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AIMS Pānui 2026



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BADMINTON

This year, over 250 students competed in AIMS Badminton, making for an incredibly tough field of competition. Our school team of nine gave it everything we had. While we didn't bring home any medals, three of our teams made it all the way through to the semi-finals—an excellent achievement in itself! Every single player fought hard, played fair, and grew immensely over the course of the week.

Our Player of the Tournament goes to **Minseok Song**. Minseok achieved our overall best results, was consistently respectful to his opponents, and took his responsibilities as an umpire and line judge seriously.

Congratulations to **Minseok Song, Winter Han, Lea Markarian, Seoyul Choi, Kane Lloyd, Luca Lacey, Liam Skelton, Yesung Kim, and Suan Choe**, on a fantastic tournament!



On an additional note, in relation to a recent pre AIMS BOP Badminton Competition, I would also like to acknowledge Minseok and Winter for placing 3rd in Boys Division Three, and Seoyul and Lea for placing 2nd in Girls Division Three!



BASKETBALL - 3x3 - BOYS

What an awesome tournament for our four 3x3 basketball teams at the AIMS Games! Representing our school across both the boys' and mixed grades, our two boys' teams and two girls' teams showed grit, sportsmanship, and determination. Throughout every hard-fought minute on the court, all four teams truly embodied our school AMPT values—Ako, Pono, Manaaki, and Tuakiri.

Boys Team 1 faced a tough test right out of the gate with an opening loss to a strong Te Aroha side. Refusing to let that hold them down, they reset, rallied, and came back fighting in their second game to secure a hard-earned 5–3 victory over TKKM o Te Koutu!

After absorbing a few more tough losses throughout the first day, the boys recharged with a good night's rest and returned on Sunday with renewed focus. Their determination paid off in a big way—winning 2 out of their 3 games on Sunday to finish strong and secure 27th place out of 40 teams.

The team fair-play medal was awarded to Whaea Ana for her ongoing support of all the 3x3 basketball teams.

Boys Team 2 hit the ground running, storming through their opening pool games with 3 wins and just 1 loss to take 2nd place in their pool and secure a spot in the prestigious Top 16 round!

Facing fierce competition in a high-intensity crossover pool, the team suffered three straight setbacks, but their mindset never wavered as they kept looking ahead to the next challenge. The final round brought edge-of-your-seat drama with a couple of heart-stopping 1-point games, but the boys stayed composed under pressure to finish an outstanding 14th place out of 40 teams.

The fair-play medal was awarded to Khyba Dickson for his sportsmanship and skill on and off the court.



Boys Team 1: Mason Martelli-Coleman, Matthew Hall, Lenny Reid, Jett Rhind, Lincoln Parata-Cameron



Boys Team 2: Hamin Bang, Jacob Hodge, Dylan Eden, Khyba Dickson, Denzel Wattie

BASKETBALL - 3x3 - GIRLS

Girls Team 1 and 2 stepped up as some of the only all-girls teams competing in the mixed grade—and they made an immediate statement! Both teams kicked off the tournament with opening wins, delivering a massive boost of confidence.

Following a series of competitive wins and losses, both teams qualified for the 9th–16th placement rounds, setting up a dramatic, passionate, and friendly internal rivalry as Girls Team 1 and Girls Team 2 faced off against each other. Girls Team 1 took the victory in a tightly contested match, and after several more nail-biting, 1-point finishes throughout the day, both teams earned spots in their final placement games—playing for 13th and 15th places on side-by-side courts!

In thrilling fashion, both final games ended tied 3–3 at the end of regulation time. Demanding ultimate focus and discipline under pressure, both teams held their nerve in overtime, closing out their final victories at the free-throw line, placing Team 1 in 13th and Team 2 in 15th out of 21 teams.

The fair-play medals were awarded to Bella Mcneill and Annie Schriever for skill, sportsmanship, integrity and perseverance.



Girls Team 1: Issy Shea, Sophie Barry, Bella Mcneill, Nadia van der Nagel.



Girls Team 2: Annie Schriever, Pippa Rawlings, Julia Fleury Balbuena, Ari Tempest, Cartier McGreal.

A success like this is a total team effort on and off the court. A massive thank you to our amazing coaches—**Tane Coleman**, **Tipene Dickson**, and **Philip Schriever**—for their expertise, time, and inspiring leadership throughout the tournament.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our managers and dedicated parents. From early morning preparations to long hours shouting support court-side, your continuous energy and encouragement meant the world to our players.

