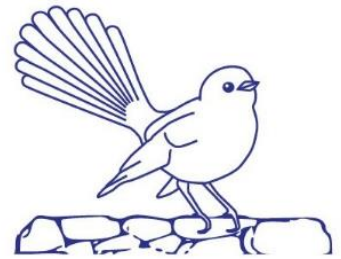


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tēnā koutou katoa, Maunu School whānau,

Kindness Week

Last week our school was awash with a vibrant sea of pink as we united in kindness, inclusivity and support for one another. **Pink Shirt Day** was a

powerful reminder of how we can choose to be upstanders - championing respect and standing tall for others. In today's world, where it is easy to hide behind screens and default to negative thinking, it is more important than ever to teach our tamariki the value of empathy, optimism, and seeing challenges as opportunities for growth.

At Maunu School, we strive to create a space where **diversity is not just accepted but celebrated**. Our tamariki learn that being different is something to be proud of, and that supporting one another looks different for everyone. **We all thrive when our individual needs are recognised and nurtured.**

Youth Week

This week we also acknowledge **Youth Week**, a chance to shine a light on the positive contributions our young people make to their communities. Too often, youth are portrayed negatively - but we see first-hand their generosity, compassion, and drive. Our students have been taking part in discussions about service and giving back. One way we've lived this value is through our Emu Parades, tidying up our environment and taking pride in our place. **Tomorrow (Friday)** we are looking forward to **Wacky Hair Day**, a fun and fabulous way to celebrate individuality while raising money for the children's ward at Whangārei Hospital. This ward provides exceptional care to tamariki and whānau during their most vulnerable times, showing aroha and kindness every day. **Please support this worthy cause by sending along a gold coin donation or donating through LUNCH ONLINE.**

Board of Trustees Elections

Speaking of service, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding mahi of our Board of Trustees: Susan Edmunds - Presiding Member, Todd Leathem, Alison Manson, Rachel Wright, Sijoy Alex, Pam Crosado and Karen Bell.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

23 May	Wacky Hair Day - Youth Week
23 May	Whole School Assembly - 2pm
23 May	PTA Meeting - 3pm in the Library
2 Jun	King's Birthday - <u>School Closed</u>
3 Jun	Keeping Ourselves Safe Meeting - 5.30pm in the Library
13 Jun	PTA Disco
19 Jun	Matariki Festival at Morningside School - Kapa Haka Ropu
20 Jun	Matariki Holiday - <u>School Closed</u>
24 Jun	3-Way Conferences - <u>School Closes 12pm</u>
25 Jun	3-Way Conferences - After School
27 Jun	Last Day of Term 2
14 Jul	First Day of Term 3
15 Sep	Staff Only Day - <u>School Closed</u>
19 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
6 Oct	First Day of Term 4
24 Oct	Staff Only Day - <u>School Closed</u>
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
2 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2026

These individuals volunteer their time and energy to help shape the strategic direction of our kura. This September is a **Board Election**, and with several members stepping down as their children move on, we are looking for new voices to join us. If you are interested in playing a part **in guiding Maunu School into the future**, please get in touch with either Claire or one of our BoT members - we'd love to provide you with more information.

Assessment and Reporting

We know many of you will have heard about the current changes happening across Education. Our staff are embracing these changes with professionalism and dedication. **The science of learning** is helping us better understand how children learn, and we are adapting our practice to ensure your children get the very best.

Much of this hard work happens "**under the surface**" - like the unseen bulk of an iceberg - but I want to assure you that your children's learning is always our central focus. **Reports will be coming home in Week 8**, providing a snapshot of progress and an opportunity to set goals. They will feel familiar to you, but we are also working on a **refreshed end-of-year report format to reflect the changes in the Curriculum Refresh**.

Our Parent Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 24th June & Wednesday 25th June. We will finish school early on Tuesday 24th June at Midday.

We are planning a community evening in Term 3 to share more about these exciting developments.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

We will soon be running our **Keeping Ourselves Safe** programme in partnership with the NZ Police Education Team. This important programme helps tamariki learn about personal safety in an age-appropriate way. We are holding a **Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd June in the Library**, where you can find out more about the content and approach. A letter with more information will come home next week - we warmly invite you to attend.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and encouragement. Together, we create a learning environment filled with manaakitanga, respect, and high expectations.

