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# Greetings to you all; Tena Koutou,

A warm welcome to all our families, both new and returning, as we embark on another exciting school year at Maunu School. At Maunu, we take pride in the close-knit relationship we share with our community, and we are committed to giving back as service is a core value we uphold.

#### 'Meet the Teacher' Evening:

This Thursday, we invite you to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. It's a wonderful opportunity for your child to showcase their learning space and for you to engage with their class teacher. Drop by the Hall anytime between 3pm and 4.30pm to explore various community sports groups and after-school opportunities. Our Friends & Whānau of Maunu (PTA) will be serving up delicious treats at the Hall Kitchen, including a Sausage Sizzle, ice blocks, and snacks for purchase.

#### **Appreciation for Our Community:**

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the incredible team here at Maunu School, including our Senior Management, Syndicate Leaders, Teachers, and support staff. Each member plays a vital role in fostering an environment where learning flourishes.

We are well supported by our **Board of Trustees** with their unwavering commitment to prioritising the well-being and growth of our students. We are fortunate to have a board that truly understands and supports our school community.

# The Friends and Whānau of Maunu (PTA)

group, although small in number, have a significant impact on the Maunu School experience. We thank all our volunteers for their dedication and the positive influence they have on our kura.

#### A Family Challenge for 2024:

At the end of 2023 I challenged each family to "Give us 5" this year. If as a family you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer yet, I encourage you to collectively contribute five

hours this year as a family. Whether it's assisting in classrooms, joining trips, or helping with fundraisers, every volunteer makes a difference in our small school community. Let's make 2024 a year of growth, learning, and community engagement. Together, we can continue to make Maunu School a place where every child thrives.

Our Friends and Whanau of Maunu (PTA) group, will have their AGM first meeting of the year next Tuesday 13th February in the Library from 6.30pm.

New Staff: During our powhiri last Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming esteemed additions to our team.

We are delighted to announce the return of Cassandra Reyburn, who now assumes the role of Senior Syndicate Team Leader. Cassandra's journey began at Maunu School and has since seen her contribute her expertise in Digital Fluency and Cultural Responsive Pedagogies as a facilitator for CORE Education. Despite her ventures, Cassandra's passion for the classroom led her back to us, having previously served at Glenbervie School and Manaia View School. Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to

Amanda McKay, our new Office Administrator. Amanda joins us with a wealth of community knowledge and invaluable skills, stepping into her role alongside Carolyn Boyce Bacon while Kristy Williams is on Parental Leave.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to welcome Logan Petersen, who joins us as a student teacher in Room 4 under the guidance of Michelle Matthews.

With such talented individuals joining our ranks, we are truly fortunate and look forward to the valuable contributions they will make to our community and the growth of our team.

#### Staffing for 2024:

Mrs Claire Turton - Principal Ms Diana Hesketh - DP, Reading Recovery & ALIM Mrs Courtney de Boer - DP, SENCO, Reading Recovery & ALL

Mrs Anne Parr - Learning Support Coordinator



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Whaea Claudine - Reading Recovery Teacher/ Kaiawhina Katie Bassett-Allen - Reading Recovery Teacher

## Junior Syndicate (Year 0-3):

Mrs Jenny Canty (Transition to School Team Leader) - Rm 3 - Yr 0 -1 Mrs Michelle Matthews - Rm 4 - Yr 0-1 Whaea Tina - Rm 18 - Yr 1-2 Nadine Nicholas (Team leader) - Rm 6 - Yr 2-3 Mrs Sharon Stainton - Rm 5 - Yr 2-3 Mrs Alana Fromont - Rm 17 - Yr 2-3 Miss Megan Rodgers - Rm 18 - Yr 2-3 Mrs Carol Tipton Curriculum Release Teacher Mrs Lisa Jolly - Junior Teacher Release (Rm3) / Curriculum Release Teacher

## Senior Syndicate (Year 5 and 6):

Mrs Cassandra Reyburn (Team Leader) - Rm 16 -Teacher in Rm 14 (Wed & Thurs) Mrs Caitlin Tavinor – Rm 9 - Yr 4 Mrs Emer Quinn - Rm 10 - Yr 4 Whaea Catherine - Rm 11 - Yr 5-6 Mrs Olivia Paxton - Rm 12 - Yr 5-6 Mrs Kendra Bradley - Rm 14 - Yr 5-6 (Mon, Tues, Fri) Mrs Andi Watts – Rm 15 - Yr 5-6 Mr Brad Kini - Rm 15 - Yr 5-6 (Wednesdays) Rachel Dickens Curriculum Release Teacher Nicola Groves - Release Teacher

