

16 October 2026

Pānui

MMI Newsletter No. 16



COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 14-28 Ritsumeikan group
- 21 Shake Out
- 26 Labour Day - No School
- 27 BOT Meeting
- 28 WBOP Tennis - Papamoa
- 30 Super 11 Volleyball
- 30 Teacher Only Day - School closed

NOVEMBER

- 6 MAP Testing - MMC
- 11 Ra Whakangahau at MMI
- 11-13 Super 11 Battle of the Bays - Gisborne
- 13 Orientation visit - contributing schools
- 17 Moturiki Trip - Sapphire Springs
- 19 Super 11 Girls Cricket - Fergusson Park
- 19 Karewa Trip - Rotorua
- 20 WBOP Touch
- 26 Rangiwaea Trip - Buried Village/Aquatic
- 27 Super 11 Athletics - Tauranga

DECEMBER

- 1 BOT Meeting
- 1 Karewa EOY Trip - Pilot Bay
- 2 Matakana EOY Trip
- 4 Motiti/Tuhua EOY Trip
- 10 Year 8 Formal
- 11 Prizegiving
- 15 Last day of Term 4

Term 4 Week 1

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School Hat Donations Needed! 📣

If you have any school hats at home that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, we would love to take them off your hands! Please consider donating clean, good-condition hats to the school office. Your support helps us ensure every student stays sun-safe during outdoor activities.

Thank you for your generosity!



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MMI COASTAL VALUES



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CALENDAR ART

RAISING FUNDS AND KIDS SELF ESTEEM THROUGH ART SINCE 1991

Our students have been working hard on some fantastic artwork to share with your friends and family!

Keep an eye out for Calendar Art order forms coming home soon!

Orders will close Monday 2 November



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to term 4, we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break and that your children 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 Environmental sustainability. The big idea underpinning our learning this term is that Kaitiaki need to protect, restore and promote sustainable practices. Our inquiry learning will be underpinned by this whakatauki: Toitū te marae o Tane Mahuta, Toitū te marae o Tangaroa, Toitū te Tangata - If the land is well, and the sea is well, the people will thrive.

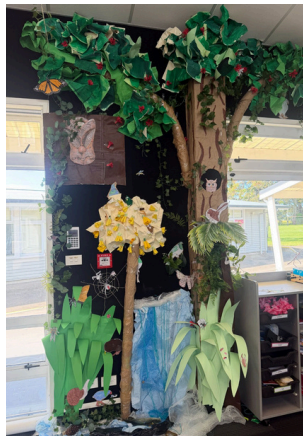
Students will be inquiring into:

- The importance of the land and native species. (Function)
- Human impact on the native environment (Causation)
- Ways we can make a difference to the environment (Responsibility)

You may have heard already about our provocation for the term. Classroom forests (displays) were sadly destroyed overnight on Wednesday. Predators, diseases and damage to the forests was met with upset and disdain when the students returned to their classrooms on Thursday to survey the damage. This provocation has generated a great buzz around the school.



**Melissa Nelson
Principal**



Sharing our Progress and Achievement:

Rational Numbers and Financial Literacy - Term 3, 2026

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.

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KIA MAUAO TE TŪ

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	25.83	51.49	0.97
Standard Deviation	23.26	29.55	
Average SD	26.41		

Rational Numbers - Term 3 2026				
Cohort	SOT Average	EOT Average	Increase	Average Effect Size
All (604)	26	51	25	0.97
NZ European/Pakeha (308)	27	54	27	1.04
Maori (185)	20	40	20	0.78
Pasifika (15)	29	62	33	1.28
Other (96)	34	63	29	1.09
Year 7 (313)	19	43	24	0.93
Year 8 (291)	34	60	26	1.01
Male (332)	28	53	25	0.97
Female (272)	23	50	27	0.99

Japanese Visitors

A group of students from Ritsumeiken arrived on Wednesday 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 Matua Tapuraka and Whanau 28 for their warm powhiri on Thursday and to Renee Thurston who has managed to find hosts and arrange enriching activities for our visitors.

Hats

A reminder that **term four is a hat wearing term**. Please ensure that your child has a MMI hat that is *clearly named* to bring to school every day. Hat wearing in the summer months is important in climates like ours. Teachers do not enjoy having to constantly remind students to wear hats in the playground. Please remind your son or daughter that it is their responsibility to take care of themselves and protect themselves from the sun.

Term four is always an exciting term for all students as our Year 8's get ready to transition to high school and our Year 7's get ready to welcome a new cohort of students to MMI next year. We will continue to have high expectations for how students are to behave and ask that our whanau supports us by expecting all students to follow our coastal values at school.

Have a great weekend whānau.

