## **NEWSLETTER**

# MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



#### **THURSDAY 19th JUNE 2025**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau.

On Tuesday, your child's Mid-Year Report was sent home via email. These reports are the result of a great deal of time and thoughtful assessment by our teachers. Using what we call triangulation of data,

teachers draw on a wide range of information to make an Overall Teacher Judgement about how your child is progressing against the expectations for their year level.

This includes:

- Formal assessments such as PATs, PR1ME Maths tests, and Structured Literacy checks
- Classroom observations—how your child participates in learning, works in groups, and responds to challenges
- Day-to-day work in books and learning tasks across the curriculum

Teachers spend time analysing all of this to make informed decisions about your child's progress. In each report, you'll also find individual goals for Reading, Writing, and Maths to help guide their learning in the second half of the year.

Our Five Feather Values are a vital part of these reports too. They reflect the social, emotional, and

### DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

20 Jun Matariki Holiday - School Closed
 24 Jun Parent Teacher Interviews 
 School Closes 12pm

 25 Jun Parent Teacher Interviews - After School
 27 Jun Last Day of Term 2

14 Jul First Day of Term 3
15 Jul Powhiri 9.15am
25 Jul PTA Mid-Winter Christmas Quiz Night
9-11 Sep Visual Arts Exhibition
15 Sep Staff Only Day - School Closed

6 Oct First Day of Term 424 Oct Staff Only Day - <u>School Closed</u>

Last Day of Term 3

16 Dec Last Day of Term 4

19 Sep

key life skills we foster in our tamariki to help them thrive both in and beyond the classroom. We also believe strongly in the power of Student Voice, and you'll notice a section where your child shares what's important to them about their learning and school life. Finally, the teacher's comment brings it all together, celebrating your child's successes and identifying areas for future growth.

We have invited all whānau to book a meeting with their child's teacher on **Tuesday 24 June or Wednesday 25 June.** These meetings are a valuable opportunity for home and school to work in partnership, reflecting on the first half of the year and planning how we can best support your child moving forward.

If you haven't already booked a time, please do so as soon as possible.

Please note: **School will finish early at 12.00pm on Tuesday 24 June** to allow time for these meetings. The Library will be supervised by members of the Senior Leadership Team if you need a quiet place for your child during your meeting.

This year we are trialling Whānau/Teacher Interviews instead of the traditional Three-Way Interviews. We hope this gives you more dedicated time with the teacher, especially as many changes are underway in education. This is your chance to ask questions, share insights, and strengthen the support around your child.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Community Consultation – We Want to Hear from You!

Every three years, the Board of Trustees, working in consultation with our community and staff develops a Strategic Plan to help shape the future direction of Maunu School. While this plan often reflects the Government's priorities, it is equally important that it reflects what you, our whānau, value for your tamariki during their time with us.

Attached to this newsletter is our **Community Consultation Survey**. This term, we've kept things simple using a **traffic light reflection**:

- What would you like us to **STOP** doing at Maunu School?
- What would you like us to CONTINUE doing?
- What would you like us to START or CONSIDER doing?

These surveys will be open throughout **Term 3**. Every child who brings back a completed survey will receive a **spot prize** from our prize jar! If you choose to add your name to the survey, you'll also go into the draw for a **Pak'nSave Voucher**.

Your ideas and your voice truly matter. If you'd prefer to fill in a survey in person, we'll have printed copies available in the **Library next week** at Whānau/Teacher Interviews on 24th & 25th June.

