

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There is something very special and unique about the first day of Term 1 and this year was no different. As students start to roll through the gates, I liken it to the arrival terminal at the airport. There are smiles, hugs, the sharing of news and photos capturing 'momentous moments.' Whilst the holiday may be over, there is something comforting about returning 'home', surrounded by people that we care about and an excitement in the air about the next adventure about to begin.

Maunu School is a place where our learners are at the centre of everything we do. We promote creativity, discovery and risk taking in a supportive and caring environment. 2019 promises to be a place where we strive to create opportunities that allow each and every student 'the freedom to soar.'

We welcome Suzie Gray, Mary Mulligan and Cayne Wright to the Maunu teaching team. I feel privileged to work alongside dedicated, hardworking colleagues, who are continually reflecting and learning to endeavour to be the best teachers they can be. This term Paul Shepherd, our Principal, is modelling lifelong learning to our students. He is on sabbatical undertaking research into how schools in New Zealand are culturally responsive and inclusive of all. As he travels to visit schools around New Zealand, he aims to capture best practice and come back inspired to lead us from Term 2. During this term I will be Acting Principal.

Our learning theme this year is 'Innovation.' we look forward to sharing our student learning with you as they question, explore, discover and create. We use Seesaw in the Junior and Middle syndicates and Google Classroom and Dojo in the Senior syndicate. These are great tools to capture a window into your child's day to day learning and excellent forms of communication for the teachers.

The Maunu School App is another great form of two way communication. We regularly send out notifications, alerts and events. You can also use the Maunu School App to contact the school for absences or email teachers.

We pride ourselves on the partnership we have with the community. Without you, the amazing parents and caregivers and our wider whanau support we could not offer many of the experiences our students have throughout the year. We thank you in advance, whether it is as parent help in the classroom, transporting students on trips, helping to fundraise or rolling your sleeves up and cooking the weekly sausage sizzle. Every little bit helps and makes a huge difference to make Maunu School the special place it is. We are always looking at ways we can further enrich our children, so if you have a special skill or talent you are willing to share please make yourself known to the teachers.

Please remember that the school has an open door policy. We love having you in our classrooms. If you have any queries or questions do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or send us an email. We look forward to working with you for a great year ahead.

*Kind Regards
Claire Turton*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN THIS YEAR

- Hello and Welcome to all our new children starting with us this year and to their families if they are new to Maunu School.
- They are Riley Simpkin, Aden and Sophie Penney, Haydn van der Putte, Mariam, Abeeha and Amaira Chaudhry, Katey Maddox, Jacob and Macey Guildray, John and Carla Ruddell, Luca Kotze, Caleb Elliot, Sophia and Sienna Scott-Sawyer, Chloe Keighran, Maia Thorburn, Samuel and Sophie Smith, Leo Bell, Heidi Wilkin, Harley Byers, Freya Milicich, Lauren Soulsby, Kyrie Lewis, Grace Cumming, Willow Keast, Jessie Bassett- Allen, Grayson Craig and Aaliyah Wilson.

**Brace yourself for another year of learning,
laughter and friendships!**



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TERM DATES 2019

- Term 1 Mon 4 Feb to Fri 12 April
- Term 2 Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July
- Term 3 Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept
- Term 4 Mon 14 Oct to 17 Dec 2019

TERM 1 DATES

- 14 February Setting the Scene 5.25pm
- 19 February BoT Meeting 6.30pm
- 28 Feb - 1 Mar Senior Camp - Jagers
- 4 March Kiwi Release – Public Meeting
- School Hall – Time TBC
- 5 March PTA AGM – 6.30pm start
- 6 March Junior Swimming Demo
Rms 3, 4 & 8
- 6 March Senior Swimming
- 7 March Junior Swimming Demo
Rms 1 & 2
- 8 March Senior Swimming p.p date
- 13 March Middle Swimming
- 20 March WPSSA Swimming Comp
- **12 Friday April Last Day of Term 1**

SETTING THE SCENE EVENING TONIGHT – 5.25PM

- **We look forward to seeing you tonight, Thursday 14th February.** We are asking for all students and families to assemble at the hall by 5.25pm for the whakatau. This whakatau will be an opportunity for our existing students and families to welcome our new students and any new families, as well as welcoming other families back to the school.
- We understand that many families are familiar with our routines and may know the teachers; this evening is an opportunity for the Maunu community to get together, to support and welcome our students and our new families.
- Teachers like to meet parents and enjoy the opportunity to share important information with families, it would therefore be great to have as many Maunu families here to celebrate our wonderful school.