Congratulations to all four teams—you have made our school extremely proud!

BASKETBALL 5x5 - BOYS

AIMS 5x5 Basketball 2026 saw 84 teams take part in the boys' division, and the atmosphere around the courts was incredible.

The players representing MMI in 5x5 Basketball for 2026 were Elijah Aoina, Jossi Downie, Frankie Fruish, Nev Lamont, Austin Lee, Dominic Quellan, Harvey Standing, Nico Strickland, Eli Tanoi and Johannes Van Duin. Our players had an amazing coach, James Aoina and were managed by Hayley Fruish.



The opening ceremony was a fun-filled evening featuring guest speakers Kirk Ekland (Rugby), Jaymie Kolose (Rugby Sevens), Amelia Walmsley (Netball), and Francis de Vries (Football), alongside stellar performances by former MMI student Frankie Venter and the TIS Kapa Haka team.

MMI dominated early pool play with convincing wins over St Mary's (47-21), Whangarei (55-25), and Francis Douglas (44-14), followed by a (42-19) win against Sacred Heart College to lock in a top 32 spot. Stellar shooting on day 3 propelled the team past Matamata Intermediate (45-34) and into the top 16, where they put up a fierce fight against eventual runners-up Berkley Normal Middle School (43-34 loss). On day 4, the boys fought to the wire against TKKM o Te Koutu in a heart-stopping 28-25 quarterfinal loss.



Refocusing for the 9th-16th bracket, MMI brought renewed energy to defeat local rivals Aquinas College (35-25).

On day 5, playing for 13th overall, the boys left everything on the court against a formidable St Peter's College (Auckland) - hustling for every loose ball to secure a thrilling 34-30 win and earn an impressive 13th place out of 84 teams!

Throughout the tournament, every athlete deserved a sportsmanship award for various reasons. Austin stood out for his exceptional attitude on and off the court, earning the AIMS Sportsmanship Medal.

Congratulations to our MMI 5x5 Basketball team! Your skill, teamwork, and positive energy made us all so proud.



A huge thank you to our amazing parents and supporters - your sideline energy, logistics help, and encouragement throughout the week made this experience possible!



CANOE SPRINT & SLALOM

Mount Maunganui Canoeing Athletes Shine at the Zespri AIMS Games!

Lucas, Tate, and Liam proudly represented Mount Maunganui at this year's Zespri AIMS Games, bringing exceptional drive and skill to a thrilling two-day canoeing competition.

All 3 boys train hard with their respective clubs year-round, backed by an awesome crew of family experts who rallied support along the water.

Action kicked off at McLaren Falls for the Canoe Slalom, where true gumboot weather and squishy riverbanks couldn't dampen the team's relentless optimism.



Spectators got a front-row seat to pure adrenaline as Lucas and Tate tackled the course, navigating tricky currents while watching rivals endure dramatic capsizes and upside-down turns.



The excitement shifted to Pilot Bay for the flatwater racing as all three boys hit the water under picture-perfect conditions.

Ocean canoe racing demands split-second adaptability: course traffic is unpredictable, and a single mistake from a neighbouring boat can instantly throw off your line. Navigating the chaotic field with sharp focus, **Lucas, Tate and Liam** executed a brilliant team effort to claim **2nd place silver** in the Team Relay event.



Congratulations to all three boys on a fantastic effort!

Lucas Emmett, Liam Halls and Tate Murdoch

CROSS COUNTRY

The MMI Cross Country team had another great day of running at Waipuna Park and represented MMI with pride. Thanks to our coach, Jake Mclean, and manager, Naomi Jont, the whole team came super prepared to take on top runners from around the country.

Our **Year 7** athletes got things started with strong performances across the board. The **Year 7 Girls**—**Jessica Dove, Brooke Riini, and Everley Read**—ran smart, well-paced races, while the **Year 7 Boys** team of **Daniel Eardley, Telio Fromont, Luka Jonnart, and Arlo Anderson** fought hard through busy fields.

In the Year 8 divisions, the competition was fierce. The **Year 8 Boys**—**Arlo Dohnt, Finn Renwick, George Morse, and Patch Mclean** stuck together and worked hard on the tough hill sections.

