

10 October 2025

Pānui

MMI Newsletter No. 17



COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 14 HPV - 2nd dose - Yr 8
- 15 WBOP Tennis
- 16 Shake Out Day
- 17 Ritsumeiken Rugby Game
- 20 HPV Catchup
- 27 Labour Day - No School
- 28-29 School Athletics
- 28 Calendar Art Orders close
- 31 MMC Sports Trials - Yr 8

NOVEMBER

- 5-7 S11 Battle of the Bays
- 6 PSG Bake Sale
- 14 S11 Girls Cricket - Otumoetai
- 15 Volleyball Spike Nation
- 20 PSG Mufti Day
- 21 S11 Athletics - Tauranga
- 26 Moturiki end of year trip

DECEMBER

- 2 Matakana end of year trip
- 2 Rangiwaia Beach Day
- 3 Motuotau House - trip

Term 4 Week 1

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- Term 4 After school sports

- Super 11 Tennis

PSG (Parents Support Group)

Sponsors Noticeboard

School Noticeboard

Useful Information

Keep an eye out next week for a flyer with your child's unique code to order.

Orders must be received by 28th October.

More info to come...



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STRIKE ACTION

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
Thursday 23 OCTOBER!**

Limited staff available for those parents who are unable to make alternative arrangements



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to term 4, we hope the students have had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready to get into their term 4 mahi.

Term 4 is a very busy term with many activities and events planned. Teams are currently taking part in an Inquiry on Ocean Sustainability. Students will be inquiring into::

- The importance of the sea and sea creatures
- How humans impact the marine environment
- Ways we can make a difference to our ocean environment

As part of this inquiry, we have guest speakers coming in from Waste Management coming in to speak to our students and teams are also embarking on trips to look at our local ocean environment.

Korea

Mrs Thurston and I travelled to Korea in the last week of term to attend three marketing fairs to attract international students to our school. We met with several prospective families and as always, it was humbling to talk with them as they make a huge decision to come to the other side of the world to enrol their child in our school.

It was great to see Ryan, and Gayoul who recently returned to Korea after 18 months and two years at MMI. Renee and I enjoyed hearing all about what it is like to readjust to life in Korea after being a kiwi kid for 18 months.

Our prospective families really enjoyed their first hand perspective and informative chat about our school. Ryan and Gayoul are amazing kids who seamlessly walk in two very different worlds. It was heartening to see and hear about the impact her time with us has had on their lives and we were excited to hear that one of Gayoul's kiwi mates from MMI touched down in Seoul during the holidays to experience life in Korea for a short time.

The international connections that our kiwi kids make with their Korean friends are so valuable. 😊



Melissa Nelson



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KIA MAUAO TE TŪ

Sharing our Progress and Achievement:

Rational Numbers and Financial Literacy - Term 3, 2025.

The Mathematics focus for Term 3 was on 'Rational Numbers (fractions, decimals and percentages) and financial literacy'. Students completed a snapshot at the beginning of the term. This information enabled teachers to find aspects that they could target during the teaching and learning for the term. We then completed a similar snapshot to see how much progress each student had made. We were very pleased with the significant progress made by our students.

As a staff, we intentionally focus on using data to inform our teaching. We use this data to further identify areas that we need to focus on to ensure our learners reach their potential.

In term 4 we will have a whole school focus on Algebra and we look forward to seeing the progress that students will undoubtedly make during this unit of work.

Effect Size	
Under 0.2	No educational shift or impact
0.2 - 0.4	Small, but educationally significant impact
0.4 - 0.6	Medium educationally significant impact
Above 0.6	Large educationally significant impact

Overall Group Effect Size			
	SOT	EOT	Effect Size Group
Average	23.57	60.14	1.52
Standard Deviation	22.04	26.14	
Average SD	24.09		

Rational Numbers and Financial Literacy - Term 3 2025				
Cohort	SOT Average	EOT Average	Increase	Average Effect Size
All (641)	24%	60%	36%	1.52
NZ European/Pakeha (454)	24%	61%	37%	1.55
Maori (107)	16%	49%	33%	1.37
Pasifika (20)	14%	55%	41%	1.69
Other (60)	37%	74%	37%	1.51
Year 7 (296)	23%	57%	34%	1.39
Year 8 (345)	24%	63%	39%	1.63
Male (334)	27%	61%	34%	1.42
Female (307)	19%	59%	40%	1.63

Japanese Visitors

A group of students from Ritsumeiken arrived yesterday and will be spending the next 2 weeks with us. We would like to thank the families who are hosting these students in their homes. It is such a valuable experience for all of our students as well as for the Japanese visitors who immerse themselves in our culture. A huge thank you to Renee Thurston who has managed to find hosts and arrange enriching activities for our visitors.

