#### NEWSLETTER

# MAUNU SCHOOL



#### THURSDAY 1st AUGUST 2024

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had a wonderful term break and enjoyed some special time with your whānau. As always, we have an exciting term planned, full of enriching activities and learning opportunities

for our students.

This week, I had the pleasure of watching seven of our students from

Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 participate in Poetry Power. I was incredibly proud as they confidently shared their poems with the audience. Their oral language skills and performance were of such a high standard that Maunu School received special recognition from a visiting poet. It was a fantastic experience for our students, and a testament to their hard work and dedication.

In addition to our achievements in poetry, I have been working with a group of amazing mathematicians. These students have been engaging in problem-solving activities that enrich and extend their fantastic brains. Next week, we

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 3

6 Aug Mathex Competition27 Aug School Cross Country

16,19,20 Aug Book Fair

17 Aug
4 Sep
4 Sep
4 & 5 Sep
13 Sep
25 & 26 Sep
27 Sep
WPSSA Sports Day
Junior Showcase
PTA Spooky Disco
Senior Showcase
Last Day Term 3

will head to Whangarei Boys' High School to compete in the annual Mathex competition. This is always a highly anticipated event, and I am confident that our students will represent Maunu School with excellence.

#### **Cultural Showcase**

This term, each class is focusing on learning around Culture. We are excited to invite families to come in and share in our learning as we weave our individual stories together with a cultural narrative in a special showcase. While we are still finalising the length of the showcase and specific ticket details, we can share the dates with you now so you can mark them in your diary.

#### **Junior Showcase:**

Monday 2nd September: Full run-through Tuesday 3rd September: Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 4th September: Evening Showcase

Thursday 5th September: Matinee Showcase & Evening Showcase

**Senior Showcase:** 

Monday 23rd September: Full run-through Tuesday 24th September: Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 25th September: Evening Showcase

Thursday 26th September: Matinee Showcase & Evening Showcase

We are looking forward to these showcases as an opportunity for our students to demonstrate their learning and for our community to come together and celebrate the rich cultural tapestry that makes Maunu School unique.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning and growth.

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire Turton, Principal

## **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

#### **MAUNU SCHOOL VALUES CUP WINNERS**



KOWHAI – Aaliyah Wilson TAWA – Steven Bibin RATA – Caleb Leonard KAURI – Cooper Jensen



#### **CERTIFICATE WINNERS: 5 JULY AND 26 JULY**

Hawaiki Dobson, Jake Harrison, Aarcha Suresh
Saanvi Singh, Ollie Mathieson, Ajooni Dhami, Titus Tana
Alex Lancaster, Tamati Prime, Kari Powell, Viggo Ström
Ruby Beilby, Daniel Bai, Elvin Robin
Fernanto Sojan, Kianu Kapa, Cody Bassett-Allen, Ethan Wang
Tricia Lai, Daniella Frank, Lucas Howe, Nillah Lloyd
Emma Riley, Cooper Fromont, Anamika Sreejith, Sloan Alexander
Jessie Bassett-Allen, William Hardwick, Kingston Baigent, Kezia Thomas
Eddie Williams, Sabrina Walters, Riley Sisam, Xaviera Sainty
Hunter Baigent, Grace Adamson, Marion Coffey, Sienna Scott-Sawyer
Eddie Wong, Sophie Smith, Patrick Reid, Mila Foy
Aloshy Aby, Brooke Walden, Ethan Wong, Eric Thomas
Lachlan Edwards, Rhodes Alexander, Mikaela Matoe, Myah Burke



#### TREES FOR SURVIVAL

At the beginning of 2023 Maunu School made a partnership agreement with **Trees for Survival**, a charitable trust that sees over 200 schools throughout Aotearoa participating in a native tree planting project. This programme aims to make children more aware of the environment. Its focus is on children understanding the importance of conservation, revegetation, wetland restoration and protecting our streams.

In September 2023 we started on the journey with the arrival of new shade cloth structures, thanks to our newly acquired sponsors **G.J Gardner Homes** and **Fonterra**. The shaded structures provide protection for our baby native seedlings. When the seedlings arrived the first task was to take the very small trees and learn how to repot them into larger bags. Throughout our STEM week in mid-September 2023 all the children were involved in this process. With over 800 trees to attend to, this was a busy exercise.