Ngā mihi nui for being part of this important process Claire Turton, Principal

## **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

#### **CERTIFICATE WINNERS 6 JUNE**

ROOM 2	Celine Hsu, Parker Mason, Leo Brown
ROOM 3	Isla Osborne, Olivia Smith-Hodgson
ROOM 4	Will Tregonning, Finn Booth, Emma de Klerk
ROOM 5	Nixon Clement, Finley McNairn, Annabelle Orr
ROOM 6	Alex Lancaster, Ajooni Dhami, Saanvi Singh
ROOM 9	Kalia Anderson, Cody Bassett-Allen, Raunak Singh
ROOM 10	Alexis Orr, Esme Mabey, James Platt
ROOM 11	Charlie Green, Jesse Barnard, Nillah Lloyd
ROOM 12	Nduka Hewitt-Nnani, Freddie Steel, Evania Arun
ROOM 14	Chirag Kaushik, Marion Coffey, Reed Nash
ROOM 15	Jaqueline Vipin, Jayden Lewer, Austin Wright
ROOM 17	Tyrell Johnson, Audrey English Alexander, Brooke Walden
ROOM 18	Rickman Sanger, Arapeta Winikerei-Hill, Natalia Zhuang

#### **CALLING FOR HELP**

Mr Lamb will be installing our new basketball hoops during the first week of the holidays. If anyone handy is available to help him out that would be much appreciated - Please contact the School Office on 4388060.



#### **VALUES CUP WINNERS 6 JUNE**





KOWHAI - Ruby RATA - Mila KAURI - Feya TAWA - Caleb

#### **FUTURE 5 YEAR OLDS - 2026**



To help with our forward planning can you please check with the office to ensure that we have recorded any future siblings of current students that are planning to attend Maunu School **in 2026**. If you have neighbours or friends with pre-schoolers please ask them to contact the office.

#### **KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE AND FIREWISE PROGRAMMES**

As part of our *Keeping Ourselves Safe* programme, our Junior Syndicate has been fortunate to take part in the *Firewise* sessions, held on Friday 6th June. Each class enjoyed a hands-on session learning about fire safety, and our Year 2 and 3 students have also been working with Mrs Tipton to deepen their understanding in this area.

In Weeks 7 and 8, our Police Education Officers have been working alongside teachers to support tamariki in learning how to keep themselves safe. These programmes are an essential part of helping our students build awareness and confidence around safety.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in supporting this learning — your care and expertise truly help wrap around our school community.

Here are some snapshots of our tamariki in action!















#### **LEARNING ABOUT NZREFRESH**

Over the next few months we will be adding a section each newsletter about NZRefresh.

#### How We Support Your Child's Learning at Maunu School

At Maunu School, we're proud to support every child's learning journey in a way that is thoughtful, structured, and built for success.

The New Zealand Curriculum has been refreshed and is now organised into five clear learning phases, called tūārere. At our kura, we work within the first two of these phases:

- Phase 1 (Juniors) for tamariki in Years 1, 2 and 3
- Phase 2 (Seniors) for students in Years 4, 5 and 6

Some of our classes are what we call *composite classes*, where students from two year levels learn together. In these classrooms, our teachers still follow a clear and specific *Teacher Scope and Sequence* for each year level. This means that even in mixed-age settings, your child is learning the right things at the right time, in a way that builds on what they already know.

The curriculum now includes year-by-year learning progressions, which help us make sure teaching is connected, purposeful, and based on what works best. Our teachers use explicit teaching practices - explaining clearly, modelling new learning, encouraging discussion, and giving students plenty of chances to practise and get feedback.

These foundations help our learners grow in confidence and capability as they move through the school.

## FRIENDS & WHANAU OF MAUNU - SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

#### **SCHOOL DISCO MAGIC - A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**

What a night! On Friday 13th June, our school was buzzing with music, dancing, and pure joy as we held our much-anticipated school discos. With both the Junior and Senior sessions packed with excited tamariki, it was heart-warming to see them embrace the evening with such positivity, energy, and enthusiasm.

From the moment the music started, our children were up and dancing and they didn't stop! The costumes were colourful and creative, but it was the incredible behaviour and the way our tamariki looked out for each other that truly made the night special. Both discos had a wonderful tone to them, full of laughter, friendship, and fun. That's something we can all be proud of.

A huge *ngā mihi nui* to our wonderful volunteers who made this night possible. A very special thank you goes to **Amanda McKay**, who coordinated the organisation behind the scenes, from rosters to decorations, Amanda made sure everything ran smoothly. Your energy, planning, and commitment were appreciated more than words can say.