We look forward to seeing you here.

DO YOU WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED?

- For those of you receiving the school newsletter in paper form, drop me an email if you would now like it emailed michelle@maunu.school.nz.

MAUNU SCHOOL APP

- Please download our free school app to get access to our school events, notifications and to easily contact the school or classroom teachers.



STAFFING 2019

Claire Turton	Acting Principal	Term 1
Diana Hesketh	Deputy Principal	Rm5/6
Mel Bell	Teacher	Rm 1 Yr 1/2
Suzie Gray	Teacher	Rm 2 Yr 1/2
Jenny Canty	Teacher	Rm 3 Yr 1
Alana Fromont	Teacher	Rm 4 Yr 1
Nadine Nicholas	Teacher	Rm 5/6 Yr 3/4
	Reading Recovery	
Tina Nimmo	Teacher	Rm 5/6 Yr 3/4
Rachel Barclay	Teacher	Rm 7 Yr 3/4
Mary Mulligan	Teacher	Rm 8 Yr 1/2
Jennie Hawkes	Teacher	Rm 9 Yr 3/4
Kendra Bradley	Teacher	Rm 10 Yr 3/4
James Love	Teacher	Rm 11 Yr 5/6
Talei Wilson	Teacher	Rm 12 Yr 5/6
Molly North	Teacher	Rm 13 Yr 5/6
Cayne Wright	Teacher	Rm 14 Yr 5/6
Olivia Lansdowne	Teacher	Term 1 Seniors Yr 5/6
Anne Parr	SENCO	
Claudine Edwards	Kaiawhina	
Carol Tipton	Release Teacher	Rm 5/6
Andrea Watts	Release Teacher	Rms 1 & 3
Angela Fuller	Release Teacher	Rm 9
Jess Radford	Release Teacher	
Carolyn Scott-Petersen	Release Teacher	
Lynne Adam	Librarian & Teacher Aide	
Shona Anderson	Teacher Aide	
Edith Mataira	Teacher Aide	
Vickie Whitehead	Teacher Aide	
Shelly King	Teacher Aide	
Katrina Waller	Teacher Aide	
Julie Draper	Teacher Aide	
Adrian Lamb	Caretaker	
Carolyn Boyce-Bacon	Principal's PA	
Michelle Manihera	Office Admin	
Salendra and Artika	School Cleaners	

- I know you will take the time to get to know your child's teacher and other staff members. The home-school partnership is critical to the success and well-being of a child's learning and life.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you have any concerns, issues or celebrations.

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CONSENT AND CHANGE OF DETAIL FORMS

- Thank you to those who have dropped off their completed **bright yellow** Student Information and Consent Forms.
- **It is very important that our contact details for you are up to date, so if you have moved house or work, changed phone numbers and/or emails PLEASE amend the yellow form and return to the school office ASAP.**

e-LEARNING FORMS - BYOD & INTERNET PERMISSION

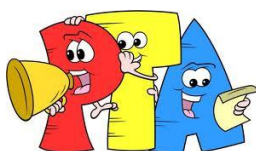
- Again, thank you to all who have dropped off their **blue** e-Learning forms.
- If you have yet to do these please get these filled in and signed and returned to your child/ren's teacher ASAP.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

- This year we will be celebrating student learning in a full school assembly on a Friday from 2.10 - 2.50pm. We welcome parents and whanau to attend. They will be held every second Friday, the same week as the newsletter. **Our first assembly is tomorrow, Friday 15th February.**
- The last assembly of each term will be a special 'House Assembly'; students will be encouraged to dress in their House colours and will sit with their House.

