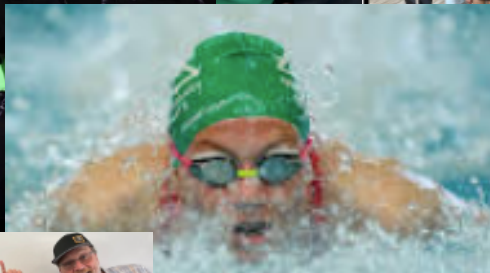
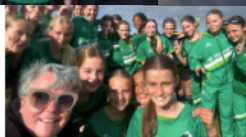


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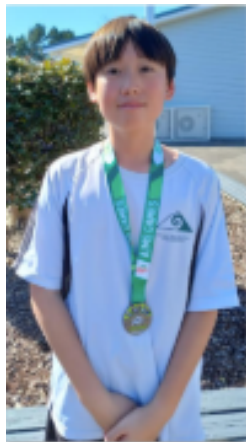
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BADMINTON



Boys: Lewis Muller, Dave Kim, Ari Gho, Jack Ha
Girls: Mackenzie Sherson, Vito Souter, Isla Lloyd, Hazel Palmer, McKenzie Boss, Zoey Brandis, Darcy Baty, Honor Grimmer, Hema Veale, Seoyul Choi, Sawyer Abels, Lucy Harris, Miriama Veale, Poppy Waddell, Maddie Greenleaf, Molly Napier
MMI AIMS Badminton Teams 2025

The MMI Badminton team, the largest we've ever had with 20 players, may not have been heavy on medals, but they certainly didn't lack pride or respect.

Everyone showed significant improvement throughout the AIMS competition, with many standout moments of play. Our team displayed a strong team spirit, constantly supporting one another on and off the court. New friends were made and hopefully, for the majority of our students who were brand new to badminton this year, they have found a new sport they will be able to carry on in the years to come.

Ari was our AIMS player of the tournament due to his relentless positivity and support of his teammates. He was professional and courteous on the court while playing, umpiring and line judging.

Highlights for the team included Lewis placing 2nd in Division 5 Boys Singles, and Seoyul qualifying for Girls Division 2 Singles.

Congratulations also to Lucy and Poppy for reaching the quarterfinals in Division 4 and 5 Girls Singles, respectively. The team also competed in doubles during the latter half of the week, producing some great games. Several pairs advanced to the semifinals: Lewis and Ari, and Poppy and Maddie, who placed 3rd equal in Division 4 Doubles; Darcy and Zoey, who also placed 3rd equal in Division 6; and Lucy and Miriama, who achieved an outstanding result by placing 1st in Division 5.

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who came out to support our students during the week. Your positive engagement with each other and the support you gave to all our players was truly appreciated. A thank you also to Rob Veale who helped with some additional coaching in Term 3.

Finally, a special mention goes out to our coach, Tarryn Espitalier from BOP Badminton, who dedicated so much of her time to the team. We also want to thank Tarryn and Delwyn Cooper for running such an excellent competition. Both Tarryn and Delwyn do a great and positive job supporting the development of Badminton in the Bay and across New Zealand.



BASKETBALL - GIRLS



Team: Demi Fisher, Nadia van der Nagel, Czasha Grecia, Sophie Barry, Olive Marra, Saya Green, Scarlet Gartshore, Miriana Rei, Qwyn Hopoi, Katy-Rose Thomas, Amelia Stirling, Issy Shea, Dave Hopoi (Coach)

What an awesome week it was for our girls' basketball team at the AIMS Games! The competition was tough, but the team showed determination and never gave up.

The first couple of days were all about learning and finding their rhythm. They faced off against last year's champions and some of the strongest Auckland schools, but the girls improved with every game.

By day 3, the hard work paid off – the girls got their first win against Rototuna High School (15–8) and backed it up with another win against Pukekohe Intermediate (10–7). Two wins in one day made it extra special!

Even though injuries and fatigue kicked in on day 4, the team still pushed hard in some really close games. On the final day, the girls came out determined and finished on a high with another win against Pukekohe Intermediate (12–9). That placed them 17th overall – an awesome result!

A big thanks to coaches Dave Hopoi and Rebecca Fisher, manager Laura Marra, and all the parents and whānau who supported the team all week.

The girls should be super proud of their effort, teamwork, and perseverance.

BASKETBALL - BOYS

The Mavericks had an incredible week at the 2025 AIMS Games, showing grit, teamwork, and determination every step of the way.



Team: Nicki Carran (Manager), Maunaa Kataueana, Keenan Hoiles, Jacob Aoina, Tyler Vane, Lakah Matakatea, Miller Ward, Aiden Johnson, Austin Lee, Max Lindsay, Braxton Carswell, James Aoina (Coach)

During day 1 and 2, the Mavericks started the tournament confidently, picking up five out of five wins against Wairarapa Cobham Intermediate, Bream Bay College, St Kentigerns College, Bishop Viard College and Kristin School. Finishing top of their pool, the team went through to the top 32 cross-overs.

On day 3, the boys battled Mokoia Intermediate and came away with a win, pushing them into the top 16. However, they faced their toughest challenge yet against Berkley Normal Middle School, suffering their first loss of the tournament.

After regrouping overnight, the Mavericks returned on day 4, determined to bounce back. They fought hard and secured two tough wins against Liston College and Belmont Intermediate, showing their resilience and teamwork under pressure.

Finals day saw the Mavericks playing for 9th place. In a competitive match against Sancta Maria College, they unfortunately couldn't get the win. This meant finishing the tournament 10th out of 84 teams, a huge achievement they should be very proud of.

We are incredibly proud of how the Mavericks carried themselves both on and off the court. Their effort, teamwork, and determination were on full display throughout the week – an outstanding achievement at such a high level of competition.

Special thanks to coach James Aoina, manager Nicki Carran, Jesse Aoina and all the whānau and friends that came along to support the team throughout their AIMS Games journey.

BASKETBALL - 3v3



Team: Lance Eggersglusz (Coach), Trevor Eggersglusz, Boston Proctor, Lukas Clark, Archer Flevill, Chase Edwards, Keoni Netzler, Nico Strickland, Mac Mooney, Wynard Dixon and Baxter Castle

3x3 basketball is fast, furious, and fun – just 10 minutes on the court and players managing their own subs. Our two Mt Maunganui Intermediate teams rose to the challenge and gave it their all, showing incredible integrity, teamwork, and determination across the tournament.

MMI Team 1 kicked things off against a tall and experienced Whanganui Intermediate side. Despite a narrow 10–6 loss, they quickly found their groove and stormed through the rest of pool play with three strong wins – claiming 2nd place in their pool!

MMI Team 2 also had a tough first game, but came back firing with back-to-back wins over Matarau School and Helensville School. Their efforts also earned them a well-deserved 2nd place finish in pool play.

Both teams battled hard in the Top 16 playoffs. Team 1 fell in their opener to Tauranga Intermediate but showed amazing resilience, bouncing back with two gutsy wins – punching their ticket to the Top 8 finals!

Team 2 fought with heart and determination through three tough playoff games. While the wins didn't come, their effort and perseverance shone brightly as they moved into the 9th–16th bracket.

Sunday at QEYC was full of excitement! Team 2 came out strong with a fantastic win over our neighbours Papamoa College before finishing 12th overall – a brilliant result out of 34 teams!

Team 1 battled through a hard first loss to St Columba's Catholic School (Frankton), then turned up the heat with two big wins to secure an outstanding 5th place finish in the competition!

Both teams represented MMI with pride, resilience, and integrity – on and off the court. Their energy, sportsmanship, and determination were inspiring to watch. We couldn't be prouder of what they achieved!

A massive thank you goes out to Coach Lance for his leadership and support, and to all the whānau who cheered, encouraged, and backed our teams every step of the way!

What a tournament to remember!

CANOE

AIMS Canoeing at Pilot Bay

Rocco Horn, Dylan Bartlett, Olivia Halls and , Neave Symes represented the school in canoeing at the AIMS Games, held at Pilot Bay last week. Conditions were far from easy, with strong winds and choppy waves making it a real test of skill and determination.

Despite the challenges, our team showed impressive focus and teamwork. They kept their canoe steady, supported each other throughout the race, and paddled with determination against some very tough competition.

The students performed exceptionally well, showing resilience and perseverance in conditions that would have unsettled many. It was a proud moment watching them cross the finish line, knowing how hard they had worked together to get there.

We congratulate our canoeing team on their fantastic effort and thank them for representing our school with such commitment and courage.



Results

Individual

Neave Symes - 3rd Year 8 Girls; Olivia Halls - 10th Year 8 Girls; Rocco Horn - 21st Year 7 Boys and Dylan Bartlett - 18th Year 8 Boys

Relay Team - 2nd Dylan Bartlett, Neave Symes & Olivia Halls.

CROSS COUNTRY

What a year it's been for our cross country runners! This dedicated group of students showed up rain or shine to train before school, and their hard work paid off at the AIMS tournament. The weather on the day was challenging, with strong winds and rain, but our team performed exceptionally well.

The highlight of the day was the Year 7 Girls team, who secured an impressive 3rd place overall. Their fantastic effort and determination were a testament to their perseverance.

A huge shout-out also goes to Jessie-Rose Bainbridge, who was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for her outstanding attitude throughout the day. Our team finished 6th in the 12km Schools relay competition.

We're incredibly proud of every single runner who competed. Congratulations to the entire cross country team:

Our cross-country team: Arlo Dohnt, George Morse, Finn Renwick, Patch Mclean, Lucas Farnsworth, Emerson Mitford-Burgess, Alizee Jonnart, Olive Marra, Leah Botha, Amelia Sedgwick, Alyssa Wilson, Amelia McEwan, Jessie-Rose Bainbridge, Savannah Dawes, and Omelia Sanger.



FOOTBALL - GIRLS

What an amazing week it was for the MMI Girls Football team at the AIMS Games! With 44 teams in the competition, our girls rose to the challenge, showing determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the tournament, finishing in a very impressive 14th place overall.

The week started with a fun team-building session on Saturday, where the girls connected straight away and built strong bonds that carried onto the field. From the very first game, it was clear that the team spirit was strong, and that set the tone for the week ahead.

Pool play saw the girls start strongly, topping their group and earning a spot in the Top 16. As expected, the games became tougher from there, but the girls showed huge courage and determination, pushing some of the very best teams in the competition right to the wire. In fact, they managed to draw with teams that eventually finished in the Top 5, a real credit to how well they were playing.

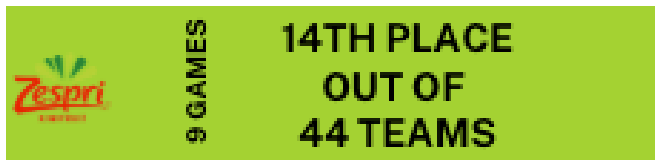
By the end of the week, the girls secured 14th place out of 44 teams, a result they can all be extremely proud of. More importantly, they showed fantastic teamwork, supported each other every step of the way, and represented MMI with pride.

A big thank you goes to Jess and Amelia from Mount College, who coached the girls brilliantly, as well as to our wonderful parents for all their support and encouragement throughout the tournament.



Paige Ferguson, Jorja Weston, Dylenn Tuck, Anira Smith, Alizee Jonnart, Alyssa Wilson, Aggie Taylor, Deijahna-Lee Anderson, Imogen Hendren, Maggie Lorentsson, Jade Moscrip, Rosie Bourgeois, Leah Botha, Jera Stanley

Coaches: Jess Benge and Amelia Cheyne



FOOTBALL - BOYS

Last week was a massive week for the MMI Boys Football team at the AIMS Games. With 70 teams from across the country competing, our boys showed incredible determination, skill, and teamwork, finishing in an outstanding 4th place overall.

The team started the week strongly, topping their pool in the opening rounds. This meant they advanced to the Top 32, where they once again dominated and finished top of their group, earning a place in the Top 8. Making it this far was already a huge achievement, but the boys weren't done yet.

In the quarter finals, they secured a great win to move into the semi finals. That game ended in a draw and came down to the pressure of a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on our side, and we bowed out after a close and controversial finish.

This put the team into the 3rd and 4th playoff, which also ended as a draw. Once again, penalties were the decider, and after a nail-biting finish we narrowly missed out, losing 5-4 to place 4th overall.

What made this achievement even more special is that the boys didn't lose a single match in regular play the entire week. To finish 4th out of 70 teams is something every single player should be incredibly proud of. The resilience, pride, and sportsmanship they showed, especially in those tough penalty shootouts it was inspiring to watch.

A huge thank you goes to all of our supporters, families, teachers, and everyone who cheered the boys on throughout the week. It was an unforgettable tournament, and the boys did MMI proud both on and off the field.



Morris Plomp, Rajnesh Singh, Max Leaf, Eddie Brown, Caseyuss Farrelly, Jin Akagi, Isaac Singh, Alex Carter, Riley Chapman, Kobey Munro, Bruno Tawharu-Senf, Ezekiel Russell (C), Oliver Nasr and Oscar Sedgwick.

Coaches: Todd Herbert and Ella Herbert

	9 GAMES	4TH PLACE OUT OF 70 TEAMS	7 WINS 2 LOSSES (on penalties)
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FUTSAL - GIRLS

Our girls team kicked off the weekend at Mercury Arena with a few hard games to start the tournament. We then moved to Haumaru Arena in Tauranga where we had a few losses, 2 draws and a win. The biggest loss we had was 3 points more to the other team, so they were all close games - the girls really gave it their all against the top teams.



The way the girls conducted themselves was impressive, they really came together as the week went on and kept their effort at 100%. The girls spent the 5 days improving with each game and they had positive attitudes for the whole tournament.

Our sportsmanship award was voted by the players, the coaches and the manager. Molly received it this year as she brought the team together wherever we were - at training, at

games and off the court.

Huge thank you to our supporters - with some of the games being quite early it must've been a challenge but there was always a great group cheering the girls on. Thank you also to our coaches and manager for your dedication - taking time off work and school.



A highlight was winning our last game 3-0, it was the win the girls had deserved the whole tournament so it was great for them to finish on a high note.

We farewell most of our team to college - I hope that they will continue with Futsal and our year 7's - good luck for next year!

FUTSAL - BOYS

With a fresh team of mostly Year 7 boys and with only one tournament a week after the team was formed we had no idea how AIMS would go.



The weekend started with a bang - our only first "decent" loss 9-2 to Dilworth (who went on to come 3rd!). Followed by a very rough game against Ross Intermediate who were top 5 last year.

They thought they were going to smash our boys but our players kept their cool against some dirty tactics.

Haumarua Arena brought some better results for the boys - a draw, a loss and 4 wins.

The biggest challenge was having to do a shootout for the semi-finals. They got through both teams and they were neck and neck for every shot. Then our star goalie Tyler caught the last shot so we won 15-14.

We had a huge team of supporters helping with keeping the boys together for most of the tournament.



From our star managers, to the parents transporting to support other sports, transporting the whole team to the opening ceremony and back, our coaching team and family cheerleaders on the sideline. It really made for an exciting and positive experience for the boys.



Harlowe took the sportsmanship award for keeping a smile on his face for the whole time and giving every game his all.

I hope the boys continue with Futsal next year, they will be a cracker team and I look forward to hearing about their future successes!

GOLF

Our golf team, consisting of Max Gardiner and Cooper Edmonds, did MMI proud at the AIMS golf tournament.

The competition spanned three challenging days, with rounds played at a variety of courses across Tauranga. The standard of competition was incredibly high, but our golfers rose to the occasion.

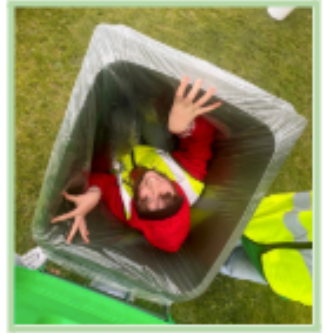
Cooper competed in the 18-hole competition, while Max took on the 9-hole competition.

Both players demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship, representing MMI exceptionally well.

Their hard work and dedication were evident throughout the tournament, and they should be very proud of their performance



GREEN TEAM



Green Team



While MMI's athletes were busy competing at the Zespri AIMS Games, another incredible group of students were hard at work helping care for our environment.

Our Green Team, a dedicated group of 12 students, spent the entire week from Monday to Friday at the Tauranga Netball Centre. Come rain or shine, they stayed committed and didn't let the weather slow them down!

Wearing bright high-vis vests and armed with buckets and pickers, they made regular rounds collecting and sorting litter, whether it had been carelessly tossed or mistakenly put in the wrong bin. There was, unfortunately, plenty to do, but their energy and teamwork never wavered.

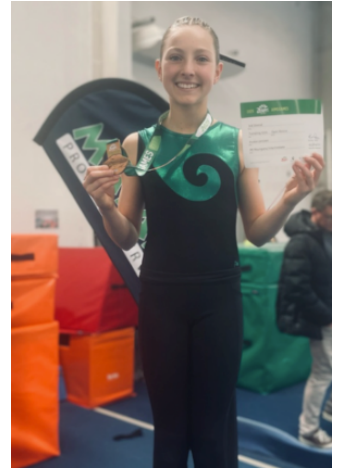
To celebrate their efforts, the team enjoyed a well-earned pizza party.

The Green Team demonstrated the true spirit of kaitiakitanga, the Māori principle of guardianship and caring for the environment to protect it for future generations.

Whakarangatira mahi to Misha Chandra who was voted MVP of the week, and to Amelia Hawken, our runner-up.



GYMNASTICS



Well done to Avalon Janssen, Saya Green, and Immy Keet for representing our school so proudly at AIMS Gymnastics, taking part in both Artistic Gymnastics and Tumbling.

All three girls showed wonderful sportsmanship, dedication, and positivity throughout the competition.

A special congratulations to Avalon for placing 3rd in Tumbling and 4th in Artistic Open Step 6, and to Saya for achieving 2nd place in Artistic Open Step 7.

Immy also put in a fantastic effort in both Artistic and Tumbling, showing great determination and team spirit.

Ka pai, girls – we are so proud of your achievements!

HIP HOP



The MMI Hip Hop team have been rehearsing for months!

The crew spent 12 hours on Saturday 30th August at Mercury Park Arena competing against 43 other schools from around the country.

The day involved an early stage rehearsal, practicing, polishing and hanging out at Bayfair and back at the Arena. The crew also participated in a workshop with Gemma Whitford-Joynt as a fun extra.

This year the format was different, with all crews performing in one showcase.

They performed 23rd, about halfway through the show. They were all really nervous but super excited to perform and they performed the best they ever did, with maximum energy and crazy facials and did MMI proud!

We were placed 11th out of 44 - a great result considering the high standards of acts involved!

Campbell Joynt, Daisy Garea, Bree Shalfoon, Eden Brown, Sophia Martin, Nami Marsden, Willa Marshall, Honor Hutchinson, Liv Rummins, Lilly Anderson, Renee Naera, Natalie Whittingham represented MMI pride.

Willa was awarded our teams sportmanship award for the enthusiasm, positivity and energy she brought to every rehearsal and performance.

And of course, our team could not have done what they did without our exceptionally talented choreographers - year 11 students from MMC Preah Lourie and Milan Brown.

Huge shout out to their dedication and commitment to our team - we were beyond lucky to have them!

HOCKEY - GIRLS

What an incredible week for our MMI Girls Hockey team at the AIMS Games!

They competed against 34 Intermediate teams from across the country, with a strong contingent from Auckland. After a week of hard-fought games, the team placed 26th overall, securing some excellent wins after a couple of tough losses early on.

The girls showed amazing improvement as the tournament progressed. It was fantastic to see their teamwork grow, with confident passing and constant support for one another on the turf. They have come away with some great new skills and lasting memories from the week.

A huge congratulations to Florence, who received our team's Sportsmanship Award.

Florence showed incredible leadership both on and off the turf, always encouraging her teammates and demonstrating great respect for umpires and opposing teams.

Well done, girls! We are so proud of your dedication and sportsmanship throughout the season.



Girls Hockey: Mila Borman, Florence Helps, Poppy Fagan, Stella Baker, Rhiannon Price, Maia Kemp, Malie Ilett, Jade Smith, Sophia Page & Aubrey Thompson.

HOCKEY - MIXED

What a fantastic effort from our MMI Mixed Hockey team at the AIMS Games this year. They competed with fierce determination in a huge tournament of 54 Intermediate teams.

The team played some incredible hockey throughout the week, taking on and challenging several top-ranked teams.

Despite a few narrow losses, the team's resilience and ability to pick themselves up again was truly impressive and did not go unnoticed. Their hard work paid off, securing a very respectable 15th place overall.

Beyond the results, the team has come away with great friendships, new skills, and lasting memories.

A special congratulations goes to Casper, who received the team's Sportsmanship Award. Casper showed incredible leadership and was a constant source of positive energy, always thanking the umpires, supporting his teammates and coaches, and helping to make the week so enjoyable.

Congratulations on a brilliant tournament, Mixed team!



Mixed Hockey: Finn Renwick, Neave Symes, Casper Petitpas, Riley Duncan, Sebastien Beaudoin, Amelia McEwan, Julieta Trambauer, Sebastian Farrar, Frankie Hennah & Rupert Hammond.

