



MAUNU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2 Thursday 9 March 2023 www.maunu.school.nz

Greetings to you all; tena koutou;

Celebrating Swimming Success

Living in Northland the importance of water safety and learning to swim is a necessary skill. Whilst we have a short window during the year where we are able to teach these skills, we maximise every opportunity to increase children's confidence and competence.

The demonstrations in the Junior school are designed to both celebrate the success of the students and show families some of the skills you can practise throughout the year when you take your children swimming. As the students move through the school there is more emphasis placed on accurate stroke work.

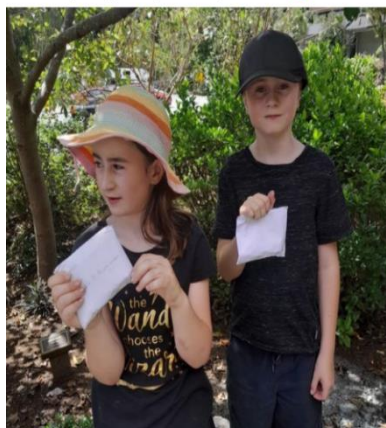
It is always a highlight to see students participating and contributing in their swimming sports demonstrations. They enjoy the non competitive, fun filled activities and as they get older beginning to compete for house points. We understand that all children feel some anxiety in the lead up to these sporting events, this is very natural.

It has been wonderful to have so many whanau in the school this week supporting and encouraging your children to be the best they can be. It is great to see their faces as they achieve their personal goals.

We thank all the volunteers supporting these events and our wonderful teaching teams who plan these opportunities for our tamariki.

Paul and Anita Sumich kindly brought their coffee cart along for the Middle & Senior Swimming Sports. Whanau donated a koha for their coffee

and all money was donated to the Quarry Gardens after the slips caused havoc in cyclone Gabrielle. Altogether nearly \$400 was raised. Photo from the Quarry Gardens after the first drop off of donations at the weekend.



New School Gates

The new school gate additions have now been installed. These were ordered because we have more students at school presenting with Neurodiversity and it is important to keep all our tamariki safe.

The gates are closed each morning during learning times and then reopened before the end of the day. We are in the process of perfecting the access and we ask you to bear with us while we work with Arcwell to make these as accessible as possible to our whanau. Please remember you are always welcome on site and we want to see you in school meeting your children and the teachers out of class. The gates are designed to keep our children in, not our whanau out.

Aroha mai aroha atu,
Nga mihi,
Claire Turton, Principal

TERM DATES 2023

- Term 1 Last day Thursday 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 Dec (TBC)

TERM 1 DATES 2023

- 10 March Hawkes Bay Help Day
- 15 March WPSSA Swimming
- 15 March BOT Meeting – **6.30pm**
- 24 March PTA Quiz Night & Band
- 3 April Northland Swim Champs
- 4 April PTA Meeting
- 6 April Greats, Grands & Whanau Day
- 6 April Last Day of Term 1
- 7 April Good Friday
- 24 April Staff Only Day
- 25 April ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday)
- 26 April Term 2 Begins

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN

Hello and Welcome to our new children; **Charlie Tearle, Max Tearle and Frankie Head.** We look forward to making many happy memories with you all!



VALUES CUP WINNERS – 24 FEBRUARY



Tawa – Ethan Dutton-Berry Rata – Bella Orr
Kowhai – Lennox Bradford Kauri – Lilly Torrington

CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 24 FEB & 3 MAR

Rm 1	Archer Gillingham Quinn Ramage	Gunner Whittingham Jayden Lewer
Rm 2	Alex Bell Manaia-Jane Marsh	Esme Mabey Zariah Lejos
Rm 3	Lennox Bradford Kianu Kapa	Eloise Jones Nevaeh-Lee Lemon
Rm 4	Luca de Boer Khetan Nandra	Richard King Serah Anu Paul
Rm 5	Scott Geraghty Blake Little	Indie Gardner Hannah Walden
Rm 6	Sarish Kumar Jase Webb	Ivan Andrew Chirag Kaushik
Rm 7	Gurshaan Singh Beatrice Cashmore	Thomas Hunter Lexi Orr
Rm 11	Jessie Bassett-Allen Cooper Ramage	Seb Bowles Sydena Lemon
Rm 12	Max Tearle Mia Harrison	Drew Shelley Indie Edwards
Rm 14	Thomas Dodd Hunter Baigent	Jessie Owles Charlie King
Rm 15	Grayson Craig Harley Taylor	Agatha Ibin Hong Anh Ha
Rm 16	Payten Webb Maia Thorburn	Olivia Palmer Jack Fitzhenry
Rm 17	Emma Reynolds Jake Ragnat	Rihari Wilson Mason-Dean Foster
Rm 18	Lincoln Leathem	Emma Platt

HAWKES BAY HELP DAY

Remember to **dress in black and white tomorrow** and bring your gold coin donation to show solidarity with the Hawkes Bay community who were one of the worst affected areas after cyclone Gabrielle. The children have also planned a **bake sale** so we would be extremely grateful for any baking you can send in, remembering we have a 'no nut' policy at our school. Please label your goodies and take them to your child's class, and send your child with money if they would like to purchase baking for morning tea.



