

THURSDAY 29th AUGUST 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora Maunu School Whānau,
I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the exciting events and developments happening at our school. It has indeed been a packed few months, filled with learning, creativity, and community engagement.

Junior School Cultural Showcase:

Our Junior School students have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their upcoming cultural showcase, **"The Weta and the Whale: A Journey Around the World."** This is a celebration of the diverse cultures and stories that enrich our school community. Through this performance, our students have explored different cultures and customs, bringing these stories to life with enthusiasm and creativity.

The integration of the performing arts into our curriculum has provided our tamariki with a unique opportunity to shine on stage, while also deepening their understanding of the world around them. We are immensely proud of their hard work and dedication, and we are confident that you will be too. Tickets for the showcase are now on sale through the Office, and we encourage you to secure your seats early. This promises to be an unforgettable experience for both students and parents alike.

Senior Syndicate Performance:

Our Senior Syndicate is also preparing to share their talents with the community in their performance, **"The Legacy of Tane Mahuta: A Journey Through Time."** This production is an exploration of New Zealand's rich history and the significance of Tane Mahuta, the mighty Kauri tree, in our cultural heritage. Through their studies in history and social studies, our students have delved into the stories of our land, learning about the past to better understand the present.

The students' commitment to bringing these stories to life through the performing arts has been truly inspiring. It is a joy to watch them grow in confidence and skill as they prepare to take the stage. This performance is a wonderful example of how education can be both engaging and meaningful, and we can't wait to share it with you all.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

- 30 Aug** Whole School Assembly
2pm - Rm 12 Hosting
 - 2 Sep** Yr4-6 Kiwi North Trip
 - 3 Sep** Junior Dress Rehearsal
 - 4 Sep** WPSSA Cross Country
 - 4 & 5 Sep** Junior Showcase
 - 13 Sep** PTA Spooky Disco
 - 17 Sep** WPSSA Sports Day
 - 24 Sep** Senior Dress Rehearsal
 - 25 & 26 Sep** Senior Showcase
 - 27 Sep** Last Day Term 3
- TERM 4**
- 14 Oct** Start Term 4
 - 25 Oct** Teacher only day - School closed
 - 28 Oct** Labour Day - School closed
 - 11 Dec:** Junior Final Assembly
 - 12 Dec** Senior Final Assembly
 - 13 Dec** Last Day Term 4
- 3 Feb 2025** First Day Term 1

Annual Country Fair: A New Approach

Late last term, we reached out to the community for feedback on our annual Country Fair, a cherished tradition at Maunu School for over 20 years. The Country Fair has always been more than just a fundraiser; it's a special event that brings our community together in celebration and support of our school.

Based on your feedback, we have decided to adopt a new approach this year, implementing an A and B year for the Country Fair. This year's event, **scheduled for Friday 1st November**, will be a smaller-scale version of the Fair, focusing on fostering a sense of community. The afternoon and evening will be filled with opportunities to share food, enjoy each other's company, and watch a movie together under the stars, picnicking on the school field.

This scaled-back version will allow us to focus on the simple joys of coming together, without the pressures of a larger event. A community letter will be sent home soon, outlining how you can help us prepare for this special evening. We hope to see as many of you there as possible, enjoying the warmth and connection that our school community is known for.

Health and Safety Enhancements

In our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, we will be initiating some important work around the school to enhance our Health and Safety measures. Following recent assessments and in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, we have become increasingly aware of the growing traffic concerns on both Austin Road and State Highway 14.

To address these concerns, we will be beginning the process of erecting a fence around the school perimeter. This fence is designed solely to keep our tamariki safe during school hours, particularly in light of the busy roads nearby. I want to emphasise that this fence is not intended to keep our community out. We value the role our school grounds play as a gathering place for the community, and we will continue to keep the grounds open after hours and on weekends. We appreciate your understanding and support as we undertake these necessary improvements. The safety of our students is our top priority, and we are committed to ensuring that our school remains a secure and welcoming environment for everyone.

Focus on Attendance - Late Arrivals

At Maunu School, we deeply value the importance of regular attendance, as it is a key factor in ensuring the success and well-being of our students. We've previously discussed the significant impact that absenteeism can have on a child's learning journey, and today I want to address another issue that is affecting our students: **Lateness to school**.