The standout result of the meet came from our **Year 8 Girls** team: **Agnes-Rose Taylor, Alizee Jonnart, Alyssa Wilson, Leah Botha, and Olive Marra**. Racing hard as a pack, they finished **3rd overall** with 82 points, bringing home the **bronze** and our only medal of the day!

MMI also entered a team in the **12km Championship Relay**. The runners gave it everything, crossing the line in **7th place** with a super fast time of 44:35.66.

Well done, team.



FOOTBALL - GIRLS & BOYS

What an incredible week for our MMI Boys and Girls Football teams at the 2026 AIMS Games! Both teams should be extremely proud of the determination, teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience they showed throughout the tournament, representing MMI with pride.

Our **Girls Football team** competed in a strong field of 39 teams, finishing second in their pool to earn a place in the Top 16 and eventually securing an excellent **12th place overall**. They faced some incredibly strong opposition, including eventual champions Saint Kentigern College, and continued to show courage, determination and fantastic team spirit throughout the week.

Our **Boys Football team** also had a fantastic tournament, finishing an impressive **12th out of 70 teams**. A real strength of the team was the strong bond they developed both on and off the field, along with their determination to keep working hard until the final whistle. They bounced back positively from tough results, supported one another and showed great resilience throughout the week.

A huge thank you to our coaches, **Alfie Penman (Boys)** and **Adam Taylor (Girls)**, for the incredible time, support, guidance and encouragement they gave our players. We are also extremely grateful to our managers, **Charlie Brown (Boys)** and **Barb Tulloch (Girls)**, whose organisation and commitment were invaluable throughout the week. Thank you also to all our wonderful parent supporters who cheered the teams on from the sidelines.

Overall, AIMS Games was an exciting, challenging and unforgettable experience, with memories and friendships made that will last well beyond the tournament. We are incredibly proud of both teams and the way they represented MMI.

FOOTBALL - GIRLS & BOYS



AIMS Girls Team: Leah Botha, Alizée Jonnart, Maia Hannaford, Agnes-Rose Taylor, Tiare Talbot-Chinula, Thea Tulloch, Phoebe Grieve, Alyssa Wilson, Anita Singh, Trixie de Jong, Imogen Hendren, Karman Haeata.



AIMS Boys Team: Morris Plomp, George Morse, Eddie Brown, Nils Wolter, Luka Jonnart, Mason Henderson, Blake Bainbridge, Charlie Crawford, Alex Carter, Cooper Young, Isaac Singh, Toby Ellery, Jin Akagi, Danny Dinneen. Coach: Alfie Penman.

FUTSAL - GIRLS

The girls had an awesome 5 days of playing the AIMS tournament.

They embraced the excitement of the whole week - doing group activities and supporting other codes and dressing up in the "Green theme" of MMI whenever they could. Their positive attitude was also acknowledged by the Referee team at Haumaru.



They came up against some really hard teams and kept their effort and energy at 100%

There were 4 pool games at Mercury Arena over the weekend before moving to Haumaru for Monday to Wednesday where they played another 4 games..

McKenzie Boss, Malia Harris, Neve Stubbing, Kaia Whittaker, Isla Blackwell, Bennah Smith, Sadie Friedlieb, Vita Souter, Tabitha Wickham, Ailey Kim. Coach: Evie Rodgers



Our sportsmanship medal was awarded to **Tabitha** by our coach Evie. Tabitha showed up to every game with a positive attitude and encouraged her teammates to try their best.

A huge thank you to our supporters, coach and manager. We had amazing support for our team and it really helped with making the week exciting and positive for the team.

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Both teams had such a great time and although they didn't score a goal it felt like we won that game.

Although they didn't win any games, they achieved their goal by improving their overall place, coming 23rd equal.

I hope the girls had a great week and continue with Futsal next year!



FUTSAL - BOYS

The boys started the week with 100% effort - with solid wins against Wairarapa Cobham, Maeroa and Cambridge Middle school.

With an unfortunate call Omokoroa took the game from 1-1 to a win for them - knocking the boys out of the top 16.



Moving to Haumaru Arena on the second day was a change from last year. All of the games were super close - the biggest gap being 3 goals. The boys learnt from their losses and put that into their next games.

One of the most physical games ended with the other team getting two yellow cards. Our boys played as tough and fair as they could. Another game ended in a shoot-out as it was tied. The boys did themselves proud in such a stressful situation.

Highlights of the week also happened off the court - hanging out and doing activities as a team.

