



Greetings to you all; tena koutou;

Today we welcomed our new students and staff with a small powhiri. Unfortunately, we were not able to have families or visitors at the welcome. However, we do sincerely welcome all our new families to the Maunu School community. These are unusual times and we are having to do things a little differently at the moment. I know that the restrictions with people coming into the school and around gatherings, means that the opportunity to “mix and mingle” and get to know others is lessened.

No doubt you will be aware that we have changed the break times for the school to reduce the amount of interaction between syndicates. This is to minimise the effect of a confirmed case in a syndicate on both students and staff. We are trialling the times this week and will keep them until we feel it is safe for us to return to normal break times. We do understand that we have families with children in different syndicates and we will have to consider this when we are contact tracing.

Covid 19: School Website: The information we receive from the Ministries of Education and Health, often changes and we are constantly updating information and practices.

- We are placing information on the school’s website on a regular basis. This has information covering a range of topics from Q&A, Isolation requirements (Close and Confirmed) and some flow charts.
- We know that at some stage we will have confirmed cases associated with our school. The most common scenario for a school is that someone in a child’s family will be tested positive. In this case, the child is considered a Close contact and must isolate for 10 days. If they test positive during that time, we work with the MoE to determine if there is a risk for the school based on when the child was at school and the positive test date.

- If a student or staff member has been identified as a household close contact of a case, they must receive their **negative day eight test** prior to returning to school.
- Once we hear from the MoH and MoE about a confirmed case in the school, we conduct a contact tracing process to identify **Close** contacts. As a general rule, we will err on the side of caution and send children home if there is a slight chance they are a **Close** contact. This is not an exact science and we have to take into consideration many factors, including the amount of time a child may have spent near the case, what the room environment was like, and whether masks were being worn.
- The move to phase 3 will mean that children wearing a mask properly will be considered as **Casual** contacts (not close), and not be expected to isolate.

Senior Syndicate TryAthlon: What an amazing event this was on Wednesday! The effort put in by all the children, whether that be as an individual or in a team, was absolutely awe-inspiring. Well done to you all and congratulations on the effort, the enthusiasm and the level of fitness. Thank you to the syndicate staff for organising such a great event and to all the parents who have supported by bringing bikes etc to the school. We acknowledge **BikeReady** who came to school and worked with the syndicate on bike safety and awareness.

Austin Road: A reminder that this is a very busy road at any time of the day and particularly so between 8.45 - 9.10am, and 2.50 - 3.15pm. Please drive carefully past the school and use safe practices to pick up and drop off your children. NB: stopping in the middle of the road to let children out is not acceptable.

Staff only Day: Friday 1 April. School will be closed for students on this day. Staff will be on site working through professional development

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



MAUNU SCHOOL

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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 Fri 16 December (TBC)

TERM 1 DATES 2022

- 1 March PTA Meeting **6.30pm**
- 1/2 March Junior Swimming Demo
- 2 March Senior Swimming Sports
- 3 March Middle Swimming Sports
- 1 April Staff only Day - **School closed**
- 14 April Last Day of Term 1
- 15 April Good Friday

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN

Hello and Welcome to our new children; **Nakul Suresh in Rm 3, Johan Jijo in Rm 12 and Jonath Jijo in Rm 9.** We wish you many years of laughter and learning here at Maunu School.



CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 18 FEBRUARY

Rm 1	Blake Little	Kyra Witehira
	Riley Baker	Jaxon Fedarb
Rm 2	Ivan Andrew	Henry English Alexander
	Evania Arun	Agnes Bradford
Rm 3	Olivia Bell	Miquel Calonge Velasco
	Kalia Anderson	Isabella Honeybone
Rm 4	Olivia Tauri	Regan Jenyns
	Thomas Hunter	Jayden Gardner
Rm 6	Jack Fitzhenry	Leon Vickery
	Jaini Dave	Sienna Scott-Sawyer
Rm 8	Isla Barnes	Liam Botha
	Jase Webb	Willo Hansen
Rm 9	Maia Thorburn	Asya Doganay
	Liam Lejos	Austin Wright
Rm 10	Hunter Baigent	Lincoln Leathem
	Piper Gillingham	Nellie Naera-Yukich
Rm 11	Milly Ryan	Charlie Cumming
	Drew Shelley	Hamiora Matthews-Borrell
Rm 12	Mankeerat Singh	Mya Fromont
	Caitlyn Turton	Daniel Pollard

Rm 15	Agatha Ibin	Macey Guildray
	Shepard Martin	Jack Sisam
Rm 16	Casey Dyer	Jovi Stratton
	Angadvir Minhas	Gabriella Dawson
Rm 17	Jonathan He	Seb Bowles
	Scarlett White-Hughes	Isabell Alex
Rm 18	Reed Nash	Axel Stewart
	Grace Cumming	Carla Ruddell

FRIDAY PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage sizzle starting again this Friday 25th February! Jump online and order now at www.lunchonline.co.nz Sausage with bread \$1.50 Juice \$1.00



Orders must be in by 9.00am the morning of. Thank you PaknSave for supporting Maunu School with this fundraiser.

PTA FRIDAY FREEZE FUNDRAISER

The PTA are bringing an ice block treat to you next Friday **4th March**. Children will need to take their money to their teacher that morning and ice blocks will be delivered to their classroom at the end of the day. If you would like to order an extra ice block for a sibling who is not at Maunu you will need to send this money with your child to school to place the order in the morning. Ice blocks will not be for sale afterschool, due to COVID restrictions.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – NO FOOD

We are always happy to celebrate a child's birthday here at school. 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.



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Whilst you cannot come on-site, please encourage your children to look through the bins sitting in the walkway by Room 10, they are full of unclaimed clothing, shoes, lunch boxes etc.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Maunu Hockey

Becs is no longer able to Manage Maunu Hockey, so they are looking for a new Club Manager. The role entails organising registration of players, putting teams together, sorting equipment and uniforms etc.

Perfectly suited to someone that works part time and/or has a real passion for Hockey, or a couple of people could put their hand up to share the tasks!!

Please get in touch with Becs on 021779798 or maunuhockey@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. Thanks

Positive parenting during COVID-19

To support mental health, resilience and emotional wellbeing for our tamariki and rangatahi, the Ministry of Health has partnered with Whāraurau to offer parents, whānau and caregivers free online versions of the Triple P: Positive Parenting Programme across the country.

[Find out more about Triple P and register for programmes.](#)

There are three free Triple P online programmes available to help positively support children to reduce anxiety, build emotional resilience and life skills and cope with challenges:

Fear-Less Triple P Online – for parents and caregivers of children and teenagers (aged six to 14 years) who have significant anxiety

Triple P Online – for parents with toddlers to 12-year-olds

Teen Triple P Online – for parents with ‘tweens’ or teenagers aged 10 to 16 years.

These programmes will also provide whānau a toolkit to help them to guide behaviour positively and encourage children’s learning.



Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable



WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

If you have a concern about your child’s language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag.

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2022
Thu 17 Feb	Ministry of Education Office 24 Kaka Street, Morningside, Whangārei	
Wed 2 Mar	Whānau Focus Centre 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thu 10 Mar	Ministry of Education Office 24 Kaka Street, Morningside, Whangārei	
Wed 23 Mar	Bream Bay Community Trust (10:00am to 12:30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Rukākā	
Thu 31 Mar	Ministry of Education Office 24 Kaka Street, Morningside, Whangārei	

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 5248 4256 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.