27 February 2026

Pānui

MMI Newsletter No. 2

MOUNT MAUNGANUI INTERMEDIATE

Term 1 Week 3/4

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

2-6	Elms trip
2-3	Rm 6/Rm 8 - Marae Noho
3-4	Rm 9/Rm 12 - Marae Noho
4-5	Rm 10/Rm 11 - Marae Noho
5	Surf buddies arrive - Gisborne
5-6	Rm 14/Rm 16 - Marae Noho
6	Super 11 Surfing
7	Spike Nation Volleyball tournament
8	Year 8 Netball trial #1
10-11	Rm 13/Rm 15 - Marae Noho
10	Year 8 Netball trial #2
11-12	Rm 18/Rm 20 - Marae Noho
11	Hockey Trials (Boys)
11	Year 8 Netball Trial #3
12-13	Rm 17/Rm 21 - Marae Noho
12	Hockey Trials (Girls)
13	S11 Tennis - Whakatane
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We are excited to offer a wide range of sporting opportunities at MMI in 2026, with options available for students of all ages and abilities.

Sport is a valued part of life at MMI and we encourage all students to get involved, give things a go, and enjoy being part of a team!

All sports registrations for 2026 are completed online via our school website. Please follow the link to view the available sports and to register your child.

MMI Sports registrations 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Melissa Nelson

Tena koutou katoa

I hope you have all had an enjoyable week.

Kia Maia Awards

One of the ways we encourage students to behave well at MMI is our Kia Maia awards.

Teachers give out these awards in class for students demonstrating our school values and making good choices in their learning and in their behaviour. Three children from each class are put in the school-wide Kia Maia draw which happens during our fortnightly assemblies.

FOLLOW MMI FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES

At assembly, one student from each house is drawn from the box and comes onto the stage to spin the Kia Maia 'wheel of fortune' to identify their prize. Prizes range from food treats like pizza lunches for the class or Yomi vouchers. Other prizes are things like t-shirts, caps, vouchers, beach towels, drink bottles and the occasional (and VERY popular) pie-the-teacher opportunity.

Sometimes we have cool prizes donated by the community, which we really appreciate. If you have access to prizes you think our students would appreciate, please contact Mr Banbury at s.banbury@mtint.school.nz

Swimming Sports:

On Tuesday of this week, we held the MMI Swimming Sports at the Mount College and Cosy Corner pools. It was a fantastic day for those who participated and earned points for their houses. Thank you to all parents and whanau who popped in to watch some swimming in the Mount Maunganui sunshine.

It was really pleasing to see increased numbers (when compared with last year) of students giving swimming sports a go. 14% of students were absent on Tuesday compared with 21% on swimming sports day last year. Our staff did a great job of modelling the "give it a go attitude" and their relay team was victorious against the Year 7 championship team. Perhaps next year, they will step up and race the year 8's! 🙂

As parents, we ask that you both encourage and expect your children to participate in all areas of school life, unless they have legitimate health reasons not to do so. Part of being successful and happy at Intermediate is fully immersing yourself in all that we offer as a school. When students are allowed to opt out, they invariably end up feeling isolated and managing this is difficult for both students and staff. If your child is unable to participate in PE for example, please communicate with the teacher and explain what they can and can't do and for how long. Thank you for your support in this regard.

Camps:
Our camps are well underway with overnight stays at Whareroa Marae, day trips to Adrenaline Forest and paddle boarding and waka ama experiences at Pilot Bay. Huge thanks to all parents and whanau who have supported us with transport and supervision on these days. Without you, we couldn't provide such awesome experiences for our tamariki. We also appreciate those whanau who have paid the camp donation already. We rely on these donations to ensure camps can go ahead in the future. If you need to set up a payment plan for camp - or for other school costs such as sports fees - please call the office and speak with Tracy, Chloe or Karen.

Online communication:
In the past week, we have dealt with a few issues originating from communication on social media where students are making inappropriate, unkind or threatening comments online, outside of school time. This often ends up coming into school where it can cause issues amongst students - both with those involved and with those who are keen to "jump on the bandwagon". At MMI, we try really hard to teach our students not to get angry or upset by things they haven't heard with their own ears or seen with their own eyes. You can support us by encouraging your child to focus on the here and now and to avoid getting caught up in dramatic gossip.

