

MAUNU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2 Thursday 25 February 2021 www.maunu.school.nz

Greetings to you all; tena koutou; abhivaadan; namasakāra; faatalofa atu; salam pembuka;

Here we are near the end of February! Our year has begun well and children are back into the swing of life back at school.

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Setting the Scene Mihi Whakatau on Thursday 11 February. It was a great turnout and an ideal opportunity to gather as a school community and mix and mingle with friends - old and new. A huge thank you to the PTA for supplying and organizing the sausage sizzle on the night; it is always a hit!

This year we are reviewing some aspects of our Charter and Strategic Plan. This includes clarifying the Five Feathers (nga huia rau e rima) so that children and whanau know what we are striving to achieve. The Five Feather Values are: Excellence/Whakaaro Pai; Respect/Hei Whakanui; Responsibility/Takohanga; Integrity/Kia Tupono; Curiosity/Kia Tirotiro. During the year we will be asking for your feedback on some aspects of these values.

Nut Free Clarification: There has been feedback from a few people that the message about being "Nut Free" was confusing. It stated that we are nut free, but then commented that limiting all nuts was impractical. However, we do have a number of children with severe allergies and these are not restricted to peanuts. Therefore, we ask that all nuts be left out of lunch boxes until further notice.

- 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 products containing nuts (e.g. peanut butter, nutella and some muesli-type bars) in their lunch boxes.
- All foodstuffs have their ingredients identified on the packaging and we ask that you consider these carefully.

Scooters & Skateboards: Anyone bringing a scooter or skateboard to school will need to have a helmet. They will not be able to ride it in the designated areas without one. Please make sure all equipment is clearly named.

Water Bottles: We have the new fountains up and running. They have bottle filler taps and we encourage children to bring their own drink bottle and fill it from the taps. These fountains have water filters in them.

Adventure Week: Today sees the end of the senior syndicate's Adventure Week. There was a lot of planning that went into organising this week, so the 116 senior children could get a wide range of experiences in and around Whangarei. One of the aims was to give children the opportunity to challenge themselves and to be involved in some new activities. A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who supported this week with transport and supervision. It was an amazing effort and integral to the week's success. Again, thank you for your continued support.

> Nga mihi Paul Shepherd, Principal

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN

- Hello and welcome to Ella Davies-Colley, Demi Tito, Riley Baker, Zoe Agnew, Numa Halil and Grace He.
- We look forward to sharing many years of learning and laughter with you and your families.

TERM 1 DATES 2021

- > 2 March PTA Meeting 6.30pm
- > 3 March Senior Swimming Sports
- > 4 March Middle Swimming Sports
- > 17 March WPSSA Swimming
- > 17 March BoT Meeting 6.30pm
- ≻ 1 April
- > 2-6 April Easter break School closed
- 16 April
- Nthland Swimming

Greats, Grands and Whanau

16 April Last Day of Term 1



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CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 12 FEBRUARY

Rm 1	Grace Adamson	Ula Harmse
	Jayden Lewer	Leah Evans
Rm 2	Mila Cartwright	Indie Gardner
	Chirag Kaushik	Caleb Heunis
Rm 3	Katia Stephenson	Joseph Post
Rm 4	Holly Harrison	Riley Baker
Rm 5	Jack Fitzhenry	Indie Edwards
	Isabella Delport	Agatha Ibin
Rm 6	Jayden Liu	Drew Shelley
	Alizae Urquhart	Crystal Aby
Rm 7	Renee Hardwick	Sarah Eshal
	Elijah Martin	Vanessa Liu
Rm 8	Heath Rosewarne	Emma Platt
	Kyra Witehira	Mason-Dean Foster
Rm 9	Angadvir Singh	Neeva Pala
	Gabriella Dawson	Kian Hunt
Rm 10) Maia Thorburn	Mia Harmse
	Charlie Bates	Olivia Plamer
Rm 1 1	1 Manaha Rawhiti	Ella Mackle
	Ahmad Rasheed	Rua Remana-Shortland
Rm 12	2 Thomas Palmer	Eden White
	Phoenix Rigby	Malachy Smedley
Rm 13	3 Cooper Drake	Shepard Martin
	Jovi Stratton	Olivia Collis

FIVE FEATHER VALUES RECOGNITION

- At Maunu School we reward behaviours that we want to encourage by giving children Values Cards. These go with our 5 Feather Values-Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Curiosity.
- Students are given Values cards during the week and each fortnight one student from each house is drawn out at assembly, and they receive the house Values cup, which they hold for two weeks until the next assembly. These cups remain at school.
- To celebrate and acknowledge the students' successes we are now publishing their photos in our Maunu School Newsletter as well as having their photo on the website.
- We check with our current school records to ensure we have permission to publish photographs and names before putting anything online.

Value Cup winners from Friday 12th Feb

- Emily Gilmour- Tawa
- Maximo Rodriguez Pazo- Rata
- Gabrielle Silvestre- Kauri
- Ivan Andrew- Kowhai

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We have a whole school assembly this Friday 26 February starting at 2.15pm. All welcome.

EARRINGS AT SCHOOL

 To ensure children's safety while at school (during PE, sport and at break times), the only earrings that can be worn to school are either studs or sleepers. Anything that "dangles" or can get something caught in it (eg hoops) are potentially dangerous.

