



THURSDAY 27th MARCH 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A Special Day for Our Greats, Grands, and Whānau!

Dear Whānau,
We are thrilled to announce that on Friday, 11th April, we will be welcoming our Greats, Grands, and Whānau into school for a very special event

from 10:00am – 12:30pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate our family connections, learn from one another, and honour the important role that whānau plays in our children's lives.

A Personal Invitation for Your Child's Special People

This week, your child will bring home a personal invitation for the special people in their lives, inviting them to join us for this heart-warming event. We can't wait to see the faces of our tamariki light up when they share this experience with their loved ones!

The Day's Program

The day will begin with a special assembly at 10:00am in the Hall, where we will come together as a school to remember our ANZACs and all those who have served. This is a poignant moment for us all to reflect on the courage and sacrifices of those who have shaped our nation.

To help mark this occasion, poppies will be available for purchase throughout the week, leading up to the day of the event. We encourage all tamariki and whānau to wear their poppies with pride, as we come together to honour those who have served our country.

Morning Tea and Classroom Visits

At 11:00am, we will invite our whānau to join us for a shared morning tea in the Hall. This will be a wonderful time to mingle, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Morning tea will be served from the Hall Kitchen, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Following the morning tea, at 11:30am, we will invite our whānau into the classrooms. This is a special time for our children to share family traditions, stories, and experiences with the special people in their lives. We encourage our tamariki and whānau to talk about how life and school have changed over the years, sharing wisdom and insights from different generations. It's a perfect opportunity to connect, reflect, and learn from each other.

For Those Who Can't Be There

If your child's grandparents or special whānau members are unable to attend in person, we would love for them to send a letter to the teacher to share with the class. This letter can be a cherished keepsake for your child to treasure for years to come, and it will be a beautiful way to include them in the day, even from afar.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1

28 Mar	Paul Sumich Coffee Cart – Before School
28 Mar	Whole School Assembly – 2pm
30 Mar	School Pool Closing
31 Mar	Year 1 Kiwi North Trip
8 Apr	Photo order forms due back
11 Mar	Return of School Pool Keys
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

Early Departure

If grandparents or whānau choose to take children home early on this special day, we will have a sign-out system in place in the classrooms at 12:30pm. Please be sure to sign your child out before leaving.

We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful day with you and your whānau. It will be a meaningful occasion, filled with joy, connection, and respect for the past and present. Thank you for your ongoing support in making this day a memorable experience for all!

Encouraging Regular School Attendance: Building Good Habits for Life

One of the key priorities for both the Government and schools is ensuring our tamariki attend school regularly. The goal is for 80% of students to attend more than 90% of the time - essentially missing fewer than five days per term. Why? Because consistent attendance leads to better learning outcomes, stronger friendships, and positive lifelong habits.

At Maunu School, we understand that sometimes children get sick or have unavoidable absences, but we also know that small changes can make a big difference. Here's how we can all support regular attendance:

- ✔ Set good routines – Establishing a morning routine makes getting out the door smoother.
- ✔ Talk positively about school – Show excitement about what your child will learn each day.
- ✔ Stay connected – Let us know if there are any challenges affecting attendance so we can support you.

- ✔ Be mindful of appointments – Where possible, schedule them outside of school hours.

Every day at school is a chance to grow, discover, and connect. Let's work together to ensure our children make the most of their learning opportunities.

Advising the school of an absence: We are trialling a new absence system. You will receive a text from the school office once the roll has been marked in class if we have not heard from you advising your child's absence. The following ways to advise us of an absence still apply:

Skoolloop App or phoning school office 09 4388060 & leaving a message.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton,
Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 14 MARCH

ROOM 2	Evelyn Aby, Zuri Manikpersadh, Indi Foy
ROOM 3	Jake Harrison, Chloe Baker, Sam Jaise
ROOM 4	Rico Wendt, Aaria Lewis, Eloise Jensen
ROOM 5	Lachlan Bonar, Pravva Kasibhatla, Edison Jithu
ROOM 6	Titus Tana, Elisha Tibu, Ayden Alex
ROOM 9	Jasper Hodges, Elisha Pau'u, Willo Hansen
ROOM 10	Eric Thomas, Zariah Lejos, Mia Hubner
ROOM 11	Rihari Wilson, Maddison Burke, Anya Pell
ROOM 12	Xaviera Sainty, Jonathan He, Isla Barnes
ROOM 14	Te-Ao-Rangi Pou, Jessica Robin, Kian Pala
ROOM 15	Sapphire Ashby-Wiperi, James Davies, Blake Little
ROOM 17	Israel Sudfelt, Maz Fannin, Rose Antony
ROOM 18	Cooper Jensen, Maria Antony, Felix Joseph

VALUES CUP WINNERS 14 MARCH



TAWA – Kari
RATA – Ceiba
KOWHAI – Jaxon
KAURI – Frank



WPSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday 12th March a determined team of 14 swimmers travelled to compete in the Whangarei Primary School Swimming Championships at Whangarei Intermediate School. It was a very tough competition and all the Maunu swimmers swam very well. It was particularly noticeable that our team was the loudest, supporting each other in all their races. The team spirit, camaraderie, and the support given to each other was truly outstanding. The team members are a credit to Maunu school, both in competition and in sportsmanship. Thank you to the team of parents who gave up their time to provide transport and support us - It is very much appreciated.



PB4L AT MAUNU SCHOOL

Our Maunu School Five Feather Values - Respect/ Hei Whakanui, Responsibility/ Takohanga, Excellence/ Whakaaro Pai, Integrity/ Kia Túpono and Curiosity/ Kia Tirotiro are the foundation of our **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)** programme.

