



Greetings to you all; tena koutou katoa; Tamanē badhānē śubhēcchā'ō; hilsen til dere alle

We are now at the end of term 2, halfway through 2022. It has been another interesting year to date, with term 1 being heavily impacted by Covid-19 related absences - for both students and staff. We managed to staff the school, thus avoiding having to ask classes to stay home when their teacher was away. We also did not split classes as we tried to maintain some consistency. Term 2 saw a different problem - less Covid absence, but high numbers away with the winter ills and chills. I know that this is not over yet, and encourage people to maintain the high health standards we have used over the past 2 years - handwashing, sanitiser, mask wearing and staying away if you are sick. These are still our best defences as the borders open and people travel more.

Term 3 begins on Monday 25 July. Please remember that we do not have the rooms open until 8.15am and staff are involved in planning and meetings prior to this. Children should not be arriving at school before this time.

You will no doubt have seen the statement put out by Alison Manson, BoT Chair, regarding my decision to retire at the end of 2022. This was not an easy decision, as I have been involved in education for 45 years, with 35 of those being as a principal. In that time, I have worked with some wonderful people, enjoyed the company of amazing students and been welcomed by communities. It feels right for me to retire from teaching/principalship. This has nothing to do with Maunu School - it is a completely personal decision. I have, and still do, enjoy my time here and the people I have had the pleasure to meet and work with. I will continue to work for the betterment of Maunu School for the remainder of the year and wish the board the best of luck with the appointment process.

T3&4 Staffing: We have a number of changes to staffing and organisation coming up. These are unavoidable and we take time and consideration in dealing with any changes needed.

- **Junior Syndicate:** Due to an increase in year 1 enrolments outside of those we knew

about, we are having to add another class of Y1 children - Rm 7. This will be taught by Mrs Carolyn Scott-Petersen and will be made up of some children from Rm 3&4. The children moving have already been notified.

- **Room1:** Andi Watts will be shifting into the senior syndicate for the remainder of the year and will no longer do the teacher release in Rm 1 (Friday) or Rm 3 (Wednesday). We have Mrs Lisa Jolly, an experienced, enthusiastic and skilled junior teacher replacing Andi.
- **Senior Syndicate:** Mrs Katie Bassett-Allen will be taking maternity leave for the remainder of the year, as from the end of term 2. She is expecting her third child in September and we wish them all the very best. Katie has been working in Rm 15 and 16 and her work has been of a high standard. Mrs Andi Watts will join the senior team, teaching in Rm 15 (Thursday & Friday), Rm 16 (Wednesday) and Rm 11 (every second Tuesday). Andi has been in the school for a number of years, has experience in and with the senior syndicate and is known to all the students.

As the Maunu community grows we are having to deal with unexpected enrolments. Each year the school plans for the expected enrolments and predicted enrolments based on present information and historical data. However, these past 2 years have been very difficult to predict as the movement from Auckland had slowed and housing developments have not met their expected timelines. If we get more children enrolling in the junior school, we may have to look at an alternative organisation. While this is not ideal, it is better than having large numbers in the current classrooms. You will be informed if this needs to happen.

3 Way Conferences: Thank you to all those who made it along to the 3 Way Conferences. It is a time to connect with the classroom teacher about your child's progress and learning.

Visual Arts Celebration: Toward the end of term 3, the school will be holding a celebration of the Visual Arts programme. This will involve an Art “Gallery” being set up in the school for the public to come and view work from every student in the school. The artwork will focus on the work that classes do as part of their visual arts programme. More information and details to come next term.

Matariki Celebration: The school held a great assembly on Thursday 23rd June to celebrate Matariki Day and the work from the week. It was heart-warming to host Maungatapere School and to have their kapa haka roopu perform for us with skill and passion. Maunu School’s Te Ahorangi te kura o Maunu also performed - both junior and senior groups and thrilled us with their power and accuracy. The assembly organisers also showed a video demonstrating the activities that happened during the week. We trust you all enjoyed an amazing Matariki Day on 24th June.