The Impact of Being Late

Arriving late to school might seem like a minor inconvenience, but research shows that it can have a substantial impact on your child's day. Children who arrive after the bell are starting their day on the back foot, missing out on crucial settling-in time, morning routines, and initial instructions. This can create a ripple effect throughout the day, affecting their ability to focus, engage in lessons, and keep up with their peers.

Taking Action

To support our students and help them thrive, we will be sending home some data in the coming weeks to families who regularly arrive after the bell. This information is meant to be a constructive tool to help you recognise patterns and make adjustments where necessary. Our goal is to ensure that every child at Maunu School has the best possible start to their day, every day.

How You Can Help

We understand that mornings can be hectic, but establishing a consistent routine at home can make a world of difference for your child. Here are a few tips to help your child arrive on time:

- Set a consistent bedtime: Ensuring your child gets enough sleep can help them wake up on time and feel ready for the day ahead.

- Prepare the night before: Lay out clothes, pack lunches, and organise school bags the evening before to minimise the morning rush.
- Plan for travel time: Factor in extra time for unexpected delays on the way to school.
- Your partnership in this is invaluable. Together, we can make sure that every child at Maunu School is set up for success each day.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support in all aspects of school life. It is through our strong partnership that we can provide the best possible experience for our students.

Ngā mihi nui,
 Claire Turton
 Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

MAUNU SCHOOL VALUES CUP WINNERS



- RATA** – Maz Fannin
- TAWA** – Esther Tibu
- KOWHAI** – Macee Anderson
- KAURI** – Tyrell Johnson



CERTIFICATE WINNERS 16 AND 23 AUGUST:

ROOM 2	Henry Hunter, Tobi Zeien, Pravya Kasibhatla, Tezal Chahal
ROOM 3	Heidi Harrison, James Riley, Eden Baker, Serena Fitzhenry
ROOM 4	Manaaki Connelly, Audrey English Alexander, Mateo Fowler, Tamati Prime
ROOM 5	Alna Ibin, Aadhidev Kakkattu
ROOM 6	Ayla Brjevich, Olivia Bell, Eloise Jones, Fateh Singh
ROOM 9	Maya Nguyen, Jaisvi Kapila, Freya Pollard, Adeline Ryan
ROOM 10	Shane Connelly, Peyton Langley, Saathvik Sreejith, Praveer Kasibhatla
ROOM 11	Indie Gardner, Manaia Langley, Alijah Bond, Jesse Barnard
ROOM 12	Elsie Mercer, Kian Hunt, Jonathan He, Ivaana Alex
ROOM 14	Emma Findlay, Jeremiah Shaiju, Thomas Dodd, Isabell Alex
ROOM 15	James Davies, Lachie Bell, Tomas Ulloa Salinas, Abdullah Chaudhry
ROOM 17	Kalia Anderson, Jac Chapman-Smith, Kaio Koncsek, Raunak Singh
ROOM 18	James Platt, Sophia Shanahan

MAUNU SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to every child who ran our school cross country yesterday. There was a lot of keen competition with some very exciting finishes and all the children ran with such determination. The encouraging cheers and support from everyone were very much appreciated by the runners and spurred them on. A special thank you to Harcourts and Paul Sumich for bringing along his Perch Coffee Cart, and to Miranda Harrison from Activ8 for helping the children to warm up before their running races.

Below are the first 3 past the post in age order. The ages of the runners are taken at the age they were on 1st January 2024.

RESULTS - OVERALL PLACING

<u>10/11yr old Girls</u>	1st: Sienna Scott-Sawyer 2nd: McKenzie Harrison 3rd: Isabell Alex	<u>10/11yr old Boys</u>	1st: Leo Bell 2nd: Zayan Irfan 3rd: Hayden Baker
<u>9yr old Girls</u>	1st: Grace Cumming 2nd: Jayde Tamariki 3rd: Elsie Mercer	<u>9yr old Boys</u>	1st: Nixon Hood 2nd: Kyrie Lewis 3rd: Max Tearle
<u>8yr old Girls</u>	1st: Holly Harrison 2nd: Amaia McQueen 3rd: Olive Mitchell	<u>8yr old Boys</u>	1st: William Hardwick 2nd: Cooper Fromont 3rd: Jase Webb
<u>7yr old Girls</u>	1st: Kierat Kaur Aujila 2nd: Esme Mabey 3rd: Kennedy Churches	<u>7yr old Boys</u>	1st: Freddie Steel 2nd: Fernanto Sojan 3rd: Jaxon Fedarb
<u>6yr old Girls</u>	1st: Eva Cartwright 2nd: Charli Ryan 3rd: Emma Lombard	<u>6yr old Boys</u>	1st: Cody Bassett-Allen 2nd: Daniel Bai 3rd: Forbes Alexander
<u>5yr old Girls</u>	1st: Thea Davies-Colley 2nd: Annabelle Orr 3rd: Rose Antony	<u>5yr old Boys</u>	1st: Rhodes Alexander 2nd: Ayden Alex 3rd: Lucas Van Esch
<u>4yr old Girls</u>	1st: Tobi Zeien 2nd: Meg Shelford 3rd: Audrey English Alexander	<u>4yr old Boys</u>	1st: Alex Lancaster 2nd: Hawaiki Dobson 3rd: Elliot Thornton