PTA AGM – ALL WELCOME

- The PTA would like to invite you to its AGM to be held on **Tuesday 5 March at 6.30 pm** in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome – drinks and nibbles provided.
- On the agenda will be election of officers and presentation of the annual financial reports.
- Come along to meet other parents, teachers and the principal, have a say in what happens in our school, understand the way our school works, get involved in school events, help fundraise for resources to benefit our children and most importantly share your ideas and enthusiasm.
- If you are unable to get a babysitter for the meeting, bring your children along and they will be supervised in a classroom where a movie will be played.



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

- Just a reminder to you and to retain your help in maintaining our school as a safe place for all students.
- Several of our students have potentially severe allergies, with some particularly allergic to nuts.
- This is in fact a common problem to varying degrees in the community but, in this case, exposure to nuts in any way could be possibly life threatening.
- **In order to address the issue, we ask that you refrain from giving your child any peanuts or products containing peanuts (e.g. peanut butter and some muesli-type bars) in their lunch boxes.** While some children's particular allergies relate to all nuts, limiting all nuts would be impractical.
- All foodstuffs have their ingredients identified on the packaging and we ask that you consider these carefully. ***Thank you for your ongoing support.***

LATE ARRIVALS

- If your child is late to class please ensure that they quickly visit the school office before they go to class and let us know that they are now at school. **By telling us as soon as possible it stops us from ringing you, the parents and caregivers, enquiring about their whereabouts.**



EARLY ARRIVALS

- **Please do not send children along to school before 8.15am, as we do not provide supervision for them.** Staff often have meetings or are preparing for the day and are all over the school.
- It is reasonable for children to begin arriving at school from 8.20am, when staff are in the school.

SUNHATS

- Please ensure that your child has a Maunu School sunhat to wear at school.
- They are available for purchase from the school office for \$13.00 each.



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WATER BOTTLES

- We encourage the use of water-bottles in class as a means of hydration. Please stick to water; it is the only liquid we accept for drinking in the classroom.

SCHOOL DONATIONS/OFFICE MAX

- Thank you to those who have paid their school donation via Office Max, www.myschool.co.nz. The donation for the year is **\$110 per child with a maximum of \$220 per family**.
- If you have yet to pay your school donations this can be done via the school office by eftpos, cheque, cash or an online deposit to our school bank account at the ASB 12-3093-0151775-00. **Family statements will be sent home next week.**
- Provision can be made through the school office to pay the donation in installments spread out through the year. If you have difficulty making this donation, arrangements may be made if you wish to speak in confidence with the office staff.

ABSENCES

- If your child is going to be away or late, **please ring the school office as soon as you can 4388060 – follow the prompts to leave a message.**
 - You can also use the Maunu School App which, like the answerphone, we will clear in the morning.
 - This is a safety issue, helping us to ensure all our children are safe and are where they should be.
 - If leaving a message, please record your child's full name, room number and **reason they will be absent or late.**
- Many Thanks.

TUESDAY SUSHI ORDERS

- Students are able to order fresh Sushi every Tuesday at morning tea from the School Hall.
- **Each piece is \$1 and there are 3 choices Avocado, Teriyaki Chicken and/or Crispy Chicken.**
- Students line up and patiently wait their turn to be served by the Maunu Sushi server and can eat their sushi at morning tea or buy it for their lunch.



WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND FRIDAY PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDERS

- We use Lunchonline - www.lunchonline.co.nz where parents and caregivers can order lunches (menu online) for their children for Wednesday and a PTA sausage sizzle lunch for Friday.
- The Wednesday lunches will be delivered in time for lunch at 12.30pm. **Orders must be in by 8.00am Wednesday mornings.**
- The Friday PTA sausage sizzle are cooked by our Mr. Lamb (school caretaker) and delivered to the classrooms at lunchtime too. **Orders must be in by 9.00am Friday mornings.**
- Please remember to change your child's/ren Room number to their new 2019 Room.



