



THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Maunu School Community and Whānau, I hope this newsletter finds you well as another exciting week at Maunu School draws to an end. I am delighted to share some highlights and important updates with you all.

### Professional Development on Structured Literacy:

On Monday, our teachers participated in an enriching Professional Development session focused on Structured Literacy. It was inspiring to witness over 150 teachers from our Kahui Ako collaborating and enhancing their skills together. This dedication underscores the

commitment of our teaching staff to the continuous improvement of education at Maunu School.

### Gratitude to our 'Friends & Whānau of Maunu' (PTA)

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our hardworking PTA, the 'Friends & Whānau of Maunu', for their tremendous support this year. Their generous contribution of \$40,000 towards our Structured Literacy & Numeracy Professional Development and school resources will have a profound impact on the literacy and numeracy learning of our students not just this year, but for years to come. Your dedication and efforts truly make a difference in our school community.

### Structured Literacy Resource Recommendation - Knowledge Hub:

I encourage all members of our school community to explore the Knowledge Hub at [learningmatters.co.nz/knowledge-hub/](https://learningmatters.co.nz/knowledge-hub/). This resource offers a wealth of information to support both teachers and whānau. I particularly recommend the Chit Chat section, where you can find informative videos. A great starting point is [Chit Chat 3](#), featuring Professor Pamela Snow discussing what parents and teachers need to know about the teaching of reading and how to support reading development at home.

### 'Friends & Whānau of Maunu' (PTA) AGM and Monthly Meetings:

Our 'Friends & Whānau of Maunu' (PTA) held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, February 13th. It was

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1

**25 Feb** - Full School Assembly – 2pm  
**27 Feb** - Senior Swimming Sports (Year 4-6) at Pompallier College Pool  
**29 Feb** - Rooms 1 & 4 - Swimming Safely Demo - 1.35pm - 2.20pm

**5 Mar** - Class Photos  
**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

wonderful to welcome new members and witness their enthusiasm for contributing to our school community. I extend my appreciation to the outgoing committee for their dedication. Moving forward, we will continue to hold monthly meetings to explore ways to support our tamariki, whānau, and community through fun events and fundraising initiatives. Having regular, short get togethers are a valuable way to collect the voices and ideas of our community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5th**, at 6pm in the Library. I encourage you all to attend, bring your children, and engage in discussions aimed at enriching our school experience. We aim for meetings to be short (approximately an hour). Please feel free to email me with ideas or your thoughts around how we can get more of our community involved. I am open to changing the time and days to ensure it fits in with the busy lives of our community.



**Shade Sail Thank You!**

The wonderful new shade sails erected in the Senior & Junior courtyard are testament of your hard work and the fundraising for last year's Country Fair. Thank you so much!

**Safety Reminder:**

As a reminder, the safety of our students is our top priority, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. With the school being a busy place, I urge parents and caregivers to prioritise safety by refraining from stopping to pick up or drop off children in the road. Please ensure your vehicle is parked

safely before allowing your child to enter or exit. Additionally, I emphasise the importance of caution when backing out of parking spaces on Austin Road, as children may be present. Let's work together to maintain a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and cooperation. Together, we can continue to foster a nurturing and enriching educational environment for all our students.

Warm regards,  
**Claire Turton, Principal**

**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**CERTIFICATE WINNERS – 9TH & 16TH FEBRUARY**

<b>Room 1</b>	Serena Fitzhenry, Tyrell Johnson, Lara Silvestre, Arel Doganay
<b>Room 4</b>	Caleb Leonard, Mateo Fowler, Kiaan Rana, Riley Butler
<b>Room 5</b>	Maz Fannin, Shahd Omar, Forbes Alexander, Ruby Beilby,
<b>Room 6</b>	Brodie Steel, Eloise Jones, Thomas Hunter, Ayla Brljevic
<b>Room 9</b>	Hazel Hafi, Gabriel Silvestre, Maya Nguyen, Kennedy Churches
<b>Room 10</b>	Anica Saunar, Sloan Alexander, Reed Nash, Lilly O'Neill,
<b>Room 11</b>	Charlie Tearle, Alijah Bond, Maia Thorburn, Charlie Stephenson
<b>Room 12</b>	Aaliyah Wilson, Riley Sisam, Ann Sojan, Eddie Williams
<b>Room 14</b>	Liam Lejos, Amaia McQueen, Chirag Kaushik, Mia Whitehorn
<b>Room 15</b>	Jaqueline Vipin, Emma Reynolds, Eddie Wong, Hayden Baker
<b>Room 17</b>	Olivia Tauri, Alex Bell, Skylar Howe, Brooke Walden
<b>Room 18</b>	Mia Hubner, James Platt, Kelly-Ann Slater, Ceiba Koncsek



## HOUSE CUP WINNERS



**KAURI** - Mia Whitehorn  
**TAWA** - Heath Rosewarne  
**RATA** - Heidi Harrison  
**KOWHAI** - Skylar Howe

## SWIMMING SPORTS



It is always a fun-filled day! Parents are most welcome to come and watch.

