Tēnā koutou whānau,

It was great to see so many whānau celebrating learning at our Three Way Conferences. Please remember our teachers are always delighted to discuss your child's progress with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out; you don't need a formal invitation to visit the school or to engage with us.

Our dedicated teachers take great joy in sharing your children's learning journey. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply wish to know more about your child's academic development, our doors are always open to you.

Feel free to get in touch through various channels. You can reach out via email, and our teachers will be prompt in responding to your queries. If you prefer face-to-face communication, they are available before or after school hours to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

Alternatively, Seesaw is another means of communication. It's a platform that allows you to connect with teachers, view your child's work, and receive updates on their educational endeavours.

At Maunu School we believe that collaboration between teachers and parents is vital for the overall growth and success of our students. Your involvement in your child's education is highly valued, and we look forward to working together for the rest of the year to help your child achieve their goals.

Celebrating Learning in Term 2 and looking ahead at Term 3.

We are excited about the enriching educational journey our ākonga have been on so far this year. As you may know, from 2023, Aotearoa New Zealand's histories and Te Takanga o Te Wā have been integrated into our Social Studies curriculum. This initiative has allowed our students to further explore the rich cultural heritage of our nation and how it has shaped our lives today.

At the beginning of the year, our entire staff embarked on a remarkable journey in the Hokianga at Manea: Footprints of Kupe. This experience provided us with a multisensory guided storytelling adventure, immersing us in art, taonga, film, performances, and digital interactions that brought the history of Aotearoa to life. During Term 2, our kaiako continued to delve into the histories curriculum with our tamariki across different syndicates. The Junior syndicate learned about the fascinating topic of Voyaging, delving into how and when our ancestors arrived in New Zealand, particularly focusing on the legendary voyage of Kupe.

The Middle syndicate explored different myths and legends, uncovering the origins of Whangarei's name and how the landscapes influenced the original Māori settlements in the region. Additionally, they also examined how Whangarei has evolved over the years, giving our students a comprehensive understanding of their local history. In the Senior Syndicate, our Seniors explored the captivating story of Kupe and his navigation to New Zealand. By studying multiple versions of this tale, they gained a deeper appreciation for the richness and diversity of Māori storytelling. Furthermore, they explored the various tools, including Waka, Hourua, star compasses, currents, bird migration, and food storage, that Polynesians utilized to navigate across the vast Pacific Ocean.

Inspired by their exploration of New Zealand's history in Term 2 and the technology used in navigation, our students will be focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) during Term 3.

They will use their historical knowledge to understand how tangata whenua incorporated STEM practices into their lives. We are eager to showcase their discoveries during an exciting week celebrating STEM, which will coincide with the observance of Māori Language Week in Week 9 of this term.

We are grateful for your continued support in our efforts to provide a holistic and culturally rich education for our ākonga. Together, we aim to foster a deep appreciation for the diverse heritage of Aotearoa and its significance in shaping our shared identity.

> Nga mihi, Claire Turton, Principal



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HELLO NEW STUDENTS

Kia ora to our new students who have started with us this Term. **They are Finley McNairn, Thea Davies-Colley, Nathania Nibin, Ajooni Dhami and James Riley.** Wishing you many years of learning and laughter with us here at Maunu.



MAUNU'S GOT TALENT

The opportunity to showcase the talents of our tamariki is important to us!

Each year in collaboration with PaknSave Whangarei, we run a Talent Competition.



PAKńSAVE

OUR POLICY: NZ'S LOWEST FOOD PRICES

The winners of this competition

get the opportunity to perform to our school and wider community with the final performance at the Maunu School Country Fair. If your child's got what it takes to perform in front of an audience of family, friends and peers then we want to hear from them. **Auditions will be held on the following dates and times:**

Monday, 28th August from 12.00 - 1.30pm Tuesday, 29th August from 12.45pm - 1.45pm Wednesday 30th August from 12.00 - 1.30pm (if required)

Once all of the registrations are collated students will be given an audition date and time.

Please encourage them to return their form to the office no later than 3.00pm on Wednesday, 2nd August (Week 3).