PTA FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS NEEDED

- This is a small job that some of you may wish to consider helping with in the near future. It involves 1½ hours, once a term on a Friday, helping to make up the sausage sizzle lunch orders. **We would be grateful for any offers of help to lighten the load of the current volunteers.**
- Please call in to the office to put your contact details on the roster or email Karla, our sausage sizzle coordinator on kjcapper22@gmail.com or phone 0276645574.
- Our biggest thanks to **PaknSave Whangarei** for donating the bread, sausages and juice again this year!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- We are always happy to celebrate a child's birthday here at school by singing the Happy Birthday song to them.
- However, we respectfully ask that you **do not send along cakes, drinks and/or little birthday packs.** That celebration is for you to arrange at home rather than in the formal surroundings of the school. We thank you for your understanding in advance.



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SWIMMING

- Students will be swimming 3 or 4 times a week for the first six weeks. Swimming is part of our P.E and Health Programme, an essential part of our curriculum.
- We are trying to prepare our students with water confidence and skills. **If your child is not swimming for health reasons please contact their teacher via an email or a note.**

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

- This is a perennial problem, as we continually collect very good quality clothing and cannot return it, because it cannot be identified.
- Please **name** your children's clothes, hats, swimming goggles, etc. as this would help immensely in the effort to return gear. Even a vivid marker with children's initials will help.
- We will be reinforcing the School's value of Responsibility by encouraging children to have named clothing and to take responsibility for their own belongings! Your support will be a big help!
- Naming the **inside only** of your child's school bag comes in handy for those times they get left behind at school and on the bus. The Unclaimed Property is situated in the walkway by Room 10.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

- Maunu School and its grounds are a **NON SMOKING** zone at all times.
- Please **DON'T BRING YOUR DOGS TO SCHOOL.** They are wonderful pets, but the school environment is not appropriate.

FREE SOFA FOR PICK UP

- Old sofa free for pick up – come see us in the school office if you are interested.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dental Appointments

If your child is due for their annual dental check-up there is a clinic open at the Whangarei Hospital Ward 5. Appointments are available from 9.30am – 3.30pm. **To book an appointment please call 0800MYTEETH (0800698 3384).**

For more information please visit <https://www.northlanddhb.org.nz/our-services/a-z/oral-health-service/>

Playball at Maunu School

Playball is an International sport and movement programme for children and covers a wide range of sports and skills.

Playball will be running after-school lessons at Maunu Primary School for children aged 5-8 starting on Monday the 18th February, 3:10-3:50. Our coaches will meet and collect the children straight after school. As a special introductory offer the first week is free but spaces are limited so be quick to sign up. Cost for term 1 (18.2.19-1.4.19) is \$60.

You can find out more about our programme and can register via our website www.playball.co.nz or by emailing dean@playball.co.nz



Guitar Lessons at School

Hello, my name is David Meredith. I have been teaching the guitar at Maunu primary school for the last seven years. This has been a great time for both my students and myself. Some of my previous students have achieved wonderful things with their music, one of them has even achieved national acclaim and continues to win musical contests. During 2019, I am offering my skills as guitar tutor again. If you would like your child to learn the guitar with me this year, please contact me on 0273832633/4343459

dave.d.meredith@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you. Early registration is recommended.

Speech & Drama Academy

We are taking enrollments for ages 7-16yrs. Come and discover your people and performance prowess! Public Speaking, poetry, pantomime & applause, plus more! Click here for class info <https://enrolmy.com/making-a-scene>

Whangarei Young Mariners

Girls Adventure Group 8 – 19 years. The girls at YM go sailing, canoeing, rowing, camping, swimming, shooting, rigging, knots, and badge work. They meet Mondays, Riverside Drive beside the skate park, 6 to 8pm and 6 to 7:30pm for Juniors (8 to 11 years). To get in touch, phone Jill 438 6839.

The learning has begun with Room 2 working together to make Teepees to provide them with shelter from the sun! Great Team Work Rm 2!

