Year 13 to inspire through both performance and the example they set on and off the court.



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Asia Pacific Touch Championships

Our alumni continue to set the standard and inspire those who follow. Congratulations to 2018 Ethos recipient Potene (Junior) Rolls-Paewai, who represented the Men's Touch Blacks in their victory over Australia. This was New Zealand's first major tournament win against them since 2013. A powerful example of excellence shaping the pathway for the next generation.



Māori League Rugby League Nationals



Congratulations to the girls who represented U14s Ikaroa ki te Raki, finishing 3rd in Aotearoa at the Māori Rugby League nationals. This success reflects the strength of the foundations laid by whānau and communities, whose ongoing support and opportunities, both before and during their time at Manukura, continue to shape our students' growth.

A special mihi to Kiara Ngatai-Cribb for making the tournament team.



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Sanix 7's Japan Trip

Our Female 7s team competed in Japan, facing strong opposition and gaining valuable insight into the pace and skill of Japanese rugby. Beyond results, the tour has deepened students' understanding of culture through food, etiquette, and worldviews. We look forward to hosting Kanto Matsuura on Tuesday 5th May and continuing this international exchange.