We'd also like to thank **Pak'nSave** for their kind donation of lollies — your generosity helped us add a little extra sweetness to the night.

And what would a disco be without music? **John Markby**, thank you for sharing your incredible DJ talents with us one last time. You had the students completely engaged, dancing, laughing, singing along and your ability to read the crowd and keep the good vibes going was nothing short of magical.

To our wonderful staff, thank you for giving your time on a Friday night after a full week. Your presence meant the world to the children. As we were tidying up, John Markby commented on the amazing job you do every day and he's right. The way our tamariki shone on Friday night is a direct reflection of the care, guidance, and support you give them throughout the year. To our students, ka mau te wehi! You were amazing. Thank you for showing up with your whole hearts, for dancing like nobody was watching, and for reminding us all why we do what we do. Let's hold onto that special energy, and be proud of what we achieved together as a community.



















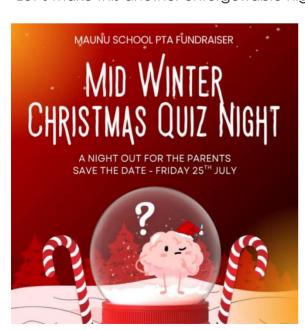




#### MID-WINTER QUIZ NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

After the fantastic success of our Quiz Nights in 2023 and 2024, we're excited to announce that this much-loved event is becoming an annual fixture on the Maunu School calendar! Mark your diaries now for a night of light-hearted fun, friendly competition, and community spirit, all while raising funds for a great cause: the continued development of our Junior Playground. Our amazing Friends & Whānau team are already working hard behind the scenes, securing sponsorships, organising table sponsors, and gathering fabulous prizes for the blind auction. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring a table or supporting the event in any way, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with Claire - claire@maunu.school.nz for more information.

Let's make this another unforgettable night!



When: Friday 25th July 2025. Doors open at 6:30pm to

start at 7pm

Where: Maunu School Hall

**Cost:** \$30 pp with 8 people per table. This includes a platter of nibbles to share, followed by a light bite to eat

at half-time.

**How to enter:** If you've got your team ready to go, nominate a Team Leader to submit your details online at <a href="https://forms.gle/CoxAVcpP7EFgfNAX9">https://forms.gle/CoxAVcpP7EFgfNAX9</a> - if your Team isn't quite complete, or you don't have a Team yet, no problem, please just enter the number of confirmed people on the form.

Payment to be made directly to Maunu PTA 12 3115 0116314-00 please reference your Team Leader's name or Team name & we'll send tickets home with the children once confirmed.

## **REMINDERS / NOTICES**

#### **BOT ELECTIONS – WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

#### Are you interested in standing for the Maunu School board of trustees?

Elections are being held this year for the school board of trustees. As well as the principal and staff representative, the board generally has five elected representatives, who can be parents, caregivers or other members of the community.



This year's election is happening in September and we are currently calling for nominations. If you'd like to know more, contact the office, or presiding chair Susan Edmunds for more information – susanjaneedmunds@gmail.com

We would love to have a diverse range of perspectives and voices represented.

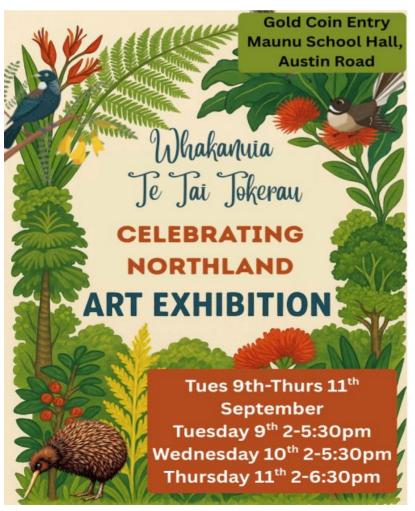
#### What does the board do, anyway?

While the principal is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school, the board helps set its direction.