Juniors – Year 1	Years' 2-3	Seniors – Years' 4-6
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b> Room 3 - 1:40-2:00 Room 4 - 2:10-2:30	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> Time 10.15 Swimming starts at 10.20-12.40	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> 9.40am
Maunu School Pool	Maunu School Pool	At Pompallier College Pool

## CLASS PHOTOS

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Order forms are going home with children today and an electronic copy is attached.

Please return your orders to us by **Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March** with payment by the way of correct cash (no change given) or the option of paying online into the **Images Naturally Bank Account – NOT the school bank account**

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2024

At the end of 2023 we held a Leadership Day which involved the Year 5's working in teams to solve a wide range of different types of problem solving activities. Following this day, the senior teachers are involved in selecting a group of students to become the Student Council. Classroom and playground behaviour, attitude and leadership qualities are also considered when selecting the Student Council.

At Maunu School we also endeavour to develop leadership skills and responsibility within all our students. The majority of Year 5 and 6 students all have leadership roles within the school such as Peer Mediators, PE shed monitors, Librarians, Office Helpers, Breakfast Club helpers, House Leaders, Physical Activity Leaders, and those that want to develop our school environment. A specific teacher is attached to each group to help nurture and build their leadership capabilities.



## **We welcome this year's Student Council:**

Sam Smith, Sienna Scott-Sawyer, Scarlett White-Hughes, Mia Whitehorn, Kyrie Lewis, Jessie Owles, Isabell Alex, Avyukt Nandra, Mckenzie Harrison and Olivia Palmer. Their role is to be a representative of one of the areas listed above, and to help out and run different events throughout the year.

During the year, the teachers will be on the lookout for other outstanding Year 6 students who consistently use their Five Feather Values and display leadership qualities to join the Student Council.

## **LIFE EDUCATION**

As you all know Whangarei Life Education is a Charitable Trust, and have been given the opportunity to team up with One Good Kiwi, an initiative from ONENZ. You can help them get a share of \$100k, by encouraging our School Community to vote. It is really simple, download the free app,

(<https://onegoodkiwi.nz/ios> OR <https://onegoodkiwi.nz/android> )

and using the green tokens, vote for Whangarei Life Education Trust! Voting ends at the end of February. Thanks for taking the time to vote.



## **EDUCARE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

# EDUCARE

### **After School Care and Holiday Programmes**

After School Care is based in the Maunu Primary School Hall from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Parents can book online for Term 1 at <https://enrolmy.com/maunu-educare-limited/book-now> or our website [www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz).

The terms and conditions are online and if you have any questions contact Christin Munro 0274821331 or [info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz)

## **FREE DENTAL CARE FOR UNDER 18's**

### **Fluoride toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay**

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, especially at night so the Fluoride can keep working to protect & strengthen teeth.



0800 698 3384  
(0800 MY TEETH)

### **Need a dental appointment for your child?**

Call 0800 MYTEETH (0800 698 3384)

Monday – Friday 8am-4.30pm

## **PHARMACIES OFFERING FREE THROAT SWABBING TO ELIGIBLE WHANAU**



**SORE THROATS MATTER**  
Te mamea o te korokoro hei aukati rumatiki  
Preventing Rheumatic Fever  
Hei aukati i te kirikaa rumatiki

### **Whangarei area:**

- Life Pharmacy Orrs Pharmacy, Cameron Street
- Unichem Orrs Pharmacy, Ruakaka
- Kensington Pharmacy
- Otaika Pharmacy, Raumanga
- Buchanans Pharmacy, Tikipunga

Eligibility criteria: Maori or Pacific & aged 3-35 or has a family history of Rheumatic Fever

## SPORTS / AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### PLAYBALL

When: Mondays 3:10pm - 3:50pm  
Where: School turf under shade  
Who: 4-9 year olds  
Cost: \$99 per child (9 weeks) - 1 FREE trial available - email dean@playball.co.nz  
Register online at  
www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland

The aim of Playball is to introduce young children to constructive and enjoyable sport participation through various age-appropriate programs. All of the programs have a "multi-activity" approach, ensuring a competent foundation in all the popular sports played at school.

### MARIST RUGBY

Saturday Rugby – Register now!  
Grades from Under 5's to Under 13's – New Players welcome.  
Registration details – 17th March 9am-12pm.  
All new players to attend one of these days bringing birth certificate

Girls Ripa Tournament  
Looking for players for U7, U10 & U13 teams  
Location: Northland Clubrooms at Pohe Island, Riverside Drive. Sunday 24th March

Any questions: Contact Shelley on 027 228 7987  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristrugbywhangarei/Home>

### MAUNU TENNIS CLUB

**Junior Coaching** - Every Tuesday from then on at times below:

- 3:15 - 4:00 pm Absolute beginners
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Advanced beginners
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Intermediate, able to hold a rally
- 5:00 - 6:00pm Interclub/ tournament level, or seniors wanting coaching
- Please sign in at clubhouse

### FOOTBALL

#### CENTRAL BROWN



CENTRAL BROWN AFC  
**TWILIGHT**  
Football  
THURSDAYS  
4:30 - 5:30  
7 MAR - 11 APR  
(EXCEPT EASTER 28 MAR)  
OTAIKA SPORTS PARK  
ALL WELCOME  
AGES  
**8-15**  
FREE ENTRY  
Any questions contact Nigel 027 307 5877  
CENTRAL BROWN AFC

#### FC WHANGAREI



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL RALLY DAY**  
REGISTRATIONS FOR 2024  
AGES 5-13  
First year players - no fees  
**9th March 2024**  
9am - 11am  
Free sausage sizzle  
Contact: Tammy Fromont - 0274902986  
Location: Morningside Sports Park - 11 Rawhiti Street, Morningside.  
FC WHANGAREI

### CHESS

Do you know what happens when a bishop meets a knight? Then come to the Wednesday Chess Club in Room 16!

