



MAUNU SCHOOL

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Kia ora whanau,
Inā kei te mōhio koe ko wai koe, i anga mai koe i hea, kei te mōhio koe, kei te anga atu ki hea

If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will know where you are going

As I reflect on our first term together, this whakatauki comes to mind.

This term our focus has been all around Whakawhanaungatanga. Whakawhanaungatanga provides opportunities to support positive and collaborative relationships, explore what is important, and helps us to co-construct our common goals.

If our students feel connected to school, they are more likely to succeed. We have worked hard during Term 1 to continue to build and promote positive relationships. This emphasis on creating a safe, caring, inclusive environment for everyone helps our tamariki feel a sense of belonging.

Our Greats, Grands & Whanau Day was an opportunity to celebrate the importance of whanau in our kura.

Whether you are a Great, Grand or Whanau member through blood, or through love, the message is the same. Children feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when they know that people in their extended family and community are interested in their learning. Our special day recognizes the importance of our heritage, our community, and relationships across generations. It was testament to these unique and special relationships, to see around 300 whanau come to school today to share what life was like for them at school.

We thank all our Greats, Grands and Whanau members who took the time to bring photos, school reports and artefacts from their school days, or send letters and messages.

Storytellers can fulfil one of the most important needs of children: the feeling they belong to a larger story.

Listening to stories broadens children's experiences.

Children feel they belong to life, to a family, to a story, to a place.

Please use the opportunity over the term break to continue these narratives. A holiday activity could be to start a special collection or scrap book where family traditions, family recipes and whanau whakapapa can be written down to keep these special stories alive.

Greats, Grands and Whanau Day is one day in our diary, very dear to our hearts. It is our hope that whanau continue to feel that sense of belonging at Maunu School and as the year continues we extend an open invitation to come and share your stories and expertise with our tamariki.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing term break. It has been a busy first term, where we have achieved so much.

I thank our wonderful team of teachers, support staff, PTA, Board of Trustees and whanau for the partnership we have in making this term such a great start to the year for our children.

Nga mihi,
Claire Turton, Principal

FAREWELL

Talei Wilson, teacher in Ruma 15, will be taking extended whanau leave until 2024. We thank Talei for her aroha and mahi with the tamariki in her class and within the Senior Syndicate. We look forward to welcoming her back in 2024.

TERM DATES 2023

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

- 7 April Good Friday (Public Holiday)
- 24 April Staff Only Day
- 25 April ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday)
- 26 April Term 2 Begins
- 2 May PTA Meeting – **6.30pm**
- 10 May BOT Meeting – **6.30pm**
- 12 May Colour Fun Run
- 5 June Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN

Hello and Welcome to **Felix Joseph** who has recently started with us in Room 3.



CERTIFICATE WINNERS 24 & 31 MARCH

Rm 1	Daniel Bai Nakul Suresh	Selah Charles-Corrigan Myah Burke
Rm 2	Mollie Perry Ruby Beilby	Ricky Bonar Alosly Aby
Rm 3	Eloise Jones Frankie Head	Kianu Kapa Japji Minhas
Rm 4	Serah Anu Paul Khetan Nandra	Skylar Howe Ayden Alex
Rm 5	Reed Nash James Davies	Zahra Miller Riley Baker
Rm 6	Mila Cartwright Ethan Aby	Holly Harrison Ivaana Alex
Rm 7	Olivia Bell Jasper Hodges	Frank English Alexander Eva Cartwright
Rm 11	Andre Lai Mckenzirose Mitchell-Young	Penny Williams Milly Ryan
Rm 12	Elsie Mercer Asya Doganay	Charlie Bates Avyukt Nandra
Rm 14	Emma Findlay Ryley Churches	Tyler Heunis Ellie Kim
Rm 15	Carla Ruddell Keira Little	Megan Nguyen Grayson Craig
Rm 16	Leon Vickery Sienna Scott-Sawyer	Azahreah Rameka Dhawan Dave
Rm 17	Nellie Naera-Yukich Paul Lombard	Agnes Bradford Evania Arun
Rm 18	Leah Evans Nathan Stewart	Destiny Couchman Isla Barnes

WELLBEING WITH WHAEA

Kia Ora Whanau, firstly, thank you all for your emails regarding our tamariki's well-being. Happily most people in our community have access to the internet, so for the last school newsletter I wanted to share this [website](#) with you as it may be helpful for accessing support during the term break. Stay safe, have fun, look after yourselves and seek support if you need it. Happy Holidays! Whaea Tina

VALUES CUP WINNERS 24 MARCH



Kowhai – Oscar Baker Tawa – Emily Gilmour
Kauri – Henry English Alexander
Rata – Brayden Earney

SCHOOL POOL KEYS BACK TO THE OFFICE

The school pool is now closed. **Please return your pool key to the school office ASAP** to receive your bond refund.