# Support Staff:

Mrs Carolyn Boyce-Bacon - Office Administrator Ms Amanda McKay - Office Assistant Kristy Williams - Office Assistant (Parental Leave until July) Mrs Edith Mataira - Teacher aide Mrs Becky Anson - Teacher aide Mrs Emma Butler - Teacher aide Mrs Laura Mouat - Teacher aide Mrs Lynne Adam - Librarian / Teacher Aide Mrs Shona Anderson - Teacher aide Mr Adrian Lamb - Caretaker

Nau mai haere mai and welcome Claire Turton Principal FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tena koutou katoa. A warm welcome from the Maunu School Board to the 2024 school year to our returning, and particularly to our new families and staff. We wish you all the very best for your time at Maunu School.

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend the powhiri last week. To keep the focus there on our students and community, and to limit its length for our youngest students, we have kept our board introduction for this week's newsletter.

Our school board includes five parent representatives, principal Claire Turton and staff representative Courtney De Boer. Carolyn Boyce-Bacon, the principal's PA, also generously acts as our board secretary.

School boards are legally responsible for four things: ensuring the school does everything possible to promote student achievement, that it is a safe place for students and staff, that it is inclusive, and that the school lives out the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We achieve these by establishing a strategic plan, by monitoring and reporting on student achievement, by ensuring good management of property and finance and health and safety, and by considering in all decisions our responsibility as an employer and the needs of everyone in our school community. We have a policy framework to support those goals, and we review it regularly to keep it current and to ensure we're doing what we said we would.

Within the board, parent representatives Todd Leathem and Rachel Wright cover property, Charlotte Smith is our treasurer, and Susan Edmonds oversees policy review and implementation. Carolyn is health and safety officer for the school, and reports to the board. The board's role is in governance and oversight. We can't stress enough that ALL the actual hard work is done by the fantastic management team and staff, who make the board's job easy. The best thing about being a board member is being



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witness to the effort, expertise and heart that they put into making Maunu a great place for our children to be.

We are fortunate to have a hugely supportive school community, and an enthusiastic and hardworking PTA. I especially want to acknowledge our departing PTA chairperson Cara Dawson and secretary Brittany Edwards. Their generosity of time and effort has been exceptional and we are truly grateful.

Together with the effort of dozens of community volunteers (you!) in 2023, the PTA was able to generously provide many things that enrich our children's' school lives. These included buses to special events, funds to develop a creative outdoor play area, sunscreen and supplementary resources for classrooms, and support to reduce the cost to families of the upcoming senior school camp. The highly successful 2023 Country Fair has allowed the PTA to fund shade sails for the senior and junior courtyard, and new maths and literacy enrichment programmes for all students in 2024. Under the equity index funding system, the efforts of the PTA and community volunteers make an enormous difference to what schools like ours can provide - our heartfelt thanks to you all.

You can see our school's policies on <u>www.schooldocs.co.nz</u>, (enter "Maunu School", then username: maunu, password maunu). Over the year, we will advertise policy reviews in the newsletter and invite community feedback through schooldocs. Maunu School welcomes feedback at all times. At times this may include a concern about a particular event in, or general aspect of, school life. An important principle is that your concern should be taken in the first instance to the person most directly involved. For further guidance please see 'raising concerns' on schooldocs.

The school's strategic plan is available as a link on the school website: <u>www.maunu.school.nz</u>

If you are interested in the board's role, or even better, in standing for the board at the next elections in 2025, please talk to any of us. Board meetings are open to the public, and are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the staffroom; we would love to see you there.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,

Alison Manson, Presiding Member Maunu School Board

#### **TERM DATES 2024**

- Term 1 Wed 31 January to Fri 12 April
- Term 2 Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July
- o Term 3 Mon 22 July to Fri 27 September
- Term 4 Mon 14 October to Fri 13 December

#### TERM 1 DATES 2024

≻	Today	Meet the Teacher's – 3pm - 6pm
≻	Today	Club Day – Meet local Sports Clubs
		& sign-ups – 3pm - 4.30pm
۶	9 Feb	Full School Assembly – 2pm
≻	19 Feb	Teacher Only Day
≻	20 Feb	Senior Camp Mtg
≻	27 Feb	Senior Swimming Sports (Year 4-6)
		at Pompallier College Pool
۶	29 Feb	Rooms 1 & 4 - Swimming Safely
		Demo - 1.35pm - 2.20pm
۶	5 Mar	Class Photos
۶	6 Mar	Rooms 5,6,17,18 Swimming Sports
≻	12-15 Mar	Senior Camp - Camp Bentzon
≻	29 Mar	Good Friday
≻	1 Apr	Easter Monday
≻	2 Apr	Easter Tuesday – School Closed
≻	3-12 Apr	Life Education Caravan Onsite
≻	12 Apr	Last Day of Term 1

#### 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



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- Whakaaro Pai Excellence
- Kia Tirotiro Curiosity

#### Five Feather Recognition - PB4L Update

Maunu School uses the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) philosophy to teach and reward positive behaviour in the many different areas around the school. We have expected behaviours that we teach and reinforce.