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire Turton, Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 9TH MAY

ROOM 2	Aiden Abraham, Sophie Jones, Alice Hubner
ROOM 3	Chitra Shetty, Lochy Steedman, Amelia Joseph
ROOM 4	Anvi Anandhu, Mayah Walker
ROOM 5	Japji Minhas, Henry Hunter, Khetan Nandra
ROOM 6	Manaia-Jane Marsh, Maia Rapana, Brodie Steel
ROOM 9	Niya Ajeesh, Frank English Alexander, Charli Ryan
ROOM 10	Daniel Bai, Conroy Higgison, Amelia Ulloa Salinas
ROOM 11	Kingston Baigent, Anamika Sreejith, Adeline Ryan
ROOM 12	Heath Rosewarne, Kierat Kaur Aujla, Jaini Dave
ROOM 14	Freya Pollard, Nixon Hood, Esther Manson
ROOM 15	Roehan du Toit, Ella Davies-Colley, Caleb Heunis
ROOM 17	Alex Bell, Elizarah Cassidy-Nelson, Ryan Justin
ROOM 18	Arel Doganay, Nevaeh-Lee Lemon, Heidi Harrison



VALUES CUP WINNERS 9TH MAY



TAWA – Henry
RATA – Olive
KAURI – Axel
KOWHAI – Edmund

FRIENDS & WHANAU OF MAUNU



FRIENDS & WHANAU OF MAUNU SCHOOL – PTA UPDATE

Thank you for the incredible support and aroha our **Friends & Whānau of Maunu School** – (PTA) continue to show our tamariki and school.

Last year our amazing fundraising team raised over \$42,000! This has provided incredible opportunities and resources for our tamariki. Ngā mihi nui for your dedication and hard work. Their generosity, time, and energy truly make a difference in the rich learning environment we are building together.

We have a PTA Meeting – This Friday 23rd May at 3.00pm – School Library

Children welcome | Snacks provided

We warmly invite you to join us for our next PTA meeting this Friday in the Library. We'll be discussing exciting upcoming events and projects, including the **Term 2 School Disco** on the 13th of June, and starting to discuss the redevelopment of our Junior Playground.

We need your help! So please consider coming to support us.

Whether you're a regular helper or simply curious, all are welcome! It's a great chance to connect, contribute ideas, and help shape positive experiences for our tamariki. Fresh ideas and friendly faces are always appreciated.

Upcoming Event: Term 2 School Disco – Friday 13th June

Planning is underway for a fun and fabulous Disco Night for our students!

To make this a smooth and successful event, we're calling on volunteers for the following:

- Prep Crew (During the week / after school):
- Decorations
- Lights
- Glow-sticks & snack sorting
- Event Crew (Friday evening):
- Greeting at the door & ticketing
- Canteen & snacks
- Supervision on the dance floor & chill-out zone
- Pack-down & tidy-up

If you can help in any way, please reply to this newsletter with the following details:

- Your name

- Preferred role(s)
- Times you are available (setup, during event, or pack-down)

Every extra pair of hands help lighten the load - thank you in advance!

Facilities Update - Thanks to Your Support

Netball Posts - Huge thank you to Barbara Walden for sourcing quotes and guiding us through installation. New posts are on the way!

Basketball Hoops - Funded through our PB4L grant and due for installation this term.

Playground Games Painting - Funded through PB4L and a generous community donation.

Junior Playground - Help Us Rebuild!

A recent safety assessment has highlighted serious wear in our Junior Playground - thank you to Jenny Mullins for her expertise. As a result, several elements (like the flying fox and bridge) have been removed for safety.

To replace the playground, we'll need to raise approximately \$100,000 to cover removal, drainage, and new equipment. This is a big project - but one we know our amazing community can rally behind.

Our next steps:

- Gather student voice - What do our tamariki dream of?
- Research equipment & surfacing
- Create a fundraising story & visual board
- Apply for grants & launch community fundraising

We'd love to establish a **Playground Sub-Committee** to help lead this exciting project. No experience needed - just a willingness to help!

If you'd like to be involved, please let us know or come along to Friday's meeting to learn more.

Ngā mihi nui for all that you do for Maunu School. Together, we're building not just better facilities - but a stronger, more connected community for our children.

REMINDERS / NOTICES

SCHOOL DONATION

Thank you to those who have paid their school donation via myKindo.

The donation for the year is **\$130 per child with a third child at \$55**.

If you have yet to pay your school donation this can be done via the myKindo App. Your generous donations help fund essential programmes, extracurricular activities, and resources that enrich the learning environment for all students. Whether it's a one-time contribution or a regular donation, every dollar makes a difference.



WINTER ILLS AND CHILLS

As the cooler months arrive, so can winter illnesses; remember to consult the valuable guidance from Health New Zealand on knowing if your child is well enough to attend

school: <https://info.health.nz/keeping-healthy/healthy-homes-environments/knowing-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents#symptoms> By following these recommendations, we can all help keep our school community healthy and minimise the spread of germs.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WHO CATCH THE BUS

- Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.
- Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).
- Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.

- Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.
- Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.
- Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:
 - o While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.
 - o Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.
 - o After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MAUNU SCHOOL HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

A reminder that our wonderful Maunu School Hall is available to the community for hire for kids birthday parties and other events.

We also currently have Tuesday evenings available from the 17th of June if anyone was interested in hiring the hall each Tuesday evening on a recurring basis.

Enquire at the School Office.

PINK SHIRT DAY



