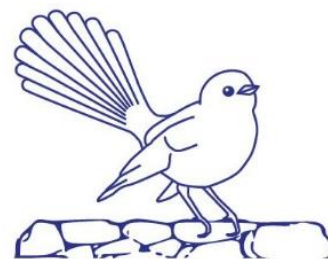


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

As we come to the end of Term 3, it is a wonderful time to pause and celebrate all that has been achieved so far this year. We are now three quarters of the way through 2025, and our tamariki continue

to make us proud with their effort, resilience, and growth.

For our Year 6 students, this marks a particularly special milestone. With just one term left at Maunu School, many of them will be reflecting on their learning journey, the friendships they have made and the achievements they have worked so hard for. Term 4 will be filled with opportunities to celebrate these memories while also preparing them for the next step in their schooling.

Term 4 is always a unique term in the school year. It is a time for reflection, for transitions, and for looking ahead. At Maunu School, we place a strong focus on supporting smooth transitions for all of our students. This includes carefully considering class placements for the year ahead.

If there is anything you feel we need to know that would support your child's social, emotional, or academic needs, please don't hesitate to share this with your child's classroom teacher or email me directly at claire@maunu.school.nz. This is not about requesting specific teachers or peers, but rather about helping us to understand the learning environment and teaching style that will best support your child to thrive.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

19 Sep	Paul Sumich Coffee Cart
19 Sep	Whole School Assembly – 2pm
19 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
6 Oct	First Day of Term 4
24 Oct	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
27 Oct	Labour Day – <u>School Closed</u>
29 Oct	Move-a-thon
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

Strike Action

We were notified on Tuesday that our NZEI Te Riu Roa Union members will be taking strike action on **Thursday 23 October**. Our teachers are passionate about our students and their learning. They are committed to providing the best possible education and want to ensure they have the resources and support they need to help every student reach their full potential. We understand this may cause inconvenience for your family and we appreciate your support and understanding. We will continue to keep you informed of any further updates.

Safe Drop Off & Pick Ups

The safety of our tamariki and wider school community is our highest priority. When dropping off or picking up your children, we ask that you take extra time and care. We know the design of the pull-in bays is not ideal and it can be difficult to back out into traffic. However, we have had far too many reported near misses where vehicles have reversed into oncoming cars or created unsafe situations.

Please always check carefully before backing out, move slowly, and remain aware that children can be unpredictable when exiting vehicles or crossing between cars. It only takes a moment of inattention for an accident to occur.

We want every child to arrive and leave school safely, but just as importantly, we want our whole community and whānau to feel safe and confident during drop-off and pick-up times. By working together, showing patience and putting safety first, we can create a calm and secure zone for everyone.

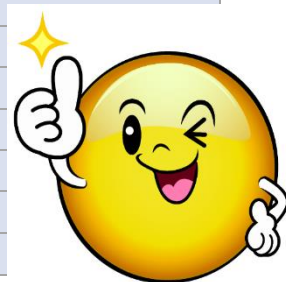
Thank you for doing your part to keep Maunu School a safe place for all.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton, Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 5 SEPTEMBER

ROOM 1	Essa Tibu, Anton Alex
ROOM 2	Sophie Jones, Alice Hubner, Avaleigh Rapana
ROOM 3	Lochy Steedman, Wolfe Anglesey, Liam Ragnat
ROOM 4	Jared Yeto, Aaria Lewis, Anvi Anandhu
ROOM 5	Annabelle Orr, Henry Hunter, Nixon Clement
ROOM 6	Noah Anglesey, Titus Tana, Richard King
ROOM 9	Charli Ryan, Frank English Alexander, Aloshy Aby
ROOM 10	Amelia Ulloa Salinas, Zariah Lejos, Lachlan Edwards
ROOM 11	Anya Pell, Anica Sanur
ROOM 12	Jase Webb, Emma Platt, Katia Stephenson
ROOM 14	Chirag Kaushik, Avemariya Nobi, Andrea Saji
ROOM 15	Blake Little, Grace He, Lincoln He
ROOM 17	Cameron Turton, Mandy Moyo, Israel Sudfelt
ROOM 18	-



BOOK BATTLE

Eight students from Maunu School competed in a Book Battle competition on Friday the 12th of September. They were required to read a range of books throughout the term, create quiz questions for their peers to answer and gain a greater knowledge of native birds. Each team walked away with some prizes that were sponsored by Scholastic Books and Weaver Food Group.



KIDS ARTWORKS CALENDAR ART

The children have been busy in class creating their amazing calendar art pieces. These will be ready for you to purchase online next term. A personalised note will be going home with the children early next term with all the details on how to place your orders.



