

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Setting the Scene**

Thank you to those who attended the Setting the Scene evening on Thursday 14th February. The Kapa Haka roopu performed with pride. If that is what a two man haka can achieve, we can only imagine what we have in store for the rest of the year. Thank you to our amazing PTA volunteers and their family members, we really do appreciate all the time you gift our school. We are always looking to add new members and volunteers to our PTA. If you are interested in finding out more please come along to our AGM next Tuesday, 5th March at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

**Warriors Visit**

Yesterday we had a special assembly as representatives of the NZ Warriors Rugby League team came to school. They ran their ACC Sport Smart presentation. It included topics on hydration, sleep and nutrition. Our students loved welcoming the Warriors to Maunu School and had a fun, filled afternoon. We will be running a Warriors raffle fundraiser, more information will be out next week.

**Reporting to Parents Review**

We are reviewing our current system for Reporting to Parents. At present we send a Midyear report home in Week 8, Term 2, followed by Three Way Conferences in Week 10.

We send home an End of Year Report in Term 4. The questions in the survey are designed to gauge what you value as important when we report about your child's progress and wellbeing.

We really appreciate your feedback, so you can contribute to decisions that impact directly on the students. Please click on the link below to complete the survey before 4th March

<https://goo.gl/forms/JMqBb0yINErGHCOB3>

**Learning Through Play and Discovery**

As parents and educators we know the important role learning through play and discovery has in children's development. It is important to remember that play and discovery is a vehicle to support learning experiences not a destination or end goal. The teachers are working hard to find that happy medium that allow our students to thrive. There is a balance 'between child-led play

and the deliberate acts of teaching during the school day – knowing when to gift knowledge to students at the point of meaningful absorption and understanding, and when to stay silent for fear of interrupting the magic of the play.'(Hirsh-Pasek & Galinkoff, 2011).

As you walk into our learning environments here at Maunu you will see planned approaches for play and discovery. If you look at the pictures below, they outline some of the ways students are learning through play and discovery.

When children PLAY they LEARN...

When children play with blocks they learn to :

- ▶ plan and build
- ▶ make shapes and patterns
- ▶ talk and co-operate
- ▶ solve problems
- ▶ measure and compare



When children play with art materials they learn to :

- ▶ draw, paint and glue
- ▶ recognize shapes, colours and lines
- ▶ plan and construct
- ▶ use finger and hand muscles
- ▶ create and express themselves



When children engage in pretend play they learn to :

- ▶ share and use equipment
- ▶ communicate
- ▶ explore roles
- ▶ use symbols and write
- ▶ dress themselves



When children PLAY they LEARN...

When children play with puzzles & games they learn to :

- ▶ identify colours and shapes
- ▶ pattern and sequence
- ▶ count
- ▶ sort and classify
- ▶ take turns



When children play with playdough they learn to :

- ▶ twist, squeeze, hammer and roll
- ▶ experiment
- ▶ use hand and finger muscles
- ▶ plan and make
- ▶ talk and share



When children play outdoors they learn to :

- ▶ run, climb, jump, hop and balance
- ▶ control their bodies
- ▶ play games
- ▶ catch and throw
- ▶ explore roles



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## Communication

We value communication at Maunu School. We are always trying to fine tune and improve what we do. Please always feel free to ask if you need clarification or more information. We try to use the school app, email system, Seesaw, Dojo and Google Classroom to share information. Teachers all have email addresses and can be reached via email.

We do however try to remind our teachers to switch off their devices at home. They will always endeavour to respond on the next working day. If you have a problem or seek clarification, please always approach the class teacher first. They are more than happy to 'put your mind at ease' or try to find a solution for you. If you feel the classroom teacher has not solved your problem, our syndicate leaders are the next level of contact.

Junior Syndicate Leader [jenny@maunu.school.nz](mailto:jenny@maunu.school.nz)

Middle Syndicate Leader

[vanessa@maunu.school.nz](mailto:vanessa@maunu.school.nz) (Nadine)

Senior Syndicate Leader [james@maunu.school.nz](mailto:james@maunu.school.nz)

If you are seeking further support, help and assistance the next level of communication is to contact one of the senior management team for this term [diana@maunu.school.nz](mailto:diana@maunu.school.nz) or [claire@maunu.school.nz](mailto:claire@maunu.school.nz)

## Greats, Grands and Whanau Day

Save the date for our 'Greats, Grands & Whanau Day' on Friday 5th April we want to recognise the unique and special bond children have with their grandparents and extended whanau. Children will invite their special family members to come to school from 11am. Each syndicate will run activities in their syndicates for guests to help celebrate our whakapapa and how our traditions and heritage get passed down through the generations. In the afternoon we will invite our guests to a special assembly and celebration.

