



**Greetings to you all;** tena koutou katoa; groete vir julle almal; niññalkkellāvarkkuñ āšansaka!; aap sabhee ko badhaee

Welcome to Term 2. I trust that everyone is well and the incidences of Covid have lessened. We have seen a reduction in the number of positive cases in the school this term. However, we ask that you remain vigilant and let us know if your child tests positive or is a household contact.

Please also note, that as we are not free of covid we will still be contacting families to collect their child if they come across to the office complaining of feeling unwell. We do not know what will happen for those children who had covid 3 months ago, so this term is a bit of a waiting game.

As we are in Orange, there are a number of changes to the way we can operate.

- While it is not compulsory to wear masks at school, we strongly recommend that Yr 5&6 students continue to do so. Our data shows that our senior students generally tested positive with covid after being a household contact, whereas our juniors and middles were often the first in their household. The main difference between the groups was the wearing of masks.
- We ask parents and visitors to wear a mask when they come on site. If you are volunteering, you will be informed as to if or when you will need to wear a mask.
- We will hold full school assemblies (as long as case numbers remain low) and will do the best we can to spread children in the hall.
- Covid does not just affect our children. We have staff who have to isolate for 7 days if they are a household contact or test +ve (or both!!). If this is the case we do everything we can to get another teacher (relieving or from within school) to take the class. This is for at least 5 days, so we often have to have different people. We have avoided mixing classes or having to say that a certain class will need to stay home. We will continue to do our best to keep all classes running, but this does depend on staffing and safety for all.

**Attendance:** We are very fortunate at Maunu School to have excellent attendance levels. Each term we send data to the Ministry of Education (MoE) and our attendance rates are well above the national, regional and “like-school”. The MoE defines regular attendance as 90% or higher. Analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child’s learning. Regular attendance also indicates that Maunu families and community consider attending school important.

**Absences:** Please notify the school through the App, email or phone answer machine if your child is away. Each morning it takes Kristy and Carolyn up to 45 minutes to contact those who are absent at morning “roll-call”.

**Early to School:** We have children arriving at school before 8 o’clock - some as young as 5. This is not a safe practice as teachers are often in meetings and we do not provide supervision at this time. Classrooms are open around 8.15am and teachers are generally around to keep an eye on children. Please respect these times - it is for your children’s safety.

**School Assembly:** Friday 13 May will be a full school assembly beginning at 2.15pm. It is the first inside assembly we will have had for over 6 months. Parents are invited to join us. If you are attending you are expected to wear a mask as it is indoors.

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

## TERM 2 DATES 2022

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| ➤ 18 May   | BOT Meeting <b>6pm</b>                  |
| ➤ 20 May   | Pink Shirt Day                          |
| ➤ 1 June   | School Photos                           |
| ➤ 6 June   | Queens Birthday - <b>School closed</b>  |
| ➤ 7 June   | PTA Meeting <b>6.30pm</b>               |
| ➤ 17 June  | PTA Matariki Disco                      |
| ➤ 24 June  | Matariki Holiday - <b>School closed</b> |
| ➤ 30 June  | Mid-Year Reports go home                |
| ➤ 6/7 July | 3-way Conferences                       |



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- 8 July Term 2 Finishes
- 25 July Term 3 Starts

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN

Hello and Welcome to our new children; Leo Edwards, Lachie Edwards, Gurshaan Singh, James Platt, Wyatt Rosewarne, Daniel Evans, Nevaeh-Lee Lemon and Harriet Groome. We look forward to sharing many happy moments with you all!



### PINK SHIRT DAY



Maunu School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day (Friday 20 May), and encouraging our staff and students to **Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**

Aotearoa has the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries and one in 10 workers feel discriminated against or bullied at work. Those bullied are far more likely to experience mental health issues.

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by **celebrating diversity** in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and **communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone**. To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be all **wearing pink with pride** at Maunu School on Friday 20th May. Please do not feel like you have to go out and purchase anything specifically for the day. In the week leading up to **Pink Shirt Day** we will be discussing ideas and completing activities. On Friday 20th May we will run a special Assembly to discuss the **importance of being an Upstander at Maunu School**.

'An **Upstander** is defined as a person who uses words and actions that can help someone who is being bullied.'

