



Tena koutou, greetings to you all

"Self discipline begins with mastery of your thoughts. If you don't control what you think, you can't control what you do"

In this newsletter, I am asking for your help and support. My mantra is to write positive messages in the newsletter, to celebrate our school, students and community. We enjoy being proud of Maunu School and our students. This term, however, there has been a noticeable change in some of our children's behaviour. We have been working hard with everyone around our Values and recognising those who uphold them. We have had external "experts" conduct surveys with the children and they have been amazed at how well our children know the Five Feather Values and can talk about what these mean. That is why it is so disappointing and confusing that quite a number of our children are behaving in ways that are unkind, disrespectful, and "unMaunulike". It is having a major effect on the health of the school, and is not just a few out of sorts children. Behaviours such as name-calling, put-downs, pushing, not including others and damaging property have crept in. We have reviewed, and continue to review, our systems and expectations. We know that many children are trying to live to our values, but even some of our student leaders are crossing the line. We ask that you talk to, and reinforce with your children about the importance of being positive and kind - we know we can get back to being the great and safe place we are all so proud of.

Level 2 is still with us (not for too much longer we hope) so we are still having to work with some restrictions. We are looking at what we can do once we get back to Level 1, to give opportunities for the community to come into the school and celebrate with the students. This will include celebrations from Maori Language Week and other class inquiries. More detail will follow.

Safety: Please use safe practices when dropping off and picking up children from the school. In the afternoon it can be very hectic at the bus bay, the hall car park and along Austin Road. Please do not block the bus bay entrance or exit and do not stay around for a conversation. Do not stop on Austin Road (use the curb parks), do not expect your child to cross the road (you need to come over to the school side to get them), use the roundabout and above all else - Be Patient. Thanks for helping us to ensure the safety of all our children.

Whew - let's finish on a positive note. Spring is here, daffodils are blooming, lambs and calves are frolicking

in the fields and the days are getting longer. Yes, we have seen some unusual behaviours, however, we know that our students are great people (many of them all the time) and we look forward to our Five Feather Values shining through again. I had the pleasure of being a judge for the "Maunu's Got Talent" Round 1. How courageous all the children were to get up there and perform in front of 3 judges!! There was a range of acts from musical items, to dances, to skits. Congratulations and accolades to all who participated. There will be 12 Acts who will go through to Round 2, from which places will be decided. We hope to be able to do this when we are at Level 1, so others can come and enjoy the talents of our performers. Amazing effort everyone.

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

TERM 3 DATES

- 14 – 18 September Maori Language Week
- 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

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

- There will be **NO** whole school assemblies until we move out of level 2.

ICAS - SCIENCE

- Well done to all those that participated in the ICAS Science exam on the 21st of August.
- A big congratulations to Chenuli Hettige-Dona who received Distinction and Samuel Winder who received Credit Awards.



STEEL SHELVING WANTED

- Does anyone have any surplus steel shelving with clip on rails for Rm 11/12? - **Please let the office know if you can help.**

WELCOME MASON-DEAN AND RILEY

- Hello and Welcome to our new students Mason-Dean Foster and Riley Marsh-Urquhart who have started in our new entrant classrooms. Wishing you both the very best for your learning years here with us at Maunu.



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

- The WPSSA cross-country championships will be held on Wed 23 September – so long as we are in level 1.
- It will be a combined WPSSA and Nthld Champs. Due to increased numbers only the top 5 in each age group from 8yrs up will be going.



COMPULSORY SUN HATS FOR TERM 4

- Maunu School Sun Hats are available for **\$13.00 from the school office**. These hats are compulsory and the only ones allowed during Term 4 and Term 1.
- If children do not have a hat then they must go to the shade outside Room 2 at morning tea and lunchtime.



Many Thanks

READERS AND LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

- We are looking for any school readers that you may have at home somewhere - lying around under beds and couches or hiding in your home library.
- They cost up to \$8.00 each to replace and when not returned they leave the set incomplete and the reading groups hoping to use them disadvantaged.
- There are also some children who do not return their library books, which means that they are unable to take another one home.
- Please take the time to have a good look at home and return them to the office no matter how long you've had them - **No questions asked**. Children will be encouraged at school to look for these at home using their School Values of Responsibility, Respect and Integrity.



PTA CALENDER ORDER FORMS

- Drop off your Kids Creations order forms and payments to the school office by Thurs 17 Sept, so you don't miss out on the chance to get your children's artwork on calendars, cards, diaries or notebooks. They make great Christmas presents etc.



Spare order forms available from the school office.

HIDDEN HOUSE PICTURE FRAMING

- A big thank you to Hidden House Picture Framing who repaired one of our mats at no charge - We are very grateful for your generosity!



Maunu Educare October School Holiday Programme

- Hours 8.00am to 5.30pm
- 5-13 year old children
- Maximum 50 Children
- WINZ subsidies available
- Discounts available for 2+ children
- Exciting daily activities
- 2-4 outside visits
- Based in the Maunu School Hall



Staying In: \$39.00 per day (\$4.10 per hour)
Outings: \$42.00 per day (\$4.42 per hour)

For further information please email: info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or ring Christin on 0274821331

We aim to provide a safe and stimulating programme where the children can relax, make new friends and above all have fun.

Visit our Website!

www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz

MAUNU TENNIS CLUB 2020/2021 Season

Senior Opening - Saturday September 19th 10.00 am
Ladies Day - Every Wednesday 9.00 am
Twilight - Thursday October 1st 5.30 pm
Juniors - Tuesday October 13th 3.15 pm