It develops a strategic plan for the school, which the management team then works to deliver. At meetings, the board checks in on how progress is being made towards the school's goals, as well as being responsible for things such as budgets, policy and procedure.

We will be calling for nominations on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Nominations will then close at noon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, with the election being held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## **MAUNU SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION**



In Term 3, we are celebrating the artistic talents of our students with an Art Exhibition held in week nine. The students have been working hard to create pieces of artwork that they are proud to share, and to show off their talent and creativity. This is an event you do not want to miss!

## **CELEBRATING MATARIKI AT MAUNU SCHOOL**

Over the past two weeks, we've been celebrating Matariki across the school. It has been wonderful to see the excitement as our tamariki learn about the nine stars of Matariki, take part in scavenger hunts, and engage in a range of activities both in and out of the classroom. Today, our Te Ahorangi i te Reo Kapa Haka ki te Kura o Maunu, Tuakana Roopu, represented our kura at the Matariki Festival at Morningside School. We were incredibly proud of their outstanding performance!

We wish everyone a joyful Matariki tomorrow as we pause to celebrate with whānau. Mā te wā!









## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

The Quarry Arts Centre is hosting a range of children's creative workshops over the holiday break. Designed to spark imagination and inspire young artists, book now for this chance to learn, create, and have fun! Classes are available as full day bookings as well as shorter sessions.

10am - 12pm \$28

1pm - 3pm \$28

Full Day programme 8.30am - 3pm \$55

Workshops will be held in The Scallop Room at The Quarry Arts Centre.

Follow the link to see the days available and book your place.

https://quarryarts.org/product-category/art-workshops/kids-workshops/







At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learning environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports, such as tennis, hockey, football, basketball-and just about any other sport you can imagine

A special trip is included at the end of each day.

and Thursday

#### LOCATION

DATES 8th, 9th, 10th July

Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave) PRICE Child

> 3+ Children Additional days \$38/child, per day

\$52 \$94

TIME 9:00am-2:30pm

WHAT TO RRING







\$131





#### WHAT IS PLAYBALL?

Playball is an international multi-sport and movement programme, teaching skills from a variety of sports in a fun, positive environment from professional coaches.



As well as our holiday programme, we also offer weekly classes during term time for 2-9 year olds. (Afterschool and Saturdays + more) For more information, visit playballkids.com Email: dean@playball.co.nz

TERM 3 2025 STARTING 14th JULY



**Health New Zealand** 

Mokepuna



Thursday 10th July 9am - 3pm **Kensington Courts** Year 5/6 (8 - 10 years) \$40 per player

Coach Hayley Taylor, along with a support crew, will be running this clinic. This will include skill development on: footwork, ball skills (passing and catching), attacking and defensive skills. Consolidation games in the afternoon will be in the 7 aside format

BYO food and water

For more info or to register, please contact our manager: mel2gardner@gmail.com or phone 022 690 3603

> All proceeds go towards WGHS Year 9 Kauri netball team fundraising to attend the Combined Points Tournament in Auckland



# Tauraroa Area School



Come and experience a day at TAS! Choose your own activities, talk to other students, meet some teachers and experience what we have to offer.

Please return this registration form to **your school office** by **Friday 25th July 2025 OR** complete the online google form so we can finalise transport and numbers: https://forms.gle/HJvCUFtVdx9Xgrob6

Any questions, please phone Whaea Delilah 09 432 2643

Programme: For students

8:40am+ Picked up and taken to TAS by bus/school van (time will vary depending on

school) Please pack morning tea and lunch.

10:00am Powhiri at TAS gym for parents who want to accompany students

1:30pm Students depart TAS

**5:30 - 7:00pm Parent/Caregiver and student** information evening to meet the teachers, tour the school and make enrolment applications. Finger food, tea & coffee provided. For further information please phone the school office 432 2643

Tauraroa Area School, Cnr Omana & Tauraroa Roads, Maungakaramea

<u>Please collect registration form from the Maunu school office.</u>

