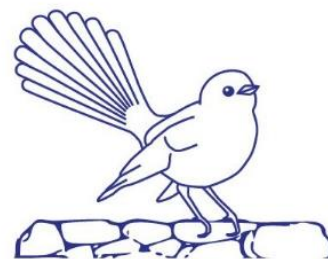


# MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

### Celebrating Student Success at Maunu School

It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks at Maunu School, filled with opportunities for our students to shine and share their talents across a wide range of areas.

It was a privilege to attend the **Word Power Day** at WBHS on Thursday 31st July. This event celebrated oral language and brought together likeminded students from across our Kāhui Ako. Our Senior Syndicate students have been working incredibly hard, learning poems and selecting short narratives to present to their peers. From there, representatives were selected to compete in the syndicate competition, where I had the honour – and challenge – of judging an incredibly high standard of presentations.



## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

<b>8 Aug</b>	Whole School Assembly – 2pm
<b>11-15 Aug</b>	Maths Week
<b>15 Aug</b>	Cross Country
<b>15-20 Aug</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>18-22 Aug</b>	Book Week
<b>19 Aug</b>	Book Week Dress Up Day
<b>27 Aug</b>	WPSSA Cross Country
<b>9-11 Sep</b>	Visual Arts Exhibition
<b>10 Sep</b>	Bot Election – Voting closes 4pm
<b>15 Sep</b>	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
<b>19 Sep</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>

### TERM 4

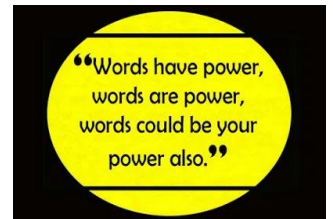
<b>6 Oct</b>	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>
<b>24 Oct</b>	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
<b>16 Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>

### 2026

<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>First Day of Term 1 2026</b>
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Three students from Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 went on to represent Maunu School with pride. I commend each and every one of our students for their courage, preparation, and ability to engage an audience. Many chose to present from memory and demonstrated the powerful impact of voice, language, and storytelling. The mantra for the day was: "**Words have power. Words are power. Words could be your power also.**" – a message that truly resonated.

Over the past two terms, I have had the pleasure of working with a group of passionate mathematicians in Years 5 and 6. Their enthusiasm, collaboration, and willingness to take on challenges has been inspiring. They've worked hard to develop their problem-solving skills, learning to discuss, defend, and reflect as they grow. Next Thursday, **14th August**, these students will represent Maunu School at the Northland Mathex Competition at WBHS. Regardless of the outcome, these students are already champions in my eyes – showing determination, grit, and a love of learning. We wish them all the very best!



Next week is also **Maths Week**, celebrated across the motu. Our Maths Team has organised a range of rich tasks and problem-solving challenges for our tamariki each day. On Monday, selected students will represent their houses in a Mathex-style competition within each syndicate – we are looking forward to a healthy dose of fun, teamwork, and friendly rivalry.

Another exciting event coming up is the **Book Battle**, with a dedicated group of literature-loving students deep in preparation. Their commitment and love of reading is wonderful to see – and we look forward to hearing how they get on later in the term.

Beyond the classroom, it's been heartening to see our students enjoying the outdoors, setting personal goals, and striving to improve their fitness. Our annual **Cross Country** event, is being held at **Barge Park on Friday 15 August**. This is always a special day where we see our tamariki cheering each other on and pushing themselves to be their very best. We welcome whānau to come along and support where possible – it's always a great community event.

If you're lucky enough to have stepped inside our classrooms lately, you'll have noticed a burst of colour and creativity. Our teachers and students are busily preparing for our much-anticipated **Art Exhibition in Week 9**. Please save the date – this will be an unmissable celebration of the beautiful region we call home: *Te Tai Tokerau*.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our ākonga and kura. It's a privilege to walk alongside you in their journey.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Claire Turton, Principal

## WINTER ILLNESSES IMPACTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Regular school attendance is so important for learning, friendships, and routine — and we always encourage our tamariki to be here as much as possible. However, as winter illnesses continue to spread throughout the community, we are also mindful of keeping everyone well.

Like many schools, we are currently experiencing a high number of absences due to illness, among both students and staff. This includes our relievers, which makes day-to-day operations more challenging than usual.

We are actively encouraging healthy habits across the kura, such as regular hand sanitising, sneezing into elbows, ventilating classrooms, and supporting the use of masks for those who are immune compromised. Despite our efforts, a small number of students have required hospital care, and some staff have needed extended time to recover.

If your child is unwell, we kindly ask that they stay home to rest and recover fully before returning to school. This supports not only their own health but helps to protect others as well.

If you are ever unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, Health New Zealand has a helpful resource to guide that decision:

[Is your child well enough to go to school? – Health NZ](#)

Thank you for working with us to keep our school a safe, healthy, and supportive place for all learners.

## OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

The Maunu School Board of Trustees invites applications for students living out of zone to enrol at Maunu School.

The school's enrolment scheme details are available from the school's office along with application forms.

The Board of Trustees have determined that we have places available for out of zone students in the following year levels:

**Year 1 students who will be 5 before the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026.** We have up to 15 places available.

**Year 3 students 2026.** We have 4 spaces available.

**Year 4 students 2026.** We have 10 spaces available.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday October 8, 2025.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Wednesday, October 15 2025. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within 3 school days of the ballot being held.

For application forms and enquiries please contact the School Office.

Ph 438 8060 or [office@maunu.school.nz](mailto:office@maunu.school.nz)

If you would like a tour of the school please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

## CAPTURING OUR COMMUNITY VOICE – YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

At Maunu School, we are incredibly proud of our tamariki, our kaiako, and the welcoming, inclusive environment we strive to create every day. Our Five Feather Values guide us in all we do, and we work hard to foster a strong sense of belonging for both our students and the wider whānau. We know that great things happen when we work together, and we are committed to modelling ako—lifelong learning—through listening, reflecting, and growing as a school community.

We know we are doing a lot of things well, and we are proud of the achievements and opportunities we provide. But we are also open to learning more—especially from you. We want to hear your voice, your ideas, and your aspirations for our kura. Please take a moment to complete the Community Consultation Sheet attached to this newsletter. Every returned response earns a prize for the students from our lucky jar, and if you include your name, you'll also go into the draw to win a Pak'nSave voucher! Your thoughts help shape our direction, and we deeply value the perspectives of both whānau and tamariki as we continue to grow together.

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?

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### VALUES CUP WINNERS 25 JULY



**Kauri** – Jaini

**Rata** – Ethan

**Tawa** – Harriet

**Kowhai** – Vaishnav (Absent)



## CERTIFICATE WINNERS 25 JULY

<b>ROOM 1</b>	Jonathan Bibin, Heidi Smith, Haamiora Prime
<b>ROOM 2</b>	Charles King, Indi Foy, Elijah Mills
<b>ROOM 3</b>	Jimmy Chapman-Smith, Amanat Sidhu, Charlotte Bell
<b>ROOM 4</b>	Chrisjo Jins, Qaaniah Kippie, Eloise Jensen
<b>ROOM 5</b>	Lachlan Bonar, Riley Butler, Julia Lewis
<b>ROOM 6</b>	Ollie Mathieson, Tamati Prime, Elisha Tibu
<b>ROOM 9</b>	Shahd Omar, Archer Gillingham, Annabelle Postma
<b>ROOM 10</b>	Annemieke Van Dyk, Olivia Bell, Selah Charles-Corrigan
<b>ROOM 11</b>	Ethan Dutton-Berry, Vaishnav Makkatt
<b>ROOM 12</b>	Ava Faye, Reagan Shaji, Damian Walters
<b>ROOM 14</b>	Issa Omar, Tara White-Hughes, Mason Foster
<b>ROOM 15</b>	Arna Winder, Cooper Fromont, Leonidas Edwards
<b>ROOM 17</b>	Harley Chaplin, Skylar Howe, Mateo Fowler

## MATHS WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

On Monday afternoon, we are holding a **Maths House Challenge**, where teams from the different houses compete against each other. All year groups are involved in this with Year 1 and 2 teams, Year 3 and 4 teams, and Year 5 and 6 teams. Those not involved with the teams will participate as an audience with maths questions which will add to their House tally. I wonder which house will come out tops?

We also have a **week-long problem solving challenge**. Students can bring home 4 problems to work on during the week. All answer sheets need to be **returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**, students will put their answer sheet in the appropriate year level boxes in the office. All those participating can earn extra points for their house as well as some lucky draw prizes.

Have fun and enjoy the week!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & BOOK WEEK

The Pop-Up Scholastic Book Fair opens on **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> August** in the Library.

Purchase books and enter the competitions to win vouchers to spend at the Book Fair. Every dollar equals resources for our school!

**Book Week starts** on **Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> August** with a Book Review competition and prizes for the best Book Reviews.



**Book Character Dress-Up Day** is on **Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> August**, prizes for the Best Outfits for students and staff.

**Storylines Trust Story Tour** stops at Maunu with the illustrator Isobel Joy Te-Aho White meeting with the seniors on **Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> August**.

**The Book Character Hunt** is on **Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at lunchtime**. This is for all students, have fun and look for the Book Characters hidden around the school and enter the draw for a prize.

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!



