



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou, greetings to you all.

Here we are all back together to enjoy and build 2020! It has been great to meet up again with students and families from the past and to welcome new families to the school community. 2020 is the beginning of a new decade, and this year promises to be an exciting, character building and rewarding year for all.

There will be plenty of opportunities for students to involve themselves in and times when they can push themselves to be their best.

We welcome Olivia Lansdowne back to Maunu after a year travelling the globe! However, she returns as Mrs Olivia Paxton, having got married in January - Congratulations, Olivia.

We have many professional development initiatives going on this year and I will outline and explain these in later newsletters.

Please remember that the Skool Loop App is a major form of communication. We send out notifications, alerts, events etc via the App. You can use the school app to contact the school for absences or to email teachers. Please contact the office if you are having problems accessing or using the app.

There is also information on the school website, which we endeavour to up-date as often as possible.

We look forward to an exceptional year in 2020 at this wonderful school.

### **Important Information:**

**Coronavirus:** We acknowledge the stress that the coronavirus has caused some people. There is no doubt it is a serious situation and we take it very seriously here at Maunu School. We sent a notification to all parents outlining our stance and telling people to stay away from school for 14 days if they had travelled to any countries where the virus is prevalent, and especially China. We contacted families we knew to be travelling to update them of our requirements. Of course, we are aware that we do not know of all people's travel plans, so any children who have started after Monday 3 Feb, we meet with the family and find out whether they have travelled and where they

have been. We are in touch with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education on a regular basis. I also have access to information from Helen Petousis-Harris, Associate Professor in General Practice and Primary Healthcare at Auckland University. I am aware of the backlash that has been focused on certain ethnic groups and am saddened by this. I am certain that this will not be the case at Maunu School. I can assure the Maunu community that we take all aspects of this outbreak seriously.

**School Donations:** Last year the government decided that they would support schools by "paying" a \$150 per student to cover costs and replace any "school donation". This does not apply to Decile 8-10 schools and Maunu School is decile 8, so we are not eligible for this subsidy. I believe this is an unfair situation and have made my thoughts known to the Minister of Education. Maunu School donations support the school curriculum and help to provide the programmes and opportunities we make available to the students in and out of class.

**Swimming Pool:** I thank the people who have been making positive use of the school pool over the summer break. Unfortunately, there are people who do not follow the "rules" and then the system breaks down. This is extremely frustrating and concerning as it compromises the safety and enjoyment of other swimmers. Anyone without a key should not be able to get into the pool area, however, if the gate is wedged back it gives them easy access. The pool is an expensive resource to maintain and run during the term and even more so over the summer break. The board has to consider the safety and the costs when deciding whether to keep it open over the break. We have plans to try and make it easier to manage, but these all come at a cost. Please help us out by following the rules and looking after a very important and valuable asset.

**School Office:** At the end of this term Michelle in the office, is resigning from Maunu School and moving to Auckland. This is a career change for Michelle and Rolley. We are very sad to lose Michelle, we wish her and Rolley all the best for the future. More about Michelle in a later newsletter!!! We know we will never get another Michelle! However, we do need another great person in the

office. The advertisement and information for the position will be on the school's website [www.maunu.school.nz/job\\_opportunities](http://www.maunu.school.nz/job_opportunities) from Sat 15 February.

**Nga mihi**  
**Paul Shepherd**  
Principal

#### TERM DATES 2020

- Term 1 Mon 3 Feb to Thur 9 April
- Term 2 Tues 28 April to Fri 3 July
- Term 3 Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sept
- Term 4 Mon 12 Oct to 14 Dec (TBC)

#### 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 Maximo Rodriguez Pazo; Jackson Wickens; Bardia Malekmohammdi Bidhendi; Baylee Loughton-Parker; Vivienne Frank; Annika, Dawid and Christelle Weiland; Phoenix and Indy Rigby; Nneka-Lilly, Obiaku and Nduka Hewitt Nnani; Hunter and Kingston Baigent; Kaelani and Nellie Naera-Yukich; Blake Dobson; Gabriella Dawson; Sebastian Bowles; Dhawan Dave; Rujval Sabarwal; Dallas Erp; James Davies; Noah Mantos Santos Jepson; Caleb Heunis; Nuha Halil; Leah Evans; Emma Reynolds; Tara White-Hughes; Nathan Stewart; Austin Wright; Reagan Shaji; Jake Aubrey; Sarish Kumar; Lilly Torrington; and Madeline Parr.



**Bring on another year of learning,  
laughter and friendships!**

#### TERM 1 DATES 2020

- 13 February Setting the Scene 5.30
- 19 February BoT Meeting 6.45pm
- 27 February Senior Swimming
- 28 February Senior Swimming p.p date
- 3 March Middle Swimming
- 3 March PTA AGM – 6.30pm start
- 4 March Junior Swimming Demo
- 10-13 March Senior Camp – Paihia
- 17 March BoT Meeting
- 26-27 March Middle Adventure Days
- **9 Thursday April Last Day of Term 1**
- **28 April First Day of Term 2**

#### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

- The newsletter is emailed to all families. We do not send out hard/paper copies.

