



Tena koutou, greetings to you all

Welcome to the return of schooling at Maunu School. As a country and a community, we have certainly been through some testing and unusual times over the last two months. I know many things will have happened to many families. Our thoughts are with you if things changed for you over this time.

At Maunu School, we acknowledge that times may be challenging for some and we are here to support you in any way we can.

We had 90% of our children return to school on Monday 18th, 91% on Tuesday and 92% on Wednesday. It was so good to hear their laughter, see their smiles and engage in conversation about their "lockdown" journey!

The staff thank you all for supporting your children with the online/Home Based learning programmes. We realise that this was not "home schooling" and attempted to set programmes that were able to be carried out by the children with support by parents. We also encouraged children and families to do their own thing as and when they could. No doubt there were many home sports tournaments, challenges around the board game table and music competitions, among other things.

The move to Level 2 enables us to get things moving again and I **encourage everyone to support local wherever possible.**

I would like to **welcome** Kristy Williams to the Maunu staff. Kristy is our new office assistant, with Michelle having resigned to move to Auckland. I am sure you will meet Kristy when you are next in the school, or by phone. Please make yourself known to her.

### **Return to School - Important Information:**

It is a pleasure having all our children back at Maunu School and to reconnect with families and whanau. This week we are concentrating on getting back into the routines of school life, focusing on wellbeing and reinforcing the school's hygiene practices.

**Drop Off & Pick Up:** The morning drop off has been working very well, with people spacing their arrival times. Drop off time works best between 8.15 and

8.50am. Please remember it is a busy road, some vehicles are quite high and inhibit some visibility and some children are very small!! Take care when you are getting your children out of the car and when reversing onto Austin Road. Please do not do any U-Turns, no matter whether you think it is safe or not. To avoid congestion in and around classrooms, we ask that you say goodbye to your child on the footpath and let them make their way into the school.

The afternoon pick up has also been going well. Best pick up times are between 2.55 and 3.15pm. (The Junior Syndicate has a different organisation available to parents if they wish). Teachers are on duty at the gates to ensure children get to their rides safely. If the weather turns and it is wet, children will be under cover at the hall, in front of Room 3&4 and under a gazebo outside the office area. Again, if you come into the school grounds, even just a few metres, you must sign in, so it is best to wait at the gate and signal for your child to come to you.

Please do not stand on the other side of Austin Road and call your child across - you must escort them across the road at all times.

**Contact Tracing:** We are required to register everyone who enters the school grounds, other than staff and children. This can cause congestion and confusion, as every visitor (including parents) must maintain the 2m distancing and sign in at either the office or the classroom. To ease any congestion, we ask that you contact the school by phone if you have a message, or email the teacher who will get back to you. Urgent messages should be phoned in. Of course, if you need to come on site, you are welcome but you must maintain the 2m distance from everyone except your own child and sign in.

**Water Bottles:** To be as safe as we can, we have turned off the drinking fountains. Each child must have their own drink bottle which can be filled during the day.

### **School Information:**

There are a number of events that were planned prior to the lockdown. With the uncertainty about when we will move to another level, and exactly

what that will look like, we have had to put on hold some events.

Photos: We do not know when we will have these, but we will give you as much notice as possible.

Sports Events: Each sporting code has to organise how training etc will work for them. As they are outside of school time, they do not come under our requirements. Please contact the coach or sporting body if you require any information.

Life Education Caravan: Life Ed will be in the school from 15 - 23 June. Classes visit the caravan for Health lessons. They have amended practices because of the Level 2 requirements. This may change, depending on any announcements from the government. Thank you to the PTA for supporting this programme.

Queen's Birthday: The school will be closed to celebrate Queen's Birthday on Monday 1st June. This is a national holiday.

Term 2 End: The last day for term 2 remains the same - Friday 3rd July.

Term 3 Start: The first day of term Monday 20th July.

If there are any changes to the way schools have to operate under the Covid19 levels, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Caring  
Arohanui  
**Paul Shepherd**  
Principal

#### TERM 2 DATES 2020

- 15 – 23 June Life Education Trust
- 1 June Queen's Birthday **-NO SCHOOL**
- 3 July **Last Day of Term 2**

#### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

- There will be no full school assemblies until further notice.

#### WINTER SCHOOL BEANIES

- For those that are wanting to buy a Maunu School Beanie they are available for purchase from the school office for \$10.00 each.



#### CHANGE OF CLOTHES

- It's always a good idea for your children to have a change of clothes in their school bag for those unexpected times that they may need them especially heading into winter and the wet weather.



#### WELCOME TO MAUNU SCHOOL

- Hello and welcome to **Jane Deacon, Jayde Tamariki, Charlie Green, Noah Gibson and Ava Faye.**
- We look forward to sharing many years of learning and laughter with you and your families.



#### MAUNU EDUCARE OPEN

- Maunu Educare – based in the school hall has re-opened Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- To register your child/ren phone Christin on 0274821331 or email [info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz)

#### WEDNESDAY LUNCH ORDERS

- Lunchonline is up and running for Wednesday orders only at this stage.
- Go to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) where you can order lunches online for children
- The Wednesday lunches will be delivered in time for lunch at 12.30pm. **Orders must be in by 8.00am Wednesday mornings.**

