

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora Maunu School Whānau
As this term draws to a close, I couldn't be prouder of what our little kura achieves together. Every day at Maunu School, we see our tamariki shine in different ways, whether it's in the

classroom, on the field, or in creative spaces. It's this variety of experiences that truly captures the heart of our school – a place where students are encouraged to learn, grow, and embrace new challenges.

As part of our Strategic Plan, we've identified the importance of being Culturally Responsive. It's crucial that when our students step into the classroom, they see themselves reflected in the learning, in their environment, and in what we share with our wider community. This term, we have seen this vision in action with the cultural narratives each syndicate performed, bringing our curriculum to life. These performances, deeply rooted in the new Aotearoa Histories Curriculum, allowed us to celebrate the richness of New Zealand culture, reinforcing the significance of understanding and valuing our collective heritage.

A particular highlight for me has been watching our tamariki connect with these narratives on such a personal level. We will share some photos of the Senior syndicate's showcase in our first newsletter for Term 4. For now, I want to take a moment to acknowledge our incredible staff who go above and beyond to make these experiences happen. Their commitment to creating memorable, meaningful learning opportunities is evident in the pride and excitement I see on our students' faces. They work tirelessly to ensure every child has a moment to shine, and I am truly grateful to lead such a dedicated team.

At Maunu School, we place great importance on offering a broad and balanced curriculum. This term alone, our students have taken on a variety of challenges: from setting personal fitness goals during Cross Country, to exploring the role of Kaitiaki in their classroom inquiries, to writing and performing two playscripts that celebrated the performing arts. These experiences are not only

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

- 26 Sep** Senior Showcase
- 27 Sep** House Assembly – **2pm Start**
- 27 Sep** Last Day Term 3

TERM 4

- 14 Oct** Start Term 4
- 25 Oct** Staff Only Day - School Closed
- 28 Oct** Labour Day - School Closed
- 1 Nov** Friday Flicks on the Field
- 7 Nov** Kapa Haka Celebration Evening
- 12 Nov** Athletics Day
- 14 Nov** Mangakahia Cultural Festival
- 20-22 Nov** Year 4 Camp
- 21 Nov** Zone Athletics Year 5/6
- 28 Nov** Kapa Haka Festival Whangarei Primary
- 4 Dec** WPSSA Athletics
- 11 Dec** Junior Final Assembly
- 12 Dec** Senior Final Assembly
- 13 Dec** Last Day Term 4 – **12pm Finish**
- 3 Feb 2025** First Day Term 1
- 6 Feb 2025** Waitangi Day – School Closed

fun but crucial in developing well-rounded learners who can think creatively, act responsibly, and embrace new ideas.

With the term break upon us, it's the perfect time for our tamariki to rest, recuperate, and enjoy a slower pace. Our teaching and support staff are also looking forward to some well-earned downtime, having poured so much energy into making this term such a success. I feel incredibly privileged to lead and work alongside such a hardworking, passionate group of people, and I see the impact they have on our children's growth every single day.

Thank you for your continued support throughout Term 3. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 4!

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire Turton
Principal

STAFFING FOR TERM 4

We wish Caitlin Tavinor and her husband Dylan, all the very best as they embark on this exciting new chapter in their lives. As Caitlin prepares to begin her parental leave, we want to extend our gratitude for her hard work and energy she has brought to Room 9.

As we look ahead, we are delighted to welcome Holly Duder-Joy (Mondays) and Mel Aubrey Bell (Tuesday - Friday) who will be teaching in Room 9 during Term 4. Both bring experience and enthusiasm, and we are confident they will provide a smooth and positive transition for the students. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support, and best wishes to Caitlin and Dylan as they prepare for this joyful new adventure!

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.** If you would like a tour of the school please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2025

As a school, we are always excited to welcome new members to our Maunu community, we look forward to working together to support your child's educational journey. At the same time, we understand that life often brings changes, and we have seen many tamariki and whānau leave to pursue opportunities in different parts of the country or overseas. While we will miss students who depart, we want to ensure we provide them with the support they need for a smooth transition to their new school.

To help us plan and staff our school effectively for the upcoming year, we kindly ask you to let us know if you have a child or whānau member who will be joining us **at any point during 2025**. It is essential for us to submit accurate enrolment numbers to the Ministry of Education, as these numbers directly influence our ability to ensure we have the appropriate number of teachers in classrooms. Given the nationwide shortage of teachers, it has become even more critical to plan carefully so that we can maintain the high quality of education we strive to provide.