BOT ELECTION RESULTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The logo for Schooled Election Pilot, featuring the word 'Schooled' in a small box above 'ELECTION PILOT' in large, bold letters, with a green circular icon containing a white 'P'.

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MAUNU SCHOOL PARENT BOARD ELECTION DECLARATION OF RESULTS

Name	Votes
Wong, Angela	135
Edmunds (Tauri), Susan	119
Bell, Karen	104
De Boer, Calvin	101
Thornton, Andy	91
Fowler, Johnny	64
Crosado, Pam	60
Koncsek, Elise	36

Invalid Votes 0

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Wong, Angela

Edmunds (Tauri), Susan

Bell, Karen

De Boer, Calvin

Thornton, Andy

Signed,
Schooled Limited,
Returning Officer

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all those who put their names forward for our recent Board of Trustees Election. We feel very fortunate to have had such a strong field of nominees, each bringing with them a wealth of knowledge, skills and expertise that reflects the depth of talent within our school community. It is a real testament to the commitment and passion of our whānau that so many were willing to offer their time and energy in support of Maunu School. We are also excited to have Cassandra Reyburn joining as our Staff Rep.

We extend a sincere thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to participate in the election process by casting their votes. Your involvement ensures that the Board truly reflects the voice of our community and we deeply appreciate the care and thought that went into your decision-making.

Together, these contributions strengthen the governance of our school and help ensure the very best outcomes for our tamariki.

BOARD FAREWELLS

At Maunu School, we are truly blessed to have such incredible whānau standing alongside us over the years, giving so generously of their time, wisdom and service to our kura and the wider community through their contribution to the Board of Trustees. The role of governance is one that often happens quietly in the background, yet its impact is immense. The dedication, commitment and heart that our Board members have given to Maunu School cannot be measured.

A simple "thank you" never feels quite enough when we reflect on the countless hours, thoughtful decisions, and unwavering support our members have poured into ensuring our tamariki and staff thrive. They have guided us through challenges and celebrated our successes, always keeping the needs of our children at the centre. Their voice, support and the wealth of knowledge and expertise each and every member has brought to the table has been invaluable.

Most importantly, they have led with aroha. They have wrapped their arms around our school, our people and our vision, ensuring Maunu School continues to grow as a place where tamariki feel proud, safe and inspired to learn. We are deeply grateful for everything they have given and we hold their contributions with immense respect.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we farewell the following Board of Trustees Members

Todd Leathem	2016 - 2025
Alison Manson	2018 - 2025
Rachel Wright	2020 - 2025
Courtney de Boer	2023 - 2025
Charlotte Smith	2022 - 2025
Sijoy Alex	2024 - 2025
Pam Crosado	2024 - 2025

MOVE-A-THON

On Wednesday 29th October Maunu School is holding a Move-a-thon to raise funds for a new Junior Playground. The current playground is in urgent need of an upgrade and improvements. All students will be involved in a range of different physical activities and games for a period of two hours. The Student Council will be involved with running the different stations, while the classes move around.

We are asking parents, whānau, neighbours, and friends for support by sponsoring our students to be physically active for the two hour period. All students are bringing



home a sponsorship form today and we ask that with parent support, students can collect sponsorship.

All sponsorship forms and money collected need to be returned to the school office by Friday 7th November.

All forms need to be returned to the office whether any money has been collected or not.

We thank you in anticipation for your support.

MAUNU'S GOT TALENT

Maunu's Got Talent 2025 – Get Ready to Shine!

Maunu's Got Talent is always one of the most anticipated highlights on our school calendar. It's a chance for our tamariki to take the stage, share their gifts and celebrate the joy of performance. This special event was first introduced by the much-loved Lillian Leathem and it continues to hold a treasured place in our school's story.

We are so fortunate to have the ongoing support of Pak'nSave Whangarei, who have always been incredible advocates for helping our students believe in themselves and express their creativity through the arts. Their commitment to empowering our tamariki makes this event truly sparkle.



Who can enter?

Open to all **Year 4, 5 & 6 students**

Students can perform as individuals or in groups

Each student may enter only one item

How to register?

We kicked things off with a launch meeting on Tuesday 16th September, and now it's time to sign up!

Pick up and return a registration form to the Office by Friday 19th September

OR complete the electronic registration form by Friday 26th September (scan the QR code to access it).



Spare registration letters are available from the Office if you need one.