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

COUNTRY FAIR SURVEY

The Country Fair is our largest fundraising event each year at Maunu School. It has been an incredibly successful way to raise funds for our school in the past and has been running annually, on the first Saturday of November (with exception of 2020 & 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions) for the past 22 years.

This is a day enjoyed by many tamariki, school whānau & staff and the wider Whangarei community. It is a big event that does require a lot of planning throughout the year to pull it together and a team of committed workers on the day. This year the date would be Saturday 5 November. Currently our PTA consists of a small group of committed members. There are simply not enough members on our PTA to be able to organise the Country Fair. Therefore, we are asking you, the school community the following – what does The Country Fair mean to you? What are you willing to do to help organise it?

Please click on the [survey link](#), it will take less than 5 minutes to complete. We really appreciate hearing your opinions. Please complete the survey by Friday 29th July.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN



Hello and welcome to Manaia and Peyton Langley who have recently joined us from Kerikeri. We look forward to sharing lots of fun and learning with you both!



MAUNU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Thursday 7 July 2022 www.maunu.school.nz

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination forms for the upcoming BoT elections will be coming home via email by Friday 15 July. If you know of someone you would like to nominate or would like to nominate yourself, then fill in the form when you receive it and return via email, post or by hand to the school office.

Timeline as follows

- Nominations sent home by 15 July
- Nominations close 3 August
- Voting papers issued by 10 August (if an election is required)
- Election Day 7 September
- Results declared 13 September
- Board take office 14 September

If you have any questions regarding the roll, or are interested in putting your name forward please contact me in the office.

Kristy Williams, Returning Officer

PTA CALENDAR ART

The children are busy in class creating their calendar artwork which will be completed by early next term. You will have the option to choose from calendars, diaries, greetings cards and sketch pads.

We are using a different company this year where all orders will be done online. Orders have to be placed by Wednesday the 31st of August. We will send out more information, including the link to use and pricing early in Term 3.



ROOM 7 - NEW CLASS TERM 3 AND 4

Room 7 are still looking for any goodies to set up their new classroom for Terms 3 and 4. If you have any magazines, books, old toys or dress ups lying around that you are willing to donate they would be very much appreciated!

Please drop off to the office.

GUIDE DOG BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Dog Biscuit. We raised \$244 to donate to Blind Low Vision NZ. An anonymous sponsor doubled the donation to \$488 on the last day of the Bookathon.

Many thanks, Scarlett and Lynne

LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL!!!

Please ask your child/ren to look through the lost property bin sitting in the walkway by Room 10. It is full of unclaimed clothing, shoes, lunch boxes etc.

Anything unnamed will be gone after Friday 8 July, the end of term 2.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maunu Educare – Assistant Required

We are looking for a staff member to join our team at After School Care (and Holiday Programmes) based in the Maunu School Hall, Monday to Friday, 2.30pm to 5.00pm. This role requires someone who is moderately active and enjoys children.

If this appeals to you, please contact Christin on 0274821331 or

info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz

Maunu Market & Garage Sale

Saturday 23rd July, 8am - 1pm at the Maunu School Hall

Why: Kamo Intermediate School (KIS1) Netball Team are representing their school at the Aims Games Tournament in September. We are fundraising to transport, compete & accommodate our 10 girls in Tauranga for the week. The girls have collected preloved and used goods to sell in the hall as well as:

- Baked goods and fresh produce
- Sausage sizzle and refreshments
- An amazing raffle

Please come down to support us.

Puppets Galore School Holiday Programme

Tues, Wed, Thurs both weeks of the July school holidays at the Whangarei Central Library. Free for children aged 5-10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information visit wdc.govt.nz/library/events

Matariki Glow Show

The magical Matariki Glow Show is coming to Forum North, Whangarei on Saturday the 23rd of July. For more info and bookings go to: www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings