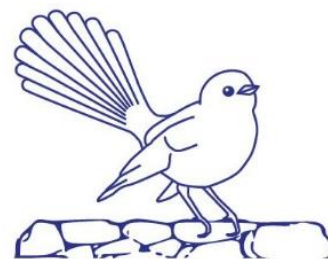


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 24th JULY 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

A very warm welcome back to Term 3! It was so lovely to see our tamariki return to school with big smiles, ready to learn and connect once again.

We hope your holidays were restful and that you're feeling

recharged for the exciting term ahead.

We began our term with a beautiful pōwhiri on Tuesday 15th, led with such mana and warmth by our pōwhiri rōpū. The atmosphere they created was incredibly special, and I want to acknowledge the aroha and mahi that went into preparing for this welcome. It was an honour to officially welcome our new staff member, Sue Bowerbank, to Maunu School in the Office and to also welcome back Michelle Matthews to start up a new classroom in Room 1. Nau mai, hoki mai!

As we settle into Term 3, we pause to reflect on the significance of this point in the year — we are now halfway through. Our teachers have worked together to co-construct meaningful learning goals for your children, and the next two terms are important for continuing their academic and personal growth. We truly value your support at home to help reinforce the learning happening in classrooms. Together, we make a powerful team for our tamariki.

This is traditionally our busiest term, and there's a lot to look forward to. Our students are setting personal health and fitness goals as they prepare for the School Cross Country, which will be held at Barge Park in Week 5, **Friday 15th August**. It's always a highlight and a great opportunity to encourage resilience and goal-setting.

We're also incredibly excited about this year's Art Exhibition, a celebration of our students' creativity and their connection to the beautiful whenua of Northland. This event is a proud tradition at Maunu School, and we can't wait to share their work with you later in the term. And of course, we're looking forward to coming together this Friday, 25th July, for our Quiz Night fundraiser — an event full of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit, all in support of our Junior Playground. Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors who have helped bring this event to life. We are so lucky to have such a committed and hardworking whānau who continuously give their time and energy to support our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

25 Jul	Coffee Cart – Before School
25 Jul	Whole School Assembly – 2pm
25 Jul	PTA Mid-Winter Christmas Quiz Night
11-15 Aug	Maths Week
15 Aug	Cross Country
15-20 Aug	Scholastic Book Fair
19 Aug	Book Week Dress Up Day
27 Aug	WPSSA Cross Country
9-11 Sep	Visual Arts Exhibition
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

We also want to gently acknowledge that many of our long-standing volunteers have children in the senior school and may be moving on at the end of the year. To ensure the continued success of our events and support for our tamariki, we are reaching out to our junior whānau — we need you! Maunu School relies heavily on fundraising to provide extra opportunities and resources for our children. If you're interested in becoming involved or learning more about how you can help, please keep an eye out for our calls for support — or feel free to email me directly.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support. Let's make Term 3 a memorable, positive term of growth, connection, and celebration.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton, Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU MR LAMB!!



Maunu Miniballers would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr Lamb, and his son, Zane, for putting up the basketball hoop in the holidays. It was not an easy task and required quite a lot of digging and heavy lifting. We really appreciate the hard work that it took to assemble and erect the goal. Mr Lamb- you rock!!



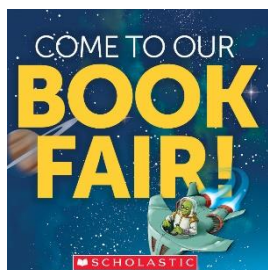
NORTHLAND FOOTBALLERS

In the school holidays Jase, Cooper and Charlie represented Northland in football at an International tournament in Christchurch. After 3 days of games against teams from football academies all over New Zealand and Australia – Jase and Cooper played in U10s and came away with 4th, and Charlie played in U11s and came away as the champions of their grade.

We are so proud of these boys for all the hard work they put into their football.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair starts in week 5 as part of our Book Week. The Book Fair theme – To the Book Fair and Beyond! – is part of an out-of- this-world reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more.

More details to come in the next newsletter.

LEARNING ABOUT NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM REFRESH

WHAT IS EXPLICIT TEACHING?

At Maunu School, we use an approach called explicit teaching to support all our learners. This simply means that teaching is clear, structured, and carefully planned. Teachers break learning down into small, manageable steps and guide children through each one.

Here's what this looks like in practice:

- Teachers clearly explain and model what students are learning and how to do it.
- Students are involved through questions, discussions, and activities.
- New learning builds on what students already know, so they can make strong connections.
- Plenty of practice and feedback helps students become confident and independent.
- Learning is checked regularly, so teachers can slow down or extend the learning as needed.

This approach supports how the brain learns best. By practising and revisiting key ideas over time, students store knowledge in their long-term memory. This frees them up to think more deeply, solve problems, and try more complex tasks.

Explicit teaching is not just the teacher talking – it's interactive and engaging, with students working together and taking part in rich conversations.

In short, explicit teaching helps all our tamariki know what they are learning, why they are learning it, and how to succeed – one clear step at a time.

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Term 3 is a busy term for our Year 6 students and their families as many of our local Intermediate Schools start hosting open days and evenings. Teachers have started talking with Year 6 students about which Intermediate school they will be attending in 2026.

If you have any updates on your child's enrolment and their chosen intermediate, it would be helpful for you to keep your child's teacher updated via email so we can help support their transition.

Please see below a list of confirmed transition events and open days for local Intermediate schools. These days are really valuable for whānau and students to attend to learn more about each of our local intermediate schools and help you make an informed decision.

Important Dates for Your Diary:

Term 3

- **Tauraroa Area School** Open Day – *Tuesday 29th July*
- **Whangārei Intermediate School** Visiting Year 6 Students at School – *Wednesday 30th July*
- **Kamo Intermediate School** Open Night – *Wednesday 30th July*
- **Whangārei Intermediate School** Parent Information Evening – *Tuesday 5th August*
- **Whangārei Intermediate School** Open Day – *Wednesday 13th August*

Term 4

- **Whangārei Intermediate School** Induction Day – *Friday 14th November*
- **Tauraroa Area School** Transition Morning – *Tuesday 25th November*

For whānau considering **Huanui College** and **Pompallier** for Year 7 in 2026, we encourage you to contact the school directly if this is an option you're exploring.

As always, we are here to support both our students and their families through this important time of change. If you have any questions about the transition process or would like to speak with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

REMINDERS / NOTICES



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

We welcome students in Years 1 - 3 to bring an iPad and students in Years 4 - 6 to bring a Chromebook as a tool to support their learning.

A BYOD Agreement needs to be in place before personal devices come into school, this needs to be discussed and signed by a parent and the student. These forms are available at the office or from Mrs Reyburn.

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.

Thinking Ahead: BYOD and Chromebooks in Years 4–6

While we do provide access to some shared devices at school, having their own Chromebook can make a big difference to a student's learning journey. A personal device allows students to develop digital fluency, work more independently, and easily access class resources, creative tools, and collaborative platforms.

We want to reassure whānau that devices are used thoughtfully and purposefully - they are a tool, not a replacement for rich learning experiences.

A Chromebook for your child will benefit them during their time in our Senior Syndicate and will continue to support their learning journey well beyond primary school, through intermediate and into high school.

If you would like further support or have questions about BYOD here at Maunu School please direct them to cassandra@maunu.school.nz



Phone & Smartwatch Policy

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 the Office.

This is a reminder that our school does not permit mobile phones or smartwatches to be used or be visible on our grounds from 8.00am – 3.30pm (this includes school trips, discos and camp). 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 or smartwatch to school, it should be placed in the lockable space in the classroom during the school day. At the end of the day, the phone or smartwatch can be accessed to check for messages or calls. If a child needs to return a message or a call it can be done so inside the classroom at the end of the day and then the phone or smartwatch should be placed safely into their bag. 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.

We want to thank you for your ongoing support and checking in with your child that they have **returned the correct forms** and checking in with them that they are **handing their phone in using the correct procedures**.

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.

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 were sent home with the children last Term and 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.

BOT ELECTIONS – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An email went out last Friday to all eligible voters calling for nominations for our upcoming School Board Election this September. We have appointed Schooled Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for the election and they will be handling the election process so you will receive communications directly from them.



We have 5 spaces for parent representatives on our School Board. **Nominations will close at 12pm on Wednesday 6 August**. You can email in your nomination, complete it online at www.boardelections.nz or fill it in and drop it off to the School Office. If you are going to nominate another member of the community please make sure they know about it and will accept the nomination.

If an election is required voting papers will be issued on Wednesday 13 August with voting closing at 4pm on Wednesday 10 September.

MAUNU SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

WHAKANUIA TE TAI TOKERAU – CELEBRATING NORTHLAND

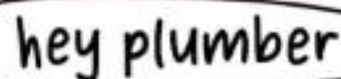
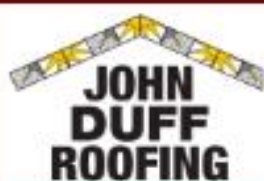
Maunu School's Art Exhibition is coming this term in week 9! This will be an event you do not want to miss. Each class has been working very hard to create 2 special pieces of art to display at the exhibition. We will also share a 'working gallery' on the back wall of the hall to show off the children's art that they have made since the beginning of the year.

The exhibition will be open to the public on **Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, and Thursday 11th of September**. On Tuesday and Wednesday the times will be 2:00pm - 5:30pm. On Thursday we will have a late night from 2:00pm - 6:30pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. See you there!



MAUNU SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT – 25 JULY 2025

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL SPONSORS



COMMUNITY NEWS

ZONTA WHANGAREI BOOK FAIR

The Zonta Book Fair is just around the corner and here are the details:

When: Saturday 26 July 7am – 5pm

Sunday 27 July 8am – 4pm

Where: 161 Lower Dent Street



MAGNOLIA GARDENS *Fundraiser Open Days*

10 am to 3 pm
Weekends only
Aug 2-3, 9-10,
16-17, 23-24

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37 Proctor Rd, Poroti
18mins from Whangārei



\$10 entry fee (Cash preferred)



Onsite cafe



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FUN GAMES AFTERNOON



Come join us and let's play some
games! Bring your friends and family
for an afternoon of friendly
competition, great fun and loads of
laughter... PRIZES TOO!



Sunday 10 August 2025
2 - 4:30 pm
Whangareī Women's Club
Corner of Rust Ave and Alexander St

Koha entry:
\$10 for Dyslexia PLUS families
\$15 for families who are not members
\$5 for an individual

Light afternoon tea will be provided



**Email us to
register**

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