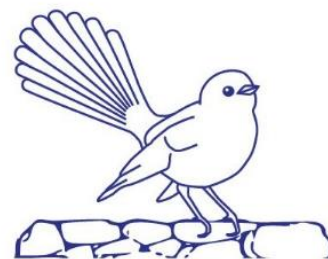


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4!
It has been wonderful to see our students return with such enthusiasm and passion for their learning. There's a real sense of excitement in the air as we head into this final term of the year.

Family Fun at Friday Flicks!

One event I'm especially thrilled to highlight is our **Friday Flicks on the Field** - a very special community evening happening on **Friday 14th November**.

This is set to be a truly magical night for our Maunu whānau and wider community. From **4:30pm**, you can come down to school, grab some delicious baking from our bake sale, purchase raffle tickets, and enjoy a tasty dinner from one of the food trucks that will be surrounding the field. As the sun sets, settle in with your blankets and beanbags in front of the **large outdoor screen** for a Family Favourite – Home Alone!

This much-loved Christmas classic is filled with laughter and festive cheer, following eight years old Kevin McCallister as he creatively defends his home from two comically clumsy burglars after being left behind when his family goes on holiday. It's the prefect way to kick off the Christmas season together.

How can you help make this event a success?

- **Save the date** – Friday 14th November.
- **Purchase your tickets** – available from next week through **KINDO**, or door sales on the night.
- **Volunteer your time** – we'd love help with setting up, packing down, or supporting on the night.
- **Become a Sponsor** – Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum options available (see the attached sponsor letter or email me at **claire@maunu.school.nz**).
- **Send in donations** – raffle items, home baking, plants, or produce for our market stalls.

This evening is not just for our Maunu School whānau so please invite your friends, neighbours, and extended family to join in the fun and see what makes our school community so special.

It truly takes a village, and every bit of help adds up to create something memorable for our tamariki and community. Let's make **Friday Flicks on the Field** a night to remember!

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

23 Oct	NZEI Strike Action – <u>School Closed</u>
24 Oct	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
27 Oct	Labour Day – <u>School Closed</u>
29 Oct	Move-a-thon
31 Oct	Junior Sprints (Y0-2)
7 Nov	Athletics Day
12 Nov	Zone Athletics (Y5/6)
13 Nov	Whangarei Primary Kapa Haka Festival
14 Nov	Friday Flicks – Save the date
19-21 Nov	Year 4 Camp
20 Nov	Mangakahia Kapa Haka Festival
26 Nov	WPSSA Athletics (Y5/6)
27 Nov	Kapa Haka Celebration Evening
11 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
15 Dec	Junior Assembly 9.30-10.30am Senior Assembly 11.30-12.50pm
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – 2pm

Backing Our Schools and Our Tamariki

The Maunu School Board of Trustees has been notified by NZEI that union members intend to strike next Thursday, **23rd October**. Teachers across Aotearoa will be taking part in **NZEI Industrial Action**. While **Maunu School will be closed for instruction on this day**, we will remain **open for supervision**. If you are an **essential worker** and have **no other childcare options**, please complete the [Google Form attached](#) no later than 5pm, Tuesday 21st October. Please note Maunu Educare, (After School Care) will **NOT** be open on this day.

At its heart, it's about protecting the quality of education for our tamariki and ensuring that teaching remains a profession that people *want* to enter and *choose* to stay in. Teaching is a vocation. Every teacher I know gives their heart and energy to their students - often long after the bell has rung. However, the demands on teachers have increased significantly over recent years. New proposed rules around additional "call back" days, for example, add to an already full workload and take away valuable personal and family time. Combined with growing administrative requirements, evolving curriculum expectations, and professional learning demands, these pressures are stretching teachers thin.

We are also seeing more children beginning school who are not yet "school ready." Many present with neurodiversity, additional learning needs, or complex behaviour that requires time, planning, and support. Our teachers approach this with compassion and skill, but the resources to meet these needs have not grown at the same pace. Despite this, they continue to show up every day, nurturing, inspiring, and guiding our tamariki because they believe deeply in the power of education and the potential of every child.

We also understand that families face increasing pressures, with both parents often working and less time available to contribute to school life. The "village" that once surrounded our schools has become harder to sustain. But now, more than ever, we need to stand together in partnership - school, whānau, and community, to ensure our tamariki receive the very best. At Maunu School, we are immensely proud of our teaching team. Their dedication goes far beyond lessons; it's about shaping confident, compassionate, capable young people who will contribute meaningfully to their world.

As the NZEI action takes place next week, I ask that we hold empathy at the centre, for our teachers, for our tamariki, and for the bigger picture of what keeps our education system strong. Supporting our teachers means supporting our children.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton, Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 19 SEPTEMBER

ROOM 1	-
ROOM 2	Kobe Berghan, Celine Hsu, Leo Brown
ROOM 3	Amelia Joseph, Journi Maioha
ROOM 4	Emma de Klerk, Mayah Walker, Rico Wendt
ROOM 5	Khetan Nandra, Edison Jithu, Caleb Leonard
ROOM 6	Maia Rapana, Kauri Foy, Amelia McCarrison
ROOM 9	Harriet Groome, Gurshaan Singh, Jayden Gardner
ROOM 10	Esme Mabey, Finn Ellery, Conroy Higgison
ROOM 11	Jesse Barnard, Indie Gardner, Hazel Hati
ROOM 12	Isla Barnes, Kelsey Sumich, Saige Ritchie-Warren
ROOM 14	Edmund Coffey, Xavier Harnett, Tricia Lai
ROOM 15	Eddie Wong, Olive Mitchell, Lachie Bell
ROOM 17	Maz Fannin, Ethan Wong, James Riley
ROOM 18	Kari Powell, Kelly-Ann Slater, Bonnie Stewart