We understand that not all children have their grandparents or extended whanau close. We will set up systems to allow special family members to write a letter to be shared or there will be opportunities to connect through technology like Google Hangouts or Skype. More Information will follow.

*Kind Regards  
Claire Turton*

## NEW ENTRANTS COMING TO MAUNU SCHOOL

If you are aware of any siblings of current students, neighbours or friends that may be expecting to come to Maunu School please ask their parents /caregivers to contact us. In zone children are accepted however, if you live out of zone your child's enrolment is not automatically guaranteed and there is a process to follow. **Please contact us matter of urgency.**

*Many Thanks*

## SENIOR SYNDICATE SPORTS

- This term the Senior Syndicate will be teaching the students ball skills. One of the sports they will be exploring with the students is Tennis. If you have a tennis racket you would happily let your child bring to school this would be appreciated. Equally if you have an old racket collecting dust in your garage we would love to build up a set in the sports shed.
- **Please send any preloved tennis rackets to Talei Wilson our Sports coordinator.**

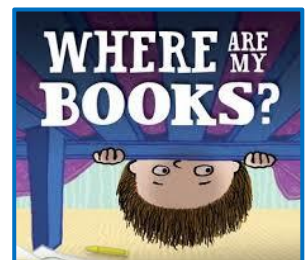


## HELLO TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

- **We welcome D'Angelo Rope, Jayden Liu, Abdullah Chaudhry and Charlie Stephenson** who have all started with us recently. Looking forward to learning and laughter times ahead with you and your families.

## AMNESTY FOR ALL SCHOOL READERS

- Please check under the bed and couches, in your bookcases and anywhere else forgotten school readers might be hiding at home.
- We are missing some from our sets and appreciate you taking the time to having a good look and bringing back any you find – no questions asked.



*Many Thanks*

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## PEACE RUN

- "Peace Run is a global relay seeking to inspire the creation of a more peaceful world. As a symbol of peace and harmony, runners carry a flaming torch, passing it from hand to hand, heart to heart. The motto of the Peace Run is "Peace Begins With Me!" – stressing the importance of how each individual can make a positive contribution to creating a happier and more peaceful world.'
- **A presentation will take place Wed March 6 - 1.45 - 2.45pm in the hall – parents and caregivers welcome.** They will bring with them the full team of runners, the torch and awards to recognize up to 4 ambassadors of peace in the school. At the end of the presentation they will lead the school on a lap of the school as a symbolic gesture of the importance of peace.
- To promote the event there is a competition being run through the library where kids choose an image and design and colour it. It is based around the idea of steps towards a better world and open to all students. The top 4 designs will be taken by the runners to Rome where they will be displayed with others from around the world as a strong message from the young generation.



## JUNIOR SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION

- **Please note the change of days.**
- Parents, caregivers and whanau are invited to come along and watch your child demonstrate their swimming skills. Each Junior class will be giving a little 20 minute swimming demonstration of what they have been learning, related to water confidence.



-Room 3 & 4 **Tuesday** 5th March 1.30-1.55  
-Room 8 **Tuesday** 5th March 2.00-2.25  
-Room 1 **Thursday** 7th March 1.30-1.55  
-Room 2 **Thursday** 7th March 2.00-2.25

Regards, Junior Team

## TERM 1 DATES

- 28 Feb - 1 Mar Senior Camp - Jagers
- 4 March Kiwi Release – Public Meeting
- School Hall – 6.00pm
- 5 March PTA AGM – 6.30pm start
- 5 March Junior Swimming Demo  
Rms 3, 4 & 8
- 6 March Senior Swimming
- 6 March Peace Run 1.45pm - Hall
- 7 March Junior Swimming Demo  
Rms 1 & 2
- 8 March Senior Swimming p.p. date
- 13 March Middle Swimming
- 20 March WPSA Swimming Comp
- 5 April Greats, Grands & Whanau Day
- **12 Friday April Last Day of Term 1**

## CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 15 FEBRUARY

<b>Rm 1</b>	Serena Miller Drew Shelley	Charlie Mitchell Macey Guildray
<b>Rm 2</b>	Leanna Waenink Emily Gilmour	Grace Stewart Adam Keighran
<b>Rm 3</b>	Sam Smith Willow Keast	Heidi Wilkin Harley Byers
<b>Rm 4</b>	Leo Bell Carla Ruddell	Kyrie Lewis Jessie Bassett-Allen
<b>Rm 5/6</b>	Isobella Adams Izaiah Lejos Caleb Elliot Olivia He	Sovina Kumar-Joon Abeeha Chaudhry Sophie Penney Bentley Waetford-Parry
<b>Rm 7</b>	Alex Russell Casey Dyer	Ahipene Langman Ruben Janse van Rensburg
<b>Rm 8</b>	Cooper Harrison Chloe Keighran	Scarlett White-Hughes Barend Burger
<b>Rm 9</b>	Jack Wansbone Iris Green	Caitlyn Turton Marco Janisch-Pavlovich
<b>Rm 10</b>	Eva Gibson Luca Kotze	Lexi Hati Liam Cooper
<b>Rm 11</b>	Aayden Mitchell Connor Thomas	Aden Penney Mia Routley
<b>Rm 12</b>	Daniel Ganley Sreeja Ghosh	Ruby Davies Rueben Currey
<b>Rm 13</b>	Mariam Chaudhry Tomi Williamson	Monique Pheng Sam Ganley
<b>Rm 14</b>	Akiwa Kawana Connor Lambert	Lara Hammer Riley Simpkin

## 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](mailto:michelle@maunu.school.nz).



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## MOBILITY PARKING AT MAUNU SHCOOL

- We have had cases of people parking in the Mobility Parking spaces here at school causing difficulty for those who need to use them.
- We have one mobility park in front of the school office and one close to the hall entrance.
- Please remember that you do need a current permit to park in them and for those with a permit, CCS Disability Action advise that **“Mobility parking permits are issued to a person not a vehicle. The permit should only be used if the permit holder needs to get in or out of a vehicle.”**
- Thank you for your support in this matter.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hora Hora Junior Rugby

Click on the following link to register your child for a season of junior rugby at Hora Hora Rugby Club.



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/horahorarugbyunion/Junior-Rugby-Reg-Form/Junior-Rugby-Reg-Form>

### Zumba in the Maunu School Hall

Come along on a Monday and Wednesday evening between 6.15 – 7.30pm first class free - **No Class Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>** and join Raewyn and the team. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.



## VALUES HOUSE WINNERS

- Check out last week's winners photos on the notice wall in the walk way by Room 10 – they were Brody Bond, Dane Bradley, Lauren Soulsby and Monique Pheng. **Well done!**

## PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PUKENUI WESTERN HILLS FOREST TRUST – KIWI RELEASE

- Last year Pukenui Forest Trust released 12 kiwi into the forest. The kiwi have done well and at least two have successfully hatched kiwi chicks. **On the 6th April, we will be releasing a further 12 adult kiwi.** A ceremony will be held at Hurupaki Primary School, where people will be able to get up close to one of these amazing birds.
- Come along to the **Maunu School Library on the 4 March 6pm** for a public meeting to share information about the kiwi, what the Trust is doing to protect them and how you can help.
- Get the kids along to the kiwi release on the 6th of April, where they will hear about what is being and needs to be done to protect kiwi and they will be able to get close to one of the kiwi being released into the forest.
- There is also the opportunity to sponsor a kiwi. All funds received will go towards protecting the kiwi in Pukenui Forest.
- If you have any questions please contact Tanya Cook on [tcook@northtec.ac.nz](mailto:tcook@northtec.ac.nz) or our ranger Bevan Cramp on [pukenuiranger@gmail.com](mailto:pukenuiranger@gmail.com)

### HoraHora Kindergarten - Spaces Available

If you have or know of friends/family/whanau who are needing quality education for their pre - schoolers please tell them about us. All qualified, experienced teachers. Warm, welcoming and educational learning environment to immerse your child/ren in. Diverse ethnicities – opportunities to learn about and share diverse cultures. Quality programme implemented under the NZ Early Childhood Curriculum. Te Whāriki (He whāriki mātauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa) Phone [horahora@nka.org.nz](mailto:horahora@nka.org.nz) or phone 4387053 for info.

