### NEWSLETTER

## MAUNU SCHOOL



#### THURSDAY 4th JULY 2024

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou,

#### Matariki Festival

As Term 2 draws to an end, and at this time of reflection for Matariki, it's wonderful to look back on the amazing opportunities our tamariki have experienced. Last week, we celebrated our Matariki Festival, where all our cultures came together to value and honour the importance of the Māori New Year. I was incredibly proud to see our students working together, supporting one another in their tuaka-teina activities and rotations.

Unfortunately, I was sick and missed our special assembly after all the hard work our students and staff had put in. Thankfully, technology allowed me to view their performances from my sick bed. Our students make me so proud, continually demonstrating growth in their independence and celebrating and sharing their culture.

A special mention goes to our Kapa Haka rōpū, who represented our school with excellence at the Morningside Festival on Thursday. They were a credit to our school. I thank all the Cultural Responsive Team, teachers, staff and parents who worked in partnership to create such amazing memories for our children.

As we set goals together for our tamariki in the coming year, I wish you all a fantastic year ahead. Let's continue to support and inspire our students to reach their full potential.

#### **Three Way Conferences**

A heartfelt thank you to all the whānau who attended the Three Way Conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Our students are always proud to share their learning, discuss their goals, and talk about what makes them proud.

Our teaching team has spent countless hours writing the Mid-Year Reports. This is a crucial time to think about the two terms ahead and how we can support our students with their learning and set up opportunities for them to achieve their goals.

If you were unable to attend, please take the opportunity to read the Mid-Year Report carefully. Do not hesitate to contact our dedicated teaching team to discuss ways we can support you at home in keeping your child's goals alive.

#### **Hut Building & Sensory Area**

I am writing to extend a heartfelt thank you to Luke and Linda Hardwick of **John Duff Roofing**. Following the cyclone last year, our school lost the roofing over the

# DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

5 Jul: 2PM Full School Assembly5 Jul: Last Day of Term 2

#### TERM 3

22 Jul: First Day of Term 3
23 Jul: Term 3 Powhiri 9.15am
29 Jul: Poetry Power - Whangarei

Boys High

6 Aug: Mathex Competition27 Aug: School Cross Country

decking area of our Hut Building and Sensory Area. Luke and Linda generously donated all the necessary resources, staff, and their time to reroof this area, ensuring our tamariki have a shaded space to enjoy.

We are incredibly grateful for the Hardwicks' dedication and support of Maunu School. Their generosity has made a significant impact on our school community.

#### Changing of the Guards

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible mahi Amanda McKay has done in our office during Terms 1 and 2. If you have had the pleasure of knowing Amanda, you will know that she has been a wonderful addition to our team, stepping in seamlessly while keeping Kristy's seat warm.

We are delighted to share that Kristy will be returning from her parental leave in Term 3, and we eagerly anticipate her return to the office. We are also thrilled to announce that Amanda has graciously agreed to continue working with us, at least until the end of the year. This decision comes as Carolyn Boyce Bacon, who has dedicated her time and energy to the school Office for the last 24 years, has chosen to explore a more balanced approach to her work and life balance.

Starting in Term 3, Carolyn will be working from Monday to Wednesday, and Amanda will be taking over on Thursdays and Fridays. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing team in the office, ensuring that our school runs smoothly and efficiently.

As we approach the term break, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a restful and enjoyable holiday. This is a wonderful opportunity to create lasting memories with your children and spend quality time together.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to Maunu School on Monday, July 22nd. Until then, have a safe and happy break!

Warm regards,

Claire Turton, Principal

## **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

### REPORTING TO WHĀNAU

Reports came home last week for the first time via email. We hope you found this process easy and have been able to download and save your child's report for easy access in the future. By sending it electronically, we understand this can easily be shared with the wider whānau.

#### MAUNU SCHOOL VALUES CUP WINNERS



KOWHAI – Ashar Saini
TAWA – Esther Tibu
RATA – Heidi Harrison
KAURI – Jaspar Hadaas (Lavi

KAURI – Jasper Hodges (Lexi Orr holding on behalf of)



#### **CERTIFICATE WINNERS: 21 & 28 JUNE**

| ROOM 2  | Michael Shanahan, Henry Hunter, Julia Lewis                      |
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| ROOM 3  | Lara Silvestre, Annabelle Orr, Wilson Turner, Thea Davies-Colley |
| ROOM 4  | Lachlan Bonar, Bonnie Stewart, Rose Antony, Natalia Zhuang       |
| ROOM 5  | Violet Cooper, Wyatt Rosewarne                                   |
| ROOM 6  | Thomas Hunter, Zariah Lejos, Ada Brown, Ayden Alex               |
| ROOM 9  | Kennedy Churches, Ethan Aby, Esther Manson, Anya Pell            |
| ROOM 10 | Kian Pala, Jaillet Benito, Kierat Kaur Aujla, Peyton Langley     |
| ROOM 11 | Leo Edwards, Maia Thorburn                                       |
| ROOM 12 | Jaini Dave, Noah Matos Santos Jepsen                             |
| ROOM 14 | Eden Dawson, Riley Waddell, Aaliyah Matoe, Chirag Kaushik        |
| ROOM 15 | Mila Foy, Tomas Ulloa Salinas, Anna Binoj, Caleb Heunis          |
| ROOM 17 | Annabelle Postma, Niya Ajeesh, Blake Ruxton, Maria Antony        |
| ROOM 18 | Mia Hubner, Ceiba Koncsek, Felix Joseph, Emma Lombard            |