After lots of watering, weeding and taking care of our seedlings, the time had arrived to plant our trees in the community. On the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, we made our way to Andrew Boots farm at Mata. (Andrew also has a local farm at Maungatapere). Here we walked up a long, steep track to the back of his land. The children learnt about land erosion and how trees help to stabilise the ground. We also learnt that trees help to keep nutrients in the ground, filter waterways and bring back birds who help to regenerate trees.

We couldn't have had a better day. The sun was out, and the children were so excited. We had the help of many amazing parents who supported us with transport, digging and planting. Together we planted over 820 trees. Both Katie and Frankie; the Trees for Survival facilitators, were thrilled with the children's efforts. Several people from G.J Gardner Homes also came out to support us. In the end, it was a day to celebrate all the hard mahi the children had put into growing these wee native trees.

















At the end of the planting day, Andrew sparked up the Fonterra BBQ. With a belly full of sausages, bread and milkshakes we were one bunch of happy but tired environmentalists. As this was our first adventure, we had no idea how our day would pan out and we didn't think we would get so many trees in the ground. I was so proud of all our children, from the older ones right down to the youngest.

Thank you to Trees for Survival for giving our children this wonderful opportunity to engage in real life learning and to the wonderful parents who gave up their time and supported us on this important day. We could not have done it without you. Lastly, thank you to Andrew Boot for supplying us with the land to work on, and to **Fonterra** and **G.J Gardner Homes** for their sponsorship; a requirement needed in order to be involved in such an amazing, worthwhile programme. We look forward to the arrival of our new seedlings again this August! – Sharon Stainton







Supported by: G.J. Gardner. HOMES

<u>MAUNU SCHOOL NETBALL</u> would like to say a huge thank you to **Altherm Northland**, **Building & Architectural Services Ltd**, **Potter Electrical Ltd**, **Compas Kustoms** and all those who made a donation toward sponsoring sweatshirts for all our netball players and coaches.

Team sweatshirts provide three advantages; we look like a team, they're easy to find on crowded Saturday mornings, and they are very snuggly! The sweatshirts are very much appreciated by everyone, THANK YOU!!!

If you would still like to help raise funds for Maunu School Netball you can make a small donation towards the hoodie to help make netball at Maunu School even better!

Maunu School PTA account: 12-3115-0116314-00 - Reference 'Hoodie'.



#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

It's that time again! The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Maunu school mid-August. There will be exciting activities and events centred around reading during week 5. Look out for more details in the next newsletter and posters around the school.



#### **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.

## FRIENDS & WHANAU NEWS (PTA)

#### PTA SPOOKY DISCO, SAVE THE DATE!



### Tauraroa Area School



#### Tuesday 6th August 2024

Please return this registration form to **your school office** by **Wednesday 7th August 2024**OR complete the online google form: https://forms.gle/HJvCUFt/dx9Xqrob6

Come and experience a day at TAS! 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

Programme: For students

8:40am+ Picked up and taken to TAS by bus/school van (time will vary depending on

school) Please pack morning tea and lunch for the day out.

10:00am Powhiri at TAS gym for parents who want to accompany students

1:30pm Students returned back to school

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

Tauraroa Area School, Cnr Omana & Tauraroa Roads, Maungakaramea

TAS Open Day 6<sup>th</sup> August – Please fill in the registration form via the link or come and collect a paper form from us in the Maunu School Office.





Hatea & Whangarei Zonta/ Mangakahia Lions Book Sale.

## **CLEARANCE**

**SALE** 



**4 Bougainville Street** 

ALL BOOKS - \$1

Saturday 3 August - 8.00am to 4.00pm

Sunday 4 August - 8.00am to 12noon

Thank you to everyone for your book donations and supporting our Hatea & Whangarei Zonta/Mangakahia Lions Book Sale.

So far, just over \$47,000 has been raised for local charities.

We still have 1,000s of books left, which need a good home

Please come back, one more time and help us recycle the left over books for \$1.00 each.