



MAUNU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1 Thursday 10 February 2022 www.maunu.school.nz

Greetings to you all; tena koutou;

A warm welcome to all of our families, current and new, and to all of our staff. It is great to have you all back with us and to welcome new families to our school community.

New Staff: We have a number of new staff joining our team this year. The staff list below will show who is where. We wish to welcome Emer Quinn and Brad Kini. Emer joins us from Tauraroa Area School and will be in Rm 18 from 24th February. Until then Carol Tipton will be teaching Rm 18. Brad Kini will be in Rm 12 every Friday. We welcome them both to Maunu School and look forward to them becoming part of the team.

Staffing for 2022:

Mr Paul Shepherd (Principal)
Mrs Claire Turton (DP)
Ms Diana Hesketh (DP & Reading Recovery)
Mrs Anne Parr - Learning Support Coordinator
Whaea Claudine - Te Reo & Tikanga support;
Cultural Responsiveness; Histories Curriculum

Junior Syndicate (Year 1 and 2):

Rm 3 - Yr 1 - Mrs Jenny Canty (Team Leader)
Rm 4 - Yr 1 - Mrs Sharon Stainton
Rm 8 - Yr 1&2 - Whaea Tina (Nimmo)
Rm 1 - Yr 1&2 - Mrs Mel Bell
Rm 2 - Yr 1&2 - Mrs Mary Mulligan

Middle Syndicate (Year 3 and 4):

Rm 6 - Yr 3&4 - Mrs Nadine Nicholas (Team leader)
Rm 9 - Yr 3&4 - Ms Megan Rodgers
Rm 10 - Yr 3&4 - Mrs Kendra Bradley & Mrs Jeni Walsh
Rm 17 - Yr 3&4 - Mrs Alana Fromont
Rm 18 - Yr 3&4 - Mrs Emer Quinn

Senior Syndicate (Year 5 and 6):

Rm 11 - Yr 5&6 - Mrs Olivia Paxton
Rm 12 - Yr 5&6 - Mrs Nicola Fannin
Rm 12 (Fridays) - Mr Brad Kini
Rm 15 - Yr 5&6 - Mrs Talei Wilson & Mrs Katie Bassett-Allen
Rm 16 - Yr 5&6 - Mr Cayne Wright (Team Leader)

Teacher Aides:

Mrs Edith Mataira; Mr Kyle Paxton;
Mrs Shona Anderson; Mrs Becky Anson
Part Time Teachers - Mrs Andi Watts (Rm 1 & 3)
Mrs Carol Tipton (Rm 6)

Mrs Carolyn Boyce-Bacon - Office Administrator
Ms Kristy Williams - Office Assistant
Mr Adrian Lamb - Caretaker
Salendra and Artika - School Cleaners

Covid 19: 2022 has arrived and we still have Covid-19 with us. The Traffic Light system has some important implications for schools. I have outlined a number of issues in the Community Newsletters during the holiday period. I will deal with a few of these in this newsletter:

Mask wearing: The Health Order states that staff and children from Year 4 up must wear a mask while inside. The MoE then agreed, that in composite classes such as Year 3&4 this was not compulsory. At Maunu School, staff and children in Year 5&6 must wear a mask inside, but this is voluntary in Year 4. If a child has a reason for not wearing a mask, they will need an approved exemption certificate that can be requested from the Disabled persons Assembly NZ, Blind Citizens NZ or Deaf Aotearoa. These are the approved organisations. Thank you to the parents of the senior syndicate for your positive engagement in this. We are working with MoH and MoE around the use, storage and access to masks. Children do not need to wear masks when outdoors.

Visitors to the School: All visitors, including parents and caregivers, must wear a mask when they come on to the school grounds. You must also either use the Tracer App or sign in. Schools have been asked to minimise the number of people who come on site to enable a faster process should there be a Covid case identified. Please limit your visits to the school. If you need to get a message to the teacher, office or your child please ring the school office. We look forward to the day when we do not have to have these restrictions but it is important we follow safe practices in the present climate.

Preparedness Plan: The school has worked with MoE and MoH to develop a Preparedness Plan should there be any identification of a community



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Covid contact/case. The school immediately contacts the MoE, who then gets the MoH to work with the school to identify the extent of the case and who will need to self isolate. It is a complex process and parents will be contacted as soon as possible if their child is a Close Contact or a Casual Plus Contact. 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.

