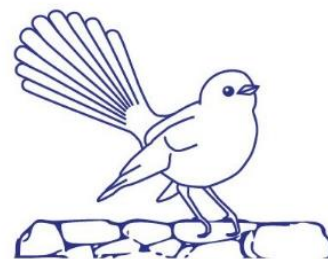


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau,

Family Fun at Friday Flicks!

Raffle: Thank you so much to all the whānau who have already sent items into school for our raffle. If you're still wondering what to contribute, we're collecting non-perishable items to create Christmas hampers. As we know, Christmas can be an expensive time of year, so we're hoping to fill each hamper with festive treats such as tins, drinks, crackers, and snacks. You might also like to include Christmas crackers, napkins, or decorations - all contributions are greatly appreciated!

If you have other great ideas for raffle items, please let us know - we'd love to add them to the list.

Cake Bake sale: On Thursday 7th November, a cake box will come home with each family. Please either bake something in the week leading up to Friday 14th November, or send along homemade produce such as jams, chutneys, plants, or fruit instead. These can be brought to school on Friday 14th, or dropped off after school that day.

Our Bake Sale and Produce Stall will open from 4.30pm, and you're welcome to purchase a cake early, we'll happily put it aside with your name on it for collection as you leave the event.

 Tickets are on sale now via MyKindo or can be purchased at the gate on the night.

Bring your whānau, invite friends, and make an evening of it - enjoy Christmas festivities, a movie under the stars, and delicious food from our food trucks and stalls. It's a fabulous way to support our tamariki and fundraise for our new playground, while spending a great night together as a community.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with Friday Flicks. If you can spare just an hour, it would make a huge difference! Please use the [Google Form link](#) to contact Angela Wong or Petrina Platt, who are coordinating our volunteer team. 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

31 Oct	Junior Sprints (Yr 0-2)
7 Nov	Athletics Day
10-14 Nov	Life Education Caravan on site For Yr 0-3
12 Nov	Zone Athletics (Yr5/6)
13 Nov	Whangarei Primary Kapa Haka Festival Yr 4,5,6
14 Nov	Friday Flicks – Save the date
19-21 Nov	Year 4 Camp
20 Nov	Mangakahia Kapa Haka Festival Yr 2,3,5,6
26 Nov	WPSSA Athletics (Yr5/6)
27 Nov	Kapa Haka Celebration Evening
2 Dec	Board Meeting
11 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
12 Dec	Senior Fun Day
15 Dec	Final Assemblies Junior Assembly 9.30-10.30am Senior Assembly 11.30-12.50pm
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 -Finishing @ 2pm

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT on THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

As you are aware, school was closed for instruction on 23 October due to nationwide industrial action led by NZEI Te Riu Roa. While we remained open for supervision, just nine students attended. We acknowledge that this caused disruption for many families, particularly in a week where we also had a Teacher Only Day scheduled on Friday 24 October. We sincerely thank our whānau for their continued understanding and support.

To provide context, this industrial action reflected a range of sector-wide concerns currently being discussed within education. These include:

1. Pace and Frequency of Curriculum Change

Last week marked the release of a third revised version of the New Zealand Curriculum in as many years. Each new version has required schools to invest significant time in learning, planning, and adapting teaching approaches. Across the country, teachers have devoted many professional learning hours and Teacher Only Days to this work. The pace of change has presented challenges for schools in ensuring consistency and clarity while maintaining a strong focus on teaching and learning for students.

2. Funding and Resourcing for Diverse Learners

Schools nationally are seeing increasing complexity in student needs. At the same time, funding and resourcing for learning support has not always kept pace with this demand. This has placed added pressure on classroom teachers and support staff, who work tirelessly to ensure every child's needs are met.

3. Workforce Sustainability

Like many sectors, education is experiencing recruitment and retention challenges. Fewer people are entering the profession, and relief staff are increasingly difficult to find. This can affect stability and continuity of learning for students and places additional workload pressures on existing staff.