Board Elections

If you haven't done so already, please place your vote in the MMI Board elections. Please check your spam folder as some of the voting forms have ended up there for some of our voters.

Our current board has done a superb job in governing our school in their three year term and we look forward to welcoming the newly elected board after voting closes on Wednesday 22 October.

Have a great weekend whānau

Whāea Melissa
Principal



KIA MAIA AWARDS

At Mount Maunganui Intermediate, we are incredibly proud of our students who consistently demonstrate our core values of Ako (learning), Manaaki (care), Pono (integrity), and Tuakiri (identity) within their classrooms. Each week, our teachers nominate six outstanding students from their class for the prestigious Kia Maia Awards!

Following the classroom awards, one lucky student from each house is drawn to win fantastic prizes at our weekly assemblies! These incredible prizes are made possible thanks to the generous support of Trueman & Co Realty.

Below are this week's Kia Maia Award recipients:

Gracie Hill - Rm 24, Harper Dungan - Rm 6, Amber Hall - Rm 9, Nixon Cobb - Rm 4, Avalon Janssen - Rm 20, Acaicia Kaiwai - Rm 27 & Seoyee Hong - Rm 13.



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REALTY

STUDENT ONLINE SAFETY WITH SECURITY

We are excited to tell you about a new tool we're using to keep our students safe and focused during the school day.

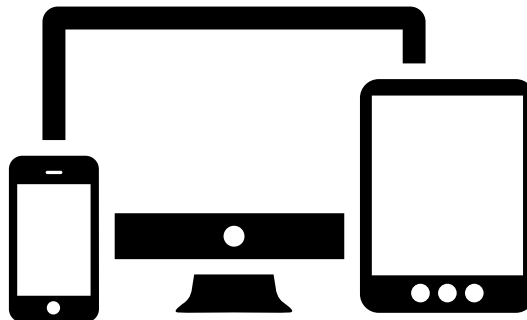
Last term, we rolled our Securly Classroom across the school ICT network to help manage our 1:1 Chromebook program. Securly lets us see in real time what our students are viewing and doing on their devices, ensuring they stay on task and use their technology responsibly. This includes visibility into all sites students are accessing.

A key part of this programme is the ability for our staff to monitor activity and manage device access in real time, which helps maintain a focused learning environment. So far, the feedback from staff has been really positive.

Today, during assembly, I shared the features of Securly with our students and highlighted exactly what our staff can see and do. As a result, all students are now fully aware of the capabilities that our staff and ICT Department have to support a safe online learning experience.

If you have any questions about this programme or ICT in general then please feel free to get in contact with me - s.banbury - s.banbury@mtint.school.nz.

Alternatively, if you want more details about the product we are using then follow this link - <https://mtint.school.nz/student-online-safety-with-securly/>



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COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2025 Term 4 – Week 1

1	Calder Lovelace	For a wonderful start at MMI - you have been open to new learning and made a great effort settling into Whānau 1. He whetū koe, Calder! (You are a star!)
3	Nimrod Bereczki	For his outstanding progress in Writing. He made accelerated growth in his asTTle results. Keep up the great work Nimrod!
5	Arana Lambert	For an improved effort and attitude towards learning. Keep up this great effort to your work.
6	Alex El-Agez	For settling back into school and displaying our Coastal Values, you have brought a positive attitude and applied yourself enthusiastically to all learning.
8	Alex Gardner	What a superstar you have been this week - your creative writing is really showing improvement. Keep up the good work!
9	Nina Fitzharris	Well done for confidence in math, in particular algebra, and giving so much enthusiasm to your learning. Keep up the great work, Nina.
10	Luka Exler	For being brave and taking risks in his learning. Your contribution is so valued, Luka. Te mutunga mai o te pai!
11	Zian York	For demonstrating self reflection, initiative and for striving for success in a range of learning areas.
12	Charlotte Cairns	You have approached this term with vigor, asking relevant questions pushing yourself to try challenging learning and giving your all. Your positive attitude is vital to our class environment and I am very proud of all your growth. Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama.
14	Ella Bourke	For showing confidence and beginning to share ideas during discussions. Thank you for always being kind, helpful and having such a positive attitude. Whānau 14 and I love having you in our class!
15	James Jamieson	For your engagement and effort during learning time. You are showing this through all your awesome testing and snapshot results. Awesome work James!

