



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou, xiàowǔ hǎo, namaste, ciao, konnichiwa, greetings to you all

As we move through autumn and into winter, the winter sports programmes begin. It is a good time to reflect on the reason children play sports and what the research has been showing about child participation in sporting activities. There has been a lot of discussion around when sport should become “competitive”, and the fall off rate for children in their teen years. A major factor is that many children simply want to play in a sports team with their friends. Not all children aspire to be a champion or gain national recognition. It is also worthy to remember, that without all the other participants the “champions” would never get the chance to excel or be noticed. Yes, it is true that some children are competitive by nature and will push themselves to be the best they can be. There is also the case where the expectation on some children by adults and others is unrealistic and causes a lot of grief and anxiety.

As a parent, coach or manager I implore you to encourage all children, to show high levels of positive behaviour and to respect that all children have different skill levels and enthusiasm for the sport. We know that being involved in team games and sport is a very positive thing for a healthy individual and a healthy community, so let’s start that by leading the way with positive intent. Thank you in advance for all the work you do to keep sport alive and well in our community.

COVID 19: On Wednesday 11th March, I was made aware of a possible case of coronavirus in Whangarei. I immediately contacted the MoE and Ministry of Health for advice and guidance. They do not know of any new or suspected cases in NZ. We have processes in place for pandemic response, however many of these are around prevention and managing the environment. A confirmed case in the wider community is likely to cause some anxiety. We remain vigilant here, reminding students about safe practices and staying away if they are unwell. We also have clear procedures for anyone returning from overseas, including stand down periods. Be assured that we will be taking advice from the MoE and Min of Health and will keep you informed of

any changes to our status. If you are at all concerned for your child, you need to do what you think is best for them and you. During this outbreak it is important that we uphold our school values of Responsibility, Respect and Integrity. The best messages we get from official sources remains to:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

If you want to know more about COVID-19, please make sure that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly -

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Just a thought: A few years back I had the privilege of travelling to large number of countries to look at inclusive education systems. This involved talking to government officials, visiting schools and talking to communities. I met some amazing people and saw some amazing things, and yet.... I realised how fortunate and blessed I am to live in Aotearoa, New Zealand. We have the opportunity to remain a most special place, but it does need us to be kind to each other, to embrace the diversity NZ has, to strive to have sustainable practices and to value who we are and where we live.

Nga mihi
Paul Shepherd
Principal

TERM 1 DATES 2020

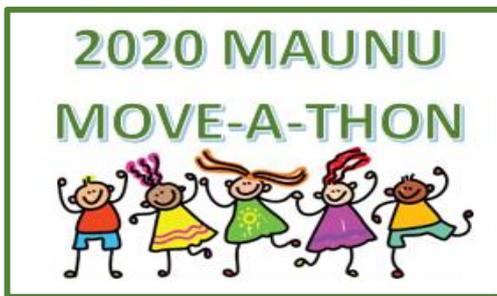
- 17 March BoT Meeting
- 26-27 March Middle Adventure Days
- 31 March Maunu Move-a-thon
- 2 April ↑ postponement date
- **9 Thursday April Last Day of Term 1**
- **28 Tuesday April First Day of Term 2**

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

- We have whole school assembly this Friday starting at 2:15pm hosted by Rooms 3 and 4.
ALL welcome.

MAUNU MOVE-A-THON

- On Tuesday 31 March Maunu School children will be participating in a Move-a-thon.
- In the afternoon the whole school will be moving for an hour, participating in a circuit of different activities. Then after school there will be fun games for both children and adults, followed by tug-of-war challenges for all ages.
- Closer to the date students will all be bringing home a sponsorship form to collect sponsors for keeping active for an hour. Mark this date in your calendars and be ready for a fun filled afternoon with your children.



HELLO NEW STUDENTS

- A big school welcome to **Emmanuel Babu, Addison Nash, Kenzie Nash and Orla Whitehouse** who have joined us here at Maunu. We look forward to spending lots of learning and laughter time with you and your families.