As always, you can further support your child by limiting or preventing social media use and by monitoring what they are saying and doing online. Instagram and Snap Chat are far from ideal because messages disappear after being sent, making it difficult to deal with issues that arise on these platforms due to a lack of "evidence". Don't get caught in the trap of thinking your child won't get mixed up in dangerous things online - or that you can trust an emerging adolescent to always make good decisions. The truth is they need your wisdom and guidance to help them navigate the complex world they live in, and will do for some years to come.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi
Whaea Melissa

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COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2026 Term 1 – Weeks 3/4

1	Arlo Sheehan	For your positive attitude towards all new challenges, especially at the noho. Keep giving the extra help and support to all our class members.
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3	Rocco Horn	For a great start in Room 3. He has demonstrated the Coastal Values consistently and shown a positive attitude towards his learning.
4	Lexi Gibson	For always being a shining star inside and outside the classroom. Kei runga noa atu koe!
5		
6	Logan Payne	For demonstrating consistent focus in all tasks and always actively participating in class discussions! Kei runga noa atu koe!
7	Lulu Sowter	For consistently demonstrating our Coastal Value of Ako by completing your work to a high standard and making the most of your learning time in each lesson.
8	Kyah Harlan	For your incredible effort and for bravely taking positive risks in your mahi. Your kindness makes you a highly valued member of Whānau 8!
9	Edward Hamilton	For demonstrating ako from day 1! You are an excellent tuakana for our year 7's to look up to. Mīharo!
10	Tea Harlick	For role modelling a great work ethic while consistently demonstrating kindness and support towards others. Mīharo Tea!
11	Leah Botha	For being an incredible role model and leading others by consistently demonstrating our AMPT values. Ka pai, Leah!
12	Mackenzie Meihana	For demonstrating our AMPT Values everyday. You consistently follow our expectations, and are respectful, kind and polite. Tino pai tō mahi! Mackenzie! 👍
13	Taniora Andrew	For demonstrating ako and sharing your awesome knowledge and ideas with the class during learning time.
14	Finley McIntosh	For consistently upholding our school values and being ready to learn every day. Your actions set a great example for everyone!
15	Isla Clist	For settling beautifully into our school and proudly sharing her Waiheke Island turangawaewae through thoughtful, improved writing.

1	Alexis Hesford	For a great attitude to all challenges on offer at school and camp so far! Keep up the positive mindset. Ka pai!
2	Phoenix Mokomoko	For being a joyful and passionate learner who contributes her creative ideas to our class discussions and always puts her best foot forward. Ka pai Phoenix!
3	Eli Tanoi	For a great start to Mount Intermediate. He has demonstrated a positive attitude towards his learning particularly during Writing.
4	Matilda Eggmann	For consistently showing your Coastal Values, contributing to class discussions and being a team player.
5	Charles Latu	Your positive attitude is evident in every facet of our day. From start to finish you expect the best from yourself and others in all aspects of being an AMPT student. You are a strong leader for your peers.
6	Georgia Anderson	For being an outstanding student and always looking after her peers! You are a great friend and a joy to have in the classroom! Tino pai!
7		
8	Hendrix Buchanan	For showing initiative in your learning, seeking support with maturity and ambition! Great display of leadership and our school value 'Ako'.
9	Charlotte Kafka-Taylor	For showing all the coastal values in your classroom and beyond. Thank you for pushing yourself and getting involved in our kura!
10	Ashton Coleman	For making a settled start and putting yourself forward for new opportunities here at MMI. I am proud of your curiosity and resilience. Tino pai, Ashton!
11	Yamandu Jesus Prompt De Oliveira	For locking into learning and challenging himself in all group and independent tasks. Ka pai, Yamandu!
12	Tabitha Wickham	For being an amazing learning in Rm 12. You are engaged in your learning, share your thoughts in discussions and demonstrate our AMPT Values
13	Jonghyun Lee	For a fantastic 4 weeks at MMI. You have worked hard and embraced our culture here in Aotearoa.Well done!
14	Jayla Dobbs	WOW! You have had an incredible start to the year. Your leadership and kindness shine every day in our class.
15	Jiyu Park	For embracing every opportunity with a positive attitude, forming meaningful friendships, and making a lasting impact on our class. We will miss you, Jiyu!

COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2026 Term 1 – Week 3/4

16	Isabelle Cartlino	For consistently upholding our AMPT values through hard work, kindness, and leadership. An incredible start to the year!
17	Saya Green	For starting the year so strongly by being helpful, focused, and hardworking. You have shown our new Year 7 students kindness and grace, and are such a fantastic role model for them.
18	Jett Rhind	Demonstrating AMPT at all times and contributing to a seamless transition, while consistently projecting these values to those around you.
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24	Scarlett Coleman	For your positive attitude during our noho marae days. You showed courage by stepping out of your comfort zone and embracing every experience.
25	Lucas Watson	For his great start to the year and his focus on academic improvement. Ka rawe!
27		
Digi Tech	Alfie Tinsley Room 6	For a thoughtful and creative water fountain design in Tinkercad.
Science	Patch Mclean Whānau 24	I am really impressed by your enthusiasm during dissections, the supportive way you work with others, and the care you take cleaning up.
Food Tech	Zoey Dick Room 8	For your incredible work ethic and positive energy. Your eagerness to tackle any challenge motivates everyone around you, making you a brilliant role model.
Music		
Visual Arts	Alexia Williams Room 8	For your enthusiasm, positivity and giving of your best. You have expressed some creative and original ideas with your work, well done!
Hard Mat.		

