



Tena koutou, greetings to you all

"The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow"

Recent events in and around New Zealand have had an impact on everyone and that includes us here at Maunu School. With the guidelines around Level 2, we are unable to hold some events as we would normally do. This included the school cross country. It has also affected some of the planned class and syndicate trips. We have also stopped school assemblies, just to be on the safe side in terms of being super close to each other. While these are all regrettable, they are unavoidable and we just have to think of creative ways to deal with these. This newsletter has important information about up-coming events.

School Cross Country: We would like to thank Pompallier Catholic College for allowing us to use their grounds to design a course for our students. We were able to run our races while their students were in class, thus avoiding any group interactions. Unfortunately, we were unable to have parents on site as that would have meant we had to abide by the Level 2 gathering numbers and distancing. This would have been impossible. We did not make this decision lightly, and with the uncertainty of both weather and Covid19 levels, we chose to run the event as soon as we could. It meant that we have at least been able to hold our cross country for which the children have practiced; we have been able to celebrate all those who competed and we have been able to identify runners who will be able to represent the school at the Whangarei Championships when they are held. These are planned for Wednesday 23 September, as long as we are at level 1. There will be more information provided to those children eligible to compete. Again, I would like to congratulate all children who practiced and then ran their course. We acknowledge that cross country is not for everyone, and the effort put in by all children was amazing. Congratulations to those who were place getters or came in the top 5, making them eligible to represent the school at future events. The place getters in each event are published on the school website under: School Events Gallery/Cross Country Results 2020.

Covid 19 Level 2 information:

Thank you all for working with us at this time. Contact tracing registers (and the QR Code) are important measures in ensuring NZ is able to deal with any Covid19 situation. Please keep signing the register if you need to come onto the school grounds.

For the next two weeks (until 6th September) we remain in Level 2, so all guidelines remain in place. If we get information that differs or changes anything, we will notify you as soon as possible.

Facemasks: Facemasks are not mandatory at primary schools in Level 2. Anyone who does wear a mask, needs to have been taught how to use it properly so that they are not creating more of a risk than they would without one. We have not heard about masks on school buses at this stage, but anyone using public transport (i.e. the Green buses) must wear a mask from Monday 31 August. Once I hear from the MoE about school bus runs, I will send something out on the school app.

2020 Country Fair: Regrettably, we have decided to cancel the Country Fair for this year. This is a decision made jointly by the Board of Trustees, the PTA Country Fair Organising Group and the Staff. We all love the Country Fair and are understandably proud of its history and its place in the Whangarei City Events calendar. However, the uncertainty around Covid Levels and the amount of time, energy and effort that goes into organising the day mean that it is not practical for 2020. We want everyone to pencil in **Saturday 6 November, 2021** for the next fantastic, mesmerising and fun-filled family day which is the Maunu School Country Fair 2021.

Teacher Only Day: School is closed for students this Monday, 31st August for a Staff Professional Development Day. The staff will be involved in professional development that includes Literacy; Positive Behaviours; Well Being; Cultural Responsiveness; Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. **Please make sure you have made arrangements for your child for that day.** Maunu Educare is open and you can contact Christin on 0274821331 or email info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz



MAUNU SCHOOL

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End of Year Date: There has been some delay in finalising exactly when we will finish school this year, due to the change in term dates for term 1 (under Level 4 & 3) and now the cancellation of Country Fair (considered a school day). **School will now close for students at 3pm on Monday 14th December.** On Monday 14th we will hold the final assembly, beginning at 11am. Later in the day, children will gather with their 2021 teacher and classmates. The Tuesday will be a Staff Development Day, with final planning for 2021. School is closed for students on this day.

2021 Dates: The changes to the 2020 term dates has an impact on the length of the Christmas break. Schools are bound to adhere to dates as set out by the Ministry of Education. The earliest the school can open in 2021 is Monday 1 February, and the latest is Tuesday 9 February. The start date impacts on the finish date and is determined by the number of days we must be open during the year - 190 days. A decision on the start date for 2021 will be made as soon as possible. The delay is somewhat unavoidable with the changes that have occurred this year.

