



MAUNU SCHOOL

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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.

Maunu School has traditionally been known for the strong relationships we have with our wider community. The pandemic, over the past few years, has made it challenging for us to demonstrate how important this partnership with whanau is to us. We value whanaungatanga and want to continue to build on the strengths our students bring from home. Equally we want to be able to utilize the expertise we have in our communities, to work closely alongside you to provide every opportunity for all our tamariki.

If you are happy to share your thoughts, your time or your talents with us, please let your child's teacher know or approach our PTA to see how you can support the school. ***Together we can make a difference.***

New Staff: We have a number of new staff joining our team this year.

Courtney de Boer

We wish to welcome Courtney de Boer as Deputy Principal in the Senior Management Leadership Team. Courtney joins us from Otaika Valley School, she is also the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and teaches alongside Kendra Bradley in Room 14 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Caitlin Tavinor

We welcome Caitlin Tavinor to our Junior Syndicate. Caitlin joins us from Ngunguru school. Caitlin is teaching in our New Entrant / Year 1 area of the school, in Room 4. This year Caitlin will be leading Maths in the Junior Syndicate, she will also be supporting Whaea Claudine with our Junior Kapa Haka Rōpū.

Michelle Matthews

We welcome Michelle Matthews to our Junior Syndicate. Michelle joins us from St Francis School. Michelle is teaching a Year 1 & 2 composite class in our Junior Syndicate. Michelle brings a wealth of curriculum experience with a passion for environmental and outdoor education.

Catherine Wiechern

We welcome Whaea Catherine to our Senior Syndicate. Catherine joins us from Kaurilands School in Auckland. Catherine has a passion for Literacy, she is an avid reader and loves teaching written language.

Staffing for 2023:

Mrs Claire Turton - Principal

Ms Diana Hesketh - DP, Release Teacher Room 6

Mrs Courtney de Boer - DP, SENCO, Teacher Room 14 Thurs / Fri

Mrs Anne Parr - Learning Support Coordinator

Whaea Claudine - Reading Recovery Teacher/ Kaiawhina

Junior Syndicate (Year 1 and 2):

Mrs Jenny Canty (Team Leader) - Rm 3 - Yr 1

Mrs Caitlin Tavinor - Rm 4 - Yr 1

Mrs Sharon Stainton - Rm 7 - Yr 1&2

Mrs Michelle Matthews - Rm 1 - Yr 1&2

Miss Megan Rodgers - Rm 2 - Yr 1&2

Mrs Lisa Jolly - Junior Teacher Release (Rm3) / Curriculum Release Teacher

Middle Syndicate (Year 3 and 4):

Mrs Nadine Nicholas (Team leader) - Rm 6 - Yr 3&4

Mrs Emer Quinn - Rm 5 - Yr 3&4

Mrs Alana Fromont - Rm 17 - Yr 3&4

Whaea Tina - Rm 18 - Yr 3&4

Mrs Carol Tipton Curriculum Release Teacher

Senior Syndicate (Year 5 and 6):

Mr Cayne Wright (Team Leader) - Rm 16 - Yr 5&6

Whaea Catherine - Rm 11 - Yr 5&6

Mrs Nicola Fannin - Rm 12 - Yr 5&6 (Mon - Thurs)

Mr Brad Kini - Rm 12 - Yr 5&6 (Fridays)

Mrs Kendra Bradley - Rm 14 - Yr 5&6 (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Talei Wilson - Rm 15 - Yr 5&6 (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Andi Watts - Rm15 - Yr 5&6 (Thurs & Fri) / Curriculum & Senior Release Teacher

Support Staff:

Mrs Carolyn Boyce-Bacon - Office Administrator

Miss Kristy Williams - Office Assistant

Mrs Edith Mataira - Teacher aide

Mr Kyle Paxton - Teacher aide

Mrs Shona Anderson - Teacher aide



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Mrs Becky Anson - Teacher aide
Mrs Emma Butler - Teacher aide
Miss Tina Goodyer - Teacher aide
Miss Kaytlyn Sykes - Teacher aide
Mrs Lynne Adam - Librarian / Teacher Aide
Mr Adrian Lamb - Caretaker
Mr John Salele - School Cleaner (Crest Clean)

Mihi Whakatau - Meet the Team

It was great to begin our first day with a Mihi Whakatau followed by a hui to introduce our Team. A Mihi Whakatau is a formal welcome and is used to welcome guests (Manuhiri) at events which take place away from a marae, often followed by a meeting. Thank you to all our existing whanau (Tangata Whenua) who were able to be at school to welcome our new students, staff and whanau. Our Mihi Whakatau was followed by introductions and welcomes from our BoT Chairperson, Alison Manson, our PTA chairperson Cara Dawson and our staff.