INDOOR BOWLS

AIMS Indoor Bowls had a great week. We all played our best and encouraged each other



Something we are extremely proud of is how Sid Zaturowski managed to score an amazing 1st place out of 243 bowlers in the singles competition for our school, earning a gold medal.

That is an awesome achievement.

Next, in our pairs for AIMS games, Layla Downey and Phoenix Brown came in an incredible 4th place, out of 122 pairs, receiving a bronze medal.

For all of our hard work combined our team received 2nd place overall in the entire AIMS Games Indoor Bowls!



This was thanks to everyone who supported and participated.

Finally, congratulations to Layla Downey who was awarded the Sportsmanship medal, she showed up day after day, hour after hour, she even jumped out of bed at 7.30am when she wasn't due to play until 1pm to come and fill in for a player who was ill.

MOUNTAIN BIKING - ENDURO & CROSS COUNTRY



Mountain biking team: Albie Fisher, Archer Flevill, Blake Sarich, Emerson Mitford-Burgess, Finn Renwick, Hunter Pootjes, Jacob Hyde-Clinch, James Harris, Levi Sach, Mason Calley, Ollie O'Driscoll, Owen Gardner, Rylan Cook



Our Mountain Biking team had a fantastic few days competing at Summerhill MTB Park.

Some riders chose to complete the eight stations of the Technical Skills Test to seed them for the Cross Country the following day.

Mason Calley showcased exceptional skills in this event, earning 2nd place in the Year 8 boys category.

The Cross Country was an 11km course testing endurance, speed, and technical riding ability, with riders tackling a variety of terrains including trails, forest paths, and singletracks. Our top-performing riders were Finn Renwick (Year 7 boys in 16th place) and Mason Calley (Year 8 boys in 17th).

The Enduro race featured four timed stages of downhill riding with 260 competitors. Our boys demonstrated impressive speed, skill, and determination.

A big congratulations to Jacob Hyde-Clinch for winning the silver medal.

Special mention also goes to the following riders who placed in the top 10: Rylan Cook (4th), Mason Calley (6th).



NETBALL

AIMS Netball 2025 saw 122 netball teams take part in the girls division, the atmosphere around the courts was incredible, and set in amongst the action with Rip, 7s and Hockey on our doorstep providing an excellent opportunity for our girls to cheer on their fellow school teams in between games.

Day 1: The AIMS Games kicked off under wet conditions, with dark, moody clouds looming overhead. MMI secured a convincing victory against Taipa Area School (35 -1), showcasing standout defense and shooting skills. Just as they celebrated their win, heavy rain drenched the city, flooding court access and leaving players uncertain about what the week would bring.

Day 2: The girls approached their next two pool play games under windy conditions. They worked exceptionally well as a team, outperforming

St. Patrick's and Elim Christian School, securing wins (46-1 and 37-11) that placed them at the top of their pool heading into the crossover rounds and guaranteeing a spot in the top 64.

Jodi Tod our MMI coach received a special mention overnight from St Patrick's Catholic School in Taupo.

"All smiles and friendliness, we loved playing their team even though they beat us by miles...she (Jodi) encouraged us into a group photo with all the girls mixed in. Later we saw her leading line dancing with her team and their opponents....Love it! She put smiles on lots of faces today."

Jodi led the way at all times making sure the MM Netball girls embraced the whole experience and enjoyed every aspect of AIMS.

Day 3: Another action-packed day unfolded with sunny weather. MMI faced Auckland Normal Intermediate and Saint Kentigern, winning convincingly (28-8, and 31-7) thanks to exceptional performances in both defense and offense, as well as incredible shooting that brought them closer to earning a top 16 spot.

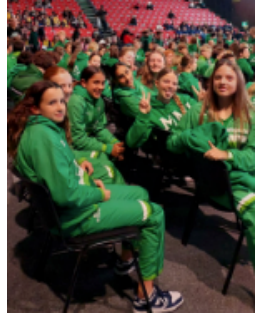
Day 4: MMI contended with Bream Bay, who pushed our girls to work hard. However, MMI emerged victorious with a 36-6 win and with their sights set firmly on reaching the top 16. With that spot secured, MMI played their first ever netball game at night against Farm Cove. This was a tough battle between two strong teams, but unfortunately, it was not MMI's night, and they lost 18-24.

Day 5: MMI took to the courts against strong competitors Glen Eden. They worked hard, and several outstanding intercepts were made, but despite their efforts, Glen Eden came away with the win, 29-17. Back at the tent, MMI rallied for one final push against Henderson. Each player delivered a stellar performance, leaving everything on the court. The game was tight, going goal for goal, but MMI triumphed with a score of 25-23.

Day 6: On the final day of AIMS and in the last game of the tournament, MMI squared off against Rotorua. Each athlete gave their all, working hard until the final buzzer. With the score tied, the crowd thought we were heading to overtime, but a last-second shot from Rotorua found the net, resulting in a narrow loss for MMI at 18-17. The MMI netball team held their heads high; they came into the games with nothing to lose and proved they had earned a spot in the top 16, finishing 14th out of 122 teams.

Throughout the tournament, every athlete showcased exceptional moments, and each of them deserved a sportsmanship award for various reasons. However, one player, Zoe, stood out for her outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the court over the six days. She played with integrity, respect, was a positive role model, supported not only her teammates but also the other athletes they competed against, and remained humble in both victory and defeat. As a result, Zoe received the AIMS Sportsmanship Medal for AIMS 2025.