TUESDAY SUSHI

- Sushi will now be available to order via Lunchonline from next Tuesday the 2nd of March orders must be in by 8am. Sushi will be delivered at 11.20am ready for the first eating block.
- Please check the new and improved menu at <u>www.lunchonline.co.nz</u>. Note, there will be no sushi available to purchase from the school hall.

GREATS, GRANDS AND WHANAU DAY

 Save the date for our 'Greats, Grands & Whanau Day' on Thursday 1st April. We have organised this popular biannual event to be attached to our Easter break to create opportunities for grandparents and



whanau to spend a long weekend with family if they are travelling to attend this special event.

 We think it is important to recognise the unique and special bond children have with their grandparents and extended whanau. Children will be sending out personal invitations to their special family members in the next few weeks, but please let family members know now so that they can save the date.



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- Grandparents and whanau will be invited to come to school from 9:30am. We will begin the day with a special celebration assembly in the Hall beginning at 9.40am.
- During Interval we will serve refreshments and have a coffee cart on site. There will be opportunities for whanau to mix and mingle and tour the school with their grandchildren and see them at play.
- After Interval grandparents and whanau will be invited into classrooms where each class teacher will run activities in their syndicates. Our theme will be around 'Our Changing Times'. We will focus on how school has changed over the years. We would love for grandparents and whanau to share what life was like for them at school and bring any photos, school reports or artefacts from their school days if they have them.
- To conclude our celebration day, grandparents and whanau will be invited back to the Hall where we will provide a shared lunch between 12.30 - 1.30pm. Students will return to classes for the afternoon or can arrange to go home early with grandparents and whanau.
- We understand that not all children have their grandparents or extended whanau close. We will set up systems to allow special family members to write a letter to be shared with the class or there will be opportunities to connect through technology like Google Hangouts, Zoom or Skype.
- A formal newsletter with more information and RSVP for numbers attending, will be coming home in Week 6.

PAST MAUNU SCHOOL STUDENTS

 In preparation for the Greats, Grands and Whanau Day our Deputy Principal, Claire Turton, will be collecting stories from past Maunu School students. If you are a past student of Maunu School and would be happy to share your school stories, maybe even some photos, Claire would love to hear from you. Please email her on <u>claire@maunu.school.nz</u>

MAUNU SKOOL LOOP APP

Thank you to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



COMMUNITY NEWS

Zumba classes with Raewyn each Wednesday 6:15pm - 7:30pm at the Maunu School Hall. First class is free.



The Pipes and Drums are Calling! Northland Caledonian Pipe Band are calling for anyone wanting to learn drums or bagpipes. Lessons are on a Monday night. Its awesome fun! Contact <u>northcalpb.co.nz</u> or Sarah on 0278585729 or 094370530.



Central Brown Football Club Muster Day

Thursday 11th March 4.30pm, at the clubrooms, Otaika Sports Park on State Highway 1. Come and meet your team for the season, have a kick around, and get your uniform! Open to all 5-year-old children and up. (Practice is held at Maunu School).



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THURSDAYS 11th Mar – 15th April (excluding Thursday before Easter) 4:30pm – 5:30pm Otaika Sports Park

- All welcome from age 8 up
 No experience needed
 Don't need to be club member
- Runs for six weeks Teams mixed up on the night

NORTHLAND YOUTH THEATRE

'CREATING DRAMA IN NORTHLAND SINCE 1984'

Afterschool Theatre & Drama Classes at Northland Youth Theatre!

Join our after-school drama classes to learn about theatre-making and acting, all abilities welcome! We explore elements of storytelling, movement and characterisation through games, scenarios and short script work. Our goal is for young people to fall in love with theatre craft.

Junior (ages 9 - 11), Intermediate (ages 11 - 14), Senior (ages 14+) Email:office@nyt.org.nz

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🎬 Te Manawa Tahi Timetable 🏌						
Date	Hub Location – Option 1	Hub Location – Option 2	Hub location – Option 3	Time		
25/03/21	Plunket Family Centre, 33 King Stret, Kensington, Whangarei	Arapohue School, Arapohue		9:00am – 12:00pm		
25/03/21	Tangowahine School, Tangowahine			12:30pm -2:00pm		
31/03/21	Ruakaka School , 12 Sandford Rd, Ruakaka	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Rd, Kamo, Whangārei	Back 2 Basics, Maungatapere	9:00am – 12:00pm		
01/04/21	HoraHora School, 22 Te Mai Road, Woodhill	Dargaville Intermediate School, 38 Charlotte St, Dargaville	Onerahi Community Hall , Onerahi, Whangārei	9:00am – 12:00pm		
07/04/21	Maungaturoto Primary School, 8 Gorge Rd, Maungaturoto	Te Rito, William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei		9:00am – 12:00pm		
08/04/21	Barnardos, 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangārei			9:00am – 12:00pm		



Key Functions, ones that empower your child.

This family-friendly workshop hosted by Dyslexia PLUS, Whangarei. 1 Adult and 1 child (8 or older) combos are invited to this 2 hour introductory workshop on the 8 executive functions that can transform 'I can't' to 'I CAN'. This will be led by BTI B lanet Stowell who has written the book

This will be led by RTLB Janet Stowell who has written the book 'The Executive Function Toolkit for Classroom Teachers'.

Saturday 27 February, 10 – noon, Whangarei Women's Club Rust Ave. \$15 per combo. Register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/4ecqjrw2</u> by 23 February.