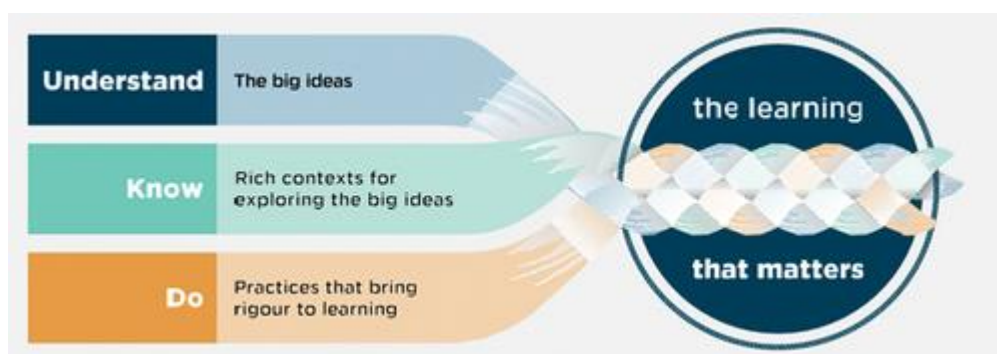
## LEARNING ABOUT NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM REFRESH

### New Zealand Curriculum Refresh: Understand, Know, Do (UKD)

As part of the nationwide refresh of the New Zealand Curriculum, schools across Aotearoa are beginning to explore a new way of designing teaching and learning. This refreshed curriculum is built around the **UKD model – Understand, Know, Do** – and is designed to support deep learning and strong progress for all students.

So, what is **UKD**?

- **Understand:** These are the *big ideas* and concepts we want students to make sense of. They help learners make connections across subjects and develop deeper thinking.
- **Know:** This is the *content knowledge* – facts, vocabulary, information and context – students need to support their learning.
- **Do:** These are the *skills, capabilities, and actions* students use to apply what they know and understand in meaningful ways.



The **Understand–Know–Do model weaves through all areas of the curriculum**, helping teachers design learning that is purposeful, culturally responsive, and builds on students' strengths.

At Maunu School, we are beginning to embed this model in our planning and classroom practice. It supports our commitment to nurturing curious, capable learners who are confident and connected to their world.

We'll continue to keep you updated as this refresh unfolds and share ways we're bringing the new curriculum to life at school.

## BOT ELECTIONS

Nominations for our School Board Election have now closed. As we have received more nominations than positions available an election will be held. The Maunu School Board received a total of 8 nominations for 5 vacancies when the nominations closed on Wednesday 6 August.

Voting papers will be issued no later than Wednesday 13 August. The voting packs will contain all the details on how to vote in the election as well as candidate statements and photos.

The voting will close at **4pm on Wednesday 10 September** and the results will be available on Tuesday 16 September. The candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to the board and the results will be shared with the candidates and our school community.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz)



## WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR TAMARIKI – YOU'RE INVITED

You're Invited...

# Navigating the Parent Portal

Please join Claire, Diana, and Courtney for an information session focused on the new Parent Portal. We will guide you through the key features of the site and answer any questions you may have.

**Date:**  
Tuesday 26 August  
3.15-4.30  
**Location:**  
School Library

Scan QR code to RSVP by Friday 22 August

As education continues to evolve at a rapid pace, we know it can sometimes feel overwhelming to keep up with all the changes. That's why we're inviting you to join us on this journey — as partners in your child's learning.

On **Tuesday 26th August**, we're hosting the first of many planned *Drop-In Evenings* where you'll have the chance to chat with our Senior Leadership Team about key shifts in education, such as **Structured Literacy**, a **Structured Approach to Maths**, and how you can support learning at home in simple, practical ways.

We're also excited to welcome **Ali Booth**, a good friend of Maunu School and a Curriculum Advisor from the Ministry of Education, who will introduce some great resources available on the new Parent Portal. This will be an informal, friendly afternoon where your questions are welcome, and we can all learn together.

See the attached poster for more details and don't forget to RSVP — we'd love to see you there!

## CROSS COUNTRY 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

**WHEN: Friday 15th August 11.00 am start** - Postponement date is **Monday 18th August**.

**WHERE: At Barge Park**

Children will run in age groups based on their age as at January 1 2025.

The programme, starting at 11:00 am will be:

10 & 11 yr old boys and girls

4 yr old boys and girls

9 yr old boys and girls

5 yr old boys and girls

6 yr old boys and girls

8 yr old boys and girls

7 yr old boys and girls



Unfortunately, we cannot give you commencement times for each race as they are entirely dependent on the number of children in each race and the time taken to complete the course.