GREATS GRANDS AND WHANAU DAY

Save the date for our 'Greats, Grands & Whanau Day' on **Thursday 6th April**. Grandparents and whanau will be invited to come to school from 9:30am. We will begin the day with a special celebration assembly in the Hall at 9.40am. During Interval we will have tea and coffee available outside the hall. There will be opportunities for whanau to mix and mingle and tour the school with their grandchildren and see them at play. After Interval at 11:15am, grandparents and whanau will be invited into classrooms where each class teacher will run activities in their syndicates. We would love for grandparents and whanau to share what life was like for them at school and bring any photos, school reports or artefacts from their school days if they have them. To conclude our celebration day, grandparents and whanau will be invited back to the Hall where we will provide a shared lunch between 12.50 - 1.30pm. Students will return to classes for the afternoon or can arrange to go home early with grandparents and whanau. We understand that not all children have their grandparents or extended whanau close. We will set up systems to allow special family members to write a letter to be shared with the class or there will be opportunities to connect through technology like Google Hangouts, Zoom or Skype. A formal newsletter with more information and RSVP for numbers attending will be coming home at the end of Week 7, 17 Mar.





WELLBEING

Kia Ora Whanau,

I am extremely happy to have been appointed a lead role for the wellbeing of our tamariki at Maunu school this year. A focus on wellbeing means a move towards more flourishing children. Strategies include supporting children to cultivate positive feelings; develop positive behaviours for learning; and build positive ways of thinking.

We want to help our tamariki understand and express their emotions, recognise their strengths and learn ways to be resilient to cope with challenges. This is known as POSITIVE EDUCATION, applying the wellbeing science of positive psychology in our kura.

We are a [Positive, Behaviour for Learning](#) (PB4L) school, we also work with our students using [Pause, Breathe, Smile](#) strategies.

I have lots of ideas to promote this for our children, and I welcome ideas from you. Contact me by email tina@maunu.school.nz if you have any suggestions.

"It takes a village to raise a child"

Whaea Tina

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PB4L

At Maunu we use the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) initiative to define, teach and reinforce our Five Feather Values- Respect, Responsibility, Excellence, Integrity and Curiosity.

PB4L is an evidence-based framework that looks at behaviour and learning from both a whole-of-school, and an individual student approach. It provides schools with a process for teaching social and behavioural skills and helps to develop a positive, proactive, and systematic approach based on school data. It takes the approach that opportunities for learning and achievement increase if:

- *the school environment is positive and supportive*
- *expectations are consistently clear*
- *students are consistently taught expected behaviours*
- *expected behaviours are consistently acknowledged*
- *inappropriate behaviours are consistently responded to in a fair and equitable way.*

Around the school you may notice posters and charts displaying our expected behaviours in the different areas. These behaviours and skills are explicitly taught throughout the year, focusing on a different area each week.

This week's focus has been Behaviour in the Playground, with taking turns as one of the behaviours being explicitly taught so that students know what it is and how to take turns. This may seem simple but a child needs to know what is expected.

"If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to behave, we....teach? punish?

Why can't we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?"

-Tom Horner (NASDE President) Counterpoint 1998, p.2

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PTA QUIZ NIGHT – 24 MARCH

Have you booked your table yet? Friday the 24th March from 6.30pm, quiz and band to follow. \$25per person, 8 per table. If you can't get a team together but want to join in the fun, no worries, we can put you together in a team with all the others that are just like you. Contact the office or email pta@maunu.school.nz for a fun night out!



CHESS CLUB

Do you know what happens when a bishop meets a knight? Then come to our Wednesday lunchtime chess club!! We are looking for a few chess lovers to come together to play against each other, have fun, and improve our skills.

If your child is interested, email your child's classroom teacher so a permission slip can be sent home. These slips can be returned to the Office.

The group will be supervised initially by our Resource Teacher Learning and Behaviour (RTL). We will begin Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Please note, these are not chess lessons, but resources will be available to help extend the participant's play.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Baby Sitter available

Hi I'm Talia and I'm available to babysit around the Austin Rd area.

I have a sibling at Maunu and I am a capable, responsible, almost 15year old Pompallier student seeking work to fundraise for a school trip. I am First Aid qualified through St John. You can contact me on 020 4100 8777

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.

15 Mar: Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka

16 Mar: Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi

16 Mar: Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere



Whangarei FC
Rally Day

Calling all new and experienced football players that want to be a part of a fantastic team and club!

RALLY DAY
Saturday 18th March 9am-12pm
11 Rawhiti St, Morningside
FREE Sausage sizzle

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2023 SEASON ARE NOW OPEN

Juniors (5-8year-olds), youth and senior players both men and women!

Get in touch with us via  F.C Whangarei
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