



Tēnā koutou whānau,

As the school year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've had together. Our students have shown immense dedication and commitment to their learning, constantly striving for excellence and embodying the best versions of themselves.

Throughout the year, I have often shared with our students a favourite saying of mine: **"If you can be one thing in this world, be kind."** This simple yet powerful mantra underscores the importance of kindness and gratitude in our lives. I firmly believe that these qualities are not only admirable but also infectious, creating a positive and supportive environment for everyone in our school community.

As we approach the festive season, tomorrow marks the beginning of Advent. In the spirit of spreading joy and goodwill, I am excited to launch a special challenge for our students in the lead up to Christmas. Starting tomorrow, I encourage each student to undertake a daily act of kindness, no matter how small, to make a positive impact on those around them.

This initiative is not just about the individual acts of kindness; it's about creating a ripple effect of positivity throughout our community. Whether it's helping a classmate, showing appreciation to an adult, or assisting someone in need, each act contributes to fostering a culture of kindness and generosity.

I am eager to hear the stories of these acts of kindness and the positive impact they have on our school and beyond. If your child would like to share their experiences, please feel free to encourage them to do so. Let's make this holiday season a time of spreading warmth, compassion, and joy. Together, we can create a community that embodies the true spirit of the season.

## **Structured Literacy Approach**

Next year, Maunu School is proud to announce the adoption of a Structured Literacy approach in our teaching of the English Curriculum.

## **Teacher Training**

To ensure the successful implementation of the Structured Literacy approach, our teaching staff will undergo specialised training. Teachers in Year 1 - 3 will all be trained using the Better Start Literacy Approach, while those in Year 4 - 6 will undergo training on the iDeal Online Platform. A teacher training day has been scheduled for Monday, 19th February, and has received approval from the Board of Trustees.

## **Ongoing Professional Learning**

Professional development is a continuous process at Maunu School. Throughout the year, our teachers will engage in ongoing professional learning, assessments, reporting systems, and the integration of multi-sensory resources. These initiatives are designed to enhance and enrich our teaching methods, ensuring that our students receive the best possible education.

## **Health & Safety Review**

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, we would like to reinforce the importance of adhering to our Health & Safety guidelines. Your cooperation in communicating these rules to your children is crucial in maintaining a secure environment for everyone.

## **School Access Hours:**

Students should NOT be on site before 8.15 am in the morning. Teachers are required to be on site between 8.15 am and 3.45 pm.

## **After School Procedures:**

Teachers are duty at the main gates and car park directly after school. After the bus bell rings at 3.10 pm, all students are to proceed to the Office Area and sit at the main entrance. This ensures



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that no students are waiting in isolated spaces without the presence of duty teachers.

### Late Pick-Up Protocol:

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may lead to late pick-ups. In such cases, please call the Office to relay a message to your child. If your child is still in the Office area after 3.30 pm, they will be booked into After School Care, and charges will apply. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. Our primary goal is to create a safe and secure environment for all students.

Nga mihi nui,

Claire Turton, Principal

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We have a whole school assembly this Friday 1st December at 2.00 pm in the hall – **All Welcome.**

### TERM 4 DATES

- 7 Dec Junior Fun Day
- 7 Dec Senior Fun Day
- 7 Dec A Night Celebrating Kapa Haka
- 11 Dec Junior Final Assembly (9.15am)
- 11 Dec Meet the 2024 Teacher Afternoon
- 11 Dec Reports Home
- 12 Dec Middle/Senior Final Assembly (10.45am)
- 13 Dec Last Day of Term 4 (Finish at 12:50)
- 16 Dec Maunu Market 8am - Midday
- 31 Jan First Day of Term 1 2024
- 19 Feb Structured Literacy TOD

### CERTIFICATE WINNERS 17 & 24 NOVEMBER

<b>Rm 1</b>	Jayden Gardner Seira Sanal	Archer Gillingham Harriet Groome
<b>Rm 2</b>	Daniel Evans Esme Mabey	Isla O'Neill Manaia-Jane Marsh
<b>Rm 3</b>	Ethan Wang Cooper Jensen	Nathania Nibin Finley McNairn
<b>Rm 4</b>	Luca de Boer Ila Harkins	Serah Anu Paul Ajooni Dhmi

<b>Rm 5</b>	Nixon Hood Avemariya Nobi	Zahra Miller Amelia Harkins
<b>Rm 6</b>	Kelsey Sumich Eden Dawson	Olive Mitchell Adwaith Renju
<b>Rm 7</b>	Cameron Turton Lexi Orr	Emma Lombard Jasper Hodges
<b>Rm 11</b>	Cooper Harrison Kyra Malcolm	Scarlett White-Hughes Penny Williams
<b>Rm 12</b>	Vanessa Lui Leo Bell	Indie Edwards Charlie Bates
<b>Rm 14</b>	Jeremiah Shaiju Dallas Erp	Jayde Tamariki Alex Mira
<b>Rm 15</b>	Irene Intal Piper Gillingham	Indy Rigby Ashar Saini
<b>Rm 16</b>	Angadvir Minhas Zayan Irfan	Isabell Alex Victor Calonge Velasco
<b>Rm 17</b>	Emma Reynolds Evania Arun	Rihari Wilson Heath Rosewarne
<b>Rm 18</b>	Adeline Ryan James Lancaster	Saige Ritchie-Warren Esther Manson

### RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS & SUMMER READING

We have approximately 600 library books to be returned. Please take the time to have a good look at home and return them to the office no matter how long you've had them - **No questions asked.** There will be invoices coming home for lost library books.