**Please note that the afternoon is a school day and children are expected to stay at school after Cross Country.**

## TREES FOR SURVIVAL

### PLANTING DAY REPORT JULY 2025

There was excitement in the air as the students, parents, and teachers from Maunu School and the epic GJ Gardner Whangarei volunteers arrived back to Andrew's farm in Mata. I overheard one student exclaim "Is this a dream?" as he hopped out of the car and looked around the farm.

Sharon and the students had done an amazing job growing and caring for the native plants since spring. Some of the plants had already been trimmed down twice as they were growing so well! After a quick safety briefing, we made our way to the planting site. The students were given a planting demonstration and learnt about the pūkeko test (this is where students tug on the plant to see if it can survive a pūkeko trying to pull it out). We were also lucky enough to have Andrew tell us more about how our planting will enhance biodeiversity as well as all the benefits of improving the water quality in the stream.

Everyone worked hard with the motivation coming from Andrews BBQ and the promise of being taken to see the new calves.

Together we planted 610 new native trees and grasses! Thank you to everyone involved for helping to make such a fun and successful planting day – *TFS Facilitator, Kate Davies*





### What is Trees for Survival Charitable Trust?

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust is a Rotary initiated project now supporting over 250 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and on environmentally at-risk sites. Through action based learning, our environmental education programme provides the opportunity for school communities to have a positive impact on their local environment.

### Trees for Survival Donation & Membership

From \$7.00 you can support the growing and planting of a native plant in NZ by a school running our programme. For donation and partnership options visit us at [www.tfsnz.org.nz/donate](http://www.tfsnz.org.nz/donate)

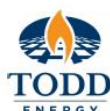
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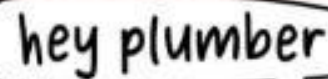


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MAUNU SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT – 25 JULY 2025

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# OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 19 August 2025

The school warmly invites prospective students and their parents to attend our Open Evening.

5:30 - 7:00pm

Prospective students and parents (of all year levels) are invited to the school's open evening 5:30pm in the school library. This will be a chance to tour the school and facilities, meet our teachers and discuss our learning programmes. Light refreshments will be provided.

For further information please contact the school office 432 2643  
Email: [general@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:general@tauraroa.school.nz)



Our School Vision - "to be the best that we can be."  
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Address: Onama Road, Maungakarema 0178

## MAGNOLIA GARDENS Fundraiser Open Days

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### Citrus For The South

AUG 10 2025 | SUN | 8:30AM - 2:00PM

#### A COMBINED LIONS CLUB PROJECT

Lions Clubs are asking residents of Whangarei & Districts to check out their citrus trees, in particular **Sweet Oranges & lemons** for fruit to send to the people of Christchurch, Dunedin & Clyde + Districts.

**SUNDAY 10th AUGUST 2025 - 8:30am to 2pm.**

**COLLECTION POINTS - Bring your freshly picked citrus to:**

1 - Trigg Sports Arena, City end of Park Ave, Kensington, Whangarei.

2 - The Maungatapere Hall - Contact: Royce Kokich, Mangakahia Lions - Ph. 027 883 9532

Mainfreight in Whangarei have again kindly agreed to pay for the shipment of banana boxes full of citrus from Whangarei to the South Island. Your gifts will be delivered to fruit, vege and food co-ops for distribution.

**Please contact us if you have any queries. We can arrange some picking.**

Terry Ward, [ward41@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ward41@xtra.co.nz), 435 0654

Gary Younger : [gary@northrentals.co.nz](mailto:gary@northrentals.co.nz) , 021 467 514

A popular Lions Clubs project supported by North Rentals Property Management.

**If YOU want some citrus, call in to collection area on the day.**



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## THE INCREDIBLE YEARS

Build confidence in your parenting

The Incredible Years is a **FREE 14-week group programme** for parents and caregivers with tamariki (children) aged **3 to 8 years old** with useful information on handling various parenting challenges.

**DATES:** 21 August - 4 December 2025\*

**TIME:** 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, every Thursday

**LOCATION:** Hope Church  
152 Kiripaka Road, Tikipuna, Whangārei

Visit [www.fwn.org.nz](http://www.fwn.org.nz) for more information

\*excluding school holidays

The programme consists of weekly sessions run by experienced Family Workers who are specially trained facilitators and covers key topics like:

- helping tamariki learn through play
- understanding the development of your tamariki
- using praise and encouragement to motivate tamariki
- setting clear limits and rules
- encouraging your tamariki to solve problems
- learning how to manage tantrums and various attitudes

To register, please contact: ☎ 09 437 6729 ✉ [admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz](mailto:admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz)



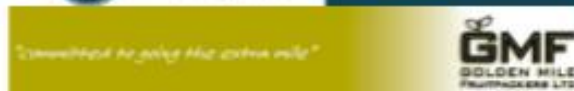
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