<u>Please note</u>: By entering they are also committing to being available to perform an act at the Maunu School Country Fair on Saturday, 4th November.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We have a whole school assembly this Friday the 28th of July at 2.00 pm – **All are Welcome.**

TERM 3 DATES 2023

- > 8th August Friends & whānau of Maunu Mtg
- 11 August Yr 6 Youth Summit Trip
- ➢ 18 August DISCO
- 22 August Junior Cross Country
- > 23 August Middle & Senior Cross Country
- 11-15 Sept Māori Language Week / STEM Exhibition
- > 12 August NANO GIRL Assembly
- 30 August WPSSA Cross Country
- 22 Sept Last Day of Term 3

FRIENDS AND WHANAU MEETING

The friends and whanau meeting will be held in the staff room on **Tuesday the 8th of August**. We look forward to seeing you there.

HOUSE MURAL

We want to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Anderson for her creativity and talented art work. Mrs.Anderson has created a new Mural to represent our four houses. Kauri, Tawa, Rata, Kowhai. We love the way Mrs. Anderson has incorporated the feathers into this piece. We thank Mr. Lamb for mounting this during the Term Break.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is coming up so make sure you save the date! Maunu Primary School will be holding the event at the barge park on **Wednesday the 23**rd of **August – Race begins @ 11:00 am** (PPD - Friday 25th of August). Unfortunately, we cannot give you commencement times for each race as they are entirely dependent on the number of children in each race and the time taken to complete the course. All children will return to school following the races as it is a normal school day.

The order of the races is:

- 10yr old boys and girls
- 4yr old boys and girls
- 9yr old boys and girls
- 5yr old boys and girls
- 8yr old boys and girls
- 6yr old boys and girls
- 7yr old boys and girls

Junior Cross Country will be held on Tuesday the 22nd of August – Race begins @ 2:00 pm (PPD – Tuesday 29th of August). Students will be training during school time, please ensure your child/ren have suitable clothing to practice in, a spare change of clothes and a drink bottle.

A huge thank you to **Fulton Hogan** who have offered their services to ensure we can cross the whole school safely across State Highway 14 on these dates.

BREAKFAST CLUB 2023

Kick Start is back for Term 3!

Come down to the school hall and check out Maunu Primary School's Breakfast club for students. Doors are open between 8:15 – 8:45 am, Mondays through to Friday every week!



COUNTRY FAIR

SAVE THE DATE: The Country Fair is classed as a school day as all staff and children are fully involved on the day. Please save the date now Saturday 4th November.

SPONSORS: If you or your company are interested in sponsorship opportunities for the Country Fair by donating product, prizes, services, and/or being a cash sponsor (different packages are available) please contact <u>claire@maunu.school.nz</u> for more information

COUNTRY FAIR RAFFLES

We are creating a **MEGA raffle** for our Country Fair. Tickets will be on sale before as well as on the day of the Country Fair, when the draw will take place.

We are asking that each child please bring one or two small items to contribute to their class raffle. A letter from your child's teacher came home last week to explain the theme of their raffle. Classroom teachers will have a box that your raffle

items can be put straight into - thank you.

Please can your child bring their item / items in by Friday 8th September.



In Room 1 we have been learning the concept of fractions. "Fractions are equal parts of a whole'.



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MAUNU DISCO – NEON THEME

Friends and Whanau of Maunu Primary School are having a **NEON themed disco** evening for our Tamariki on **Friday 18 August.**

The evening will be spilt into two sessions, the entrance will be at the front of the hall and all kids are to be signed in. Gold coin donation for entry and a free glow stick! Doors will open 15 min before each session and the exit will be at the far back door leading out onto the field and all kids to be signed out and collected there. There will be a sausage sizzle available 30 minutes prior to each session. Alongside lollies, candy floss and glow bling at the disco – so don't forget to bring cash! There will also be prizes available for BEST DRESSED – NEON in both sessions.

Junior – Middle Syndicate Session if they feel a little uncomfortable parent/s can stay but we would like to encourage a Drop and Go system.

The Middle – Senior Syndicate session a Drop and Go system is highly encouraged please.



We are looking for **Volunteers** to help with the running of the Disco Night. The evening is split into two sessions, and you can volunteer on the session your child will be attending. We need help with the selling of food and glow bling, ushering kids in and out of the venue and clean up at the end. **If you can help, please get in touch with Brittany on** <u>secretary.maunuschoolpta@gmail.com</u>.