We are also looking for any school readers that you may have at home somewhere - lying around under beds and couches or hiding in your home library. Please return to the school office ASAP.

**Kids who don't read over summer are likely to fall behind when school starts again. Summer's a great time to relax, but all that downtime can have a serious downside. Kids can suffer learning losses over summer by being out of school. Its called the "SUMMER SLIDE".**

Did you know that you can beat that learning loss by reading 4 or more age appropriate books over the summer holiday. This is only 10 minutes of reading per day.





**MIDDLES ADVENTURE WEEK**

During week 7 this term, the Middle Syndicate had our Adventure Week. We were involved in a range of activities each and learnt a range of skills from bivouac building in the Sounds of Tane, knot tying, blind fold challenges, juggling, hula hooping, diabolo, rollerblading and roller skating! They even stepped out of their comfort zone to perform a skit, dance or song on stage.



*We would like to thank the parent helpers that took time out of their week to support us.*

**KAPA HAKA Wānanga ā-Kahui o te rohe**

A small team of our ākonga had the exciting opportunity to collaborate with our Kahui Ako schools of the area and enhance our waiata mai. This event was an excellent opportunity for our ākonga and a select group of tamariki to come together and celebrate our culture through the power of waiata.

The waiata learnt was Toro Mai which is from the Tai Tokerau region. We also discussed the song's history, the author and the significance of the waiata which was originally written to welcome the 28th Māori Battalion soldiers home after the war. Now we have engaged and learnt it, it is time to bring all of this informative learning back to our classrooms and school.



**MAUNU SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

The school pool is now ready for the children to enjoy. We only swim when the water temperature is 20 degrees or more and the chemicals are all in balance. Classes will inform you of their swimming days and times. We are now selling pool keys at **\$120 per key** with a \$20 refund on return of the key at the end of the swimming season in Term 1 2024.



The pool keys are initially available to Maunu School families who are fully paid up on all fees etc.







# Maunu School Christmas Market

Saturday 16 December


8:00 am – Midday


Arts & Crafts | Family Friendly  
Support local





## Join Us at Maunu Market for a Festive Extravaganza!

Get ready for a jolly good time at the Maunu Market on **Saturday, 16th December, from 8 am to Midday!**

Our Senior School Camp Bentzon Fundraising Group is thrilled to invite you to come to  **Santa's Grotto:** Bring the kids along for a magical encounter with Santa Claus! Our Senior School Camp Bentzon Fundraising Group is hosting a fabulous Santa's Grotto, where your little ones can capture the joy of the season with a memorable photo alongside the man in red.

 **Art and Craft Stalls:** Explore a treasure trove of local art and craft stalls, featuring unique and handmade creations perfect for gifting. Find that special something for your friends or whānau and support local artisans in our community.

 **Locals Supporting Local:** At Maunu Market, we celebrate the spirit of community. By joining us, you're not just shopping; you're supporting local businesses and makers who bring heart and soul to our neighborhood.

 **Date & Time:** Saturday, 16th December, 8 am – Midday. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and make it a family affair at the Maunu Market!



# SUMMER TUTORING

KEEN TO HAVE A FEW FUN MATHS OR ENGLISH LESSONS?

PRIVATE TUITION FROM 15/1/24

PH OR TEXT CAROLYN SCOTT-PETERSEN

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SPACES FOR 2024 LIMITED.

## school holiday program

futsal...but so much more

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December  
8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration

[www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](http://www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)  
[christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](mailto:christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)  
021 246 7328



## SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



### LOCATION

Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)

### PRICE

### DATES

16-18 and 23-25 Jan 2024 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

### TIME

9:00am-2:30pm

### AGE GROUP

4-9

	1 day	2 days	3 days
1 Child	\$49	\$88	\$122
2 Children	\$88	\$156	\$224
3+ Children	\$35/child, per day		
Additional days	\$35/child, per day		

### WHAT TO BRING

Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle

A Playball certificate will be given to children enrolled for 3+ days.

## Maunu Educare Holiday Programme

BASED IN THE MAUNU SCHOOL HALL  
13 AUSTIN ROAD, MAUNU  
OPEN:  
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

EXCITING DAILY ACTIVITIES  
IN-HOUSE: \$43 PER DAY  
OUTINGS: \$45 - \$50 PER DAY

2 x outside visits  
Ten Pin Bowling  
Movies

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR 2+ CHILDREN  
WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

For children 5 - 13 years

[www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz)  
[info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz)

## BEACH BUSES ARE BACK

RUNNING BETWEEN WHANGĀREI AND OCEAN BEACH, AND WHANGAREI AND RUAKĀKĀ BEACH, EVERY THURSDAY FROM DECEMBER 21ST.

\$5

THE OCEAN BEACH BUS LEAVES ROSE STREET BUS DEPOT AT 10AM AND RETURNS 2.30PM

THE RUAKĀKĀ BEACH BUS LEAVES 11.15, AND RETURNS AT 2.

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