VALUES CUP WINNERS 19 SEPTEMBER



Kowhai – Patrick

Rata – Maz

Tawa – Caleb



TE REO CHALLENGE WINNERS TERM 3



Eilis, Isla, Austin, Azahlia, Caleb and Kaea



KIDS ARTWORKS CALENDAR ART

Calendar art order forms will be coming home with children over the next week. We will send out an electronic notification to let you know when these are coming home as each child will have their own personalised note.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 is now available from the library. Orders need to be in by **Wednesday 22nd October**, either by cash to the School Office or via Credit/Debit Card online at **[scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)**

SPARE CLOTHING WANTED FOR THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE

Our junior classes are running low on spare clothing. We would really appreciate any **donations of shorts, skirts, tights, or long pants** to keep in our classroom supply. If you have any spares your child has outgrown (sizes 4 to 7), please drop them off at the **school office**.

Thank you for your support and kindness!



MAUNU'S GOT TALENT

Last week, approximately forty students took to the stage to audition for the first round of **Maunu's Got Talent**. This event is always a highlight of our school year, as we get to witness our tamariki stepping outside their comfort zones, taking risks, and showcasing their incredible talents.

What an amazing display of creativity and confidence we saw - from musicians and singers to dancers and comedians. We are immensely proud of each and every student who auditioned; they should all take great pride in their efforts and successes.

Our judges had the very difficult task of selecting a **Top Ten**, representing a wonderful variety of acts. These talented finalists will perform again next **Tuesday, 21st October**, in front of the judges and an audience. We look forward to seeing them shine once more!



Selected students will also be invited to perform at our upcoming **Friday Flicks on the Field** event, as well as at special **end-of-year celebrations**.

Ngā mihi nui to all our brave and talented performers, you make Maunu School proud!

Congratulations to our Top Ten performing next week: Holly, Leo, Eddie, Andrea, Caleb and Millie, Khanh An, Ivaana, Jaqueline and Esther, Jessica, Hazel, Esme and Olivia.

MOVE-A-THON

On Wednesday 29th October we will all be moving, as we are having our Maunu Move-a-thon. Maunu School is currently raising money to replace our Junior Playground, and we are asking students to ask for support by getting sponsors for being physically active over a two hour period. There will be fourteen stations, and classes will be moving around the stations participating in a variety of games and activities. Please support your child, and our school, by sponsoring your child. Any amount is very much appreciated as we work towards our goal of a new and improved Junior Playground.



KAPA HAKA

WHANGAREI MARITIME FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

Saturday morning arrived and it was a beautiful day, ideal for our Tuakana Kapa Haka Rōpū to perform at the Whangarei Maritime Festival. We were the opening act and they really set the scene. All the students performed with pride, passion and skill with an outstanding performance. An outside performance is always more difficult but their voices rang out through the very appreciative crowd. The boys performed a fierce haka with huge passion. The organiser of the event was very impressed and grateful for the time, effort and attitude of our students. We can all be very proud of them. A huge thanks goes out to Lee and Reo, our Kapa Haka tutors. They bring a new level of expertise which helps our students to excel. We can't wait until our next performance!



NZ REFRESH – SUPPORTING SMOOTH TRANSITIONS

At Maunu School, we place great importance on ensuring that every child's transition into our kura is smooth, supported, and positive. Relationships come first, with the child firmly at the centre of the partnership between teachers and parents.

This focus reflects the refreshed **New Zealand Curriculum (Te Mātaiaho)**, which places **ākonga at the heart of learning** and highlights the importance of **whanaungatanga (relationships)** and **manaakitanga (care and respect)** as foundations for effective pedagogy. When relationships are strong and reciprocal, children experience a genuine sense of belonging - an essential condition for wellbeing and learning.

Current research into transitions (Education Review Office, 2021; Peters, 2010) emphasises that children are more likely to experience success when there is continuity between home and school, and when teachers intentionally build on each child's prior knowledge, identity, language, and culture. This aligns with our approach at Maunu School, where **partnerships with whānau** ensure that each child feels seen, valued, and celebrated for their unique strengths.

By working together, we create an environment where our tamariki feel confident, connected, and ready to thrive. Smooth and supported transitions are not simply a process of starting school - they are the beginning of each child's lifelong learning journey, grounded in trust, care, and strong relationships.

Please look out for more information in the next few weeks about transition support and classes for 2026.

COMMUNITY NEWS

[IN-CONFIDENCE - RELEASE EXTERNAL]

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 6 to 9
Wed 12 th Nov	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thur 20 th Nov	Hikurangi School, 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi	
Wed 26 th Nov	St John Ōtāmatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurdall St East, Maungaturoto	
Wed 26 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 3 rd Dec	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 11 th Dec	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	

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**.

ENTRY FREE

**RELOVE RECYCLE
KIDS MARKET**

Whangarei's Exclusive Seasonal Baby + Kids Market
35+ Stalls Featuring Gently Loved Baby & Kids Treasures.
Sausage Sizzle raising funds for Maunu School. Trains will be running at Heritage Park

SUNDAY 19TH OCT
10.30AM - 1.30PM

Face Painting and Local Food Vendors

- The Viral Elote Cartel
- Wayans Balinese
- Little Foodie
- The Strawberry Lady
- Pa Boots Coffee Truck
- Smoldering Hog
- Hungarian Kai
- Taco Bandit
- Authentic Flavours

Maunu Primary School, Whangarei