16	Ada Kennedy	Ka rawe! Your incredible resilience and "give it a go" attitude at MMI Swimming Sports make you a true role model.
17	Eddie Brown	Eddie, you have stepped into your leadership role beautifully. You always go above and beyond to help out others with such composure and calm strength. Ka rawe!
18	Sawyer Abels	For consistently supporting your peers and serving as an outstanding Year 8 role model. Your constant engagement in learning is amazing.
20	Ella Jung	For being such an amazing part of whānau 20 this past month. Safe travels back to Korea, we will miss you!
21	Kieralee Baker	For embracing school life, stepping confidently into new experiences, and being an engaged, active learner. Tumeke!
24	Milly Thompson	For consistently demonstrating our coastal value of Ako. You are a positive, focused learner who always tries your best.
25	Neve Stubbing	For the excellent attitude to learning and quality of work you demonstrate. He whetū koe!
27	Eli Shaw	For consistently showing our school values, especially ako and pono, using his initiative and self managing skills when completing his learning.
Digi Tech	Fia Guest Room 25	For making valuable contributions to your learning and showing persistence in Digital Technology.
Science	Rikki Hampton Whānau 3	I love your enthusiasm and focus during Science, you are consistently engaged and committed to your experiments.
Food Tech	Micah Talagi-Meti Whānau 28	For being a student who always uses their 'think-first' superpower! You show great maturity by making careful choices and staying focused on your goals.
Music		
Visual Arts	Phoebe Stefan Room 4	For always being positive and focused. Great care taken with all your work and excellent blending of pastel colours, well done!
Hard Mat.	Maddison Millet Room 4	For independently testing, troubleshooting, and successfully fixing issues in her electronic circuit.

PSG - PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to join the PSG. We will be emailing you to let you know when the first meeting will be soon.

If there is someone keen to help lead this wonderful group please get in touch with Karen in the office at admin@mtint.school.nz

EQUITY DONATIONS

Thank you to those caregivers who have already donated to our student equity fund. Here at MMI we have a few students who need some extra support during the year. It might be for school lunches, stationery, uniform or sports fees.

If you feel you would like to make a donation towards this fund we would be very grateful.

Please contact me at admin@mtint.school.nz and I can arrange a donation invoice if you wish

Thank you so much for your generosity.

PAYMENTS AT MMI

Thank you to all those families who have already paid for camp and their specialist fees. These fees are voluntary donations but without your contribution we may not be able to run these programmes and we thank you for that.

Please remember to include your child's name and what you are paying for in the particulars, code and reference fields when you make a payment.

Don't forget you can log into our student management system to check your child's account. Check out our website which gives you all the instructions to do so.

HOODIE ORDERS

HOODIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Hoodies cost $69.50 and payment is made direct to NZ Uniforms **not to the school.** The first run is live now and will run until the closing date of Friday 13 March 2026 at 5pm.

Please click here to place your order. You will need the access code - MMI2026.

Please note the hoodie is NOT part of our uniform and should only be worn when representing our school.

SPORTS

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Player Development Opportunites

The Player Development Programme is designed to prepare school aged players for trials and school team selection offering players a kickstart to their season through structured, skilled coaching.
All sessions will include attack, defence and ball skills, as well as game time.
Sessions also include goal circle work and shooting for all players.

Each Session costs $52 to attend *Players can attend 1 or more*
Please register online *https://tauranganetball.co.nz/register*

Year 9/10 Players
Sun 8th March *9.30am - 3.30pm*
Fri 27th March *3.30pm - 9pm*

Year 6/7 Players
Sat 7th March *9.30am - 3.30pm*
Sat 28th March *9.30am - 3.30pm*

Year 5 Players
Sat 18th Apr *9.30am - 3.30pm*
Sat 19th April *9.30am - 3.30pm*

Yr 8 Players
Sat 7th March 9.30am - 3.30pm
Sun 8th March *9.30am - 3.30pm*
Fri 27th March *3.30pm - 9pm*
Sat 28th March *9.30am - 3.30pm*

TAURANGA NETBALL CENTRE
"Promoting Positive Pathways"

TAURANGA ARCHERS

Tauranga Archers Schools Archery Program 2026

$130 for Six, 1.5 hour archery lessons with all equipment provided.