Mr Roy was so proud of you all and he couldn't pick one player for the sportsmanship award when he said you all deserved it.

The team ended the week as they began - putting in 100% to every minute spent on the court. I hope the boys had a great week and continue to push their own limits in any sport that they play.

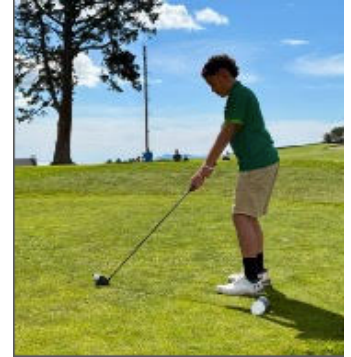


Will Martin, James Rosendaal, Lucas Sanchez, Patrick Blair, Jimmy Dinneen, Lucas Day, Aston Gower, Cadan Brown, George Lorentsson, Jacques Ranjard. Coaches: Roy Tetai & Paul Day.

GOLF

This year, **Jackson Manihera** was our sole golfer representing Mount Maunganui Intermediate at the AIMS Games. Playing out of the Omanu Golf Club, Jackson competed in the 9-hole Stableford competition.

The event took place across three courses: Otumoetai, Summerhill, and Omokoroa. Day 1 at Otumoetai brought particularly hard conditions in the rain, but Jackson performed really well to score 20 points. He followed that up with 16 points on Day 2 at Summerhill and finished the final round at Omokoroa with 18 points.



With a total score of 54 points, Jackson **finished in an** amazing 14th place overall. He represented our kura with pride throughout the tournament.

Well done, Jackson!



GREEN TEAM



Green Team



What an incredible group of students! Our Green Team of 12 dedicated students spent the entire week at the Tauranga Netball Centre, helping to care for our environment.

Decked out in high-vis and armed with buckets and litter pickers, our Green Team hit the Tauranga Netball Centre, tackling rubbish and keeping the place clean. There was plenty to deal with, but the team brought the energy, worked together and never gave up!

The team showed the true spirit of kaitiakitanga - caring for and protecting our environment for future generations. They should be very proud of the difference they made!



To celebrate their hard work, the team will enjoy a well-earned pizza party next week.

Whakarangatira mahi to Stacey, Aria, Bella, Bridie, Cartier, Charles, Imogen, Leo, Liam, Lukas, Tane and Larsina.

A special congratulations to Liam McKenna, who was awarded Most Valuable Worker, and Larsina Barnett, who was Runner Up. Ka pai, team!



GYMNASTICS

What an incredible week for our gymnastics team at the 2026 AIMS Games! our gymnasts represented our school with pride, determination and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the competition.

We are incredibly proud of the results achieved across the Step grades:

- 🥇 Artisticals Open Step 8 **Gold: Saya Green**
- 🥈 Artisticals Open Step 6 **Silver: Charlotte Ellison**
- 🥈 Artisticals Open Step 4 **Silver: Eliška Langova**
- 🥉 Artisticals Open Step 4 **Bronze: Ada Kennedy**

A special congratulations also goes to **Moni Wilson**, who was awarded a *Sportsmanship Medal* in recognition of their encouragement, respect, teamwork and positive attitude throughout the competition.

The girls have worked incredibly hard in preparation for AIMS, showing commitment and perseverance both in training and on competition day. Their willingness to support and encourage one another was a real highlight.

A huge well done to our entire gymnastics team for representing our school so proudly. We are extremely proud of you all! - *Ada Kennedy, Charlotte Ellison, Eliška Mia Langova, Miller Smith, Monika Wilson, Olivia Ellison, Robyn Parchomchuk, Rylee Willoughby and Saya Green.*



HIP HOP - HIPE HOPE



The MMI Hip Hop team have been rehearsing for months!

The crew spent over 12 hours on Saturday 5th September at Mercury Park Arena, competing against 48 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 Mikey Te Whata as a fun extra.

This year the format was different, with all crews performing in one showcase. They performed 27th, 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!

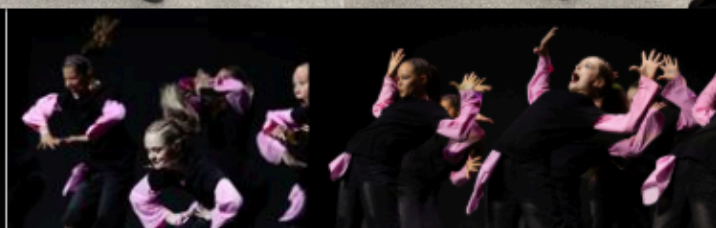
We were placed **11th out of 49** - a great result considering the high standards of acts involved!

