



MAUNU SCHOOL

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Greetings to you all; tena koutou katoa, groetjes aan jullie allemaal, chairetismoús se ólous sas, beannachtaí oraibh go léir

Mandatory Vaccinations for School “Staff”: The Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order (No 3) 2021 states that all school staff must be fully vaccinated by 1 January, 2022 and have had their first dose by 15 November, 2021. After the 15th, no “staff member” can be on site if they are unvaccinated.

It is important to note that the order includes as “staff”: paid staff members, unpaid workers, volunteers, contractors and other workers at the school, and applies if they may come into contact with children, or will be onsite at the same time as children. This means that from 15 November, any parent volunteering or helping at school will need to have had their first vaccine dose, and from 1 Jan 2022, will need to be fully vaccinated. This includes classroom help, PTA, EOTC, trip transport, parent help around the school, BoT and anytime a person is undertaking a task at school. Evidence will need to be provided, and will be stored in a confidential file. I can assure the community that after 15 November, the school will comply with the requirements of the Public Health Order.

The order does **not** require parents to be vaccinated where they are on site for the purpose of “being a parent”, such as dropping off or picking up children, settling children into class, or going to the school office. However, “being a parent” will require you to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. We are acutely aware that within the community, there will be a range of responses to the requirement for vaccination of education workers, including parent volunteers. The Order is intended to protect students, staff and the wider community in a time when we must anticipate that COVID 19 may be widespread, and is a legal requirement. Maunu School will continue to support our whole school community, and we encourage you to support, and to be gentle with, one another in this time of uncertainty and strong emotion.

A letter outlining the requirements for “Volunteers” will be posted on the school’s website. Please note that under Level 2, children are not to remain after school and play on the playgrounds with parents nearby, as school is still effectively in session with staff on site.

Country Fair School based Fun Festival: As a part of the Country Fair Festival the PTA are sponsoring a Fun Festival afternoon for the children of Maunu School. We understand that our students are disappointed that many events have been cancelled. We wanted to ensure we could still create an afternoon with special memories for our tamariki this year. The Country Fair Fun Festival will be organised and run by the school staff, members of the PTA as volunteers and senior students. The Emergency services have kindly agreed to support our students on this afternoon. We will have an ambulance, fire engine and police car here for the children to explore and learn more about each service.

The day will involve a variety of activities, refreshments and opportunities to win prizes. Rather than sending in money for the children to purchase tickets, all students will receive a lanyard to ensure they get the opportunity to enjoy all the activities fairly. A donation would be gratefully accepted to help pay towards these activities and prizes. Donations can be paid into the PTA account. The **PTA account number is: 12-3115-0116314-00** please reference Festival. This will help to ensure that all children can participate fully in the activities. We thank our wonderful sponsors who have continued to sponsor the school for 2021 through the raffle and the festival.

School Events: The school will be holding a **Staff Only Day** on Monday 22 November. This day will involve staff in review of 2021 and planning for 2022. Please mark this down as **school will be closed for children** on this day. Please make other arrangements for your child for the day. Educare will open provided there are enough bookings so please **book in early on 021 946019**.



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Athletics: Unfortunately, under Level 2 we cannot have spectators on site as we then become a gathering with regulated numbers. We are intending to run as many athletic activities as we can (weather permitting) over a 2 day period - Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 Nov. This will enable children to compete in a range of athletic events, providing participation and competition.

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Caring,
Nga mihi,
Paul Shepherd, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15 Nov Junior Athletics Day
- 15/16 Nov School Athletics Day (PP 18th)
- 17 Nov Board Meeting **6.30pm**
- 22 Nov Staff Only Day (School closed)
- 23 Nov Leadership Day Yr 5&6
- 1 Dec Fun Festival **12.30-2.15pm**
- 3 Dec Raffle due back
- 8 Dec New Entrant Visit **9.20am**
- 10 Dec Raffle drawn
- 13 Dec Final Assembly **11am**
- 14 Dec Last day of School – Full day
- 3 Feb 2022 Start of school year

MAUNU SCHOOL PTA COUNTRY FAIR RAFFLES



Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the Country Fair as we had planned due to the COVID 19 Level restrictions.

As we had already collected and created our fantastic raffle baskets and many of our amazing sponsors have still generously donated, we have reorganised the raffles so they can still go ahead. Please print off the **attached flyer to the newsletter** to see the huge variety of prizes that can be won.

Raffle books will be coming home to each family on **Monday 15 November**. If you wish to have more books, or are unable to sell any tickets, please let the office know before this date.

Tickets are \$2 each and payments can be made by cash or directly into the **PTA bank account** – All ticket stubs and unsold tickets need to be returned to the office by **Friday 3 December**.

There will be prizes for families with the most tickets sold, and the classroom that sells the most tickets will receive a pizza lunch to celebrate. The raffle will be drawn **Friday 10 December**. We thank you for all your continued support of the school and thank all of our sponsors for your generous donations.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

We have a large number of 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.

Books not returned to school by **Friday 26 November** will incur a replacement fee.

"A MILLION DREAMS"



The school's production "A Million Dreams" has been filmed and edited by BellTech. We thank Tim Bell and his crew for all their hard work, persistence and calmness

during the process! We are now looking at holding some "Movie Nights" so that families can see the production. We have looked carefully at the regulations and are confident we can hold these as events, where we have limited numbers to maintain social distancing. This means there will be only 150 seats available at each showing. We will sell tickets to these at \$20 per ticket. Usually the children are already at the performance, but this time they will need to pay as they will be part of the 150 seats available. The Movie viewing dates will be **Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Saturday 27 November** - times to be confirmed. The process of booking tickets will be sent out early next week, so please keep an eye out for this.



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