We currently reward students through Values Cards which contribute to House Points, and students are also eligible to go into the fortnightly draw to win the House Values Cup in assembly.

A photo of the House Cup winners feature in the fortnightly newsletter.

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.



This year we are starting an extra reward and recognition system - the introduction of Values wristbands. Students will collect their values cards at school and

when they have gained twenty cards of a particular value they will earn themselves the wristband for that value. If a student earns a wristband for each value they will then achieve a Five Feathers Wristband.

#### KAPA HAKA - TE AHORANGI



We have three Kapa Haka groups:

- Potiki Kapa Haka (Year 0 & Year 1) lead by Caitlin Tavinor
- Teina Kapa Haka (Year 2 & Year 3) lead by Whaea Claudine & Diana Hesketh
- Tuakana Kapa Haka (Year 4, Year 5 & Year
  6) lead by Whaea Claudine & Diana Hesketh

The Kapa Haka groups attend festivals and perform whenever possible in our community and at school functions.

# UPDATE FROM THE LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

Welcome back to 2024! We'd like to quickly introduce ourselves. In the Learning Support Team we have:



Anne Parr - Learning Support Coordinator (LSC)



Courtney de Boer - Deputy Principal and Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO)



Heidi Ashton – Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB)

Anne and Courtney are based

at Maunu School daily, Heidi is onsite on a Wednesday and some Monday's. We are involved in coordinating various student support programmes and provide advice and guidance to teachers and families. We liaise with several outside agencies depending on the needs of individuals for example, Ministry of Education, Speech and Language Therapists, & Occupational Therapists.



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If you'd like to get in contact with us, our email addresses are below. <u>anne@maunu.school.nz</u> <u>courtney@maunu.school.nz</u>

#### 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:

Eric Thomas, Anica Saunar, Marion & Edmund Coffey, Jaqueline Vipin, Shahd & Issa Omar, Forbes, Rhodes & Sloan Alexander, Amaia McQueen, Tamati Prime, Kari Powell, Natalia Zhuang, Mateo Fowler, Kiaan Rana, Riley Butler, Lachlan Bonar, Caleb Leonard, Meg Shelford, Hezekiah Sherwood, Hunar Saini, Niya Ajeesh, Cecelia, Mary & Rose Antony, Elisha & Esther Tibu, Saanvi Singh, Sshivada & Vaishnav Makkatt.

#### 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.

#### **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 Loop 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.



#### ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away or late, please either ring the school office on **438 8060** 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 & PICK-UPS

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.

#### After School Procedures:

Teachers are on 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 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 <u>safe and secure environment for all students.</u>



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# LUNCH ORDERS

We use Lunchonline - <u>www.lunchonline.co.nz</u> where parents and caregivers can order lunches (menus online) for their children on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. <u>Wednesday lunches</u> are supplied by Better Bites



and will be delivered in time for lunch at 1.30pm. <u>Thursday Sushi</u> 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. <u>Friday Sausage Sizzle</u> is cooked by our wonderful Mr Lamb and orders are delivered to the children's classrooms for lunch eating break at 1.30pm.

#### **Orders must be placed the night before.** Please remember to change your child's/ren

room number to their new 2024 class.

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# SCHOOL DONATIONS/OFFICE MAX

Thank you to those who have paid their school donation via Office Max, <u>www.myschool.co.nz</u>. The donation for the year is **\$110 per child with a maximum of \$220 per family.** School Donations are tax deductible & receipts will be emailed to you. 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 shortly.** 

# 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.

## 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.



## HOUSE T SHIRT ORDERS

**Next Thursday 15 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.



# FRIENDS & WHANAU OF MAUNU NEWS (PTA)

Friends and Whanau of Maunu (PTA) welcome old and new Families to a brandnew year at Maunu School.



This year we are having to fill a few spaces as the Chairperson and Secretary

step down after being in the position for over 3 years. They have both done this reluctantly as they have loved being involved in making Maunu school a great place for our Tamariki to thrive.