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

TERM 3 DATES

- 31 August Teacher Only Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 1 September PTA Meeting – **6pm**
- 8 September School Photos
- 23 September Cross Country Champs
- **25 September Last Day of Term 3**

TERM DATES 2020

- Term 3 End: Friday 25th September
- Term 4 Start: Monday 12th October
- Labour Day: Monday 26th October
- Term 4 End: Monday 14th December

SENIOR CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 14 AUGUST

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| Rm 11 | Kaelani Naera-Yukich | Chris Martin |
| | Oscar Reid | Kaura Higgison |
| Rm 12 | Guy Manson | Sam Winder |
| Rm 13 | Shelby Hoyle | Lauren Pollard |
| | Zoe Robertson | Ronel Shaji |

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| Rm 14 | Jordan Mostert | Sophie Penney |
| | Maximo Rodriguez Pazo | Finley Noone |

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

- There will be **NO** whole school assembly this Friday the 28th due to the current alert level 2.

DAFFODIL DAY 28 AUGUST

- To show support for the Cancer Society, daffodil stickers and bookmarks will be on sale in exchange for your donations, this Friday 28 August. Wearing yellow will be encouraged by all. **Thank You**



SCHOOL PHOTOS - 8 SEPTEMBER

- School Photos are scheduled to be held on Tuesday the 8th of September.
- Forms are available from the office, and must be returned by Friday the 4th of September.



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

- The WPSSA cross-country championships will be held on Wednesday 23 September– so long as we are in level 1.
- It will be a combined WPSSA and Northland Championship. Due to increased numbers only the top 5 in our event will now be going.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB AND FAIR



- Scholastic order forms have gone home to each family last week. Orders are due back on **Tuesday the 1st of September.**
- Payments can be made by cash/eftpos or online. Please return order forms and payments to the school office.
- The book fair is scheduled to be held in term 4. Once we have dates and times sorted we will let you know.

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND TUESDAY SUSHI

- There will be **NO** Friday Sausage Sizzle or Tuesday Sushi orders under alert level 2.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH ORDERS



Hello Lunchonline families at
Maunu School

Hole in One Cafe lunch deliveries start
Wed 26th August
8:am cut off time for deliveries same day

Take a break - treat the kids !!
Support local

Order from www.lunchonline.co.nz now
LUNCH SORTED

UNNAMED AND UNCLAIMED CLOTHES

- There is an overwhelming amount of unclaimed clothing in the lost property situated in the walkway outside Room 10.
- Please encourage your children to check for any lost items before the end of day 28 August, as after this it will be sent off for donation.
- **If the item is named it will be returned to the owner.**

MAUNU'S GOT TALENT

- Entries for Maunu's got Talent have now closed.
- Auditions will be held on the 8th and 9th of September between 12.45pm-1.15pm – Good luck to all entrants!

PTA CALENDER ORDER FORMS

- It is that time of year again – Maunu School PTA Calendars are for sale through Kids Creations.
- They make a wonderful gift to friends and families with your child's artwork centre stage! **The order forms will come home today – one for each child please.**
- Your children are busy creating their artwork in class to go on the following: Calendars at \$10, Card packs at \$11, Diaries at \$15 and Lined or Blank Notebooks at \$12.
- Please remember that **online payments are to the PTA bank account** and NOT our Maunu School account - the PTA account number is on the order form.
- **Order forms and payments need to be into the school office by Thursday 17 September.**



THANK YOU MAUNU SCHOOL PTA

- The PTA recently gifted \$100 to each class room to be spent on games for those inside wet days. **Thank you PTA, all the classrooms are very grateful!**



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

- Here's a few snaps from the cross-country last week – We are working on uploading a video onto our website so keep a look out!