PTA MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

- Last week the **PINK Mother's Day Fundraiser forms** went home to every family. We have spares in the school office if you've misplaced yours. Some lovely gifts for the 'mothers' in your families.
- Orders and cash payments to the school office by Friday 20th March** please to enable the PTA to get the orders back to you before Mother's Day.
- Please remember online payments into the PTA bank account **NOT the School bank account.**

CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 28 FEBRUARY

Rm 1	Piper Gillingham Emma Findlay	Riley Sisam Hunter Baigent
Rm 2	Jessie Bassett-Allen Abdullah Chaudhry	Evie Pollard Riley Waddell
Rm 3	James Davies Nuha Halil	Emma Reynolds Noah Matos Santos Jepsen
Rm 4	Madeline Parr Eden Dawson	Nathan Stewart Jake Aubrey
Rm 5/6	Tyler Howard Payten Webb Blake Dobson Mya Fromont	Gabby Dawson Seth Wilkin Renee Hardwick Sam Ganley
Rm 8	Kelsey Sumich Destiny Couchman	Jonathan He Mila Cartwright
Rm 9	Caitlyn Turton Alizae Urquhart	Casey Dyer Ahipene Reid-Langman
Rm 10	Daniel Pollard Jewel Rajab	Willem Mabey Ellie Kim
Rm 11	Jaime Williamson Bardia Malekmohammadi Bidhendi Nneka Hewitt-Nnani	Iris Green
Rm 12	Izaiah Lejos Nico Findlay	Sophie Taylor Mikaela Hurst
Rm 13	Xander Mostert Jack Rountree	Sapphire Reid-Maihi Maddison Fedarb
Rm 14	Corban Bradshaw Riley Stratford	Chenuli Hettige-Dona Cam Rountree

MIDDLE SWIMMING SYNDICATE RESULTS

Freestyle

Year 3 Girls	Boys
1 st Elsie Adamson	Harley Taylor
2 nd Ruby Marris	Tyler Heunis
3 rd Lily Antonio	Charlie Mitchell

Backstroke

Year 3 Girls	Boys
1 st Gabriella Dawson	Harley Taylor
2 nd Lily Antonio	

Freestyle

Year 4 Girls	Boys
1 st Caitlyn Turton	Blake Dobson
2 nd Casey Dyer	Bentley Waetford-Parry
3 rd Georgia Johnson	Ahipene Reid-Langman

Backstroke

Year 4 Girls	Boys
1 st Caitlyn Turton	William Whitehorn
2 nd Casey Dyer	Ahipene Reid-Langman
3 rd Honor Hood	Charlie Bell



2020 WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

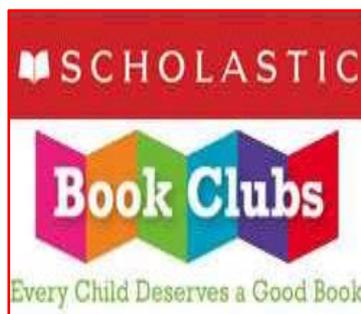
- For those children who have entered the Weet-Bix TRYathlon in the Bay of Islands on Saturday March 29th there will be a training session taking place this Friday at Maunu School between 3:30 - 4:30pm - Please meet by the bike racks.
- Kids will need:
 - Swimming togs (Cap, Togs and Goggles) Towel
 - Bike, helmet + shoes and socks
 - Clothes to change into for bike and run section
 - Box or bucket to keep their gear in (like what they intend to use on race day)
 - Warm jacket and a spare towel and a snack probably won't hurt either.
- The training distances have not been confirmed and will be based on the child's ability at this first training session. Dates and times for the next training session will be advised once sorted.
- This is not done through a Triathlon Club and is purely to support kids with an understanding of how transitions work and what will be required of them on the day. I am not a trainer and I am not endorsed by any clubs. I will be touching base with Sport Northland (JNR) to see if they can spare a staff member for our 1st and last session to chat to the kids about the day.