Self Isolation & Self-monitoring: The requirements for a child/parent/staff member needing to self isolate or self monitor depends on a number of things, including their vaccination status. One of the outcomes of an identified case in the school or community, will be that some children will need to stay at home and self isolate if they are seen to be a Close Contact. I suggest that every family has a plan for this eventuality. It is likely that if your child has to stay home, you might have to as well, but that is not always the case. If a child is identified as a Casual Plus contact they may need to stay home or to self monitor, depending on their vaccination status.

Events & Activities: Under Red we are limited to what events we can hold with visitors/parents attending. There will be no whole school assemblies until we are in Orange and some other events will have to be held without parents or visitors. While this is disappointing, it is the MoE and MoH requirement and often out of our control. We ask that you respect the decisions we have to make and the reasons we have to make them. Please keep an eye out for school and class notices that may have information about up-coming events.

Covid is here with us. We know that there are differing opinions in the community, however, as a state school we are required to follow specific rules, regulations and policies. By working together, understanding each other's position and being respectful, we will be able to overcome any hurdles and maintain as much "normality" as possible.

Swimming Pool: The swimming pool canopy, seating and repaint was completed over the holiday period. They look stunning! We are in the process of upgrading the pump shed, changing sheds and toilet. Unfortunately, in Red we cannot open the

pool to the community. I know it would be a welcome relief in this sticky weather, but it is out of our control.

Property: Half of the school was repainted during the holiday period and is looking fresh and bright.

Setting the Scene: Unfortunately, we cannot hold the Setting the Scene evening as we usually do due to numbers. We will be holding a powhiri for new staff, students and families (numbers permitting) later this term. This is when we will have all our new staff on site. There will be more information coming for those involved.

School Communication: Please ensure you have the SeeSaw App installed as this is a main way for teachers and syndicates to communicate with you. General school notices will come via the school app, email and sometimes on SeeSaw.

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

TERM DATES 2022

- Term 1 Thurs 3 February to Thurs 14 April
- Term 2 Mon 2 May to Fri 8 July
- Term 3 Mon 25 July to Fri 30 September
- Term 4 Mon 17 October to Wed 14 December

TERM 1 DATES 2022

- 16 February BoT Meeting 6.30pm
- 1/2 March Junior Swimming Demo
- 2 March Senior Swimming Sports
- 3 March Middle Swimming Sports
- 14 April Last Day of Term 1
- 15 April Good Friday

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN THIS YEAR



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

They are: **Ethan Aby, Mckenzie Mitchell-Young, Avyukt Nandra, Andrea Saji, Alex Owles, Jessie Owles, Kierat Kaur Aujla, Tanveer Kaur**



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Aujla, Adwaith Renju, Evania Arun, Regan Jenyns, Violet Cooper, Thomas Hunter, Jasper Hodges, Merida Hubner, Skylar Chamberlain, Jayden Gardner, Olivia Tauri, Fateh Singh, Blake Ruxton, Elizabeth Dade, Olivia Bell, Isabella Honeybone, Aaryan Anoop, Eva Cartwright, Conroy Higgison, Michael McNairn, Frankie Tito, Gunner Whittingham, Kalia Anderson

It is reasonable for children to begin arriving at school from 8.20am, when staff are in the school.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a drink bottle with their lunch box every day. The drinking fountains are closed until further notice.

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.



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.

Download Our School App

- Events • Cancellations • Notices
- Absentees • Parent Teacher Interviews
- Instant Messages • Permission Slips • Newsletters

Simple free download:
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.




ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away or late, **please either ring the school office as soon as you can 4388060 and 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.**

TUESDAY SUSHI AND WEDNESDAY LUNCH ORDERS

We use Lunchonline - www.lunchonline.co.nz where parents and caregivers can order lunches (menu online) for their children on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Tuesday Sushi will be delivered for the first eating break at 11.10am so children can either have this for morning tea or save it for their lunch.

The Wednesday lunches will be delivered in time for lunch at 1.40pm.

Orders must be in by 8.00am the morning of.

Please remember to change your child's/ren room number to their new 2022 room.



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 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.

SCHOOL DONATIONS/OFFICE MAX

Thank you to those who have paid their school donation via Office Max, 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.