Whāea Melissa
Principal

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COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2026 Term 3 - Week 10/Term 4 – Week 1

1	Carlos Kruz Herbert	For an improved effort this term with all of your work. Keep being resilient and trying your best! Ka rawe!	1	Roxy Rowe	For a great attitude to the start of the term and especially with your focus towards all your Maths tasks. Ka rawe!
2			2	Lucas Asher	For a fantastic start to the year. Your positive attitude towards your learning is amazing. Keep it up!
3	The Whole Class	For a fantastic term! Everyone has shown excellent progress in their learning and put a lot of effort into their work ahead of Whanau Sharing Day.	3	Sienna Pierce	For being a great buddy for your international student. It is great to see you helping her with what she needs, using your initiative to translate things and supporting her in class.
4	Navya Bokka	For being thoughtful and generous with your time, and for consistently showing kindness to others. I really admire these qualities in you. He whetū koe!	4	Nikita Orekhov	For your fantastic start to term four, you have been so focused and on task with our inquiry, showcasing your incredible artistic skills. He whetū koe!
6	Charlie Lau	For showing fantastic effort in your learning and always being willing to give things a go. Keep up the great work!	6	Oliver Kerry	For a great start back to Term 4. Your positive attitude and focus during learning is amazing! Ka Rawe!
7	Renee Naera	For demonstrating the Coastal Values, Manaaki and Pono, within the classroom. You are thoughtful and kind; a lovely friend to all. He pai rawa!	7	Ryan Thorner	For demonstrating the Coastal Value, Ako, by staying focused during maths and pushing yourself during challenging tasks. Keep it up. Miharo!
8	Lexi Williams	For showing great determination in your mahi. You have a positive attitude towards learning and are supportive of your peers. Ka mau te wehi!	8	Owen Gardner	For showing Ako and Pono in your learning. You ask relevant questions and create curiosity by prompting your peers to join in on academic conversations. You have grown so much this year Owen - Tino Pai!
9	Austin Lee	For being resilient and bouncing back with confidence. Well done for showing off your AMPT values! You are a star Austin!	9	Angus Graham	For consistently putting in the hard mahi! He whetū koe!
10	Braxton Turnbull	For showcasing your creativity and curiosity throughout our Space inquiry. It's great to see the mahi you produce when you're engaged. Ka Rawe, Brax!	10	Kaia Gee	For always demonstrating fantastic leadership through your positive attitude, the way you uphold our class expectations and encourage others to do the same. Ka rawe, Kaia!
11	Finnur Crowder	For challenging yourself to be the best you can be in everything you do. You are an amazing AMPT role model. Tino pai tō mahi!	11	Chloe Bloomfield	For showing consistent integrity, care, respect, and dedication. Whānau 11 appreciate you!
12			12	Morris Plomp	For being so open with your learning, great role-modelling for the rest of the class!
13	Lucas Sanchez	For your hard work and focus during Maths time. You made some great progress in your recent rational numbers snapshot. Ka rawe!	13	Olive Marra	For your awesome creativity and teamwork during our Inquiry sessions this week. Ka mau te wehi!
14			14	Mia Thompson	Thank you for always using your manners, putting your best foot forward in learning, and having a positive attitude.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

POLICY REVIEWS

Mount Maunganui Intermediate Policy Reviews: Have Your Say

Mount Maunganui Intermediate uses **SchoolDocs** to manage our school policies and procedures, tailored specifically for MMI and aligned with Ministry of Education guidelines. Parent and whānau feedback is an essential part of our review process.

Policies up for review this term: Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy

- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement
- Learning Support
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Religious Instruction * / Religious Observances
- Health Curriculum
- Privacy Policy

How to access and submit feedback: Learn more on our school website at <https://mtint.school.nz/mmi-policies-and-procedures/>, or head directly to SchoolDocs:

- **SchoolDocs Site:** <https://mtint.schooldocs.co.nz>
- **Username:** mtint
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Class Times, Term 3 2026

Wednesday 3:45 to 5:15pm
Saturday 8am to 10:30am
Saturday 10:30 to 12pm

Tauranga archers is offering lessons for year 7 to 13 students (11 years) 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 co-ops 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 Programmes, run by Archery New Zealand (ANZ).
<https://www.archery.org.nz/schools-and-club/archery-school-club-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://forms.taurangaarchers.co.nz/school-archery>

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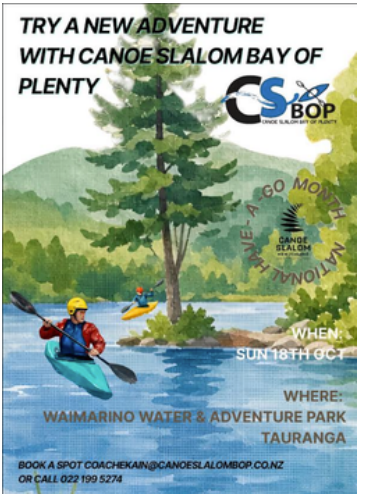


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<https://tinyurl.com/67Nensorystorytime>

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Class times, Term 4 - 2026
Wednesday: 4 - 5.30PM
Saturday: 9 - 10.30AM
Saturday: 10.30 - 12PM

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Weekly lessons run over six weeks where students will learn the basic safety and techniques for shooting a recurve bow. Students will also get the opportunity to compete with other schools around the country.

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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

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