Amy Kidd, Bailey Holley, Eva Wingate, Gracie Hill, Honor Hutchinson, Kiera-Lee Cooper, Leah Wills, Nami Marsden, Poppy Puschmann, Roxy Rowe and Willa Marshall performed with energy and pride.

Amy was awarded our teams sportsmanship award for her enthusiasm, positivity and good vibes 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 & 12 students from MMC Fran Pratt and Kyla Leat.

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





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AIMS GAMES

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HOCKEY - BOYS & GIRLS

Our Hockey teams recently returned from the AIMS Games after a fantastic week of competition, camaraderie, and top-tier Hockey. With a massive turnout across the tournament - featuring 21 boys' teams and 27 girls' teams - our players represented MMI with absolute pride, outstanding teamwork, and exemplary sportsmanship both on and off the turf.

Boys' Team - The boys delivered a stellar performance throughout the week, holding their composure against tough competition to finish 9th overall. They played with determination and skill, securing 6 wins out of their 9 matches.



MMI AIMS Boys Team: Finn Renwick, Ruan Vorster, Sebastian Farrar, Riley Duncan, Izac Vane, Jack Cole, Alex Andrade, Sebastien Beaudoin, Joseph Quinn, Noah Wnendt

Girls' Team - Our girls' team showed incredible grit and skill, finishing 17th overall with an impressive record of winning 6 out of their 8 games.



MMI Aims Girls Team: Maia Kemp, Rhiannon Price, Lauren Vane, Luna Wnendt, Indy Craven-Murphy, Milly Thompson, Brooke Riini, Mila Borman, Elsie Clark and Aubrey Thompson

INDOOR BOWLS



At the 2026 AIMS Games, 22 MMI students proudly represented our school in Indoor Bowls, achieving an incredible **2nd place overall!**

This was a fantastic result and a true reflection of the hard work, dedication and determination shown by every member of the team. They trained consistently, supported one another and gave it their all throughout the competition — they absolutely deserved this outstanding result!

There were also some fantastic individual performances, with **Jack Norton** finishing an amazing **2nd place** in the Singles, while **Lola Mann** secured an incredible **4th place**.

What an achievement for Jack, Lola and the entire MMI Indoor Bowls team! We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and showed such commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done, team!

Congratulations to **Dylan Eden** and **John Muir** for reaching the quarter-finals in pairs.

MOUNTAIN BIKING - CROSS COUNTRY & ENDURO

Our mountain bikers too, on the trails at Summerhill MTB Park during this year's AIMS Games, joining nearly 500 riders for several days of challenging and competitive racing.

The Cross Country race challenged riders with a demanding course through a variety of terrain, testing their endurance, speed and technical riding ability. A special congratulations to Riley Reed, who finished 20th in the Year 7 boys and Finn Renwick, who finished 25th in the Year 8 boys.

The Enduro event was particularly challenging this year, with slippery conditions making the downhill stages even more demanding. Our riders showed great skill, determination and resilience throughout the event. Congratulations to Neva Booker-Nash, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the Year 7 girls Enduro. Other strong results included Levi Sach, who finished 17th in the Year 8 boys, and Joren Boshier, who placed 48th in the Year 7 boys.

Mountain biking team: **Arlo Anderson, Blake Sarich, Finn Renwick, Ihakara Karaitiana, Joren Boshier, Levi Sach, Logan Hemingway, Neva Booker-Nash, Ollie O'Driscoll, Owen Gardner, Remy Te Whetu and Riley Reed.**



NETBALL



Netball is one of the largest sporting codes at AIMS. With over 100 school teams competing in the Girls' division alone, we knew we had a big challenge ahead of us.

Our first game was played on Sunday, and we played right through until Friday. There were certainly many tired bodies by the time we reached the final day! In the end, we had many great wins and a few close losses, leading MMI to place 14th overall in the tournament. This was a fantastic and well-deserved result, securing MMI a place in the A Grade/Top Section for AIMS Netball.

On behalf of the team, a huge ngā mihi must go to Cherie Hill (Coach) and Laura Marra (Manager). These two have not only helped the girls develop their skills, but have also created a fantastic team culture that has been displayed beautifully - not only at AIMS, but throughout their netball journey over the past two years. We are so grateful for their time, commitment and support.