The Friends and Whanau of Maunu is not all about meetings and fundraising, we work together with the school in finding ways to make



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us a great place for our Tamariki to play, grow and thrive in everything they do. Being involved is also an opportunity to share your ideas and enthusiasm about what happens in our school, to understand the way the school works and to meet other parents and the staff. We are involved in fundraising for additional school resources like the weekly sausage sizzle, annual School disco and our famous Country Fair.

As well as looking for a new Chairperson and Secretary, we always look to welcome new whanau volunteers, however involved you would like to be. We have volunteers that sit on the committee, and volunteers who offer their help at events we run.

# On *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February* we will be having our Annual meeting at *6:30pm in the Library*.

Here we will discuss the past year's success and hopefully appoint new members and welcome new volunteers. So, if you are interested in sitting on the Friends and Whanau Committee, just want to know what Friends and Whanau of Maunu are all about or put your name down as a volunteer to help at fundraisers and events, please come along. No need to get a babysitter, Children welcome to come & play. Light refreshments will be served.

All new ideas are welcomed for the benefit of our children. You are an important part in making these plans become a reality for the education, health and welfare of our children.

Please come & join the Friends and Whanau of Maunu or contact the office if you would like to know more.

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.

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. Please email <u>claire@maunu.school.nz</u>

For more information about the programme, you can visit <u>www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz</u> Our Kickstart Breakfast Club runs each day from the Hall Kitchen between 8.20am - 8.50am. If you have any questions please contact <u>claire@maunu.school.nz</u>



Did you know!? We are one of 1,100 schools who are part of KickStart Breakfast! Come and check out our breakfast club and KickStart your day!

# BYOD POLICY

# Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Phone/Smartwatch Policy

At Maunu School students have access to a limited amount of shared iPads in Years 1 - 3 and a certain amount of shared Chromebooks in Years 4 - 6. We encourage students to bring their own personal device to school to support their learning. We welcome students in Years 1 - 3 to bring an iPad and students in Years 4 - 6 to bring a Chromebook. We are happy to set up their device on the school BYOD wi-fi network and support students with recommended apps.

If your child is going to bring their device to school, they must collect a BYOD Agreement from either the office or from Mrs Reyburn. This needs to be discussed and signed by a parent and the student before the device comes to school.



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iPads or Chromebooks that are brought to school are kept secure when not in use and are only to be used as a learning tool. Personal devices are not shared with other students.

If you would like further support or have questions about BYOD at Maunu School please direct them to <u>cassandra@maunu.school.nz</u>. I am happy to help answer any questions or provide further information around BYOD.

Noel Leeming's are supporting BYOD at Maunu School by providing some amazing specials for our whanau. We would like to thank them for their support. Please visit <u>Noel Leeming</u> <u>Specials</u>

#### **Phone & Smartwatch Policy**

You will be aware of government changes around cell phone use in school. "Phones away for the day" is the new initiative and we have amended our guidelines at Maunu School to support this initiative.

We understand that an increased number of students are bringing phones or smartwatches to school for communication and safety reasons. We respect the wishes of parents choosing this option and have a procedure in place to ensure phones or smartwatches are not a distraction to your child's learning or cyber safety concern. Before a child brings a phone or smartwatch to school they must return a signed Smartphone / Smartwatch Agreement to their classroom teacher.

## The school does not permit mobile phones or smartwatches to be used or visible on our grounds from 8:00am - 3:30pm. (This includes school trips or camps)

We do acknowledge that some students wear smartwatches. The school currently permits these to be worn for the functionality of telling the time, however, accessing digital content remains prohibited during school hours and if a child is deemed to break this agreement they may lose the privilege of bringing their smartwatch to school, and the school's behaviour management plan may be invoked.

If your child does bring a phone to school, it must be turned off and placed in the lockable space in the classroom during the school day. At the end of the day after the bell, the phone can be accessed to check for messages or calls.

If such items are brought to school they are brought at your own risk and insured through your own home and contents policy. The Office is happy to take a message and send it to your child's classroom with the daily messenger if you need to let them know of a change of circumstances.

Students work with their teachers throughout the year around being cyber smart which includes learning about the importance of having non screen time. At Maunu School we use devices to support our New Zealand Curriculum, including our Digital Technologies Curriculum area.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# <u>Chess</u>

Do you know what happens when a bishop meets a knight? Then come to our Wednesday lunch time chess club!! We are looking for students interested in playing chess to come together to play, have fun, and improve our skills. The group will be supervised by Heidi Ashton, our Resource Teacher Learning and Behaviour (RTLB). We will begin <u>Wednesday, February 14, 2024 in Room 16.</u>

#### Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi 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 Tahi sign or flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or

emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.



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