Pink Shirt Day is a powerful way to spread aroha and kindness and stand up to and against bullying behaviours.

### Fundraising for Mental Health Foundation

If you would like to donate to the Mental Health Foundation we will be creating a T-Shirt out of gold coins, so your tamariki can bring money on the day. An alternative is to donate and support **Pink Shirt Day** using their bank details online:

**Bank:** BNZ

**Name of account:** Mental Health Foundation

**Account number:** 02-0100-0752592-097

**Reference:** Code: PSDsch

### SKOOL LOOP

Our school uses The Skool Loop App to communicate and send important information. Please check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version and receiving all school news.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. Check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version!



### SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

School photos are scheduled for Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Order forms are coming home today (**one form per family**).

Please return your orders to us by **Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May** with payment by the way of correct cash (no change given) or the option of paying online into the Images Naturally Bank Account – **NOT the school bank account**.

### SPARE CLOTHING

We are in need of spare t-shirts, shorts, and pants for those unexpected accidents.

If you have any 5, 6 or 7 year old spare clothing that your child has outgrown and would kindly like to donate to the school, please send to the office and we will pass these on to Jenny Canty in Room 3. **Thanks in advance.**



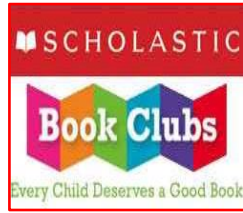


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### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic book club forms went home with students last week. You can order online, or pay at the office with eftpos or cash. **Orders close tomorrow Friday 13 May.**



### PLAYBALL AT MAUNU

Playball is an international multi-sport and movement programme, teaching skills from a variety of sports in a fun, positive environment from professional coaches.



**Location:** Maunu school on the turf

**Dates:** Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 3.10pm – 3.50pm **Age Group:** 5-9 Years

**Price:** \$95 per child (free trial available)

Enrol at [playballkids.com/franchise/northland](http://playballkids.com/franchise/northland) or email [dean@playball.co.nz](mailto:dean@playball.co.nz)

### MAUNU SCHOOL PTA NEWS

#### Join the PTA!



We are inviting you to come and see what the PTA is all about. We at the PTA are a joyful bunch of Mum's, Dad's and teachers that gather once a month to discuss all things school!

We are looking for NEW members to join us as well as a chance to be on the committee.

- Come along to meet other like-minded parents, teachers & our principal – Paul Shepherd.
- Understand the way our school works and the programmes that are available for our children to get involved with.
- Get involved in school events.
- Help raise funds for resources to benefit our children at school.
- A space to share your ideas and enthusiasm about what happens in our school.

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is on **7 June in the staff room at 6:30pm.** Refreshments will be served.

### Maunu School PTA secretary position open - we need YOU!

Our PTA secretary has unfortunately moved on and we are needing a "Newbie" to take the role. This is a fun role which involves the basics of meeting agenda's, minutes, general volunteer gathering and that great feeling of being involved with the school. This role doesn't take up much of your time and it's a great feeling to be a volunteer. If you have any queries about the role you can get in touch with Cara on [pta@maunu.school.nz](mailto:pta@maunu.school.nz)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable Term 2

*All hubs are open from 9am-12pm unless otherwise stated.*

Thurs 19 May – **Onerahi Community House**, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi

Thurs 2 June – **Barnardos**, 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu

Thurs 16 June – **Back 2 Basics Childcare**, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere

Wed 22 June – **Mangakahia Community Room**, 1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki

Thurs 23 June – **Manaia View School**, 64 Murdoch Crescent, Raumanga

Thurs 30 June – **Hora Hora School**, 22 Te Mai Road, Woodhill

*Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Specialist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing*

[TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz)

### ACTIVE ATTITUDE



Active Attitude (based at 9 Commerce Street) is now offering an after-school care and sports tuition service,

where they pick children up in a mini-coach after school and take them to their facility for after-school care and sports tuition until 5:30pm.

Our school is one of the schools that they are offering the van pick up from on a **Monday Only**. If this is something you would be interested in for your child, please see their website

[www.activeattitude.co.nz](http://www.activeattitude.co.nz) for further information or call 09 9454876.