Class Times Term 1 2026

Wednesday : 4:00 to 5:30pm
Saturday : 9am to 10:30am
Saturday : 10:30 to 12pm

Tauranga archers is offering lessons for year 7 to 13 students (11yrs+) at Graham Park.
This will be a **weekly lesson run over six weeks where students will learn the basic safety and techniques for shooting a recurve bow**.

We are Happy to have re-signups for those who have already attended a course.

Students will also get the opportunity to compete with other schools around the country through the **Intermediate and Secondary School Shoot Programme**, run by Archery New Zealand (ANZ).
https://www.archery.org.nz/school-and-tertiary-archery/school-shoot-programme/

We would be happy to answer any questions for interested students, or any questions you may have.

Here is a sign up form for those who would like to join
https://www.taurangaarchers.com/schools-archery

Please sign up, then when we have full classes we will get back to you regarding Course Start times.

You can park and walk down from 79 Edgecumbe Road, or come via the car park from SH2 Takitimu/Waihi Rd off ramp, southbound only.

TRITON BASKETBALL CLUB

TERM 1 GROUP SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 11TH - APRIL 1ST

WEDNESDAY (Group - 20 max)	SUNDAY (Group - 15 max)
VENUE: MOUNT SPORTS CENTRE	VENUE: MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE
3:45pm - 4:45pm (60mins) Yr 5-6 Boys & Girls	9:00am - 9:50am (50mins) 7-8 Girls Only
	9:55am - 10:45am (50mins) 7-8 Boys Only

YR 5-6: 8 WEEKLY SESSIONS - $110 ***YR 7-8: 7 WEEKLY SEESIONS - $100***

REGISTER NOW! LINK IN COMMENTS

For more information:
021 339 032 or admin@tritonbasketball.org

ENQUIRE ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

JOIN THE LEGENDS IN THE MAKING

2026 SEASON
MOUNT MAUNGANUI JUNIOR RUGBY
REGISTER NOW!
Years 1 - 8

- Registrations Open Now
- Aligned to School Year Groups
- Register online via Rugby Xplorer

REGISTER ONLINE:
Register here

MOUNT MAUNGANUI SPORTS CLUB

07TH MARCH 2026

GIVE IT A GO

PADDLE WITH US!

Limited spots available - bookings essential!

5 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2026
LOCK IT IN!

Zespri
CS BOP

Give It A Go Day!
Ever wanted to try canoe slalom? Now's your chance!
This is a fantastic opportunity to try a new sport in a fun, supportive environment and it's perfect prep for anyone thinking about the Zespri AIMS Games!

Come along, bring a picnic, and jump on the water with some of our current paddlers. Our team will be there to guide you and help you discover this amazing sport!

What to bring: Towel, change of clothes and a smile!
Where: Waimarino
When: 7th March
Sessions: 2.30pm or 3.30pm
To book, visit:
https://canoeslalombop.co.nz/2026-upcoming-events

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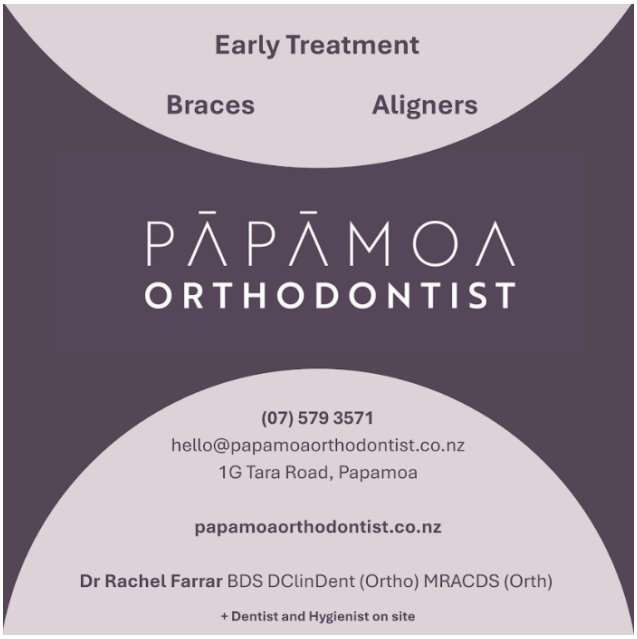

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If you would like to become a MMI sponsor and have your advert here there is an annual charge of $200.00 which gives you advertising for approximately 20 publications per year.

Please contact us at **admin@mtint.school.nz**.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

POIPOIA TE KĀKANO KIA PUĀWAI

Nurture the seed and it will blossom

KIA MAUAO TE TŪ

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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

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CHANGE OF DETAILS

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

KEY LINKS

- ABSENTEES
- BELL TIMES
- BUS INFORMATION
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