



# MAUNU SCHOOL

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## Greetings to you all; tena koutou

We are into week 2 and the term is sure racing along. There are many school and class activities happening, so I encourage you to read every notice carefully and to make notes and put dates on your calendars.

A warm welcome to all of our families, current and new, and to all of our staff. It can be hoped that 2021 will be a smoother year than 2020 proved to be, and that we all remember the learnings of 2020.

**New Staff:** We have a number of new staff joining our team this year. The staff list below will show who is where, but we wish to welcome Sharon Stainton (Junior Team); Danni Crosbie and Megan Rodgers (Middle Team) and Nicola Fannin (Senior Team) to the Maunu School family. Rachel Barclay is on maternity leave until Term 4. Rachel and Keith have a handsome young son to join their whanau. Congratulations to them all.

## 2021 Staffing:

Paul Shepherd	<b>Principal</b>		
Claire Turton	<b>Deputy Principal</b>		
Diana Hesketh	<b>Deputy Principal/Rdg Rec</b>		
Mel Bell	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 1	Yr 1/2
Mary Mulligan	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 2	Yr 1/2
Jenny Canty	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 3	Yr 1
			(Junior Team Leader)
Sharon Stainton	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 4	Yr 1
Danni Crosbie	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 5	Yr 3/4
Nadine Nicholas	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 6	Yr 3/4
			(Middle Team Leader)
Alana Fromont	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 7	Yr 3/4
Tina Nimmo	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 8	Yr 1/2
Megan Rodgers	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 9	Yr 3/4
Kendra Bradley } Jeni Walsh }	<b>Teachers</b>	Rm 10	Yr 3/4
Olivia Paxton	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 11	Yr 5/6
Nicola Fannin } Whaea Claudine }	<b>Teachers</b>	Rm 12	Yr 5/6
Talei Wilson } Katie Bassett-Allen }	<b>Teachers</b>	Rm 13	Yr 5/6
Cayne Wright	<b>Teacher</b>	Rm 14	Yr 5/6
			(Senior Team Leader)
Anne Parr	<b>Learning Support Coordinator</b>		

Claudine Edwards	<b>Kaiawhina</b>
Carol Tipton	<b>Release Teacher</b> Rm 6
Andrea Watts	<b>Release Teacher</b> Rms 1 & 3
Lynne Adam	<b>Librarian &amp; Teacher Aide</b>
Shona Anderson	<b>Teacher Aide</b>
Edith Mataira	<b>Teacher Aide</b>
Shelly King	<b>Teacher Aide</b>
Katrina Waller	<b>Teacher Aide</b>
Kyle Paxton	<b>Teacher Aide</b>
Elleisha-Jade Curry-Edwards	<b>Teacher Aide</b>
Adrian Lamb	<b>Caretaker</b>
Carolyn Boyce-Bacon	<b>Principal's PA</b>
Kristy Williams	<b>Office Admin</b>
Salendra and Artika	<b>School Cleaners</b>

**Covid 19:** As we have seen recently things can happen very quickly with Covid 19. The school has scan points around the grounds - please use these. We always have sanitizer on hand and sensible hygiene practices, in classrooms and the wider school. We certainly hope that people in the community are practicing safe habits and we will not be adversely affected as in 2020. However, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home. If they come to the sick bay complaining of "flu like" symptoms we will be ringing Parents. It will pay to remind your children of this, so they understand our practices.

**Swimming Pool:** The board of trustees thanks everyone who has been making positive use of the school pool over the summer break. This season has been a very good one in respect to the behaviour and conduct at the pool during the summer break.

**Setting the Scene - Meet & Greet: We look forward to seeing you tonight, Thursday 11th February at 5.30pm.** 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.

- New families and students will be welcomed into the hall. We ask you to assemble in front of Rooms 5&6. Whaea Claudine and Elleisha-Jade will escort you into the hall.
- We ask that students and families assemble in the hall by 5.20pm for the whakatau. You will be shown which side to sit on.



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- Following the whakatau there will be sausages available courtesy of the PTA. Bring a picnic and sit and chat with friends - both new and old.
- At 6.30pm the classrooms will be open to meet teachers. The organisation will be explained at the Meet & Greet. 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.**

**Nga mihi  
Paul Shepherd, Principal**

- 17 March BoT Meeting 6.30pm
- 1 April Greats, Grands and Whanau
- 2-6 April Easter break - School closed
- 16 April Nthland Swimming
- 16 April Last Day of Term 1

## 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.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN THIS YEAR

- Hello and Welcome to all of our new children starting with us this year, and to their families if they are new to Maunu School.



They are: **Marshall Dawson, Ella Mackle, Olivia Palmer, Shepard Martin, Elijah Martin, Chirag Kaushik, Charlie Bates, Isabella Delport, Mia Harmse, Ulrich Harmse, Holly Harrison, Arna Winder, Lilly O'Neil, Joseph Post, Maya Nguyen, Gabriel Silvestre, Jase Webb, Sloan Alexander, Nillah Lloyd, Saathvik Sreejith, Katia Stephenson, Freddie Steel, Ziggy Higgison, Eleanor Bowles**

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

## 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 12 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.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

## TERM DATES 2021

- Term 1 Wed 3 February to Fri 16 April
- Term 2 Mon 3 May to Fri 9 July
- Term 3 Mon 26 July to Fri 1 October
- Term 4 Mon 18 October to 14 Dec (TBC)

## TERM 1 DATES 2021

- 11 February Setting the Scene 5.30pm
- 17 February BoT Meeting 6.30pm
- 22-26 February Senior adventure week
- 2 March Senior Swimming Sports
- 3 March Junior Swimming Demo
- 4 March Middle Swimming Sports
- 17 March WPSSA Swimming

## 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.**



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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.***

### TURNING ONTO AUSTIN ROAD

- We have had some complaints about people using the median strip between the Museum and Austin Road to "skirt" the traffic queue to turn into Austin Road. This is an illegal move and could be the cause of an accident. We realise that the traffic does build up in the morning, but safety is the first priority.