Congratulations to the MMI AIMS Netball 2025 team! You showcased your skills, talent, and teamwork throughout the tournament, along with your positive attitudes and support for one another. Your dedication to netball has truly paid off, and we are all so proud of you.



MMI Netball 2025: Ruby Elliot, Holly Scott, Isla Hartstone, Gussie Illingworth, Zoe Wills, Maila Macefield, Supreet Kaur, Brooke Wright, Chloe Ashburner, Hudson Meade and Layla Boyce-Harrison.

ORIENTEERING

OSCAR MASON NAVIGATES TO SUCCESS AT AIMS GAMES!

A massive congratulations to our very own Oscar Mason, a seasoned AIMS athlete who represented Mount Maunganui Intermediate with outstanding skill at the AIMS Games 2025 Orienteering event.

This sport is a true test of not only physical fitness but also mental toughness and strategic thinking, requiring athletes to navigate and solve problems against the clock.

Competing in the Individual event at the Toi Ohomai Campus Windermere and the Rogaine event on the rugged terrains of a farm in Pongakawa, Oscar and his teammate battled windy conditions and a course with significant elevation.



They navigated the terrain with exceptional smarts and determination, securing a fantastic 7th place finish in the composite category.

A special shout-out to Oscar for his incredible performance. It's a testament to his dedication that he can stay so focused under pressure, and his unique encounter with a deer head along the way is a story he's sure to share with others!

Thank you to the organisers of the event and to Oscar's awesome whānau who supported Oscar throughout his training and competition. Your dedication was crucial to his success.

We are so proud of the way Oscar represented our school.

RIP RUGBY - MIXED



Our AIMS RIP Rugby team had an incredible week, finishing 19th out of 80 teams – an outstanding achievement, especially up against schools with professional coaches!

From day one, the team showed what Mount pride is all about: grit, teamwork and positivity. They supported each other (and other schools), kept their heads up no matter what, and pushed themselves to grow every single day.

Day one kicked off with three wins and a draw. Day two brought two more wins, and by day three, we were battling some of the toughest teams in the competition. This pushed us through to the championship rounds (16–32). On the final day, our crew shone bright, taking down two powerhouse teams with skill, heart and determination.

A special congratulations to Estelle Orr, who was awarded the Sportsmanship Award – a true reflection of the spirit our whole team played with.

We also want to give a huge shout-out to our amazing parents, who went above and beyond with shared baking, transport, setting up tents (and rescuing us when some broke!) and cheering the team on from the sidelines. Your support made a huge difference!

And finally, a massive thank you to our coach, Kalani Galvin. Despite still being in High school, Kalani committed two terms of his own time to train the team and took the role seriously. His effort, encouragement and leadership helped our players grow into the awesome team they became.

We are so proud of this team for the way they represented our school – not just in results, but in attitude, effort and mana. Ka mau te wehi!

ROCK CLIMBING



YEAR 7 CLIMBERS

Izac Vane, Olive McKensie, Millie Dyck,
Scarlet Gartshore, Grae Illingworth &
Dominic Quellin
ABSENT: Sebastian Farrar



YEAR 8 CLIMBERS

Niamh Dunn, Olivia Jeong, Bonnie
Sinton, Poppy Kingston-Smith, Cam
James, Daisy Smith, Luca Craven-
Murphy, Liam Gartshore & Milly Greene

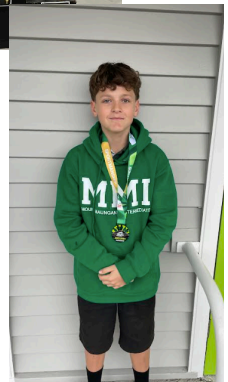
The MMI rock climbing team's focus was clear to see as they navigated each new route, a testament to the months of hard training and preparation they put in. With a passion for the sport and a commitment to excellence, they represented MMI with great pride.

While rock climbing is often seen as an individual pursuit, our MMI team showed what it means to be a true team. They supported each other with each climb, really being there with them and showing great empathy when the climbs weren't successful. Their collective spirit was just as impressive as their individual skill on the wall.

Each reset of the wall for the Top Rope and Boulder challenges was met with a deep sense of excitement to combat what looked like the impossible. Stretching their bodies further than before, the climbers transformed themselves and pushed their boundaries to find that extra little bump on the wall, giving them the advantage to push up to the next zone.

The competition's progressive elimination rounds were incredibly tough. The pool was first reduced from 60 climbers in each category to just 15 for the semi-finals, and the final cut was even more brutal, reducing the field from 15 to just five. Despite the odds, seven of our climbers made it to the semi-finals, with two of those athletes battling their way through to the finals. Their outstanding efforts were rewarded as both climbers attained a podium position!

This year's AIMS Games was a defining moment for many of the team members, as they embraced the excitement of competition and the challenge of performing on a national stage. Their bond as a tight bunch was strengthened throughout the week, and they supported each other through every success and setback. Eager to try again, the anticipation for the next AIMS Games is already building among the climbers.



RUGBY SEVENS - BOYS

MMI Energizers

The MMI Energisers had an action-packed week at the Aims Games Rugby 7s tournament, facing tough competition from schools across New Zealand.

Across five days of rugby, the boys showed determination, resilience, and plenty of skill, finishing the tournament in 27th place overall.



