24 April 2026

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MMI Newsletter No. 5

MOUNT MAUNGANUI INTERMEDIATE

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 27 ANZAC Day observed - School closed
- 29 Year 7 - HPV/Boostrix
- 30-1 Under 45Kg Rugby - Gisborne

MAY

- 6 WBOP Rock Climbing - Rocktopia
- 8 S11 Golf - Taupo
- 8-9 WBOP Mountain Biking
- 15 PINK Shirt Day
- 20 Year 8 Vaccination Catch up
- 22 S11 Badminton - Whakatane
- 29 Teacher Only Day - School closed

JUNE

- 1 Kings Birthday - School closed
- 2-4 Leadership Camp
- 4-5 S11 Pickleball - Gisborne
- 4-5 S11 Ultimate Frisbee - Gisborne
- 5-7 Waterpolo Tournament - Hamilton
- 11-14 Winter Waterpolo Festival North - Auckland
- 15-19 Totara Springs Sports Camp
- 16-26 Japan Trip 2026

Term 2 Week 1

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Pasifika IN THE BAY TRUST

We would love to have a Pasifika group at Mount Maunganui Intermediate but we need your help!

Can you spare an hour a week to teach a committed group of students for a performance at the Pasifika Festival in the Bay?

Please contact Anj
a.cavanagh@mtint.school.nz

THANK YOU FOR THE KIWIFRUIT!!

A big Thank you for the donation of the delicious red kiwifruit from one of our parents. We know our students really enjoyed it. Apparently there will be more to come in a few weeks! Watch this space.

Thanks to the Kiwifruit Breeding Centre

We really appreciate it!!

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- TUAKIRI — MMI students know their identity

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa

Melissa Nelson

Welcome to term two. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break (despite the rather wet weather) with family and friends.

The students have started the new term well after the holidays.

Teachers are re-focusing on our values for the start of a new term. Students are reminded to show Ako, Manaaki, Pono and Tuakiri in all their interactions here at school.

This term, our snap-shot (beginning and end point assessment) in maths is on measurement and our writing snapshot is on punctuation. Our science-based inquiry for this term is about Energy.

FOLLOW MMI FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES

Later this term, we will complete a short inquiry unit on Financial Literacy, which will give students valuable life-skills in the world of managing money managing money. Matariki will also be celebrated at the end of this 11-week term. Watch out for opportunities to come and share your child's learning with them during house-based whanau sharing days and other school-wide events.

Snap shots results - Term One

At MMI, we focus on progress. No matter where the starting point is for individuals, we are focussed on instilling belief in every learner that they can make great progress in their learning. Every term, we use snapshot assessments to determine where our learners are at and what their gaps are. Teachers keep spreadsheets to ensure that all students are taught the concepts that they did not previously know. At the end of the term, we test again to work out what progress has been made. Students tell us that they feel motivated by improving their snapshot scores and enjoy the clarity that these assessments offer them. If you haven't done so already, ask your child how they went in term ones snapshots. We are really proud of how well our students have done.

Maths:

Number - Term 1 2026				
Cohort	SOT Average	EOT Average	Increase	Average Effect Size
All (576)	19	46	27	1.26

This table shows our results for our Number focus. At the beginning of the term, the average score was 19% across the school. At the end of the term, students had scored an average of 46%. Whilst there is still a lot of work to do, at this early time of the year (number is taught all year within all strands of mathematics), our students have made great gains already.

New Assessment Tool - At our school, we believe that high-quality assessment is a pivotal part of effective teaching and learning. It is more than just checking results; it's about understanding exactly where each student is in their learning journey so we can guide them

to their next steps. To support this, we are introducing SMART (Student Monitoring, Assessment, and Reporting Tool), a new, nation-wide, digital tool designed specifically for the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. SMART allows us to regularly check-in on student progress in reading, writing, and mathematics, ensuring that our teaching remains focused, intentional, and responsive to every child's needs.

Supporting Students to Put Their Best Foot Forward We know that students perform best when they feel confident and supported. These SMART assessments are integrated into our regular classroom routines as "low-stakes" check-ins rather than high-pressure tests. Our teachers work closely with students to ensure they are well-prepared and comfortable, allowing them to truly put their best foot forward and show what they know.