After a shared afternoon tea, teachers opened up the classrooms and invited whanau to informally see the learning spaces and learn about the programmes.

If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to come into school to introduce yourself and your whanau. Our teachers and support team are always available to answer your questions. You can also email any of our staff members. Their email addresses are all linked through our [webpage](#).

Paying for Resources, School Activities & School Donations

As a school we do not qualify for the Donations Scheme. In order to run school activities, programmes and buy certain school resources we ask for costs to be covered. We understand that the beginning of the school year is an expensive time. We are happy for whanau to pay off their school donation, and for activities over the year, in instalments. Please talk to your child's teacher or the ladies in the school office to arrange a private payment plan.

Five Feather Values Ngā huia rau e rima

Our Five Feather Values underpin all that we do at Maunu School.

- Hei Whakanui – Respect

- Takohanga – Responsibility
- Kia Túpono – Integrity
- Whakaaro Pai – Excellence
- Kia Tirotiro – Curiosity

Five Feather Recognition

At Maunu School we reward behaviours that we want to encourage by giving children Values Cards. Values cards are given out in the classrooms and across the school. Values cards are posted into their 'house' box. Each values card gains a house point for their house. Once a fortnight one student from each house is drawn out at assembly, and they receive the 'House Values Cup.'

We also recognise students demonstrating the values through the blue 'Five Feather Certificates.' These are recognised each week at the syndicate and whole school assemblies.

Our staff and students can regularly be heard chanting *Tahi, Rua, Toru, Whā...pīwakawaka*. This chant refers back to our Five Feather Values, as if they are displaying all Five Feathers they are like our logo, the proud pīwakawaka, adorned with their feathers.

After their six years at Maunu School, our students will leave us as **confident, connected and capable** students ready to soar in whichever pathway they choose.

Mā ngā huruhuru ka rere te manu ... It is the feathers that enable the bird to fly

Nau mai haere mai and welcome
Claire Turton
Principal

TERM DATES 2023

- Term 1 Wed 1 February to Thurs 6 April
- Term 2 Wed 26 April to Fri 30 June
- Term 3 Mon 17 July to Fri 22 September
- Term 4 Mon 9 October to Wed 20 December (TBC)

TERM 1 DATES 2023

- 20-23 Feb Senior Adventure Week
- 28 Feb/1 Mar Junior Swimming Safely Demo
- 3 March Middle Swimming Sports



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- 6 March School Photos
- 8 March Senior Swimming Sports
- 15 March WPSSA Swimming
- 3 April Northland Swim Champs
- 6 April Greats, Grands & Whanau Day
- 6 April Last Day of Term 1
- 7 April Good Friday

COMMUNICATION - SEESAW

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

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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

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: **Elsie Mercer, Cooper Ramage, Quinn Ramage, James Lancaster, Xaviera Sainty, Xia Sainty, Jaillet Benito, Ziggy Higgison, Kaio Koncsek, Jake Ragnat, Liam Mackinnon, Laken Hoskin, Eloise Jones, Steven Bibin, Amelia McCarrison, Serah Anu Paul, Kianu Kapa, Skylar Howe, Lennox Bradford, Maia Rapana, Maz Fannin, Lucija Andrew, Ayden Alex, Brodie Steel, Luca de Boer, Oscar Baker, Jac Chapman-Smith, Khetan Nandra, Japji Minhas, Richard King, Bella Orr.**



ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away or late, please either ring the school office on **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.**

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 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.

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

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.



LUNCH ORDERS

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

Wednesday lunches are supplied by Better Bites and will be delivered in time for lunch at 1.30pm.

Thursday 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.

Friday Sausage Sizzle is cooked by our wonderful Mr Lamb and orders are delivered to the children's classrooms for lunch eating break at 1.30pm.



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Orders must be placed the night before.

Please remember to change your child's/ren room number to their new 2023 class.