This team had a fabulous week and were certainly a team to watch. Not only because of their incredible athletic ability, but also because of the sportsmanship they consistently displayed. There were often comments about what a lovely team they were, both on and off the court. They should be incredibly proud of how they represented our kura with mana and pride.

He whetū koutou - he tino pai tō koutou mahi hākinakina!



Honor Hutchinson, Gracie Hill, Qwyn Hopoi, Sophia Martin, Villenci van Dyk, Olive Marra, Estelle Orr, Ria Ferrari, Phoebe Stefan, Lola Murray & Willa Marshall.

ORIENTEERING



Reflecting on this year's Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga, we couldn't be prouder of **Pippa Rawlings** for her incredible performance in the Orienteering events. Taking on tough terrain and high-pressure navigation with an ambitious mindset and a bright, infectious smile, Pippa truly embodied the heart and spirit of the games from start to finish.

Whāea Claire was there cheering her on and shared this glowing reflection.

We are incredibly proud of Pippa who bravely took on the orienteering event at AIMS Games all by themselves! Competing as a solo athlete, she jumped straight into a fast, action-packed race that required super-quick thinking and a lot of energy. It takes a huge amount of grit and independence to navigate a tricky course completely on your own, and they tackled every single checkpoint with a massive smile and wonderful sportsmanship. What an absolute superstar!



Stepping onto the course completely on her own, making rapid decisions on the fly, and maintaining such positive sportsmanship is a massive achievement. Pippa's boundless energy, determination, and happy attitude made us all proud - what an outstanding representative for our school!



RIP RUGBY - MIXED

Will we win? Yes! Why will we win? Because we've trained for this, we've worked hard, we deserve it, and we're going to live up to our shirts! The AIMS RIP Rugby team played 12 games over 4 days, resulting in 10 wins, 1 draw and only a single loss to finish 13th overall out of 100 teams. With score gaps up to 8 and positive attitudes day in and day out, we showed exactly why we were such a threat! The team communicated positively, held their heads high and faced negativity with kindness. We won with skill and fair play, showing huge improvements throughout the tournament!



MMI AIMS RIP Rugby Mixed Team - Olivia Bell, Poppy Wadell, Oscar Fletcher, Coach Archer Flevill, Coach Carter Horton, TIC Skyla Douglas, Jock Moore, George Goodwin, Coach Judah Taylor, Cove Dickens, Sanna Meyer, Willa Hammond, Renee Naera, Scarlett Gartshore, Cohen Gibson, Farai Hurley, Braith Trask



George Goodwin received the sportsman award.

ROCK CLIMBING



The MMI rock climbing team of 22 strong hit the wall with unmatched focus and determination, navigating demanding routes that tested every month of hard training and preparation they put in. With a shared passion for the sport and a commitment to excellence, our athletes represented MMI on the national stage with immense pride.

While rock climbing is often viewed as an individual pursuit, our team proved that success is built together. From the ground, and the wall, the support of MMI students cheering each other on was unmistakable. They celebrated every hold reached, shared in the frustration when climbs didn't go to plan, and showed true empathy and heart throughout the competition. Their collective spirit was just as impressive as their technical skill!

Each new wall reset for the Top Rope and Boulder challenges brought a fresh wave of anticipation. Facing routes that looked nearly impossible at first glance, our climbers stretched beyond their comfort zones - finding that extra millimetre of grip, trusting their footwork, and pushing their bodies to secure the next crucial zone point.



The competition's progressive elimination structure was fierce. With massive category pools starting at over 190 climbers, making the top 15 for the semi-finals required near-flawless execution. To go a step further and break into the top 5 for the finals demanded sheer grit. Our MMI team rose to the challenge in spectacular fashion, sending 10 of our climbers through to the semi-finals and securing an impressive four spots in the finals across the Year 8 Boys and Year 7 Girls divisions!

On top of these brilliant individual efforts, MMI's depth and speed across the board proved unbeatable, with our team proudly taking out both the Top Overall School and Fastest School titles!