#### SETTING THE SCENE EVENING TONIGHT – 5.25PM

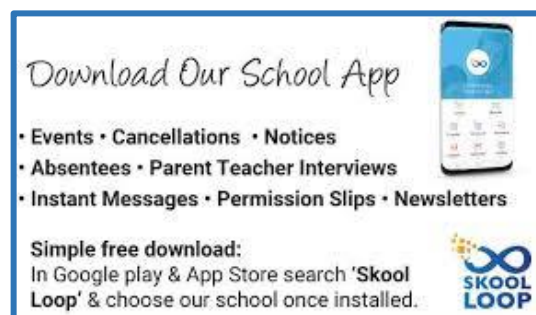
- **We look forward to seeing you tonight, Thursday 13th February.** We are asking for all students and families to assemble at the hall by 5.30pm for the whakatau. This whakatau will be an opportunity for our existing students and families to welcome our new students and any new families, as well as 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.**

#### MAUNU SKOOL LOOP APP

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



#### PTA AGM – ALL WELCOME

- The PTA would like to invite you to its AGM to be held on **Tuesday 3 March at 6.30 pm** in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome – drinks and nibbles provided.
- Come along to meet other parents, teachers and the principal, 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.



## MAUNU SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

- This year we will be celebrating student learning in our full school assembly on a Friday from 2.15 -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 14th 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.

### STAFFING FOR 2020

Paul Shepherd	Principal		
Claire Turton	Deputy Principal		
Diana Hesketh	Deputy Principal		
	Reading Recovery		
Mel Bell	Teacher	Rm 1	Yr 1/2
Mary Mulligan	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
Rachel Barclay	Teacher	Rm 5/6	Yr 3/4
Tina Nimmo	Teacher	Rm 8	Yr 1/2
Jeni Walsh	Teacher	Rm 9	Yr 3/4
Kendra Bradley	Teacher	Rm 10	Yr 3/4
Olivia Paxton	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
Anne Parr	Learning Support Co-ordinator		
Claudine Edwards	Kaiawhina		
Carol Tipton	Release Teacher	Rm 5/6	
Andrea Watts	Release Teacher	Rms 1 & 3	
Lynne Adam	Librarian & Teacher Aide		
Shona Anderson	Teacher Aide		
Edith Mataira	Teacher Aide		
Shelly King	Teacher Aide		
Katrina Waller	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.

### 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.**

### 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.**

### 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.



### 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](http://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, 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.
- **Note:** For children in all classrooms except Rooms 3,4 & 8 there is a Prime Math \$10.00 charge. **Thank you to those that have already paid this.**

### 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](http://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 2020 Room.



### PTA FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS NEEDED

- This is a small job that some of you may wish to consider helping. 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. If we don't get more volunteers the sausage sizzle may not be able to proceed.**
- Please call in to the office to put your contact details on the roster or email Taryn, our sausage sizzle coordinator on [clint.taryn@gmail.com](mailto:clint.taryn@gmail.com) or phone 021889938
- Our biggest thanks to **PaknSave Whangarei** for donating the bread, sausages and juice again this year!



### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – NO FOOD

- 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.

### HOUSE T SHIRT ORDERS

- Next Friday 21 February** is the last day to get your orders and payments in for your Maunu School T Shirt in your House Colour. Order forms are available in the school office if you want to make an order.



### PLAYBALL NZ 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 4-8 starting on Monday the 10th February, 3:10-3:50pm. 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 (8 weeks) is \$80.

You can find out more about our programme and can register via [www.playball.co.nz](http://www.playball.co.nz) or by contacting Dean on 0211054484 / emailing [dean@playball.co.nz](mailto:dean@playball.co.nz).

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Northland Kenpo Karate Self Defence School

Classes for 2020 begin at Maunu Primary School Hall on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 6pm (juniors) (and thereafter each Tuesday – excluding school holidays) Separate classes available for primary, secondary and adult students. **Phone 021 567 607**

#### Central Brown Football Club

The Central Brown Football Club run a free Twilight Soccer Football night on Thursday's, starting 13/02/2020 and running until 19/03/2020 from 4:30 to 5:30 at Otaika Sports Park (Bluegoose, SH1 Raumanga/Otaika) for ages from 8 to 14. Just turn up on the night (please be there at 4:30) and you'll be put into a team for three 15 min small sided games.

#### Old Boys Marist Junior Rugby Rally Day

We will be holding our first rally day for all (2016 born and up) JMB, IMB and U16 Girls players on Thursday 13th February from 4pm to 6pm. All new players are required to bring either their BIRTH CERTIFICATE or PASSPORT for us to view. We ask that all players register online at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/obmrjc/Jnr-Reg-Form/Junior-Rego-Form> prior to our rally night for faster process. If you are unable to register prior to our rally day you can also register with us on the day. **Any questions, feel free to contact Chanelle Salmon on 021 417 271.**