Equally, **if your family is planning to leave our kura**, we will be sad to see you go. However, by informing us in advance, we can offer the best possible support in helping your child transition to their new school. This also allows us to adjust our staffing and resources accordingly.

For any new enrolments or if you are moving on, please email the office at admin@maunu.school.nz as soon as possible. Your prompt communication helps us ensure that we are well-prepared for 2025 and can continue providing the best educational experience for all students.

KEEPING OUR TAMARIKI SAFE

As we approach the term break, we kindly ask that you take the time to talk with your children about the importance of road safety.

We understand that drop-offs and pick-ups can be hectic, and it's tempting to save time by stopping briefly in the road to let your children hop out. However, we urge you to avoid this practice. **It is essential for the safety of all students** and staff that you park your vehicle in a designated spot and avoid stopping in areas that may obstruct traffic or endanger pedestrians.

If your child needs to cross the carpark or the road to reach your vehicle, please take the extra step of getting out of the car to escort them safely. This ensures they navigate these busy areas under your watchful eye, significantly reducing the risk of accidents. Even a short moment of attention and guidance can prevent a potential hazard.

At school, we continually remind our students about how to stay safe in these situations. However, we need the adults in their lives to reinforce these lessons, ensuring the safety of everyone in the school community. By working together and modelling responsible behaviour, we can create a safer environment for all our children.

Let's keep our students, staff, and community safe by working in partnership with one another.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

MAUNU SCHOOL VALUES CUP WINNERS 13 SEPTEMBER



KAURI – Axel Stewart
KOWHAI – Carter Harnett
RATA – James Platt
TAWA – Hunter Baigent



CERTIFICATE WINNERS 13 AND 20 SEPTEMBER:

ROOM 2	Tobi Zeien, Carter Harnett, Manaia Hart, Ava Rapana
ROOM 3	Ajoooni Dhimi, Ollie Mathieson, Cooper Jensen, Heidi Harrison
ROOM 4	Kari Powell, Mateo Powell, Lily Ruxton, Bonnie Stewart
ROOM 5	Shahd Omar, Alna Ibin, Wyatt Rosewarne, Mollie Perry

ROOM 6	Maia Rapana, Xia Sainty, Amelia McCarrison, Zariah Lejos
ROOM 9	Xavier Harnett, Adwaith Renju, James Slater, Freddie Steel
ROOM 10	Reed Nash, Devanandha Kakkattu Shyamkumar, Grace He, Millie Shelford
ROOM 11	Issa Omar, Esther Tibu, Seb Bowles, Zandler Tamani
ROOM 12	Paul Lombard, Jaini Dave, Sam Smith, Asya Doganay
ROOM 14	Liam Tauri, Amaia McQueen, Tara White-Hughes, Jonath Jijo
ROOM 15	Caleb Heunis, Piper Gillingham
ROOM 17	Alex Bell, Niya Ajeesh, Frank English Alexander, Alosy Aby
ROOM 18	Harriet Groome, Elisha Pau'u, Conroy Higgison, Steven Bibin

KINDO – NEW TO MAUNU SCHOOL TERM 4



We are excited to let you know that we will be introducing myKindo for all your school payments over the Term 3 break. You will be able to view and make payments on your personalised myKindo family account, purchase event tickets and support fundraisers, all online! Keep an eye out for more information and sign up details which will be emailed out during the holidays.

All payments made to school will need to be made through myKindo from October onwards.

FRIENDS & WHANAU NEWS (PTA)



FRIDAY FLICKS ON THE FIELD – SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Movie Night on the Maunu School field, Friday 1st November! It's the perfect opportunity for us to come together as a community, enjoy some kai, and relax on a warm summer's evening. Along with an outdoor movie screening, we will have Food Trucks, our infamous Bake Sale and the White Elephant Sale. More information will be shared early next term. If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact the School Office.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS EVENT

Christmas Grocery Raffles

We ask each student to bring in a grocery item or two when they return from the term break. Every class will have a box where you can place your donated items from Week 1 onwards. Raffle tickets will be sold in the lead-up to Movie Night and on the night itself.

Bake Sale

As the event approaches, we'll be asking each family to bake a cake, slice, or other yummy treats to contribute to our bake sale.