The decision to participate in industrial action is not made lightly. Staff across the country took this step to highlight the need for:

- Sustainable, well-planned curriculum implementation
- Fair recognition of the responsibilities carried by teachers
- Adequate resourcing to support all learners
- A stable, future-focused education system

Acknowledgement to Whānau and Community- We fully recognise that these actions impact families, and we are deeply appreciative of your understanding and patience. Our staff remain dedicated to providing the best possible education and care for our tamariki. Together, we continue to focus on nurturing confident, capable learners and maintaining a strong, connected school community.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2026

We are now in a position to share our Teaching Team for 2026.

As many of you know, both Olivia Paxton and Catherine Wiechern have been on Parental Leave from Term 2, 2025. We sincerely thank Nikola Franicevich and Jo Dawson, who have stepped into their classes in Rooms 11 and 12 during Terms 2, 3, and 4 to support our tamariki. We also acknowledge the additional contribution Jo has made in leading sports across the syndicate and supporting our whole-school House Competitions - her leadership has been much appreciated. Olivia Paxton has made the decision not to return to full-time teaching in 2026. We wish Olivia, Kyle, Zion, and Shiloh all the very best as they focus on family and achieving a healthy work-life balance. We look forward to welcoming Catherine Wiechern back to Room 11 in Term 2. We would also like to celebrate some exciting appointments for 2026:

- Sandi King will continue in the New Entrant / Year 1 role alongside Jenny Canty.
- Clasina Botha will be joining our Year 2 / 3 teaching team, allowing us to increase teacher numbers at this level and keep class sizes smaller to best support our tamariki.
- Cassandra Reyburn will be teaching a Year 5 & 6 class in Room 16. This class will be made up of the current Year 5 students in Rm 12 as well as other students transitioning into Year 5.
- We are delighted to welcome Olivia Huys into her first full-time teaching position in Year 4. Olivia is a past Maunu School pupil who has been training as a teacher for the past three years. She completed her practicum here alongside Alana Fromont and has recently taught with us under a Limited Authority to Teach during Term 4, 2024, alongside Jeni Walsh. Olivia brings great passion, enthusiasm, and energy to her teaching, and we are thrilled to have her join the team in 2026.
- We also warmly welcome and thank Katie Bassett-Allen, who will continue in the Year 5 & 6 teaching team and teach Room 11 in Term 1 before Catherine's return.

We are very proud of the strong and capable team we have for 2026. The continuity of relationships and the calibre of our teachers will ensure that our tamariki continue to thrive both academically and socially.

Whānau with children currently in Year 2 and Year 5 will receive a separate email about class placements for 2026. Please complete the Google Form by Friday 7th November to help us with planning.

Senior Team	
Syndicate Lead Year 5/6 Teacher Room 16	Cassandra Reyburn
Year 5/6 Teacher Room 11	Katie Bassett-Allen Term 1 Whaea Catherine Terms 2 - 4
Year 5/6 Teacher Room 14	Kendra Bradley
Year 5/6 Teacher Room 15	Andi Watts
Year 4 Room 9	Olivia Huys
Year 4 Room 10	Emer Quinn
Junior Team	
Syndicate Lead Year 2/3 Teacher Room 6	Nadine Nicholas

Year 2/3 Teacher Room 5	Sharon Stainton
Year 2/3 Teacher Room 7	Clasina Botha
Year 2/3 Teacher Room 17	Alana Fromont
Year 2/3 Teacher Room 18	Megan Rodgers
Transition to School Lead Teacher NE / Year 1 Teacher Room 3	Jenny Canty
NE / Year 1 Teacher Room 4	Sandi King