PB4L involves explicitly teaching students the expected behaviours in different areas, and situations around the school, so that students know what to do and how to behave.

The behaviours are listed under the different values, such as to show responsibility in the classroom we need to clean up after ourselves and put everything away. This is taught and shown explicitly what is meant, and the students practise this.

Through PB4L we are able to access funding to support initiatives around the school, such as our amazing hut building area, providing resourcing for our sensory room, a new stand-alone

basketball hoop, so that students can practise basketball without getting in the way of the soccer players, and the Five Feather Value Wristbands to acknowledge good behaviour. The fund was also used to help pay for all the new games painted in our playgrounds. Throughout the year we will continue to implement new ideas to assist with improving our environment and ways to encourage, and acknowledge appropriate behaviour.



SCHOOL DOCS – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All our Policies & Procedures can be viewed at <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>

Username: maunu

Password: maunu

SchoolDocs provides a comprehensive core set of policies and procedures applicable to all New Zealand primary, intermediate, secondary, and area/composite schools, that is tailored for each school.



HUT BUILDING AREA – DONATIONS WELCOME



Our new hut building and sensory area has been very popular amongst the students and the tamariki have been loving getting involved in the creative play. If any whānau have natural resources to add to the area like bamboo / wood, we would greatly welcome all donations – please contact the School Office on 4388060.

REMINDERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be held the first Wednesday back of Term 2 – **30th April**.

Order forms have been sent home with the children 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.

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

The School Pool will be closing this **Sunday 30th March**. If you purchased a Pool Key, please return it to the Office before the end of term and we will arrange refund of the Bond.

NO TOYS OR JIBBITZ AT SCHOOL

A reminder that no toys, collection cards or croc jibbitz are to be brought to school. These can cause conflict between students as well as being a distraction to learning.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TUTUKAKA SURF

Teaching our students how to ride a wave.

We explain and practise the ideal posture on the board, paddling technique, standing up, and the ideal surfing stance.

Ocean knowledge and safety.

We explain how to identify and manage rips and currents from the beach, safety hand signals are practised together as a group. Respecting and understanding the ocean is invaluable knowledge!

Surf etiquette.

Scenarios like, 'Who has the right of way?', or 'Where should I paddle out' are explained to students as they progress with their surf journey after attending our program.

Having fun outside!

There is nothing better than making friends out in the fresh air and riding the ocean's waves, we're here to share the best feeling in the world!

Duration:

Week 1: 14th to 18th of April (Monday-Friday)

Week 2: 21st to 25th of April (Monday-Friday)

Location/Time: Sandy Bay, 9:30am - 12pm

Cost: \$40 per child per individual day / \$150.00 if you book 5 days

Gear included: A wetsuit & board will be provided for each lesson



Booking information: - Phone: 027 306 7047, Email: surf@tutukakasurf.co.nz

MAUNU HOCKEY CLUB

The poster for Maunu Hockey Rally Day has a dark blue background. At the top, it says 'MAUNU HOCKEY' in white. Below that, 'RALLY DAY' is written in large, white, outlined letters. To the right of the text is a white silhouette of a hockey stick. At the bottom, there is a yellow horizontal band with the text 'SUN 6 APRIL, 1PM | POMPALLIER COLLEGE TURF' in black. Below the yellow band is a dark blue section with the Maunu Hockey logo (two crossed sticks) and the text '- FOR ALL AGES - YEARS 1-6' and '- NEW PLAYERS WELCOME'.

Rally Day – Sunday 6th April, 1PM

Come on down to Pompallier College Turf on Sun 6th April at 1pm for a super fun get-together before the season kicks off. It's the perfect chance to meet the coaches, chat with other parents, and get the kids keen for the upcoming Hockey season. New players welcome!

RSVP to maunuhockey@gmail.com or via Facebook so we can get an idea on numbers.

www.facebook.com/maunuhockeyclub

The poster for the Whangārei Heads Arts Trail features a dark background with a large, abstract painting of four figures in shades of orange and red. At the top, the title 'Whangārei Heads Arts Trail' is written in white. Below the title, it says 'showcasing 45+ artists'. At the bottom left, it says 'Join Us - Easter 2025' and 'Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April 10am - 5pm'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the text 'Discover Explore Connect'. At the very bottom, there are logos for 'Barfoot Thompson' and 'Whangārei Heads Arts Trail'.

**Maunu Educare
holiday programme**

Monday 14th April to
Thursday 24th April

Fun activities everyday for children
aged 5 to 13 years old

Maunu school hall 13 Austin's road

Contact Christin Munro
Cell: 0274821331
Email: info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz

Winz subsidies available



HORA HORA Scout Group Fundraiser

Roller Disco

5th April at Portland Recreational
Center, McGill Rd

5-10 year olds:
4:30 pm - 6 pm

10 & older:
6:30 pm - 9 pm

Hotdogs \$5
6 nuggets \$5
Chips \$5
Hotdog or nuggets and chips \$8
Hotdog or nuggets chips and drink \$10

Entry Fee: \$10
Entry & combo: \$20

Please bring a helmet
Pads optional







MARIST RUGBY

PARK AVENUE, KENSINGTON

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

Registrations Now Open!

New Players Welcome.
Spaces available in all grades

Register on Rugby Xplorer:
<https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/>

Any questions: Contact Shelley on 027 228 7987
or email: maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com

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KIDS WORKSHOPS

APRIL TERM BREAK



AGES 5 - 12

APRIL 14TH - 18TH & 22ND
CLASSES AND FULL DAY SESSIONS

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