The tournament opened with two challenging games. The Energizers went down to Whakatane Intermediate 12–31 before falling to Francis Douglas 7–28.

Despite the results, the team showed promise with strong ball movement and growing combinations.

On the second day, MMI put up a solid fight against Henderson but were edged out 7–28.

However, they secured their first win of the tournament with a default victory against Taipa Area School.

Momentum began to build on Day 3. The Energizers played some of their best rugby in a 24–15 win over Maidstone.

Later, they battled hard but lost 12–29 to Highlands. Day 4 saw mixed results. The Energizers lost a tight contest against St Thomas Canterbury 10–24, before bouncing back with a 19–10 win over Matamata.

In their final game of the day, they met Whakatane again but fell short 15–24 despite a much-improved performance. The Energizers finished their tournament on a high note with a thrilling 24–19 victory over Highlands, securing 27th place overall in the competition.

Top performers include Braxton Finnis, our MVP, who was a standout throughout the week, showcasing speed and skill that often put MMI on the front foot.

Kayden Kanohi also impressed with his determination on both attack and defense, proving to be a reliable player in crucial moments.

Scotty Scheber was recognised with the Sportsmanship Award, reflecting his positive attitude, teamwork, and leadership on and off the field.

Although the Energizers faced strong opposition, their growth as a team across the week was clear. With key performances, resilience, and a never-give-up attitude, the boys represented MMI with pride and set the stage for future success.

Lastly, a big thank you goes out to Coaches Mike Rogers, and Chad Tuoro for all the preparation before and during the tournament.

SQUASH

AIMS SQUASH TEAM GOES HEAD-TO-HEAD AT AIMS GAMES 2025!

Our talented Mount Maunganui Intermediate Squash Team competed with incredible intensity at the AIMS Games 2025.

Our five experienced players; Baxter Robertson, Maia Kemp, Eli Shaw, Wyatt Neves, and Chloe Berkett, showcased true grit and competitive spirit in every match.

For those familiar with the sport, you'll know that squash is an intense, high-pressure game of strategy, speed, and mental toughness.

Our players truly rose to the occasion, engaging in highly competitive matches that were both thrilling and exhausting. They demonstrated exceptional composure under pressure, and their hard work in training was evident in their skillful performance.

A special mention goes to Wyatt Neves, who displayed outstanding sportsmanship in his final match. Despite facing an opponent who made it difficult to continue with grace and respect, Wyatt handled the situation with maturity and integrity, a true credit to our school's values.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support with travel to and from the games, care throughout the week and spectating all of the students in their matches.

We also extend our gratitude to the club organisers who provided invaluable support. Your contributions were vital to our team's success.

Congratulations to all our squash players on a fantastic effort! Your persistence, attitude, kindness and sportsmanship made us all incredibly proud.



SURFING

Year Two – Bigger, Tougher, Better

Surfing returned to AIMS for its second year, and once again it delivered an unforgettable event.

This year, nearly 80 competitors took to the water, with surfers, managers, coaches, and parents enduring a long day of back-to-back heats. The comp was wrapped up in a single day – no easy feat given the tricky and testing surf conditions. From dawn to dusk, the young groms dug deep, battling fatigue and the constantly shifting sea to post their best rides.

The competition was fierce, but MMI shone once again. Our surfers showed resilience, skill, and heart, with all surfers getting into the semi-finals, bringing home **four medals – 3 Silver and 1 Bronze**:

- **Sav D - Silver in the Year 8 Girls (back-to-back medal winner)**
- **Ollie - Silver in the Year 7 Boys**
- **Nami - Silver in the Year 7 Girls**
- **Millie - Bronze in the Year 7 Girls**

Beyond the podium, the team spirit was just as strong. Summer (Y7 Girls finalist) was recognised with the Team Sportsmanship Award, while Nami was honoured with the Overall AIMS Surf Sportsmanship Award – an incredible achievement on top of her silver medal.

It was a long, hard day, but one that showed the grit and determination of our young surfers. They left it all in the water, proving that surfing has truly cemented its place at AIMS and that MMI is a force to be reckoned with.

Bring on 2026!

MMI SURF TEAM 2025 L-R F. Ollie - **Silver Y7 Boys**, Millie - **Bronze Y7 Girls**, Nami - **Silver Y7 Girls**, Sav D - **Silver Y8 Girls**.

Amelia - Yr 7 Girls Semi-finalist



Summer - Yr 7 Girls Finalist



Millie Yr 7 Girls - BRONZE



Yr 7 Girls FINALISTS

Nami - Yr 7 Girls SILVER



Yr 7 Boys FINALISTS



Yr 8 Girls FINALISTS



Yr 7 Boys - SILVER



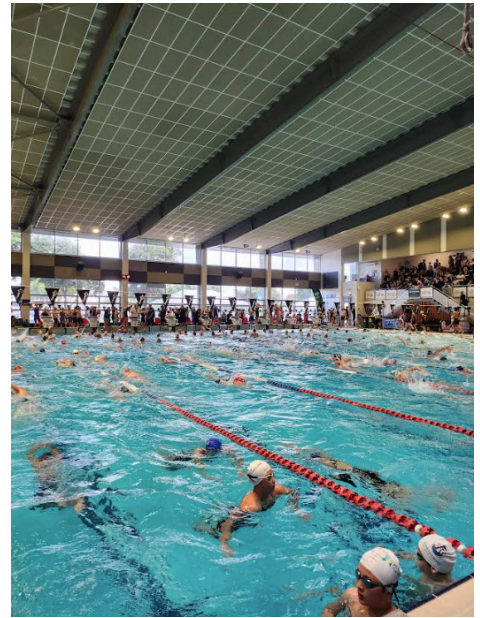
SWIMMING

A huge congratulations to our amazing swimming team who made us all incredibly proud at the recent AIMS Games competition at Baywave TECT Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Our talented athletes; Amelia McEwan, Paige Aitchison, Caleb McLean, Rylee Jury and Rubee Whalen, showcased true grit and sportsmanship throughout the event.