Kind Regards
Tam Whitehorn
02108815809

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

- The Catalogue and order forms for the Scholastic Book Club went home last week. Check out the catalogues as it's chocka block with a wide range of reading sure to delight all tastes.
- **Please get your payments and order form to the school office by Thursday March 19.**



WEDNESDAY LUNCHONLINE – HOW TO ORDER

WOW

Amber Wallace adding new lunch items to Maunu menu

Amber Wallace delivers every Wednesday
Jump online and order now !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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SCHOOL PHOTOS ORDERS DUE BY FRI 20 MARCH

- Please return your paper orders to us before Friday 20 March with payment by the way of correct cash (no change given) /cheque with the option of paying on line into the Images Naturally Bank Account – **NOT the school bank account.**
- Alternatively, you can click the following link to place your order online - <https://forms.gle/WtxqTmJQC63Lgkin8>.



SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL CLOSING

- While individual classrooms will be deciding when their swimming lessons will finish we will be closing the pool on Friday 20 March after TRYathlon training.
 - For those of you with a community key, Friday 20 March will be the last day for you to be able to use your key. **Please return your key to the school office by the end of Term 1 and we will refund your bond.**
- Thank You*



TE MANAWA TAHI O WHANGAREI

What is happening?

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

Who are we?

Learning Support (formerly Special Education) and the RTL B service (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/kura, early childhood, iwi and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

"Mā te Pā ka ora te tamaiti"

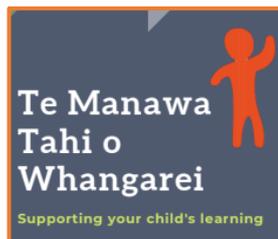
"It takes a village to raise a child"

The Te Manawa Tahī flag will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our timetable with dates and times is posted on our Facebook page. You can come into the hub without an appointment or you can call to make one. Your school/kura/early childhood service can also make an appointment for you. The next one is on

Wednesday March 25 at the Back-2-Basics centre

Maungatāpere – for more venues and times contact

TT.support@education.govt.nz



READING GLASSES FOUND – STAR WARS FRAME

- Do you recognise these glasses? They were found in one of the senior classrooms at the beginning of the year. They are in the school office.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Central Brown Football Club Muster Day

Thursday 19th March 3.30pm – 6pm, at the clubrooms, Otaika Sports Park on State Highway 1. Come and meet your team, get your uniform, have a sausage and have a game!! Practices will be at Maunu School.

FREE Hip Hop Workshops

Grab a friend and come along to this Sundays 10.00am FREE Hip Hop Workshops at Whangareī Intermediate with Tutors Chris Teava and Sheldon. Smokefree supporting local community.



Maunu Hockey Registration Day 2020

Players in Years 1 to 6:

Sunday 22 March at Maunu School Turf or Maunu School Hall if wet.

School Years 1 to 4 –

Registrations from 3pm - 4pm, Years 5 and 6 –

Registration and Trials from 3.30pm – 5pm. Bring

hockey stick, shin pads, mouthguard and water bottle. See the Maunu Hockey Club Facebook page for more information. Contact Becs Harrison (Club Manager) 021 779 798 or email

maunuhockey@gmail.com



Mangakahia Rugby Club Rally Day

12th March from 5-7pm @

Mangakahia Sports Complex. A

well run and resourced club with excellent coaches and teams in all grades from u6 through to u14 (IMB). All players welcome.



Maunga Mayhem - Obstacle Adventure Race

Sat March 21 - something for all ages, designed to be challenging and FUN.

All the details and tickets purchased on our website www.maungamayhem.co.nz. It will be the highlight of your year - Don't miss the MAYHEM.

DON'T MISS THE MAUNGA MAYHEM
a Maungatāpere School PTA FUNDRAISER

MAUNGATĀPERE OBSTACLE ADVENTURE RACE
3 Full-on Races!
Obstacles and Challenges designed to be fun for all ages...

Get your Early Bird tickets before March 2nd!

Mini Mayhem : \$20
for children aged 6-12 yrs: distance: 1.5km

Mixed Mayhem : \$25
for a child (4-8 yrs) & adult team: distance: 1.5km

Major Mayhem : \$25
for 12 yrs & over: distance: 5km

Amazing SPOT PRIZES
to be won... PLUS medals for top 3 placings!

21st MARCH : 2020
Registrations from 9am : 1st Race Starts 10am

GET TICKETS AND INFO ONLINE
maungamayhem.co.nz