Students will be completing SMART assessments for Reading, Writing and Maths over the next two weeks. You don't need to do anything to "prepare" your child for these assessments, as they reflect what is already being taught in class. We look forward to sharing these insights with you during our upcoming reporting cycles to give you even more confidence in your child's growth and achievement.

Youth Mentors: Dave and CJ are our two wonderful Youth Mentors. The MMI Board prioritises student well being and employs these two wonderful people to be available during the school day to support the hauora (wellbeing) of our students.

CJ and Dave work with students for all sorts of reasons: They are a great sounding board, give helpful, age appropriate advice, help with conflict resolution, support students with friendship worries and our kids really enjoy their company. You'll find them out and about at break times (they love shooting hoops) and hanging out with groups of students. They also work in classes with students who can do with some short-term support. If your child is having any challenges at school and would like some help, CJ and Dave are a great place to start.

Skate Ramp: The highly anticipated and excitement-inducing skate ramp is nearly finished! A massive shout out to Bjorn Pedersen who is a master skate ramp builder and owner of **SwitchSteez,** based in Auckland. He specializes in high-quality, custom-built NZ-made ramps and the two ramps he has built for us are AWESOME. We are hoping to open the ramps for use next week. We are just waiting on safety signs and then we will be good-to-go.

The public will be welcome to use our ramps on the weekends and after 3.30pm.

We are hopeful that this initiative will be well received by skating enthusiasts and therefore well looked after by the people using it. Please note the ramp is not for scooters or bikes.

Winter sports are well underway with lots of practices and AIMS Games trials happening here at school. I look forward to another season of sport for our active young people and their supportive cheerleaders on the sidelines.

Have a lovely weekend Whānau
Whāea Melissa

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COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2026 Term 2 – Week 1

1	**Millie Dyck**	For making a conscientious effort working to increase your results. Your snapshot results are continuously improving. Keep up this attitude!
2	**Jimmy Dinneen**	For a fantastic start to the term. You have been approaching your learning with a positive attitude and producing some high quality work. Ka pai!
3	**Matthew King**	For a great start to the term. He has improved his attitude and effort towards his learning which is fantastic to see. Keep up the good work Matt!
4	**Kane Lloyd**	For consistently showing our AMPT values in all areas of school life. You're a positive and valued member of our class and school!
5	**Lydia Petterson**	For your positive attitude in all aspects of school this week. You have been supporting your peers, engaging actively in learning and discussions, following instructions promptly as well as self motivated to extend and achieve. Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.
6	**Jock Moore**	For always approaching his learning with a positive attitude, and encouraging his peers to do the same! He whetū koe!
7	**Hannah Grey**	For demonstrating the Coastal Value, Ako, by always completring your tasks to a high standard. Your are a wonderful role model in whānau 7 with your calm manner and work ethic. Ka pai tō mahi!
8	**Amy Kidd**	For getting involved in class dicussions, having the courage to share your mahi. You demonstrate our coastal values with consistency and are an absolute pleasure to have in whānau 8.
9	**Kinley Petitpas**	For approaching learning with a positive mindset. It is a pleasure to teach you and watch you learn! Kei runga noa atu koe!
10	**Arthur Earl**	For consistently demonstrating leadership, kindness, and self-management; you continue to be a positive role model for your peers. Ka rawe, Arthur!
11	**Julia Fleury Balbuena**	For showing maturity, responsibility, integrity, and intiative. It is a pleasure to witness you blossoming. He whetū koe!
12	**Aston Gower**	For your constant support of the Class Competition Team and for taking ownership of your learning. Tino pai tō mahi!"
14	**Kylahn Hawira-Fuao**	You have had an amazing start to Term 2! You're ready to learn daily, showing focus and immense effort. Ka rawe!
15	**Te Ariki Hika**	For stepping up this term with awesome focus and putting your best effort into every area of your learning. Proud!

COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2026 Term 2 – Week 1

16	**Dahlia Bennett**	For a fantastic start to Term 2. You have been focused on your mahi and consistently display our AMPT values, keep it up!
17	**Farai Hurley-Waititi**	For an outstanding start to term 2: focused, hardworking, engaged, and consistently following instructions. Despite a busy week of sport, your respect and effort remained excellent.
18	**Adam Guo**	For a fantastic start to the term, getting back into routines, working hard, and knowing when you need to take a break
24	**Patch Mclean**	For being an excellent role model and school leader, who consistently demonstrates our AMPT values. He whetū koe!
25	**Anita Singh**	For your resilience and willingness to try hard in and out of class. Kei te whakahīhī au ki a koe!
27	**Reid Asiata**	For your perseverance and effort in learning te reo Māori as well as having the confidence to present your pepeha to class. Ka mau te wehi, Reid!
28	**Micah Talagi-Meti**	He rangatira koe i roto i tō tāua akomanga, ahakoa te mahi. Tangata koe!
Digi Tech	**William Cuff Room 5**	For being an engaged, active learner in Digital Technology.
Science	**Gryph Harding Whanau 8**	You are always curious and ready to explore in Science. You ask awesome questions, think things through, and follow instructions. Tō kerewa hoki
Food Tech	**Eddie Brown Room 17**	For bringing a ready-to-learn attitude to every challenge and lead with a quiet, thoughtful confidence that inspires your peers.
Visual Arts	**Rio McLachlan Room 17**	Being conscientious and always giving of your best .Your helpful attitude is much appreciated within the class environment, thank you!
Hard Materials	**Blake Sisson Room 3**	For showing enthusiasm, a keen interest in learning, and staying engaged with every task
Kiwican	**Toby Chisholm Room 5**	For the awesome attitude he brings to KiwiCan, giving it his best, sharing his ideas, and demonstrating pono throughout our lesson.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Hero

Moving to Hero: Our New Learning & Communication Hub

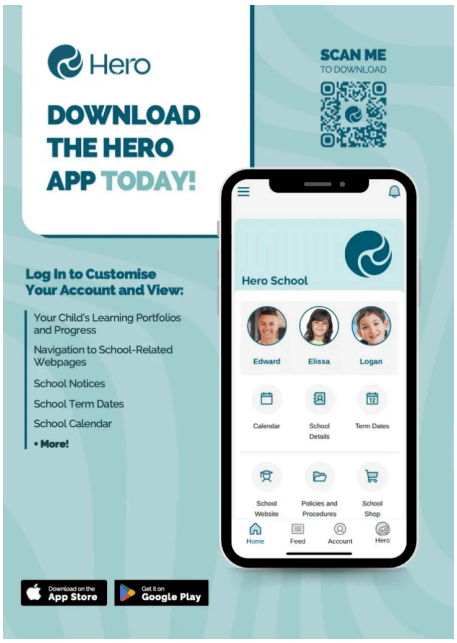
We are excited to share that we are moving to the **Hero Student Management System.**

Hero is a secure, all-in-one platform designed to simplify school communication and bring your child's learning journey to life.

We will start using Hero from the 20th April which is the first day of Term 2. Please visit our website to get all the information that you need- https://mtint.school.nz/hero-2/

Why Hero?

Hero allows us to share content with you in real-time, anywhere, on any device. By moving to this platform, we can provide you with a single "hub" for all school-related information. Through Hero, you can easily view your child's learning progress, keep up with school notices and events, and handle practical tasks like reporting absences or booking interviews.



Next Step: Download the App

To stay connected and receive instant notifications, we encourage all families to download the "Hero by LINC-ED" app.

- **Download:** Find it on the App Store or Google Play.
- **Log In:** Select "New User" and enter the email address you have provided to the school office.
- **Verify:** Follow the link sent to your inbox to set your password.

Need help getting started? You can find a step-by-step walkthrough in the Hero Parent Guide. If you have any trouble logging in, please contact **Shem Banbury** at s.banbury@mtint.school.nz

Report an Absence

Please use one of the following to report an absentee.

Text Only	Email	PHONE	Hero App
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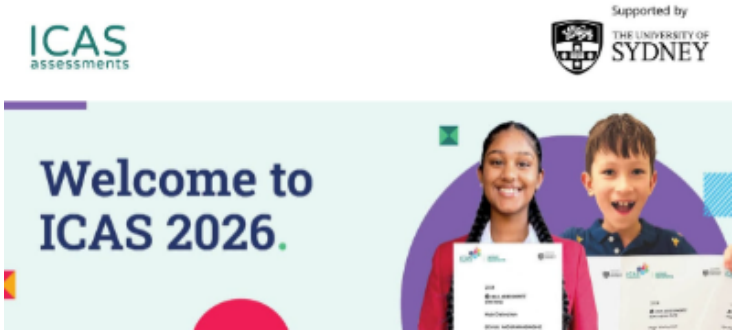
SCHOOL INFORMATION

ICAS

Academic Competitions 2026: ICAS & KIWI Competitions Now Open

Registration is now open for students looking to challenge themselves through the ICAS and KIWI academic competitions! These assessments offer a fantastic platform for students to test their higher-order thinking skills and celebrate academic achievement.