TERM 3 POWHIRI

On Tuesday the 18th of July we held our Term 3 powhiri to welcome students, whānau and staff, new to the school. The Powhiri Team welcomed the new students with a welcoming karanga from our kai karanga girls, Elsie Mercer, Gabby Dawson, Mia Harrison, Ruby Marris, Grace Stewart and Emily Gilmour. Charlie Mitchell started our school karakia and followed instructions for powhiri. Our first mihi speaker was Kyrie Lewis and second mihi speaker Payten Webb. They spoke on behalf of the school with their mihi pepeha including welcoming speeches with a whakatauki or Māori proverb to end. Classes with new students attended and supported the powhiri team with our whole school performing a variety of waiata tautoko.





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LEARNING EXAMPLE – ROOM 1 VALUES CUP WINNERS 30 JUNE



Kowhai Tawa Rata Kauri Mia HarmesRm 16Thomas DoddRm 14Lexi OrrRm 7Ethan WangRm 4

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 30 JUNE & 21 JULY

| Rm 1 | Jade Moka-Reid | Frankie Tito |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Harriet Groome | Wyatt Rosewarne |
| Rm 2 | James Platt | Isla O'Neill |
| | Regan Jenyns | Elizabeth Dade |
| Rm 3 | Japji Minhas | Amelia Mc Carrison |
| | Frankie Head | Arel Doganay |
| Rm 4 | Luca De Boer | Alna Ibin |
| | Thea Davies-Colley | James Riley |
| Rm 5 | Indie Gardner | Noah Mantos Jepsen |
| | Tara White-Hughes | Freddie Steel |
| Rm 6 | Ivan Andrew | Xavi Sainty |
| | Maya Nguyen | Kennedy Churches |
| Rm 7 | Abel Hoori | Emma Lombard |
| | Jasper Hodges | Emma Lombard |
| Rm 11 | Serena Miller | Noraiz Malik |
| | Sebastian Bowles | Renee Hardwick |
| Rm 12 | McKenzie Harrison | Lauren Soulsby |
| | Zoey Ryan | Petra Tuhua - Mohitaka |
| Rm 14 | Thomas Dodd | Mia Whitehorn |
| | Malia – Faye Foster | Gabby Dawson |
| Rm 15 | Crystal Aby | Carla Ruddell |
| | Grayson Craig | Crystal Aby |
| Rm 16 | Sienna Scott-Sawyer | Zachary Smedley |
| | Kian Hunt | Jack Fitzhenry |
| Rm 17 | Nellie Naera-Yukich | Agnes Bradford |
| | Anya Pell | Evania Arun |
| Rm 18 | Grace Adamson | Jayden Lewer |
| | Isla Barnes | Leo Edwards |
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UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Once again, our property box has acquired a large collection of unclaimed goods. This makes our wonderful school look very untidy. Please take the time to check you have all your belongings when at school and leaving in the afternoon. This photo was taken at the end of Term 2, all unclaimed property was donated to our local charity and will be again at the end of Term 3.

Parents please name your child/s property, this increases the chances of it making it home. Unclaimed property can be found in the walk way next to Room 10.





Whangarei Intermediate 2024 Enrolment



<u> Tauraroa Area School – Open Day</u>

It's time again to register any year 6 or 8's who are interested in attending our open day on the **4**th **of**

August. Please ask your school office for the registration form, which needs to completed before the 3rd of August.



Playball at Maunu Term 3

Playball is an international multi-sport and movement programme. We promise to provide your child with a fun, positive, and confidence-building environment to learn a broad range of sports skills. Our innovative, energetic, and structured classes are designed to help your child develop a well-rounded sports skill set while also teaching practical social skills that will be invaluable throughout their schooling. \swarrow With Playball, your child will experience a sense of fulfilment and positive selfimage through achieving success in a fun and engaging environment. 685 When: Mondays 3:10 - 3:50 (starting 17th July) Who: 5-9 year olds (boys and girls) Where: School field or quad area **Cost:** \$99 per child (9 week term) - FREE trial available - email dean@playball.co.nz Register online at www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland Kind regards, Dean Boustead 021 105 4484

<u>I have a Dream and Dave & Cath Davies</u> Colley – Fundraiser OPEN DAY



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5-6 & 19-20 AUGUST, 2023 10 AM - 4 PM 37 PROCTOR RD, POROTI

ENTRY FEE: \$10 (KIDS FREE) REFRESHMENTS: \$5 (TEA/COFFEE AND TREATS) GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES CONTACT JODIE FOR MORE DETAILS 021 923 077

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS YEAR 13 DREAMER'S RAROTONGA TRIP OF A LIFETIME IN 2023