

THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou,
As we prepare for our end-of-year celebrations and reflect on the incredible journey we've shared this year, I want to acknowledge the privileged position I hold as Principal of Maunu School. Leading this outstanding

place of learning, surrounded by a dedicated team of teachers and support staff, is truly an honour.

Maunu School is dear to our hearts. Teaching is more than a job - it's a vocation filled with passion, dedication, and, at times, sacrifices of our own "blood, sweat, and tears." As we all approach the finish line, ready for some well-earned time with whānau and friends, we can look back with pride. Maunu School is a special place - a place where we come together as a whānau and community, united in our commitment to nurture and support our tamariki.

The growth our students achieve here is extraordinary. Next week, we will farewell 62 Year 6 graduates, celebrating their unique personalities, interests, and strengths. While their paths ahead will diverge, they will always be connected by our Five Feathers and the shared experiences that have bonded them as part of something special.

Next week, we invite you to join us for our Junior and Senior Final Assemblies, where we will formally celebrate the achievements of our tamariki and the team that supports them. As the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child," and this is our opportunity to honour the collective effort behind every success.

Farewells and Thanks

At the end of this year, we will be bidding farewell to several staff members who have made significant contributions to our school:

Tina Nimmo: Since 2012, Tina has built deep and meaningful connections within our school community. She leaves us to spend time with whānau in Australia. We thank her for everything she has given to Maunu School and wish her all the best in this next chapter.

Claudine Edwards: Joining us in 2017, Claudine has enriched our school through her work in Culturally Responsive Pedagogies, Kapa Haka, and Powhiri roopu. Her dedication has helped us grow as a school, and we are immensely grateful.

Brad Kini: Brad has brought energy and passion to our Senior Syndicate as a release teacher. He moves on to a full-time position at St Francis School, and we know he will excel in this new role.

Michelle Matthews: Michelle will be stepping back from full-time teaching to prioritise work-life balance. We look forward to welcoming her back in a part-time capacity later in 2025.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

5 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Evening
6 Dec	Fun Day
11 Dec	Junior Final Assembly 9.30am
12 Dec	Senior Final Assembly 9.30am
12 Dec	Reports go home
13 Dec	Paul Sumich Perch Coffee Cart before School
13 Dec	Last Day Term 4 – 12pm Finish
3 Feb 2025	First Day Term 1 - Powhiri
6 Feb 2025	Waitangi Day - School Closed
11 Feb 2025	Meet the Teacher

Holly Duder-Joy & Mel Aubrey Bell: We thank Holly and Mel for stepping in to teach Room 9 during Caitlin Taviner's parental leave. Their dedication has made this term a memorable one for the students.

Looking Ahead to 2025

We are excited to share our **Teaching Team and Support Staff line up for 2025:**

Principal: Claire Turton	Office Administrator: Carolyn Boyce-Bacon
Deputy Principal: Courtney de Boer	Office Administrator: Amanda McKay
Deputy Principal: Diana Hesketh	Office Assistant: Kristy Williams
Learning Support Coordinator: Anne Parr	Caretaker: Adrian Lamb
Librarian & Learning Support: Lynne Adam	Teacher Aide: Shona Anderson
Learning Support Teachers: Becky Anson; Emma Butler; Edith Mataira; Laura Mouat	
Transition to school Leader Jenny Canty	Syndicate Leader Alana Fromont (Term 1) Nadine Nicholas (Term 2, 3 & 4)
Rm 2 - NE/Yr1 Sandi King	Rm 5 - Yr 2&3 Sharon Stainton
Rm 3 - NE/Yr1 Jenny Canty	Rm 6 - Yr 2&3 Jeni Walsh (Term 1) Nadine Nicholas (Term 2, 3 & 4)
Rm 4 - NE/Yr1 Clasina Botha	Rm 17 - Yr 2&3 Alana Fromont
	Rm 18 - Yr 2&3 Megan Rodgers
Senior Syndicate Leader Cassandra Reyburn	CRT / WiST Release Teachers
Rm 9 - Year 4 Cassandra Reyburn	Rm 2, 3 & 4 Debbie Harrison
Rm 10 - Year 4 Emer Quinn	Rm 5, 6, 17 & 18 Carol Tipton
Rm 11 - Yr 5&6 Whaea Catherine	Rm 9 Diana Hesketh
Rm 12 - Yr 5&6 Olivia Paxton	Rm 10 & 14 Katie Bassett-Allen
Rm 14 - Yr 5&6 Kendra Bradley & Katie Bassett-Allen	Rm 11 & 12 Nicola Groves
Rm 15 - Yr 5&6 Andi Watts	Rm 15 Mel Aubrey Bell

As we close the year, I want to thank each of you - parents, caregivers, and whānau for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we've created a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Ngā mihi nui, and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton,
Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 22 AND 29 NOVEMBER

ROOM 2	Tobi Zeien, Ava Rapana, Michael Shanahan, Zuri Manikpersadh
ROOM 3	Thea Davies-Colley, Serena Fitzhenry, Lucas Van Esch, Eden Baker
ROOM 4	Arapeta Winikerei-Hill, Mateo Fowler, Alex Lancaster, Riley Butler
ROOM 5	Ricky Bonar, Mollie Perry, Oscar Baker, Skylar Chamberlain
ROOM 6	Olivia Bell, Fernanto Sojan, Ayden Alex, Eloise Jones
ROOM 9	Tricia Lai, Heath Rosewarne
ROOM 10	Lilly O'Neill, Henry English Alexander
ROOM 11	Alijah Bond, Reagan Shaji
ROOM 12	Axel Stewart, Cecilia Antony, Riley Sisam, Eddie Williams
ROOM 14	Tara White-Hughes, Nixon Hood, Marion Coffey, Jayde Tamariki
ROOM 15	Carla Ruddell, Lincoln Leathem, Indy Rigby, Olive Mitchell
ROOM 17	Jaxon Fedarb, Cameron Turton, Annabelle Postma, Kaio Koncsek
ROOM 18	Sophia Shanahan, Selah Charles-Corrigan, Sshivada Makkatt Aneesh, Rickman Sanger

VALUES CUP WINNERS 22/29 NOVEMBER



- TAWA** – Xavi Sainty
- KAURI** – Holly Harrison
- RATA** – Lachlan Bonar
- KOWHAI** – Ava Rapana



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TAWA – Wilson Turner
KOWHAI – Alna Ibin
KAURI – Cody Bassett-Allen
RATA – Cooper Harrison

MAUNU'S GOT TALENT 2024

Every year, Maunu's Got Talent stands out as one of the most eagerly anticipated events on our school calendar. This year was no exception, with our tamariki showcasing an impressive array of talents that left audiences amazed and inspired.

The event wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of Lillian and Todd Leathem from Pak'nSave Whangarei. Lillian's commitment to our school and community is extraordinary. Not only has she served as a guest judge every year, but she and Todd also generously sponsor all the prizes, ensuring this event is as memorable as possible for our young performers.

Lillian's passion for encouraging children to embrace their talents and perform with confidence shines through. Her feedback and encouragement on stage have become a hallmark of Maunu's Got Talent, inspiring students to step into the spotlight with pride.

This year's auditions were exceptional, with a diversity of acts, from singing and dancing to comedy and musical performances, which demonstrated the breadth of creativity and hard work our students bring to the stage. Narrowing it down to the finalists was no easy task, given the high quality of every act.

The finale took place at our Friday assembly, where the finalists performed for the entire school. Their energy, enthusiasm, and undeniable talent entertained and captivated the audience. We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who auditioned. Each of you showed courage and determination in stepping forward to share your passion. To our finalists, a huge ka pai! Your performances were inspiring and a testament to the hard work and dedication you put into your acts.

Congratulations to our Finalists

1st Place: McKenzie Harrison

2nd Place: Isabell Alex, Ivaana Alex & Ann Sojan

3rd Place: Olivia Palmer, Sophie Smith, Eddie Wong

Here's to another successful Maunu's Got Talent and to the many stars of the future who will light up our stage in years to come!



YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENING

A reminder that we have our year 6 graduation evening tonight starting at 5pm. We look forward to sharing a special evening with our year 6 graduates and would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Anderson for coordinating the food and decorations and to Maunu Sushi for their Sushi donation toward this evening.



YEAR 4 CAMP AT PARUA BAY

What an incredible time we had on our Year 4 camp at Parua Bay! Over three action-packed days, our children, parents, and teachers came together to enjoy a wide variety of activities including kayaking, the Burma trail, bush art, Christmas crafting, cooking, and sports. And of course, we can't forget the ever-popular waterslide!

The weather was kind to us, with just a few showers offering a welcome break from the sun. The waterslide was undoubtedly a highlight, and it wasn't just the children who had fun - our parents and teachers got in on the action too!

We were so impressed by the children's behaviour throughout camp, as they consistently reflected our school's Five Feather Values. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive attitudes made the camp an unforgettable experience for everyone.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers who joined us - it wouldn't have been possible without your support and energy. And of course, we extend our thanks to Parua Bay HOLYGround Christian Camp for providing such fantastic facilities. It was the perfect destination for our Year 4 camp.

This camp was a wonderful way to end the year, creating special memories and fostering stronger connections within our school community. We can't wait to see what next year's adventures will bring!



WHANGAREI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

On Thursday the 28th of November our amazing kapa haka team performed for our Ka Hui Ako kapa haka festival at Whangārei Primary School. Te Ahorangi Kapa Haka Tuakana Rōpū performed with passion and enthusiasm. A special thank you to Whaea Diana for her brilliant organization, and to our whānau support who are always there for the whole team - we are able to have these meaningful and memorable learning experiences because of you!

Kia kaha! Kia maia! Kia manawanui! Mauri ora!



WPSSA ATHLETICS

A huge congratulations to all of our Maunu Students who represented us at the WPSSA Athletics day yesterday. The children did a fantastic job representing their school with pride with some outstanding results to show for it:

Year 6 Girls 80m – 1st Place Emma Findlay 3rd Place Aaliyah Wilson

Year 5 Boys 100m – 2nd Place Marlu Labuschagne

Year 6 Girls 100m – 2nd Place Emma Findlay

Year 6 Boys High Jump – 2nd Place Hayden Baker

Year 6 Girls High Jump – 3rd Place Emma Findlay

Year 5 Boys Shotput – 3rd Place Patrick Reid

Year 6 Girls Shotput – 3rd Place McKenzie Harrison

Year 5 and 6 Relays – 2nd Place Maunu/Horahora



HARCOURTS PERCH COFFEE CART AND CHRISTMAS KAI BOX DONATIONS

Paul Sumich and the Harcourts Perch Coffee Cart will be here **next Friday morning 13 December**. All proceeds will be going towards the Red Cross Christmas Kai Boxes so come down and enjoy a hot drink before school.

They will also have a donation box for grocery items. Everything and anything is appreciated and will all get placed in the Kai Boxes as long as it's not expired/after best before date, damaged or inedible. We thank the Sumich whānau for their ongoing support and sponsorship of our school.



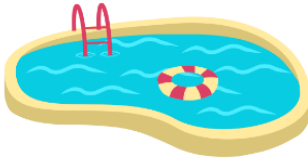
CHRISTMAS KAI BOX
WHANGAREI

DONATION SUGGESTIONS

Breakfast Cereal	Noodles	Tissues
Tinned Fruit	Baked Beans / Spaghetti	Baby Wipes
Breakfast Spreads	Tinned Vege (corn, beetroot etc)	Washing Powder
Tea/Coffee	Juice / Drinks	Dishwasher Liquid
Sugar	Crackers	Bodywash
Flour	Biscuits	Toothbrushes
Rice	Jelly	Toothpaste
Oil	Puddings	Cleaning Products
Pasta	Baking Boxes	
Condiments	Muesli Bars	
Sauces/Gravy	Potato Chips	
Tinned Tomatoes	Lollies	
Pasta Sauce	Long Life Milk / Cream	XMAS Themed Treats
Buritto/ Taco	Pancake / Piklet Mix	
Crockpot Sachets / Sauces	Maple Syrup	
	Dried Fruit	
	Chocolate	

REMINDERS

POOL KEYS



A reminder that School Pool keys are available now to order for the upcoming Summer Season. They are \$125 each which includes a \$20 bond which is refunded once the key has been returned at the end of the swimming season. **Keys are available to order through your myKindo account.** Once you have made your purchase you will need to come in to the School Office to collect your key and sign the contract, available from next Tuesday 10 December.

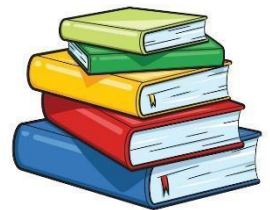
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Please take the time to have a look through the unclaimed items which are located in the walkway by Room 10. Anything that is left at the end of the school term will be donated to charity.

LIBRARY BOOKS AND READERS

We have approximately 290 library books to be returned. Please take the time to have a good look at home and return them to the office no matter how long you've had them - **No questions asked.** There will be invoices coming home for lost library books.

We are also looking for any school readers that you may have at home somewhere - lying around under beds and couches or hiding in your home library. Please return to the school office ASAP.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Book now for Company of Giants' Christmas Special:

A Vaudeville of Flowers



Fresh from a sold out season in the Whangārei Fringe Festival, where they took out the coveted 'Spirit of Fringe' Award, Company of Giants returns for a victory lap, just in time for Christmas at ONEONESIX!

A Vaudeville of Flowers is a show for the young, AND the young at heart. Step into our quirky kaleidoscopic world of song, poetry, mime, and plenty of giggles, performed by a troupe of flowers, clowns and other dreamers.

A perfect early Christmas present for the whānau, and suitable for anyone above the age of 4.

When: Thu 19 - Sat 21 December
Where: ONEONESIX, 116A Bank St

Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/VoFFBEvent>
Book via Eventfinda: <https://bit.ly/VoFTickets>



WHANGĀREI COMMUNITY CONNECT PRESENTS

AMAZING CHRISTMAS RACE

MAUNU AMAZING RACE, FOOD & MUSIC

15TH DECEMBER, 2024

TEAM INFO:

- MUST REGISTER
- FREE EVENT TO ENTER
- MUST HAVE ATLEAST 5 PLAYERS
- MUST DRESS UP IN ONE FESTIVE THEME
- LETS GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT AND HAVE FUN!

SCAN ME 

STARTS 5PM
FINISHES 7PM

RAFFLE & TREASURE HUNT & COMPETITION GAMES

45 PURIRI PARK ROAD, MAUNU, WHANGĀREI 0110
For more information please email: adminwcc@communityconnect.nz

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