#### POETRY COMPETITION - WELL DONE!



Congratulations to the students who will go on to represent Maunu School in the **Poetry Power Celebration** at WBHS next term. Students were asked to present a poem to their class that followed the theme 'We may not have it all together, but together we have it all (Youth Week 2024). Each class selected 2 students from every year group and then they performed in front of the senior syndicate. From there, we narrowed it down to only seven students. We are very proud of all those that gave it their best.

- Yr4 Ella Davies-Colley, Nell Bowles
- Yr5 Tara White-Hughes, Caleb Heunis, Eddie Wong
- Yr6 Scarlett White-Hughes, Isabell Alex

## MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS MORNINGSIDE KAPA HAKA

Last Thursday 57 members of our Tuakana Kapa haka rōpū visited Morningside School to participate in their Matariki Cultural Festival. It was an amazing day with our rōpū performing with pride and passion, displaying a well polished performance.

Following our performance, the ropu had the opportunity to enjoy watching and supporting other schools, participating in fun competitions run by the MC, Pio, and enjoy the different food stalls available.

The smiles on all the children's faces were an indication of a very successful and enjoyable day. A big thank you to those parents that helped with transport and supervision for the day- it is very much appreciated.























### FREE PIANO - TO A LOVING HOME!

If you are interested call Tracey 021565366





## **REMINDERS**

#### **FUTURE 5 YEAR OLDS - 2024 & 2025**



To help with our forward planning can you please check with the office to ensure that we have recorded any future siblings of current students that are planning to attend Maunu School **in 2024 & 2025**.

#### LOST PROPERTY - PLEASE CHECK BEFORE END OF TERM





Our Lost Property box is still overflowing with sweatshirts, hoodies and shoes. Weather permitting, items will be displayed on the courts on Friday. Can you please remind your children to check if anything belongs to them.

## FRIENDS & WHANAU NEWS (PTA)

### **COUNTRY FAIR PLANNING & PREPARATION**



**The Country Fair** is our largest fundraising event each year at Maunu School. It has been an incredibly successful way to raise funds for our school in the past and has been running annually, on the first Saturday of November for over 20 years.

This is a day of tradition, enjoyed by many tamariki, school whānau & staff, and the wider Whangarei community. It is a big event that does require a lot of planning throughout the year to pull it together and a team of committed workers on the day. This year the date would be Saturday 2nd November.

Currently our PTA consists of a very small group of committed members. There are simply not

enough members on our PTA to be able to organise the Country Fair.

Therefore, we are asking you to complete the attached survey using the link. The survey is asking for members of our community to commit to the key coordination roles described.

<u>Country Fair Survey link</u>, it will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

We really appreciate hearing your opinions. If we cannot get coordinators we will be looking at alternative plans.

Please complete the survey by Monday 22nd July





## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



77ME ACE GROUP 9:00am—2:30pm 4-10







1 day 2 days 3 days

\$49 \$88 \$122

#### ENROL AT PLAYBALLKIDS COM/FRANCHISE/NORTHLAND







Thursday 11th July 9am - 3pm Kensington Courts Year 5/6 (8 - 10 years) \$40 per player

Coaches Hayley Taylor and Kimberly Ruth, along with a support team, will be running this clinic. This will include skill development on: footwork, ball skills (passing and catching), attacking and defensive skills. Consolidation

games in the afternoon will be in the 7 aside format

BYO food and water

For more info or to register, please contact: hayleybethtaylor@gmail.com or phone 021 262 1674

All proceeds go towards Maungatapere School Netball team fundraising to attend AIMS Games

#### Tauraroa Area School



Please return this registration form to your school office by Wednesday 7th August 2024 OR complete the online google form: https://forms.ple/fsl/vCUFY/dx9Xorob6

Come and experience a day at TASI Choose your own activities, talk to other students, meet some teachers and experience what we have to offer.

Any questions, please phone Whaea Delilah 09 432 2643

8:40am+ Picked up and taken to TAS by busischool van (time will vary depending on school) Please pack morning tea and funch for the day out.

Powhiri at TAS gym for parents who want to accompany students

5:30 - 7:00pm Parent/Caregiver and student information evening to meet the teachers, tour the school and make enrolment applications. Finger food, tea & coffee provided. For further information please phone the school office 432 2643







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