

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou,

Last week during Adventure Week, we saw our senior students stepping up to new challenges, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. At times, this

meant stepping outside their comfort zones; at other times, it involved working collaboratively and learning to compromise.

Each activity was carefully designed by our dedicated teachers to foster positive participation & partnership. We are incredibly proud of our tamariki, who represented themselves, their whānau, and our school with excellence throughout the week. A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who gifted their time to support our children - it truly takes a village, and we appreciate each and every one of you!

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1

14 Mar	Whole School Assembly – 2pm
14 Mar	Friday Freeze Fundraiser – Afterschool at the Hall Kitchen
27 Mar	Year 2/3 Rock Pool Visit
31 Mar	Year 1 Kiwi North Trip
11 Apr	Greats, Grands and Whānau Day 10am - 12.30pm
11 Apr	Last day Term 1
28 Apr	First Day Term 2
30 Apr	School Photos
2 Jun	King's Birthday
20 Jun	Matariki Holiday

Upcoming Trips for Our Junior Learners

Later this term, our younger students will have exciting learning opportunities outside the classroom:

- **Thursday 27th March:** Year 2 & 3 tamariki will head to the beach to explore their 'Rocky Shores' inquiry.
- **Monday 31st March:** Our New Entrants and Year 1 students will visit Barge Park and the Museum, engaging in hands-on learning experiences.

These trips offer rich opportunities for inquiry learning, and we appreciate the support of parents and whānau in making them possible.

Greats, Grands & Whānau Day

On **Friday 11th April**, we warmly welcome whānau to join us for a special morning from **10:00am to 12:30 pm**. This event is a wonderful chance to celebrate the significant role grandparents and family friends play in our children's lives. On this day, we will wear our poppies with pride as we remember our ANZACs and acknowledge all those who have fought to protect Aotearoa New Zealand. We will host a special assembly and dedicate some time for whānau to be in classrooms talking with the teacher and tamariki.

Our children will be sending out invitations to their grandparents or whānau friends with more details. If your child's grandparents are unable to attend but would still like to connect, we encourage them to write a letter to your child which we can share during the event.

These personal stories help preserve family traditions and heritage, reinforcing the importance of storytelling across generations.

A More Structured Approach to Maths

You may have seen in the media that New Zealand teachers are moving toward a more structured approach to teaching maths. At Maunu School, we have been using the teaching resource **PRIME Maths** programme for the past eight years. With the introduction of the new **NZ Curriculum Refresh**, our teachers are learning about the upcoming changes and how they can be best implemented.

Last Friday, **7th March**, our teaching team collaborated with staff from Onerahi, Otaika Valley, Morningside, Whangarei Intermediate, and Whangarei Boys' High Schools to explore these updates. Our dedicated teachers are committed to ensuring our students receive a balanced maths education - one that incorporates basic facts, knowledge, and rich problem-solving tasks every day.


Many whānau ask how they can support their child's maths learning at home. Here are some ways you can help:

- Encourage **maths talk** at home by asking open-ended questions. A poster with some question prompts we use at school is attached.
- Support your child's daily **basic facts practice** - quick recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts is crucial.
- Use online resources like **Prototec Maths Practice**, available through a link on our [school website](#).
- Consider using simple speed tests to build fluency and confidence in basic facts.
- We have some old style PRIME books available, to help with activities to practise or consolidate learning. They are \$10 each or three for \$25, first come, first served. Contact the Office to arrange collection and payment.
- Talk with your child about practical, everyday ways we use maths.

For Example:

- Measurement of ingredients when cooking.
- Discuss the time, reading a clock, measuring how long something takes.

The more we can connect the practical everyday things we do with maths the more our children will see the connection of what they learn in the classroom and what they see in the World around them.

<p style="text-align: center;">Investigating</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What do you wonder? What ideas do you have? What information will help? What would you like to try?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Good questions to promote mathematical thinking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Investigating Representing Connecting Generalising Explaining and justifying</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Explaining and Justifying</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How did you find that out? Why do you think that? What made you decide to do it that way? How could you prove it? Do you agree or disagree?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Representing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What does this look like? Show your idea using....? How can you represent that using words, symbols, numbers? Is there a way to record what you have found that might help us see more patterns?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Connecting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What's the same / different? What do you know already about..? Can you see a pattern? What does this remind you of? What are some examples of.....?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Generalising</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What do you notice? What have you discovered? Does it always happen? What would happen if....?</p>



Thank you for your continued support in helping our tamariki grow and thrive. We look forward to sharing more learning experiences with you over the coming weeks.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton,
Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 14th FEBRUARY