A special congratulations to these climbers on their Finals Results:

Year 8 Boys: Sebastian Farrar – **1st Place**

Year 8 Boys: Dominic Quellan - **3rd Place**

Year 7 Girls: Trixie de Jong - **2nd Place**

Year 7 Girls: Indy Craven-Murphy - **4th Place**

Whether finishing on the podium or giving their absolute all in the qualification rounds, every climber embraced the excitement and pressure of a national event. The bond within this crew grew stronger with every climb, and the anticipation for what these climbers can achieve next is already building. Congratulations to all our climbers on a phenomenal AIMS Games campaign.

RUGBY 7's - BOYS

MMI was proud to send 12 dedicated players to Blake Park for the AIMS Sevens Rugby. The team brought strong energy and outstanding sportsmanship.

After a rocky start while finding their rhythm against top-tier opponents, the boys demonstrated incredible resilience and team spirit. The boys won three of their games against Reporoa College, Marotiri School and Te Teko. With some great tackles and quick tries they powered through, securing a 4th place in their pool and 36th place overall.

Throughout the entire tournament, they boys represented our school with pride, grit, and positive vibes. An awesome effort from a team that showed true determination until the final whistle!



MMI Team: Alex El-Agez, Ashton Finnis, Blake Williams, Callaway Pack, Cohen Ngatai, Konah Tyler, Mason Nobilo, Nixon Cobb, Ollie Page, Remi Baker, Telio Fromont and Tremaine King.

SQUASH

What a week the Squashies had!



What a fantastic week it has been for our Squashies! They stepped out onto the court playing 5 matches each over the week. They faced new opponents and had some awesome wins. There were 61 boys and 28 girls from all over. We had some amazing results!

- **Cale Berkett** - 39th
- **Eli Shaw** - 27th
- **Bree Robinson** -12th
- **Fia Guest** - 13th
- **Zara Wilson** - 25th

Every single player should be incredibly proud of how they performed on court this week. The last round of matches were amazing games that were full of tight rallies and hard-fought points. It was fantastic to see them out their representing our kura.

Our Sportsmanship Award goes to Bree Robinson! 🏆

Shout out to Bree who was awarded the sportsmanship award. She always has a smile on her face and brings a positive mindset to every match. She acknowledged her opponents when they hit a great shot and continued to be kind and encouraging throughout the game. She is a wonderful example of what great sportsmanship looks like.

SURFING

AIMS Games 2026: MMI Surfing Squad Shreds at Tay Street!

Our legendary 14-strong MMI surfing team hit Tay Street beach for an intense week of competition across two arenas. The ocean served up serious test conditions with heavy shoulder-to-head-high peaky swells, powerful rips, and endless paddling. Our crew showed incredible grit, duck-diving through wall after wall of white water to hunt down scoreable waves.

In an incredible display of team depth, every single one of our 14 surfers advanced through Round 1! After nail-biting heat battles in the Quarters and Semis, six MMI surfers charged all the way into the Finals—putting on a competitive masterclass to bring home an impressive six-medal haul.

Final Results & Medalists

- **Year 7 Boys:** Arlo locked in **GOLD** with standout wave selection, while Boston carved his way to **SILVER**.
- **Year 8 Boys:** Ollie dug deep in a stacked final heat to earn a heroic **BRONZE**.
- **Year 8 Girls:** A complete MMI clean sweep! Nami took home **GOLD**, Millie claimed **SILVER**, and Summer brought home **BRONZE**.
- **Tag Team Event:** Massive congratulations to our Year 7 boys crew, who combined forces, timed their wave runs perfectly, and took out **1st place** in the Tag Team surf event!

Sportsmanship & Special Thanks

While the surfing was top-tier, the team's attitude on the beach was even better. Congratulations to Matthew and Nami, who were voted by their peers as the deserving winners of the Surfing Sportsmanship Awards for their encouragement, positivity, and team spirit.



SWIMMING

Our Mount Maunganui Intermediate Swimming Squad made us exceptionally proud at the 2026 AIMS Games, demonstrating outstanding drive, sportsmanship, and determination.



Our competitive swimming squad - Ethan Botha, Caleb McLean, Blake Li'Wagener, Molly Green and Jessica Dove all delivered phenomenal performances in the pool. Every single swimmer achieved a Personal Best (PB), with one athlete knocking an astonishing 7 seconds off their time!



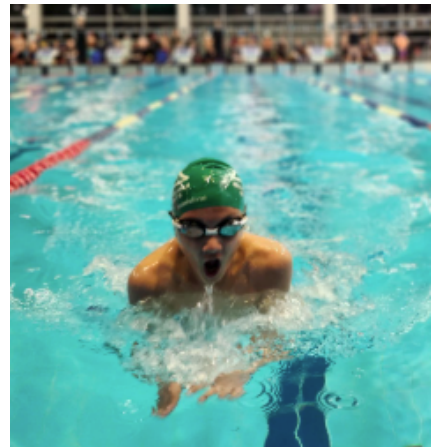
A special mention goes to **Caleb McLean**, who brought home an impressive haul of medals:

Gold: 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle

Silver: 50m Butterfly, 100m Individual Medley (IM)

Bronze: 100m Butterfly

Another special mention to **Blake Li'Wagener** for receiving our sportsmanship medal for showing outstanding character both in and out of the pool. Throughout the meet, Blake was passionate about his teammates' results as well as his own.



What makes their achievements even more remarkable is their sheer stamina. All five swimmers doubled up by competing in Water Polo all week, spending almost the entire tournament in the water! Adding to that superhuman effort, **Jessica Dove** also represented our school in the Cross-Country event. We could not be prouder of the extraordinary attitude, resilience, and character shown by these young athletes.

TABLE TENNIS



AIMS TABLE TENNIS

This year was our biggest number of AIMS competitors for Table Tennis and the largest team they have had to photograph!



The girls team of **Leah Wills**, **Cady Hoogastraten** and **MacKenzie Meihana** won **silver** on the first day to begin our AIMS tournament. Then, **Seeyeo Hong**, **Quinn Maxwell**, **Audrey Taylor** and **Annie Kim** won 4th place.



Day 2 saw **Pedro Prieto** come 2nd in the Boys Consolation Round and **McKenzie Meihana** came 3rd in the Girls Singles Consolation Round.



On Day 3, the Mixed Doubles **Audrey Taylor** and Ashton Ballantyne took out the Consolation Round. Along with the Girls Double Consolation Round being won by **Leah Wills** and **MacKenzie Meihana**. **Lucas Asher** and **Logan Payne** won the Boys Double Consolation Division.



Amazingly **Leah Wills** 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

Georgia Anderson, Jimmy Skerrett, Ayla Keogh and **Felix Park** represented MMI in Tennis at this year's AIMS Games.

The tournament was held at the Venture Junior Development Centre and Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club, with the team facing some strong competition from schools across New Zealand and Australia.

All four players showed great determination and resilience throughout the tournament, while demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. They represented themselves and MMI with mana and made the most of the opportunity to compete, challenge themselves and enjoy the AIMS Games experience.

Congratulations to Georgia and Ayla for being presented with a certificate for showing strength, determination, fair play and effort throughout the match.



WATERPOLO - GIRLS - POIWAI



MMI AIMS Waterpolo Team

Bella Sizemore, Bronte Drysdale, Daisy Hayward, Danielle Seagar, Emma Manville, Jessica Dove, Lulah Metcalfe, Lydia Petterson, Mattea Harlick, Nylah de Hoog, Summer Holmes

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KIRIWAHI

**Waterpolo
Sportsmanship
Medal -
Nylah de Hoog**

The MMI Girls Water Polo team had an epic AIMS week!

Some 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 the outcome of their games. They held their own against some of the top girls schools in the country. A highlight was their final game of the week against Berkley Normal School.

A huge thank you to their whānau and supporters.

A special huge shout out to their awesome coaches Time and Luke, and their superstar manager Steph for making their week a huge success.



WATERPOLO - OPEN - POIWAI



MMI AIMS Waterpolo Team

Blake Li'Wagener, Caleb McLean, Ethan Botha, Franco Castle, Kaia Gee, Molly Green, Niko Acker, Oliver Ryan, Oliver Townsend-Hill, Rocco Horn

The MMI Mixed team had a fantastic AIMS week. Finishing second in their pool (only losing to Northcross Intermediate who would go on to win the gold), they proceeded into the quarter finals with confidence, winning convincingly against last year's gold medalists, Murray's Bay.



The team had a goal of making top 8 and they surpassed that by ending their week in 4th with a gutting loss to Sacred Heart College (Auckland) in the Bronze medal final.



A huge thank you to their amazing coach Sally and their superstar manager Gillian.

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KIWIFRUIT

**25 Teams
8 Games
5 WINS**

4th Overall!



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**Waterpolo
Sportsmanship
Medal -
Kaia Gee**