- **ICAS Assessments:** A globally recognised competition designed by experts to stretch students across various subjects using complex problem-solving.

- **KIWI Competitions:** Developed by the University of Canterbury, these tests allow students to benchmark their skills within a New Zealand context.

Please note that these competitions are not compulsory and are user-pays. All testing is conducted online during school hours. If your child would like to participate, please ensure you register via the links below before the closing dates:

- **KIWI (English, Math, Science):** Entries close **1st May** – CLICK HERE
- **ICAS Assessments:** Entries close **27th July –** CLICK HERE

SPORTS

MOUNTAIN BIKING

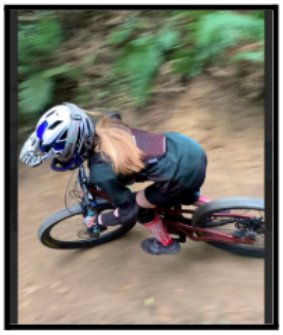
Young Rider, Big Achievements: Neva takes 2nd Place

At the end of Term 1, Neva proudly represented Mount Intermediate at the North Island Schools Mountain Bike Enduro held in Wellington.
Competing against riders from Under 13 through to Under 20, all participants tackled the same challenging course, which included demanding hill climbs and four timed downhill stages.

One of the toughest sections was stage 3, an advanced trail known as Fade to Black. This steep, technical track featured tricky root sections and off-camber terrain, making it the most difficult trail Neva has ridden to date. After heavy rain the day before, conditions were even more challenging, testing riders' skill and determination.

At just 11 years old, Neva was one of the youngest competitors at the event. Showing remarkable resilience, determination and impressive bike handling skills, she pushed through every stage to cross the finish line and achieve an outstanding 2nd place in the Under 13 girls category.

We are incredibly proud of Neva's efforts and the growth she demonstrated throughout the event. She represented Mount Intermediate with pride and was thrilled to stand on the podium for MMI.



BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

Student Success - Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - Sid Rebele

On April 4th our student Sid competed in the Bay of Plenty Grappling Series in Rotorua.

He was able to win all his fights in a strong competitor field and took home gold!

The BOP Grappling Series is a chance for grappling talent to showcase and grow their skills in our region. It was Sid's second time competing in the series and his second win.

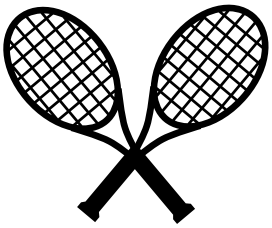
Sid has been competing internationally for four years and he is proud to represent our school and his team from Mount Maunganui Jiu Jitsu.

SUPER 11 TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2026

MMI sent our Tennis athletes to the Super 11 Tournament in Whakatane on Thursday 2nd.

Imogen Henderson, Georgia Anderson, Jimmy Skerrett and Finn Renwick played fair and played hard in a singles competition, followed by girls' doubles and boys' doubles.

Everyone had an awesome day!



SPORTS

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Term 2 Sports Update

We are excited to announce the start of our Term 2 sports season!

- **Hockey** games will begin on **Friday 1 May (week 2)**
- **Netball Grading Day** for all teams will take place on **Saturday 2 May.** Please note that there will be **no netball games** on the following dates: **May 20, July 4, July 11 and July 18.**
- **Basketball (5-a-side)** competitions will start on **Monday 11 May.**

Good luck to all teams!

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USEFUL INFORMATION

TERM DATES

Term 1 – 2 February to 2 April
Term 2 – 20 April to 3 July
Term 3 – 20 July to 25 September
Term 4 – 12 October to 15 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

KEY LINKS

- ABSENTEES
- BELL TIMES
- BUS INFORMATION
- ONLINE PAYMENTS
- ORDERING LUNCHES
- PARENT PORTAL
- SCHOOL UNIFORM

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