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 nuts or products containing nuts (e.g. peanut butter 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. **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

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.**

HOUSE T SHIRT ORDERS

Next Tuesday 15 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 from the school office if you want to make an order.



SHOUT OUT FROM THE PTA

Kia Ora and welcome to 2022! It's been a rollercoaster of a year last year and I feel that this year is going to be a little different, a special year for all in some small way. Here at the PTA, we strive to make things happen with whatever gets thrown at us. This year we are welcoming it with open arms

to say that we are going to make the best of what we have. We have a lot of wonderful ideas to plan for the year and are always open to new ideas and suggestions along the way. The PTA team meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month and our doors are always open to anyone and everyone who would like to come along to hear all the exciting things that are happening within the school and activities or events that get planned for school fundraising.

With a new year also comes new changes too. Many members have moved on, so we are looking for new members to join our happy team at the PTA, if you are interested you can get in touch via email pta@maunu.school.nz.

The PTA team and I are dedicated to make this year as Fun and Exciting as we can within the boundaries of COVID. Come and join us to see how you can be a part of it all. Here's to a Great Year!

Cara Dawson PTA Chairperson.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day 2022 was on 8th February, the theme **'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'**.

The teachers talked to their students about **'Safer Internet Day'**. This day is celebrated globally in February to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Digital Treaty

Each year the teachers at Maunu School create a Digital Treaty with their students. They talk about ways with their students to be **S.M.A.R.T** online.

The treaty addresses:

- **Safety** - teachers unpack at the child's level ways to keep safe online.
- **Meeting people online** - teachers talk about the importance of never talking to people they do not know online and not sharing personal information.
- **Accepting Requests** - teachers encourage children not to click on pop ups, not to open unknown emails and never accepting



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requests for friendships without checking with a parent first.

- **Reliability online** - teachers talk to children about reliability of what they read online. The importance of checking information and it's source. They also talk about being responsible and reliable as a Digital Citizen.
- **Tell** - teachers give their students the tools to know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about anything they encounter online. They show them how to Block, Mute and Report a user if they are not following the rules. Above all they explain to students they will not get in trouble if they ask an adult for help.

The main message at Maunu School is **you are the same person online as you are in real life**. We therefore encourage our students to apply their **Five Feather Values** when they are online.

Online Safety at Home

It is useful to revisit the rules and procedures you have in place at home regularly to help keep your child safe online. During the year we will post support material in the newsletter, however if you ever want further support or resources please do not hesitate to get in touch via my email claire@maunu.school.nz.

BYOD Devices, Phones & Smart Watches

We encourage students to **Bring Your Own Device** here at Maunu School to support their learning. We are happy to help set the students up on our WIFI and the teachers have procedures in place to store student devices safely when the students are not using their device.

We held a BYOD meeting in Week 1. However, if your child missed the meeting and has a device, phone or smartwatch they must collect an agreement from the Office and return this agreement before bringing them to school.

We understand with busier lives that some parents allow their child to bring a phone or smartwatch to school. Phones **MUST** be handed in to the teacher for safe keeping. If a child needs to check their phone for messages they can do this just before the

bell and then phones and devices are placed back into bags to go home.

The rule at Maunu School is that devices, phones & smartwatches are not used without supervision. They are not to be used before school, during break times or after school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Children thrive in our fun-filled, high quality sports lessons. Creating a



learning environment that boosts confidence and self-esteem is paramount in all Playball programmes. The children will be coached to engage confidently in a wide range of sport skills, preparing them for years of positive and competent sport participation.

Location: Maunu School Turf from 3.10pm-3.50pm

Dates: Mondays 14th Feb-11th April

Cost: \$95 per child for 9 weeks

Age group: 5-9 years old - **Free Trial Available**

For more information you can visit playballkids.com/franchise/northland or email dean@playball.co.nz

FUTSAL

The ultimate pre-season training!

Futsal coaching and matches for kids aged 7 - 17



"In Argentina, when I was a boy, I used to play futsal a lot on the streets. It was a really fun game that helped me a great deal."

Lionel Messi



For details & registration visit www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz

Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

Thurs 17 Feb Barnardos, 2 Armstrong Ave, Maunu

Thurs 24 Feb Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi

All hubs are open from 9am until 12pm – drop into a hub or to see a speech therapist phone 080052484256 or email

TT.Support@education.govt.nz