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16	Blake Foreman	For your dedication to settling into MII, your continuous learning, and your role-modeling of our expectations are all highly commendable. Tino pai tō mahi!
17	Bentley Elliot	You have demonstrated that when you dedicate your time and focus, you achieve brilliant results. At times you serve as a true role model, embodying Manaaki, Pono, and Tuakiri.
18	Annalena Kogler	For having a smooth transition into whānau 18, showing the Coastal Value, Tuakiri. It is so lovely to have you in our class, Annalena. Kei reira katoa!
21	Harmonick Ah-Ching	For completing a thought-provoking writing piece on 'Caring for Planet Earth.' Your work demonstrates exceptional progress this year. Keep it up!
23	Sol Nuku	For your growing confidence and focus in Kapa Haka — it's great to see your enthusiasm and commitment. Ka pai tō mahi!
24	Ruby Valder	For being a superstar. You are the best role model for your peers, and display manaakitanga on a daily basis. We are proud that you are a part of our whānau! He whetū koe!
25	Scarlet Gartshore	For consistently showing Ako and Manaaki in class, being prepared for learning, helping others and giving it her best shot. Ka rawe Scarlet!
Digi Tech	Caleb McLean Whānau 3	For showing resilience and taking risks in your learning when coding your game in Scratch.
Science	Lewis Muller Whānau 23	For demonstrating a strong commitment and focus in Science by identifying key native Rongoā plants and explaining their medicinal uses.
Food Tech	Supreet Kaur Whānau 12	For being a consistently respectful and focused member of the class. In addition, your wonderful sense of humour enriches the learning environment for everyone.
Music	Will Martin Whānau 20	For your focus and resilience during Keyboard week transforming these qualities into learning power.
Visual Arts	Vita Souter Rm 13	For being enthusiastic and focused in class. You showed an excellent observational drawing of a shell with shape, detail and tone. Well done!!
Hard Mat	Zyon Tzanakos-Dixon Rm 1	For having a positive attitude and doing extra mahi during pickup

SCHOOL CELEBRATION

YEAR 8 FORMAL



The **Mount Maunganui Intermediate Year 8 'End of Year Leaving Social'** evening is to be held at Mt Maunganui Intermediate on **Thursday 11th of December.**

The end of year social for the Year 8's, is a celebration of the successful two years the students have had at Mount Maunganui Intermediate. We encourage all our Year 8 students to attend this social occasion.

Tickets to this event will cost \$20.00 per person. The evening will start at 7pm and conclude at 9pm. The ticket will cover the supper, drink, lighting, photography and decorations. There will be a photo-booth for souvenir photos, which students can print on the night.

At 9pm, the conclusion of the social, we ask that parents collect their child from the hall. No students will be allowed to leave unless they are accompanied by an adult.

We encourage the students to wear formal dress for this special occasion.

Phones are not allowed to be used during the evening, so we encourage these to be left at home.

Tickets can **ONLY** be purchased through our Lunchonline app, available from week 3.

2025 NZ POOL RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Fantastic Performance by Finn Renwick

We are thrilled to celebrate Finn Renwick's amazing results at the 2025 AON New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships, competing for the Mount Maunganui Surf Lifesaving Club.

Finn showed incredible skill, determination and composure across multiple events, achieving a string of Top 10 finishes in the U12 Male category:

- **5th** - 100m Patient Tow Fins
- **7th** - 50m Rescue Medley Brick
- **7th** - 50m Swim with Fins
- **7th** - 50m Swim with Obstacles
- **8th** - 50m Brick Carry



Finn's dedication and hard work paid off in an outstanding performance at a National level.

Well done, Finn - MMI is incredibly proud of your achievements!

Making a Splash - Amelia's Incredible Holiday Achievements

While many of us were relaxing over the holidays, Amelia was making waves in two National competitions!

At the **New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships**, she powered her way to **three bronze** and **two silver** medals, finishing the meet on a high with **bronze** in the **200m Individual Medley** and **silver** in the **1500m Freestyle**.