ROOM 2	Charlie Beilby, Elijah Mills, Abdur Chaudhry
ROOM 3	Tobi Zeien, Poppy Smith-Hodgson, Olivia Smith-Hodgson
ROOM 4	Finn Booth, Laykie Clyma, Stevie Torrington
ROOM 5	Thea Davies-Colley, Caleb Leonard, Aaron Pramod
ROOM 6	Elea Hunt, Ethan Wang, Manaia-Jane Marsh
ROOM 9	Skylar Chamberlain, Michael McNairn, Jayden Gardner
ROOM 10	Olivia Tauri, Sainora Cino, Jaxon Fedarb
ROOM 11	William Hardwick, Indie Gardner, Kyra Witehira
ROOM 12	Mila Cartwright, Katia Stephenson, Axel Stewart
ROOM 14	Edmund Coffey, Macee Anderson, Maya Nguyen
ROOM 15	Lincoln Leathem, Eleanor Bowles
ROOM 17	Mandy Moyo, Mateo Fowler, Cameron Turton
ROOM 18	Manaaki Connelly, Serena Fitzhenry, Quino Rodriguez Pazo

VALUES CUP WINNERS



TAWA - Praveer

KAURI - Freya

RATA - Hazel

KOWHAI - Saige



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos have been scheduled for the first Wednesday back of Term 2 – **30th April**.

Order forms will go home with the children next week and are due back to the School Office by **Tuesday 8th April**. Payments can be made by cash to the School Office or direct to the Images Naturally bank account which is stated on the order form.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 went home with the children on Tuesday. Orders need to be in by

Wednesday 19th March, either by cash to the School Office or via Credit/Debit Card online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP



YEAR 5/6 ADVENTURE WEEK

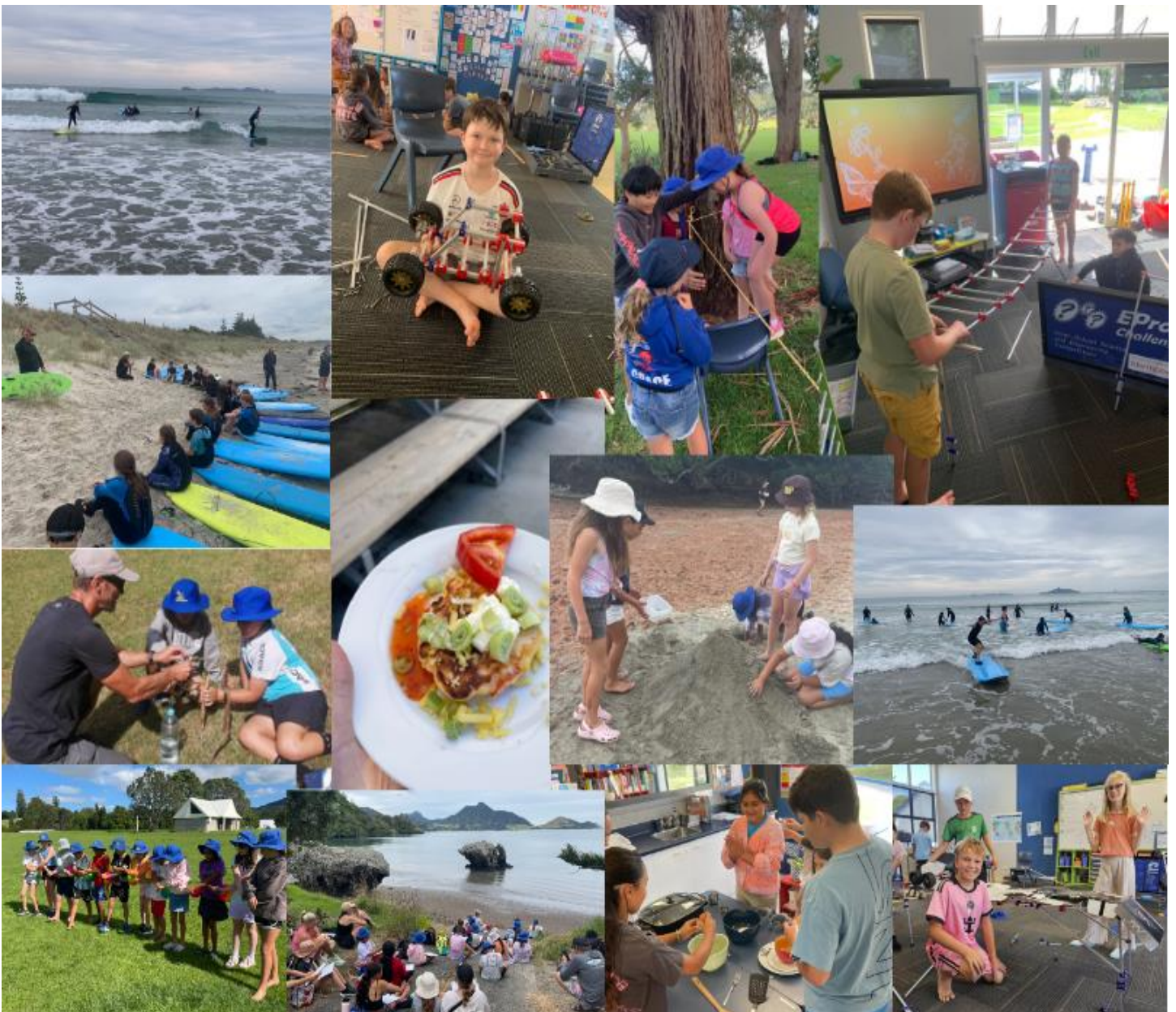
Adventure Week for our Year 5 and 6 tamariki was an absolute highlight last week! The weather was kind to us, allowing everyone to fully enjoy a wide range of activities.

