

THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

And just like that, Term 1 has drawn to a close - and what a busy and vibrant term it has been! We are so proud of how our tamariki and wider school community have embraced each and

every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment.

As you walk through the school, it is heartening to see engaged, hardworking, and thriving learners in every classroom. Please take a moment to congratulate your children on their many achievements and spend some time these holidays reflecting on and celebrating their favourite moments of the term.

### DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1

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| 11 Apr | Return of School Pool Keys                             |
| 11 Apr | Greats, Grands and Whānau<br>Day <b>10am - 12.30pm</b> |
| 11 Apr | Last day Term 1  |
| 28 Apr | First Day Term 2                                       |
| 29 Apr | Powhiri 9.15am   |
| 30 Apr | School Photos  |
| 16 May | Pink Shirt Day   |
| 2 Jun  | King's Birthday  |
| 20 Jun | Matariki Holiday                                       |

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge our incredible teaching and support team. The role of a teacher - while deeply rewarding - is not an easy one. It requires heart, energy, and relentless dedication. Our team gives so much of themselves to their work, and the term break is an essential time for them to rest, recharge, and refill their buckets.

This year brings many changes in education, and our staff are working harder than ever to ensure we continue delivering high-quality learning. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our team for the exceptional work they do in making Maunu School such a special place to learn and grow.

A special acknowledgement to Catherine Wiechern (Room 11) and Olivia Paxton (Room 12), who will finish this Friday to begin their parental leave. We send them our best wishes as they prepare to welcome their little ones and begin this exciting new chapter. In Term 2, we warmly welcome Jo Dawson (Room 11) and Nikola Franicevich (Room 12) to our Maunu team.

We also want to thank Jeni Walsh for seamlessly stepping into Room 6 while Nadine Nicholas has been on leave. We are so fortunate to have quality teachers like Jeni who support the school. We also want to acknowledge the outstanding way Alana Fromont has led the team this term.

Tomorrow, we are looking forward to welcoming our **Greats, Grands, and Whānau** to school between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Please join us for our **Poppy Day Assembly at 10.00am** in remembrance and reflection. We're grateful to Paul and Anita Sumich for having their 'Harcourts Perch' Coffee Cart on site during morning tea. Classrooms will be open for visits between **11.30am and 12.30pm** - we'd love to see you there. Finally, we wish you all a restful and joyful term break. May you enjoy some special family time, Easter celebrations, and quiet moments of reflection this ANZAC Day.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Claire Turton, Principal

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### CERTIFICATE WINNERS 28 MARCH

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>ROOM 2</b>  | Ellis Brown, Parker Mason, Zoe Cashmore                  |
| <b>ROOM 3</b>  | Charlotte Bell, Liam Ragnat                              |
| <b>ROOM 4</b>  | Arthur Holt, Aarcha Suresh, Eknoor Kaur                  |
| <b>ROOM 5</b>  | Hezekiah Sherwood, Julia Lewis, Japji Minhas             |
| <b>ROOM 6</b>  | Luca de Boer, Noah Anglesey                              |
| <b>ROOM 9</b>  | Harriet Groome, Ruby Beilby, Aloshy Aby                  |
| <b>ROOM 10</b> | Violet Cooper, Blake Ruxton, Lachlan Edwards             |
| <b>ROOM 11</b> | Adwaith Renju, Hannah Walden, Jaisvi Kapila              |
| <b>ROOM 12</b> | Lucas Howe, Paul Lombard, Kelsey Sumich                  |
| <b>ROOM 14</b> | Xavier Harnett, Jaillet Benito, Marlu Labuschagne        |
| <b>ROOM 15</b> | Mila Foy, Lachlan Bell                                   |
| <b>ROOM 17</b> | Oscar Baker, Jac Chapman-Smith, Audrey English Alexander |
| <b>ROOM 18</b> | Kari Powell, Myah Burke, Steven Bibin                    |

### VALUES CUP WINNERS 28 MARCH



**TAWA** – Amelia  
**KAURI** – Kelsey  
**RATA** – Mollie  
**KOWHAI** – Charlotte



### NEWSPAPERS WANTED

If anyone has any newspapers lying around that they are willing to donate to Room 14 for their science project next term they would be very much appreciated. Please drop off to the School Office.



### ANZAC DAY

This year schools are not able to participate in the dawn parade at Walton Street. Instead we will attend the Maunu Cemetery Service at 10am. Mrs Turton and Mrs de Boer will be there if students would like to join us, with a wreath to place on behalf of the school.



## **ART EXHIBITION YEAR**

This year our tamariki are working hard to create masterpieces in their classrooms in preparation for our art exhibition in Term 3. During these school holidays there is a Famous Artists Stories and Crafts being held at the Whangarei Library, this will compliment some of the learning the children will be doing this year. If you get a chance go and check it out!



All sessions 10am to 11am at the Whangarei Central Library.