THE WETA AND THE WHALE: A JOURNEY ACROSS THE WORLD.

Tickets are available now from the School Office. Get in quick so you don't miss out! Tickets are \$10 each, and under 5's are free. Tickets will be sent home with children early next week. We will send out a note to the community to advise which day these will be coming home.



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

The Board of Trustees have determined that we have places available for out of zone students in the following year level – **Year 1 students who will be 5 before the 10th of March 2025.** We have up to 10 places available. To apply for the ballot, you will need to complete an out of zone ballot form which will be available from the School Office. Applications close on the 15th of October and the ballot will be drawn on the 24th of October. If you would like a tour of the school please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

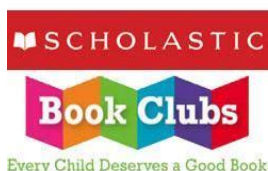
TEACHER ONLY DAY FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

We have a teacher only day scheduled for Friday the 25th of October. Please mark this on your calendar as School will be closed for instruction on this day.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was an awesome opportunity to get reading and enjoy all things book related. We had a character hunt, teachers read books at lunchtime in the library, there were literacy quizzes, and a match the teacher to their favourite childhood book. On Friday we ended with a dress up day. Thanks to all those who got into the spirit of things to make it a fun week and to those who supported the Scholastic Book Fair – We ended up with \$860 worth of books for our Maunu School Library....marvellous!





SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB CATALOGUE 6 IS OUT. If you would like to place an order see Lynne in the library for a catalogue or go online to scholastic.co.nz/LOOP. **Orders need to be in by Friday 6 September.**

FRIENDS & WHANAU NEWS (PTA)

PTA SPOOKY DISCO, SAVE THE DATE!

**MAUNU SCHOOL
SPOOKY DISCO**

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

JUNIORS - 5.30 - 6.30PM
SENIORS - 7.15 - 8.15PM
MAUNU SCHOOL HALL

+ PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED AS WELL AS DRINK, FOOD & PARTY GIMMICKS FOR SALE

Entry by gold coin donation.

Maunu Educare HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

September 30th - October 11th

1 x outing per week, fun activities everyday
for children 5 - 13 years old

Maunu School Hall
13 Austin Road, Maunu

WINZ Subsidies available

Contact Christin Munro
Cell: 027 482 1331
Email: info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz



Term 3
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learning environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports, such as tennis, hockey, football, basketball—and just about any other sport you can imagine!

A special trip is included at the end of each day.

LOCATION	PRICE	1 day	2 days	3 days
Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)	Child	\$52	\$94	\$131
DATES 8th - 10th October Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	2 Children	\$94	\$168	\$242
TIME 9:00am—2:30pm	AGE GROUP 4-10	3+ Children	\$38/child, per day	
		Additional days	\$38/child, per day	

WHAT TO BRING
Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle



ENROL AT PLAYBALLKIDS.COM/FRANCHISE/NORTHLAND

TE KAMO INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS - 2025

Te Kamo Intermediate have spaces for out of zone applications for 2025.


Enrolments for **out of zone** places need to be completed by **4 September**.

IF YOU LIVE IN ZONE, PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION NOW SO WE CAN PLACE YOUR CHILD IN A CLASS.

Please visit our website to enrol your child to ensure they have a place for 2025.

Go to www.kamoint.school.nz and click on enrolments

ENROL NOW



Te Kamo Intermediate School Board has determined that **200 Y7 places and 15 Y8 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students for 2025**. The exact numbers will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.