Audition Details

1st Round of Auditions: Thursday 9th October (Week 1, Term 4)

Practice Opportunities: Students who register will meet with Mrs Turton on Monday 6th October, with time to rehearse on stage and use the microphones on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th October.

This is your chance to sing, dance, act, play music, or showcase any unique talent you're proud of. Whether you're performing solo or with friends, this is about confidence, creativity, and celebrating YOU!

We can't wait to see the amazing talent that will light up the Maunu stage this year.

TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

This week our kura has been celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, a special time where we join the rest of Aotearoa in recognising and uplifting Te Reo Māori. As a nation, we are encouraged to grow our confidence, strengthen our voices and keep Te Reo alive in our everyday lives.

This year, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. It began as a single Māori Language Day in 1972, grew to a week in 1974 and by 1975 it was firmly established.

This year's theme is *ake, ake, ake – a forever language*. At school, tamariki have enjoyed a colouring-in competition and taken part in daily Te Reo Challenges designed to spark conversation, build vocabulary and normalise the use of Te Reo Māori in fun and meaningful ways. It has been wonderful to see students and staff embracing these challenges and encouraging each other to give new words and phrases a go.

Kia kaha te reo Māori - ake, ake, ake!



ART EXHIBITION – CELEBRATING NORTHLAND

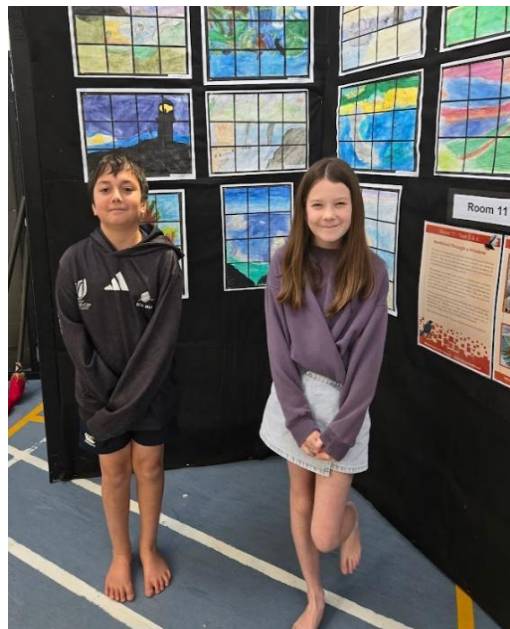
On Thursday we closed the doors on our Art Exhibition and what an incredible journey it has been. This exhibition was so much more than a gallery of student artwork. It was a celebration of learning across the year, a celebration of our whenua – this beautiful place we are privileged to call home and, most importantly, a celebration of our tamariki who poured their creativity, courage, and pride into every piece on display.

Our students should feel so proud of what they have created. Every painting, sculpture, weaving, and design told a story of their thinking, their uniqueness and their voice. Walking through the exhibition, it was impossible not to feel the magic: the pride in their eyes, the joy in their explanations, and the sense of achievement that filled the hall.

Behind this success lies a huge team effort. Saying “thank you” never feels enough. Each and every one of our team helped gift our tamariki an experience they will never forget. They felt celebrated, proud, and inspired – and that is the true legacy of this exhibition.

I am reminded of this whakataukī: **“Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu.”**

Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly. Our team adorned our tamariki with the feathers of creativity, confidence, and pride and because of that, they soar.



WPSSA CROSS COUNTRY

On August the 27th, Mrs Dawson took close to 50 students to Barge Park to represent Maunu School at the WPSSA cross Country Champs. Despite the rain and the mud all our students performed amazingly well and did our school very proud. Most races had upwards of 150 students in them and some more than 200 students per race. The majority of our students placed in the top half of the field and we had a number of top 50 finishes.

Four of our students reached the top ten in their races and received awards from WPSSA for their efforts as follows.

10 year old boys - 6th place - Nixon Hood, 9 year old boys - 2nd place - William Hardwick, 7th Place - Charlie Green and 9 year old Girls - 7th place - Holly Harrison. A huge congratulations to these talented students. We are very proud of you all for displaying your five feather values on the day and coping with all the mud!



LEARNING ABOUT NZ CURRICULUM REFRESH

NZ Curriculum Refresh – Focus on Maths

During our Teacher Only Day on **Monday 15th September**, our teaching team focused on the *Structured Approach to Maths* as part of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. One key area we explored in depth was the importance of **Maths Talk** in the classroom.

Maths Talk is about far more than simply answering a question – it encourages children to explain their thinking, listen to others, challenge ideas respectfully and refine their understanding. It is a vital part of helping tamariki become confident and articulate mathematical thinkers.