But Amelia didn't stop there - the very next day, she dived straight into the **New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Pool Championships**, where she delivered an outstanding performance: **seven golds**, **one silver** and **one bronze**, along with **three new New Zealand age-group records** - one individual and two in relay events!

What an incredible effort and achievement - congratulations, Amelia!



MMI SPORTS

Take a look at all of the stories and photos from AIMS week in our AIMS newsletter.

Find this in our Newsletter section of our website.



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MMI SPORTS

TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS - START DATES

Arataki RIP - Wednesday 29 October
Papamoa RIP - Friday 31 October
Volleyball - Friday 31 October
Touch Papamoa - Tuesday 14 October
3x3 Basketball - Monday 20 October
Waterpolo - Tuesday 14 October

SUPER 11 TENNIS

Spencer Black, Ruby Walker, George Goodwin, and Olive Marra represented MMI at the Super 11 Tennis Tournament in Whakatāne on Friday, 10 October.

Each player had three singles matches (four if in a final) and three doubles matches. The players each represented MMI with stellar sportsmanship.

Congratulations to you all!

Results:

Ruby – second overall in the girls' singles
Spencer – second overall in the boys' singles
Ruby and Olive – third overall in the girls' doubles
Spencer and George – second overall in the boys' doubles



PSG

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH

Time: 4:00pm

Location: MMI Staffroom

Term 4 events to plan for:

- Juicie sale
- Mufti day
- Bake sale
- Year 8 formal dance
- Second hand uniform sale
- Calendar art sorting

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JACQUI VAN DEN BERG

MOUNTWILDHEART ART SCHOOL

TERM 4 Oct 7th - Nov 27th

YOUNG ARTIST - SCULPTURE - Paper Mache
TUE or THU 3.15 - 4.15 7+ yrs 8wks \$160.00
Create a life size Polly the parrot.

INT/TEEN ARTIST - SCULPTURE - Paper Mache
TUE or THU 4.30 - 5.30 11+ yrs 8wks \$160.00
Create a fun Jolly Joker mask.

Book via website contact form
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Natural Fit Spring Seminar Series MOUNTSIDE PHYSIO-WELLNESS

No 1 of 4
Wednesday 15th October

Building Strong Foundations
Core, Posture and Everyday Movement

7pm Natural Fit
18A Tawa Street

Our Spring Seminar Series brings together local experts sharing informative tips on exercise, strength and wellbeing.
All in a relaxed and supportive environment

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OXFORD PERFORMING ARTS

MOUNT MAUNGANUI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

EXTRA CURRICULAR DRAMA CLASS

ENROL FOR TERM FOUR!

Weekly drama classes, focusing on performance technique, confidence, creativity and personal development. These sessions are fun, energetic and interactive, and focus on the advancement of young students who are looking to be more confident in live performance, public speaking, communication, and most importantly, in themselves.

Visit our website to enrol, or scan the QR code below:
<https://www.oxfordperformingarts.org/enrolments>



When:
Tuesdays, 3pm to 4pm

Where:
MMI Drama Room

First & Last Class:
Oct 7th to Dec 9th

Term Fee:
\$160 due Oct 17th

Junior Pickleball!

Mount Pickleball Club is starting junior pickle ball session at Mercury Baypark



Sessions will run on Wednesdays starting 15th October - 3.30-4.30pm.

Play dates run until 17th December. Sessions are \$15 or \$100 for 8 sessions, paid in advance. There is a family discount of \$10 per child for 2 or more if paid in advance

To book email Paul at pcpickleball.nz@gmail.com

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USEFUL INFORMATION

TERM DATES

Term 1 – 5 February to 11 April
Term 2 – 28 April to 27 June
Term 3 – 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 – 6 October to 17 December

MEDICATION

If your child has a severe medical condition or needs to take medication at school please contact the office at: office@mtint.school.nz

SCHOOL DROP OFF

These are NOT drop off zones:

- Lodge Avenue Staff Carpark
- Lodge Avenue Turn Around
- The Bus Bay on Links Avenue

This is for the safety of your children, when dropping off or picking them up. Please refrain from entering and parking in these areas.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

It would greatly assist us if you could please advise the office if you have any changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact details. In the event of an emergency, sickness or injury we need to be able to contact someone who can collect your child.

Please email the office at office@mtint.school.nz

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