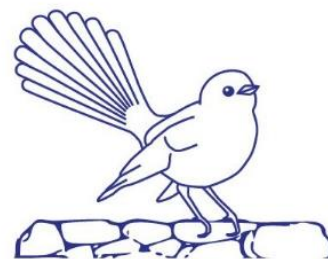


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

We are delighted to invite you to our **Art Exhibition which opens next Tuesday 9 September** - a truly special celebration of our tamariki, their learning, and their creativity.

Our overarching theme for 2025 has been Celebrating Northland. Throughout the year, our students have explored the treasures of Te Tai Tokerau through reading, writing, science, and social studies. They have discovered the richness of our environment, history, and culture – all while deepening their connection to this beautiful place we are so lucky to call home.

The Art Exhibition is the perfect opportunity for our tamariki to showcase this learning through the visual arts. Each piece of work tells a story: of discovery, of creativity, and of pride in our region. You will see their ideas come alive in vibrant colour, creative design, and thoughtful expression. We are immensely proud of the hard work, persistence, and imagination that has gone into these artworks, and we know you will be inspired.

Art has a special role in our school community. It nurtures creativity, encourages curiosity, and provides every child with a voice to share who they are and how they see the world. This exhibition is not only a display of talent, but also a celebration of identity, heritage, and community.

We warmly invite you to join us, and we encourage you to bring along your wider whānau and friends. Together, let's celebrate the incredible achievements of our young artists and enjoy an evening of pride, joy, and inspiration. This will be a memorable occasion for all.

Please mark your diaries – we can't wait to see you there!

Entry is by gold coin donation.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

9-11 Sep	Visual Arts Exhibition
10 Sep	Bot Election – Voting closes 4pm
15 Sep	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
19 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

6 Oct	First Day of Term 4
24 Oct	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
27 Oct	Labour Day – <u>School Closed</u>
7 Nov	Athletics Day
14 Nov	Friday Flicks – Save the date
19-21 Nov	Year 4 Camp
20 Nov	Mangakahia Kapa Haka Festival
27 Nov	Kapa Haka Celebration Evening
11 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
15 Dec	Junior and Senior Final Assemblies
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
2 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2026

Staff Only Day Reminder

In Week 10, on Monday 15th September, the school will be closed for a Staff Only Day. Our teaching team will be working together on the Refreshed Curriculum, with a particular focus on developing a structured approach to both Maths and Literacy. We are excited about the opportunities this professional learning will bring for our students.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton, Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

VALUES CUP WINNERS 22 AUGUST

Ryan – **Kowhai**
Israel – **Kauri**
Elisha – **Tawa**
Arna – **Rata**



CERTIFICATE WINNERS 22 AUGUST

ROOM 1	Addison Orr, Laykie Clyma
ROOM 2	Nowha Noushad, Zoe Cashmore, Aiden Abraham
ROOM 3	Sophie Platt, Chitra Shetty, Sam Jaise
ROOM 4	Kaea Humphreys, Will Tregonning, Evelyn Bibin
ROOM 5	Khetan Nandra, Edison Jithu, Caleb Leonard
ROOM 6	Ethan Wang, Ayden Alex, Elea Hunt
ROOM 9	Elvin Robin, Sshivada Makkatt Aneesh, Elisha Pau'u
ROOM 10	Emma Lombard, Jessica Nel, Elizabeth Dade
ROOM 11	Maddison Burke, Adwaith Renju, Esther Tibu
ROOM 12	Henry English Alexander, Ivaana Alex, Xaviera Sainty
ROOM 14	Jaillet Benito, Macee Anderson, Marlu Labuschagne
ROOM 15	Emma Reynolds, Ella Davis-Colley, Nell Bowles
ROOM 17	Rose Antony, Tyrell Johnson, Jac Chapman-Smith
ROOM 18	Rickman Sanger, Ceiba Koncsek, Hawaiki Dobson



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair during book week.

We earned \$860 in resources which will go into our School Library.



BOT ELECTIONS – VOTING CLOSES NEXT WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

There is still time for you to vote in our School Board election. We need 5 parent representatives to join the Maunu School Board. Schooled are our Returning Office for this election and have sent out voting instructions via email. Please take the time to vote - your voice is important!

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10 September.



LEARNING ABOUT NZ CURRICULUM REFRESH

1 Hour A Day!

Here at Maunu School, we are so excited to continue building a love for learning in your child, and a big part of that is celebrating the basics! You may have heard about the Ministry of Education's new "one hour a day" policy for teaching core skills, and we wanted to share what that looks like in our school.

We dedicate one hour each day to literacy and numeracy, but what's truly wonderful is how we weave these skills into everything else we do. It's not just a standalone lesson; it's a way of thinking that helps students connect their learning across all subjects. At Maunu School, we teach using the Science of Learning Pedagogy, ensuring that our teaching methods are grounded in how the brain learns best.

Our Structured Approach to Literacy and Numeracy

In Maths, we use a Structured Approach supported by PR1ME Maths. This framework ensures our students are taught with the required learning progressions for their year level. We go beyond just numbers, using Rich Tasks to encourage our students to engage in "maths talk," justify their reasoning, and develop strong problem-solving skills.

For literacy, we also follow a structured approach. We teach Better Start Literacy Approaches (BSLA) in the Junior Syndicate and iDeaL Structured Literacy in the Senior Syndicate. Alongside these, we engage our writers using Writer's Toolbox, which provides a consistent framework and set of tools for developing and expanding their ideas.

The Power of Integration

By integrating these essential skills throughout the day, we're helping your child build a strong, reliable foundation for all their learning.

- Reading stories isn't just about sounding out words; it helps your child understand new topics in science and social studies.
- Writing isn't only for creative stories; it's how students express their amazing ideas in art and technology.
- And maths isn't just about numbers; it's about the problem-solving skills they need for design projects and science experiments.

Our teachers use a variety of fun, engaging strategies like games, investigations, and collaborative projects to make sure these lessons are lively, purposeful, and connected to your child's world.

Our tamariki are in great hands, as our teachers have undertaken extensive Professional Learning and Development and are always striving to follow up-to-date best practices.

MOVE A THON

Our **Move A Thon** is happening in **Term 4, Week 3, on Thursday October 23rd**. We're calling on all students to get active, stay fit, and help us raise funds for our school!

This year, all the money we raise will go directly towards a new playground for our junior students and new sports equipment for the whole school. The current playground is in desperate need of an upgrade, and your support will make a real difference in creating a fun, safe space for our tamariki to play.



Exercise is an important part of our well-being. It's not just about keeping our bodies healthy, but our minds too. Just 10 minutes of moving can improve our mental health! By participating in the Move A Thon, your child will be a great example of the importance of an active lifestyle while helping to support our kura.

Sponsor sheets will be coming home soon. Please take the next few weeks to talk to friends and whānau and ask them to support your child's efforts.

Let's get moving for a great cause!

FRIDAY FLICKS IS BACK!

Get ready for an enchanting evening under the stars because **Friday Flicks is back!** Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 14th**, and get ready to create some incredible memories with our kids.

Last year's event was a huge success, and we can't wait to build on that as we bring our community together for a magical night of dinner, mingling, and a movie.

We need your help to make this night happen! We're looking for support in a few key areas:

- **Sponsors:** We're currently seeking sponsors to help us with the costs of the event.
- **Volunteers:** If you have a passion for planning and organizing, we'd love for you to join our team.
- **Donations:** Closer to the event, we will ask all children to bring an item for our raffle. We'll also be asking families to contribute home baking or produce for our cake stall.

A detailed flyer with more information will be sent home soon. It's a date you won't want to miss!

If you're able to help us get this event off the ground, please contact claire@maunu.school.nz

We truly appreciate your support in helping us create this special night for our children. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child, and we couldn't do it without you!



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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 1st 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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

KIDS RUGBY CAMP

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RUGBY CAMP FOR KIDS

24TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
245 WESTERN HILLS DRIVE, AVENUES, WHANGĀREI

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