Week 1 Tue 15/ Wed 16/ Thu 17

Week 2 Tue 22/ Wed 23/ Thu 24

Free for children aged 5 to 10 – All children must be accompanied by an adult.

[www.wdc.govt.nz/library/school-holidays](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/library/school-holidays)

## **IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE: WHOOPING COUGH**

We have been notified of a confirmed case of whooping cough (pertussis) within our school community. Whooping cough is a serious infection that causes a long coughing illness. It spreads easily between people. Whooping cough can be very serious for babies, children, pregnant women and older adults.

### **Please be aware of the following signs of whooping cough:**

- **Initially:** Similar to a common cold, with a runny nose, mild fever, and cough.
- **After about a week:** Intense bursts of coughing. Sometimes people will make a 'whoop' sound when gasping for breath between coughs. This is a common sign of whooping cough but is not always heard.
- **Other symptoms:** Vomiting after coughing fits, extreme tiredness after coughing.

### **If your child develops these symptoms, please:**

- **Keep them home from school immediately.**
- **Contact your family doctor or healthcare provider as soon as possible** for diagnosis and advice.
- **Inform the school office** if your child is diagnosed with whooping cough.

If your child has whooping cough or is waiting for test results, they should stay home and isolate to reduce spread.

If your child does have whooping cough you should isolate based on one of the following timeframes.

- If your child is not taking antibiotics, they will need to isolate for 21 days after their symptoms first started.
- If they are given antibiotics, they will need to isolate for 2-5 full days based on the prescribed antibiotic. Please check with your healthcare provider for timeframe.

### **Isolating means staying away from school, early childhood centres, work and other places where you could have close contact with other people.**

It is important to stay away from babies, young children and pregnant women as they are at high risk of severe complications. Please monitor your family's health closely and seek medical attention if you have any concerns. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school community healthy.



# DROP-IN IMMUNISATION CLINIC

ALL IMMUNISATIONS FROM SIX WEEKS OLD - 65 YEARS PLUS  
OFFERED HERE

16 Commerce Street  
Whangārei  
Every Saturday  
No appointment needed  
9am until 3.30pm



ME WHAKAPAPA TE ORA

IMMUNISATION IS ONE WAY TO PROTECT WHAKAPAPA

Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora

## REMINDERS

### **NEW! ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM**

We're introducing a new system for absence notifications. If your child is marked absent on the morning roll, you'll receive an automated text message around 9:05 am.

Please reply with the reason for their absence via text, the Skool Loop App, or by calling the School Office 09 438 8060.

If we don't hear from you, your child will be recorded as **truant**.

*(Note: If your child arrives late without signing in at the office, you may still receive a text.)*

### **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.



### **POOL KEYS**

Please return your School Pool Keys to the Office by the end of day tomorrow to receive your \$20 bond back. The School Pool is now closed.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRANSITION PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 5/6 NETBALL PLAYERS**

**The programme includes:**

- Skill development
- Teamwork and communication
- Understanding positions and rules of 7-side netball
- Fun activities to boost fitness and agility

It's the perfect opportunity for young players to gain insight into what netball will look like at the next level—while having a great time on court!

### Programme Details:

**Dates:** 14 & 15 April 2025

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** Whangārei Netball Centre

**Cost:** \$25.00

For more information or to register, please visit our [website](http://www.whangareinetball.co.nz) or contact: [admin@whangareinetball.co.nz](mailto:admin@whangareinetball.co.nz)



### PLAYBALL - APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Location:** Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)

**Dates:** 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 9am- 2pm

**Cost:** 1 day \$52, 2 days \$94, 3 days \$131 – Discounts for 2+ children From ages 4-10

**What to bring:** Morning Tea, Lunch and a Water Bottle

**Enrol at:** [playballkids.com/franchise/northland](http://playballkids.com/franchise/northland)





**Te Manawa Tahī**  
Community Timetable

**WHANGĀREI**  
**BREAM BAY & KAIPARA**

**Do you have concerns about your child?**

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

| DATE                       | HUB LOCATIONS  | Term 2 2025, Weeks 1 to 5 |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May  | Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside         |                           |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May    | Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā       |                           |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo                |                           |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May | Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi       |                           |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville |                           |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo                |                           |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May   | Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside         |                           |

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).



**KIDS RUGBY CAMP**

**MON 14 - TUE 15 APRIL**  
**WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**  
245 WESTERN HILLS DRIVE, AVENUES, WHANGĀREI

**\$60 PER DAY**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE!  
Boys & girls ages 5 - 13  
All abilities welcome  
Overall sport skill development  
Team building  
Rippa and Touch

**TIME:**  
**DROP OFF FROM 8:30AM**  
**START TIME 9AM**  
**FINISH 2:30PM**  
**PICK UP BY 3PM**

**Register at [sportscamps4kids.co.nz](http://sportscamps4kids.co.nz)**