We unpacked the **Maths Talk Poster**, a resource designed to enhance mathematical and statistical communication. This poster provides prompts that help improve the quality of classroom conversations.

Some examples of these discussion starters include:

- **Explain and Justify:** "I think ... because ..."
- **Say More:** "Tell me more about ..." / "How or why did you ...?"
- **Different Viewpoints:** "I (dis)agree with ... because ..."
- **Revoice or Repeat:** "Are you saying that ...?"
- **Reflect and Revise:** "I changed my mind because ..." / "A different way is ..."
- **Add On:** "To build on that ..." / "To support that ..."

These prompts act as scaffolds for all students, helping them to actively listen, think critically and engage meaningfully with mathematical ideas and with one another.

The Investigation Cycle in Maths

We also explored how **the investigation cycle** fits across all types of mathematics lessons. Investigations may involve:

- **Short tasks** – such as a problem-solving activity that introduces and motivates a new concept.
- **Rich tasks within a lesson** – encouraging students to apply concepts, procedures, and processes in new situations.
- **Extended tasks** – complex problems that span several lessons or weeks, allowing students to dig deeper.

Examples of rich tasks might include:

- **Real-world contexts:** e.g., designing a container to hold popcorn.
- **Mathematical explorations:** e.g., investigating the properties of magic triangles.

These types of tasks help students connect with what they already know while building their understanding of new mathematical concepts.

• Supporting Positive Relationships with Maths

At Maunu School, we want all tamariki to feel confident and positive about maths. To support this, our teachers are making sure tasks are:

- **Low floor, high ceiling** – accessible to all learners, but with the potential to extend thinking.
- **Supportive of persistence** – with prompts and scaffolds that encourage students to keep trying.
- **Success-focused** – giving every child opportunities to experience achievement.

Through the refreshed curriculum, our goal is to ensure that all learners see themselves as capable mathematicians – able to explore, explain, and engage with maths in ways that are meaningful and enjoyable.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

TE WHATU ORA MESSAGE – SCABIES

Te Whatu Ora has notified that there has been an increase in the incidence of scabies in Northland. Please follow the link and if you have any questions, call Healthline 0800 611 116 or talk to your pharmacist or doctor. <https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/skin/scabies>

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Te Mahau
Term 4 2025

Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

**WHANGĀREI
BREAM BAY & KAIPARA**

**Do you have concerns
about your child?**

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 4 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 9 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 15 th Oct	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 16 th Oct	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 29 th Oct	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 30 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 5 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.

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LIFE EDUCATION WHANGAREI

Inspiring tamariki and rangatahi to make positive choices for their health and wellbeing.

ANNUAL DUCK RACE

Sunday 12th October. Racing starts at 2pm!
Hihiaua Park, Waiarohia Stream

Come and visit our stall at the Whangarei Maritime Festival.

\$5 PER DUCK **\$200 CORPORATE DUCKS**

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places. Plus spot prizes.
Corporate race prize is a morning tea shout!

Scan the QR code to buy your duck online!

**WHANGĀREI
2025 MARITIME
FESTIVAL** 11-12 OCT

LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold

Adopt your Duck at duckracewhg.co.nz

THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHT FOR KIDS 7 - 10 YEARS OLD MULTI SPORT DAY

Give your child the best day of the holidays with our action packed multi-sport day! Using the Teaching Games For Understanding (TGfU) approach, kids will learn through play. We'll explore a wide range of sports and activities that build teamwork, problem solving and game sense. It's a high energy, screen-free day, where kids develop new skills, boost confidence and most importantly - have heaps of fun!

FACILITATED BY:

Grant Harrison
30 years with Sport Northland, Northland Volleyball

Hayley Taylor
25 years teaching PE and Outdoor Education, multi sport coach

WHEN: Tuesday 30th September
TIME: 9am - 3.30pm
WHERE: WGHS gyms
COST: \$40 per child

All proceeds support fundraising for WGHS Volleyball team

To register email: hayleybethtaylor@gmail.com

RELOVE RECYCLE KIDS MARKET

Whangarei's Community Baby & Kids Market

**DISCOVER NEW TREASURES,
SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES!**

**Sunday Oct 19th 2025
10.30AM-1.30PM**

Declutter and Earn!

Is your home filled with outgrown children's clothing, toys, and gear? Reserve a table at our upcoming market and transform your gently loved items into extra income.

Book your table today—spaces are limited!

Email: rrkidsmarket@gmail.com

Shop & Discover

Find kids' clothing, toys, books, and gear at all price ranges— from budget-friendly to designer finds. Join us and uncover your next treasure!

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