A testament to their dedication, every single one of our swimmers came away with an improved personal best time. Competing against some of the best Intermediate swimmers from across New Zealand, they dove into every race with a fantastic attitude.

MMI's relay competitors finished in a nail-biting fourth place, missing the podium by just 0.2 milliseconds!



Amelia McEwan had an exceptional qualifying round, showcasing her incredible skill and versatility across multiple events. She secured Silver in four events: the 100m Individual Medley, 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, and 100m Freestyle. She also earned a Bronze finish in four other challenging events: the 100m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke, and 100m Backstroke. Her results are a testament to her dedication and hard work. What a fantastic effort!

The AIMS Games is a challenging competition that demands speed, endurance and immense mental fortitude. Each of our swimmers performed with great determination, pushing their limits and representing our school with honor. Their hard work in training paid off, and we couldn't be more proud of their efforts.

Finally, a massive thank you to our incredible Swimming Manager, Veronika McEwan.

Your hard work, organisation, and unwavering support for the team were absolutely invaluable. We are so grateful for everything you did to make this a successful and memorable event for our students.

Thank you to the students for their commitment and to the families for their support.

You truly made a splash for Mount Maunganui Intermediate!

TABLE TENNIS



This year was our biggest number of AIMS competitors for Table Tennis.

The girls team of Jessie Rose Bainbridge, Amelia Johnson and Grace Gordon won gold on the first day to begin our AIMS tournament. Then, our other two girls teams had to play off for the bronze medal, with Quinn Marshall, Seoyee Hong and Audrey Taylor finally winning the tight battle.



In the mixed doubles Jessie Rose Bainbridge and Tom Price fought to get a bronze medal.

Jessie Rose and Amelia Johnson battled on to win the silver medal and our other pair of Seoyee Hong and Audrey Taylor ended up 4th place after a close match, fighting to the end.

In the singles matches Willa Marshall won the consolation for 1-16 position and Sophia Martin took out the consolation for 17-32 position.

Renee Naera and Sophia Martin won the 9-16 division of the girls doubles and Grace Gordon and Willa Marshall came 3rd in the same division.

Arthur Earl and Renee Naera won the 17-32 mixed pairs division over Grayson Jones and Audrey Taylor.

Campbell Joynt and Sophia Martin came 2nd in the 1-16 mixed pair consolidation round, with Keoni Netzler and Grace Gordon finishing 3rd= in this division.

Willa Marshall and Oliver Pene came 2nd in the 17-32 division Mixed pairs consolation round.

Amazingly Seoyee Hong was selected by the organisers of the Table tennis tournament Fairplay award! The whole team agreed this was very much deserved.



Fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all of the players with amazing support from the families too. Well done to everyone.

TENNIS



Ruby Walker and Spencer Black

Spencer Black and Ruby Walker competed in the Tennis singles Division 2 at AIMS games.

The tournament was held at Papamoa Tennis club, with plenty of sunshine but relentless wind throughout the week.

Both players delivered determined performances against some tough competition.

Spencer made the quarter - finals, winning 3 matches and losing 2, placing him 4th. Ruby won 2 matches, losing 3, to place 12th.

Both these athletes showed resilience and excellent sportsmanship representing themselves and MMI with pride.

WATERPOLO - GIRLS



ZESPRI AIMS GAMES 2025



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MMI AIMS Waterpolo Team

Chloe Berkett, Charlotte Grace, Mattea Harlick, Lola Murray, Lucia Loftus, Mya Hislop, Emma Manville, Kaia Gee, Zoey Stols, Georgie King, Molly Green



**Waterpolo
Sportsmanship
Medal -**

Mya Hislop



The MMI Girls Water Polo team had an epic AIMS week! Most of these girls had never played Water Polo before this tournament. They learnt so much and kept their positive attitudes and fun vibes no matter what the outcome of their games.

A huge thank you to their whānau and supporters.

A special huge shout out their awesome coach Marti and their superstar manager Melissa for making their week a huge success.



WATERPOLO - OPEN



MMI AIMS Waterpolo Team

Olly Acker (captain), Rylee Jury, Charlie Crawford, Rocco Horn, Hunter Struthers, Rubee Whalen, Oli Townsend-Hill, Paige Aitchison, Caleb McLean

The MMI Mixed team had great success and heaps of highs and lows, but more highs than lows.

Highlights, sportsmanship, everything happened over the week. Some amazing highlights were Hunter's excellent saves as goalkeeper and some great teamwork from all of the players.

The team had a goal of making the top 8 and they surpassed that by ending their week in 5th with an awesome win against Glenn Eden Intermediate.



Zespri AIMS GAMES
KIWI FRUIT

**21 Teams
9 Games
5 WINS

5th Overall!**



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KIWI FRUIT

**Waterpolo
Sportsmanship
Medal -

Hunter Struthers &
Olly Acker**

WATERPOLO - POIWAI