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.

### **DANCING / GYMNASTICS**

If your children are keen on dancing, gymnastics or cheerleading we have some great local studios:

- WADPA - Whangarei Academy of Dance & Performing Arts (WADPA - <https://wadpadance.nz/>)
- Just Dance - <https://justthrive.co.nz/just-dance.php>
- WAGS – Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics - <https://wags.org.nz/>
- Active Attitude - <https://www.activeattitude.co.nz/>

### **GIRLS BRIGADE - Kamo Girls Brigade**

For girls aged between 5 to 18 years old.

Thursday 6-7.45pm

Meet at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington - <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz/>

### **GIRL GUIDES - Kamo Guide Club**

Meets on: Tuesday

Times: Pippins, Brownies & Guides: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Rangers 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>

### **PIANO LESSONS**

Piano lessons are available at the school with Janet Tracey, however there is currently a waitlist. Please contact [janet.tracey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:janet.tracey@xtra.co.nz) for more information.

### **ROLLERSKATING**

Skate lessons & Roller Discos - <http://www.skatescool.co.nz/>

### **SEWING LESSONS**

Aged 8 years and above

<https://www.sewingshed.co.nz/>

Email - [thesewingshednz@gmail.com](mailto:thesewingshednz@gmail.com)

Phone [021 0235 1453](tel:02102351453)

### **CIRCUS KUMARANI**

Kumarani back by popular demand, with circus classes in Whangārei for all ages and abilities. Students will learn circus skills, build confidence and have fun! All classes are held weekly at the Kamo Memorial Hall in Whangārei.

Sign up at [www.circuskumarani.co.nz](http://www.circuskumarani.co.nz) or find the 'Whangārei Circus Classes' events on Facebook for more details.



**Whangarei  
Circus Classes**

**Thursday  
Beginner Kids  
Circus**  
3:30 - 4:30  
(ages 5-12)

**Thursday  
Beginner Circus**  
4:45 - 5:45  
(ages 10+, youth & adults welcome)

**Friday  
Youth Circus**  
4:30 - 6:00  
(ages 10-24)

**Whangarei**  
Thurs 10 week term: 8 Feb - 11 Apr  
Fri 9 week term: 9 Feb - 12 Apr (no class 29 Mar)

[circuskumarani.co.nz/classes](http://circuskumarani.co.nz/classes)

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **MAUNGA MAYHEM**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH**



A Maungatapere School PTA Fundraiser.

3 Full-on Races! Obstacles and challenges designed to be fun for all ages.

Mini Mayhem: \$30 for children aged 6-12yrs, 1.5km

Mixed Mayhem: \$40 for a child (4-8yrs) and adult team, 1.5km

Major Mayhem: \$40 for 12yrs and over, 5km

Amazing spot prizes, plus medals for the top 3 placings. Registrations

from 9am, First race 10am. **Get tickets and more info online at:**

**[maungamayhem.co.nz](http://maungamayhem.co.nz)**

## BEACH TO BASIN

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March



The events team at Sport Northland are kicking the 2024 year off with the 'Chilltech Beach to Basin' on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.

We have been given a code for all schools across Whangarei for staff, students and whanau.

The code **SCHOOL24** will give each registration 20% off.

We would love to see kids from across Whangarei take part. There are 3 Distances 10km, 6.8km and 2km dash.

We also have a Family pass on the Poor nights day cruise for the best Adults dress up and a double pass to adrenaline park for the best kids dress up.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/76719/chilltech-beach-to-basin-2024>

## ART BEAT

Saturday 24th February



**ArtBeat** is Northland's largest **FREE** Interactive Arts Festival open to the whole community. Coming into it's 27th Year, Artbeat 2024 will be held in the Whangārei Town Basin from Putahi Park to Reyburn House and the Sculpture Park – Saturday 24th February from 10am!

### **Planning to come along?**

Register your interest by grabbing a **FREE** ticket to ArtBeat 24 and **be in to win** a \$50 voucher from The Quay, No. 8 or Loco Bar – our amazing restaurants located in the Whangārei Town Basin.

## REMINDERS

### CHEWING GUM



Just a reminder that students are not allowed to chew gum at school. We have noticed a few students have brought this in.

### DONATION OF CERAMIC POTS



If any parents have any spare large ceramic pots they would like to donate to the school, we would love to receive them. The environmental/gardening group would like to start repotting a lot of root bound plants around the school. We are also looking for donations of any medium or large plastic pots for us to grow cuttings for the Country Fair.