White Elephant / Craft Market

We'll also be opening up our Hall for a White Elephant / Craft Market during the Movie Night. If you're doing a bit of spring cleaning during the break, please consider donating any pre-loved items (excluding electrical goods). Contributions can be dropped off at the back of the Hall between Wednesday, 16th October, and Wednesday, 30th October.

Sponsors

Are you a local business interested in making a positive impact on your community? We invite you to partner with Maunu School by sponsoring our upcoming Movie Night. Sponsorship offers a wonderful opportunity to promote your business while directly contributing to the education and development of our students. Your support will help us raise vital funds for enhancing learning experiences and resources for our children.

If you would like to explore sponsorship opportunities and discuss how we can work together, please reach out to our Principal, Claire Turton, at claire@maunu.school.nz. We would be thrilled to collaborate and showcase your business as a valued supporter of our school community. Let's come together to make this a fantastic event and raise funds for our tamariki. We appreciate your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Ex Maunu School Students

Reasonable rates

Ph 021-0878-9493 Jessie (18yrs)

Ph 021-026-01897 Zoe (20 yrs)

QUARRY ARTS CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our holiday programme provides children with the opportunity to express their creativity in enjoyable and inspiring ways while enhancing their creative problem-solving skills. The programme features clay workshops that teach various hand-building techniques like pinch pots, slabs, coils, underglazing and glazing. In addition to working with clay, children can explore different media, including experimenting with watercolour and acrylic painting.



The workshop offerings are for 5-8 and 8-14 year olds

Mornings 10am - 12pm • Afternoons 1pm - 3pm • \$25 - \$27

Booking for a full day 9am - 3pm • \$60

These workshops are available for purchase on our website <https://quarryarts.org/product-category/art-workshops/kids-workshops/>

Any questions, get in touch at workshops@quarryarts.org or call 09 4381215

POMPALLIER COLLEGE TUCK SHOP ASSISTANTS WANTED



Pompallier Catholic College are bringing in a specialist Tuck Shop provider, Tuckr www.tuckr.nz, to run and manage our Tuck Shop as a business independent from the school. Tuckr are looking to employ part-time, term-time and school hour Tuck Shop assistants. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in part-time employment, please email Leo Li: leo@tuckr.nz, with Pompallier Catholic College Tuck Shop in the subject line.

KIWI RAIL WHANGAREI – AUCKLAND LINE REOPENING

Over the past 20 months, KiwiRail have been working hard to remediate the North Auckland Line (NAL) from Whangārei to Auckland. This line has reopened and in the upcoming few weeks you may notice an increase of freight trains travelling through this section as we help settle the tracks in. We are asking that you please remind students, friends, and whanau that **it is illegal and extremely unsafe to enter into the rail corridor and to only ever cross the tracks at an official level crossing and never walk on, or across the tracks at any other point.** Always expect trains and rail vehicles, they can come at any time of the day or night, and from either direction.

Tracks are for trains. Help us keep everyone safe and remember to only ever cross the railway tracks at an official level crossing and obey all signs and signals.

Check out TrackSAFE for further resources.



9/10 weeks of Touch Rugby.

At Mangakahia Sports Complex.

Social, family friendly environment.

No experience needed. Limited teams per grade.

All information and registration details found on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/MangakahiaRugby>

Starts Thursday 17th October from 4:30pm

GRADES: Open Mix (adults & over 14years of age) \$140 per team

Junior grades: Under 8's (\$70), 10's, 12's, & 14's \$80 per team

Team registrations now open until 1st October. Email: [Hayley Mangakahia.touchrugby@gmail.com](mailto:Hayley.Mangakahia.touchrugby@gmail.com), include team name, grade and contact details.

Contact: Hayley Taylor, Mb: 021 2621674 for more information.



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

PROGRAM DETAILS

- GREAT FUN IN GROUP ENVIRONMENT.
- CO-ORDINATION SKILL DEVELOPMENT.
- PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR ANY LEVEL. (BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE)
- SPECIAL PRICE- \$20 FOR NON MEMBERS, \$10 FOR MEMBERS.
- FOR PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS.
- TIMINGS, WEEK-1, MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 8.30 AM TO 12.00 PM.
- REGISTER ONLINE: TABLETENNISNORTHLAND.CO.NZ



Bring a friend along and try something new and exciting.

Contact: Naina Suri - Coach

M: 022 538 2035 E: naina@tabletennisnorthland.co.nz

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Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth.

Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child?

0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand



0800 698 3384
(0800 MY TEETH)