SKOOL LOOP



NORTHLAND SWIMMING CHAMPS

Well done to McKenzie Harrison, Chloe-Ann Botha and Renee Hardwick who were selected to compete at the Northland Swimming Champs on Friday 31 March. McKenzie and Chloe-Ann competed in a number of races, with McKenzie placing 4th in the Medley and Chloe-Ann 3rd in the Butterfly.



PTA NEWS

COLOUR FUN RUN – We have officially launched our BIG fundraiser event, Maunu School Colour Fun Run which will be held on Friday May 12th. Our school will be fundraising for outdoor equipment and resources. Your support means so much to us and we can't wait to share this very special day with you all. You can now create your online profile and start sharing your fundraising link at www.schoolfundraising.co.nz. You only need to raise as little as \$10 to receive a prize!

We would love for you all to join us on the day to cheer the students on and be part of this spectacular event.



WORKING BEE – Thursday 13th April

The PTA are putting a little 'Working Bee' together on **Thursday 13th April**

during the first week of the school holidays from **9am until midday**.

With all this unusual weather and Cyclone Gabrielle we've had over Summer, the workload is more than what one person can handle.

We are looking at beautifying two areas of the school: **The area in front of the pool.**

This will involve moving pavers, spreading mulch, painting a shed wall and some water blasting.

The area behind the pool, next to the containers.

This will involve moving chopped wood, levelling land and spreading mulch.

Please bring tools of the trade to help e.g. gloves, paint brushes, wheelbarrows and spades.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please speak to the office or email me pta@maunu.school.nz so that we can add you to our helpers list.

This will be a fun day out, so bring the kids along to help or play around at school with their friends. We'll possibly throw a few sausages on the BBQ and have some ice blocks after all the hard work. Let's put our spades and shovels together and help out for a better community!

QUIZ AND BAND NIGHT

The Quiz Night was an absolute success!

Everyone came dressed to impress, the atmosphere was fantastic, and fun and laughter was had by all. I would like to thank all of those that came out to enjoy the gathering of a community for a social event - your outfits were amazing!

Thank you again to our sponsors on the night for our amazing prizes, **Duracrete, John Duff Roofing, Lovelee Soles and Activ8.**

Thank you to Zoe from A-Z Catering for the VERY tasty platters on the table and to the amazing band, Cake 'n Eat it, who really set the scene and allowed us to let loose.

Here's to the next after hours event!

Your PTA Team - Cara Dawson Chairperson of Friends and Whanau of Maunu.





Playball Term 1 Holiday Programme

Northland Badminton Centre, Porowini Ave
18th – 20th April, from 9am – 2.30pm

For ages 4 – 10 years

Enrol at: playballkids.com/franchise/northland



2023 General

Election

If you're keen to work

within the community and help people vote, registrations are now open. For more information about roles and to register your interest you can visit work.elections.nz, make sure to mention that you would like to work at Maunu.



Maunu Hockey

Maunu Hockey Club Registrations Now Open.

All ages and abilities welcome. Please fill in the form on the Maunu Hockey Club Facebook page, or

email maunuhockey@gmail.com before the end of Term 1 to register your interest. Games start early May.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Autumn School Holiday Activities



Wednesday 12 April: Planets and Rockets



- Make a planet
- Make a rocket

Thursday 13 April: Explore Fossils



- Sand tray fossil fossick
- Exploration table
- Fossil game
- Create a fossil
- Dinosaur craft

Wednesday 19 April: Sea Week Day

(Bookings recommended)



- Paint a sea creature
- Make your own sea creature
- Orca rescue simulation at 11:30am with refreshments at midday

Thursday 20 April: Meet and make a Gecko



- Animal Encounter: Meet a gecko at 10:30am and midday
- Create your own gecko

** Heritage Park rides will be running on Wednesdays

- Free with entry to Kiwi North
- Adult supervision required
- Best suited for 3 years+
- Activities run from 10am - 1pm



Life Education Trust – Parents Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope – Author, Parent and Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary: "Our kids online".

- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful

Kamo Intermediate School, 10th May 6.30-8.30pm.

Purchase tickets at:

<https://myetickets.co.nz/keeping-our-kids-safe-online>