### ABSENCES

- If your child is going to be away or late, **please either ring the school office as soon as you can 4388060 – follow the prompts to leave a message.**
- Or use the Maunu School App (Skoolloop) to notify us of an absence.
- 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.**

### LATE ARRIVALS

- If your child is late to class please ensure that they quickly visit the school office before they go to class to 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.

### WATER BOTTLES

- We encourage the use of water-bottles in class. Please stick to water; it is the only liquid we accept for drinking in the classroom.

### SUNHATS

- Please ensure that your child has a Maunu School sunhat to wear at school. These are compulsory during terms 1 and 4.
- They are available for purchase from the school office for \$13.00 each.



### 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 can 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 \$12.00 charge. **Thank you to those who have already paid this.**

### 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 on Wednesday, and a PTA sausage sizzle lunch for Friday.
- The Wednesday lunches will be delivered in time for lunch at 1.40pm. **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. **Orders must be in by 9.00am Friday mornings.**
- Please remember to change your child's/ren room number to their new 2021 room.





## 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 Crispy Chicken.**
- Students line up and wait their turn to be served by the Maunu Sushi server, and can eat their sushi at morning tea or have it for their lunch.

## PTA FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS NEEDED

- This is a small job that some of you may wish to consider helping with. 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 contact the office to put your contact details on the roster or email Cara, our sausage sizzle coordinator on [caradawson12@gmail.com](mailto:caradawson12@gmail.com) or phone 021 08302766
- 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.

## 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.

## HOUSE T SHIRT ORDERS

- **Next Tuesday 16 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.



## BYOD/PHONE/SMARTWATCH

- At Maunu School students have access to shared iPads in Years 1 - 4 and shared Chromebooks in Years 5 & 6. We encourage any student who would like to bring their own personal device to school to support their learning. We are happy to set up their device on the school BYOD wi-fi network and support students with recommended Apps. Students wishing to BYOD to school were invited to a meeting with Claire Turton, Deputy Principal, on Wednesday 10th February and a BYOD Agreement will come home this evening to be discussed and signed by a parent and the student before the device comes to school.







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If you would like further support or have questions about BYOD at Maunu School please direct them to [claire@maunu.school.nz](mailto:claire@maunu.school.nz)

### • Phone & Smartwatch Policy

We understand that an increased number of students are bringing phones or smartwatches to school for communication and safety reasons. We respect the wishes of parents choosing this option and have a procedure in place to ensure phones and smartwatches are not a distraction to your child's learning or cyber safety concern. Before a child brings a phone or smartwatch to school they must return a signed Smartphone / Smartwatch Agreement to the Office.

- The school does not permit mobile phones or smartwatches to be used on our grounds from 8:00am - 3:30pm. (This includes school trips or camps).

We do acknowledge that some students wear smartwatches. The school currently permits these to be worn for the functionality of telling the time, however, accessing digital content remains prohibited during school hours and if a child is deemed to break this agreement they may lose the privilege of bringing their Smartwatch to school, and the school's behaviour management plan may be invoked.

- If your child does bring a phone to school, it should be placed in the lockable space in the classroom during the school day. At the end of the day, the phone can be accessed to check for messages or calls. If a child needs to return a message or a call it can be done so inside the classroom at the end of the day and then the phone should be placed safely into their bag. If such items are brought to school they are brought at your child's own risk and insured through your own home and contents policy.
- The Office is happy to take a message and send it to your child's classroom with the daily messenger if you need to let them know of a change of circumstances.

## PLAYBALL AT MAUNU SCHOOL

Playball is an International sport and movement programme for 2-8 year olds, which covers a wide range of sports and skills with a low child to coach ratio of 1:8.

Playball will be running after-school lessons at Maunu Primary School for children starting on Monday the 15th February, 3:10-3:50pm. The coaches will be at school when the bell goes to collect the children and take them to the turf. The cost for term 1 (8 weeks) is \$85 per child.

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Date	Hub Location - Option 1	Hub Location - Option 2	Hub location - Option 3	Time
17/02/21	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Rd, Kamo, Whangārei	Back 2 Basics, Maungatapere	9:00am - 12:00pm
18/02/21	Parua Bay Community Centre, 1475 Whangārei Heads Road, Parua Bay	Ruawai Primary School, 4376 State Highway 12, Ruawai	Te Rito, William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei	9:00am - 12:00pm
24/02/21	Mangawhai Beach School, 34 Inslay Street, Mangawhai	Whangaruru School, 2916 Russell Road, Punaruku 0184	Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Whangārei	9:00am - 12:00pm
25/02/21	Matakohe Primary School, Matakohe	Barnardos, 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangārei		9:00am - 12:00pm



## Pukenui Western Hills Forest Trust Kiwi Release

16 more kiwi are coming to Pukenui on **Saturday, February 13, 2021!**



Come along to the public release event at Whangarei Intermediate School. **1.30pm**

Follow the Pukenui Facebook Page for more details closer to the event.