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 donation this can be done via cash to the school office or an online deposit to our school bank account at the ASB 12-3093-0151775-00. **Family statements will be sent home next week.**

ERO

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time.

Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
 - have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
 - be on a three-year evaluation cycle
- Our ERO Evaluation Partner is Michelle McCarty, we look forward to formally welcoming Michelle on 1st March. Michelle will be working alongside the school all year.

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 6 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 Thursday 16 February is the last day to get your orders and payments in for your Maunu School T Shirt in your House Colour. Order forms went home with children on Tuesday or are available from the school office.



SENIOR ADVENTURE WEEK

The Senior Syndicate have their 'Adventure Week' coming up rapidly in Week 4 from 20th February. Letters and permission slips went home in Week 1. In order for activities to be able to go ahead and our tamariki to be able to enjoy these amazing opportunities we are seeking parent and whanau



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support. Please let your child's teacher know if you can support on any of these days.

PTA NEWS



Kia Ora and welcome to 2023! Things are starting to feel a lot more normal this time around and we are getting back to what we love and missed out on the past few years with Covid. We

made it through and look forward to welcoming the community back into the school again. The PTA consists of a joyful bunch of Mum's, Dad's and teachers that gather on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss all things school! In saying that we are not all about meetings and fundraising, we work together with the school in finding ways to make it a joyful learning place for our Tamariki to Play, Grow and Thrive in everything they do. Being involved with the PTA is also a space to share your ideas and enthusiasm about what happens in our school, to understand the way the school works and to meet other parents, our teachers, and the Management Team. We are also involved in events and raise funds for additional school resources through our weekly sausage sizzle, our Great Country Fair, Quiz nights etc. We are always open and welcome new ideas for the benefit of our children, and you are an important part in making those ideas become a reality for the education, health and welfare of our children. On top of that, we are always looking for volunteers, however involved you would like to be. So, if you are interested in being involved with the PTA in any way get in touch with us via email on pta@maunu.school.nz. The PTA team and I are dedicated to making things Fun and Exciting for our Tamariki and we would like you to be involved! Come and join us to see how you can be a part of it all. Here's to a Fantastic Year!

Your PTA Chairperson Cara Dawson.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to announce that Maunu School has a free Breakfast Club.

The programme is a partnership between the Ministry of Social Development, Sanitarium and

Fonterra.

Breakfast clubs provide an engaging environment that encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibility and grow academically while enjoying a healthy breakfast.

We have been very fortunate to have had the generous sponsorship of Hayden Bell, Fruit in School Administrator from Turners and Growers Fresh. We are so grateful to Hayden and his team.

If you would like to support our breakfast club, either as a sponsor or to volunteer your time we are currently looking for local community heroes to help. The role of the volunteer is very important in the successful running of our breakfast club each morning and provides an opportunity to help make sure each tamariki and rangatahi gets a positive start to their day!

If you are keen to support our school breakfast club, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information about the programme, you can visit www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz

Our Kickstart Breakfast Club runs each day from the Hall Kitchen between 8.20am - 8.50am.

If you have any questions please contact tinag@maunu.school.nz

Tina Goodyer



DIGITAL SAFETY

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



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unknown emails and never accepting 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 the 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. Here is a simple video to remind you of some simple [online safety tips](#).

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. If you have any questions about BYOD please email cayne@maunu.school.nz or claire@maunu.school.nz

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

Harvest Fresh

We would like to thank Ian, Nuch, Chloe & Tom for the generous and kind basket they delivered to Maunu School Staff for our first day back.

We wish them all the best with their new store, Harvest Fresh, located next to Jolt Café. It is such a welcome addition in our local community.



Playball at Maunu

When: Mondays 3:10pm - 3:50pm

Where: School turf under shade

Who: 4-9 year olds

Cost: \$99 per child (9 weeks) - 1 FREE trial available - email dean@playball.co.nz

Register online

at www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland

The aim of Playball is to introduce young children to constructive and enjoyable sport participation through various age-appropriate programs. All of the programs have a "multi-activity" approach, ensuring a competent foundation in all the popular sports played at school.

Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

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 sign or flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.

16 Feb: Tauraroa Area School, Omana Road, Maungakaramea

Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road

23 Feb: Te Ora Hou, 104 Cooks Road, Tikipunga