School-Based Day: Our tamariki whipped up delicious corn fritters in a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' challenge - judging was definitely a tough job! The children also showed teamwork by constructing a bridge using ePro8 equipment and had a blast completing a scavenger hunt.

Surfing & Snorkelling: One day was spent at Waipu Cove, where many students caught their very first wave during a learn-to-surf session. Another day was hosted by EMR (Experiencing Marine Reserves) at Reotahi Marine Reserve, giving our tamariki the opportunity to snorkel and discover more about this fascinating area.

Barge Park Finale: We wrapped up the week with a day at Barge Park, where students embarked on a bush walk and enjoyed some fun ABL games.

The children have been excitedly talking about their favourite moments in the playground all week! We're incredibly proud of how they represented our kura with respect, resilience, and all our school values. Their positive attitude and teamwork were evident throughout the week. We would also like to thank the many parents who helped in various ways, we could not have done this without you.



REMINDERS

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

The School Pool will be closing on **Sunday 30th March**. We hope you and your family have enjoyed the use of this facility over the warmer months. If you purchased a Pool Key, please return these to the School Office before the end of term and we will arrange refund of the Bond.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOCKEY NORTHLAND YEAR 4-6 AUTUMN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The 2025 3-week Year 4-6 Development Programme will begin on March 24th.

FOCUS: HOCKEY FUNDAMENTALS - PASSING, RECEIVING, BALL CONTROL

Let's prepare for the 2025 Winter Hockey season by brushing up on our FUNDAMENTALS.

DURATION: 3-Week Programme

DATES: MONDAY | March 24 / March 31 / April 7

TIME: 4:15 PM-5:45 PM

WHO: Years 4, 5, & 6 (Of the 2025 School Year)

PRICE: \$45.00 PP | This is a fixed cost. No refund will be given for a missed session.

Visit www.facebook.com/maunuhockeyclub/ for the link.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Sunday, March 23 | 3:00 PM

FRIDAY FREEZE FUNDRAISER – HELPING COOPER GET TO BARCELONA!

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How You Can Help:

We will be hosting a Friday Freeze fundraiser at Maunu School, selling ice blocks to raise money for Cooper's trip to Barcelona. We will also have raffle tickets available for a grocery raffle. All proceeds will go towards Cooper's expenses.

Ice blocks and raffle tickets \$2 each.

**FRIDAY 28TH FEB
AND
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
SCHOOL HALL
KITCHEN AT 3:00PM**

We are incredibly grateful for your support. Thank you for being a part of Cooper's journey!

Please bring cash



BARÇA
Academy

PLEASE HELP COOPER WITH HIS JOURNEY TO BARCELONA!

We're excited to share that Cooper Fromont, a passionate 9-year-old football player from Maunu School, has been selected by the Barcelona Academy of Football to represent New Zealand in the Barcelona World Cup Tournament from April 12th to 21st, 2025!

Cooper has been dedicated to football since he was 5. He trains and has games up to 5 times a week with FC Football Club and Northland Football Club. His goal is to become a professional football player, and this tournament is a big step toward that dream.

TO HELP COOPER MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY, WE NEED YOUR HELP. THE COSTS FOR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, AND TOURNAMENT FEES ARE HIGH, AND WE'RE WORKING HARD TO RAISE THE NECESSARY FUNDS.



More Information
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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



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Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Seasonal Updates, Anytime

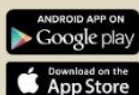


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MARIST RUGBY
PARK AVENUE, KENSINGTON



Grades:
Rippa: Under 5, Under 7,
Tackle: Under 8, Under 9, Under 10,
Under 11, Under 12

New Players Welcome.

Registrations Now Open!

Rally Day
19th March 2025. Register on Rugby Xplorer
4pm-5.30pm

Any questions: Contact Shelley on 027 228 7987
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