NZ REFRESH

The Refreshed National Curriculum

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-6 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-8 required to be used	English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-10 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-10 required to be used All learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks available. Encouraged use of all Year 9 content	Full curriculum required to be used for Years 9-10 For Years 0-8 use requirements are extended to include Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora	All Years 0-11 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used	All Years 0-12 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used	All Years 0-13 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used
English 0-6 Te Reo Rangatira 0-6	English 0-10 Te Reo Rangatira 0-10	English 0-10 Te Reo Rangatira 0-10	English 0-11 Te Reo Rangatira 0-11	English 0-12 Te Reo Rangatira 0-12	English 0-13 Te Reo Rangatira 0-13
Mathematics and Statistics 0-8	Mathematics and Statistics 0-10	Mathematics and Statistics 0-10	Mathematics and Statistics 0-11	Mathematics and Statistics 0-12	Mathematics and Statistics 0-13
Pāngarau 0-8	Pāngarau 0-10	Pāngarau 0-10	Pāngarau 0-11	Pāngarau 0-12	Pāngarau 0-13
		Science 0-10 Pūtaiao 0-10	Science 0-11 Pūtaiao 0-11	Science 0-12 Pūtaiao 0-12	Science 0-13 Pūtaiao 0-13
		Social Sciences 0-10	Social Sciences 0-11	Social Sciences 0-12	Social Sciences 0-13
		Te Ao Māori 0-10	Te Ao Māori 0-11	Te Ao Māori 0-12	Te Ao Māori 0-13
		Health & Physical Education 0-10	Health & Physical Education 0-11	Health & Physical Education 0-12	Health & Physical Education 0-13
		Waiora 0-10	Waiora 0-11	Waiora 0-12	Waiora 0-13
		The Arts 9-10	The Arts 0-11	The Arts 0-12	The Arts 0-13
		Toi Ihiihi 9-10	Toi Ihiihi 0-11	Toi Ihiihi 0-12	Toi Ihiihi 0-13
		Technology 9-10	Technology 0-11	Technology 0-12	Technology 0-13
		Hangarau 9-10	Hangarau 0-11	Hangarau 0-12	Hangarau 0-13
		Learning Languages 9-10	Learning Languages 0-11	Learning Languages 0-12	Learning Languages 0-13
		Ngā Reo 9-10	Ngā Reo 0-11	Ngā Reo 0-12	Ngā Reo 0-13
		Te Reo Pākehā 9-10	Te Reo Pākehā 0-11	Te Reo Pākehā 0-12	Te Reo Pākehā 0-13

Implementation of Years 0-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako

The remaining Years 0-10 curriculum implementation now has three stages over 2026, 2027 and 2028:

- **2026:** Years 0-10 English, Te Reo Rangatira, Mathematics and Statistics, and Pāngarau will be required for use from the start of 2026 for all state and state-integrated schools. These include assessment and aromatawai requirements.
- **2027:** Years 0-8 content for Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora will need to be used from Term 1, 2027.
- **2028:** Years 0-8 content for The Arts and Toi Ihiihi, Technology and Hāngarau, Learning Languages and Ngā Reo, and Te Reo Pākehā (Te Marautanga o Aotearoa only) will need to be used from Term 1, 2028.
- All Years 9-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako will need to be used from Term 1, 2027.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton, Principal

ESCALATING RISK OF MEASLES- UPDATE FOR SCHOOLS & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

- Watch out for [measles symptoms](#) - fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.
- To keep students home from school if they have any measles symptoms, and to stay home and ring their doctor, or call Healthline for FREE on 0800 611 116.
- Students who are close contacts of a measles case should stay at home if they are not considered immune. National Public Health Service will check this and advise.
- Check all whānau are immunised, and encourage them to catch up if not fully immunised or not sure: info.health.nz/measles-immunity.

For more information

- **Measles factsheet:** <https://healthed.govt.nz/collections/measles/products/measles-information-sheet-english-he5000>
- **Measles is here, social tile:** <https://healthed.govt.nz/collections/measles/products/measles-here-social-tile-nip9063-5>
- **Measles symptoms, social tile:** <https://healthed.govt.nz/collections/measles/products/measles-is-here-social-tile-nip9063-6>
- **Measles health information:** <http://info.health.nz/measles>

Thank you for your help in stopping the spread of measles and protecting those at risk.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 17 OCTOBER

ROOM 1	Addison Orr, Georgia McCarrison, Anton Alex
ROOM 2	Elijah Mills, Unique-Rose Pitman Neilson, Charlie Beilby
ROOM 3	Jimmy Chapman-Smith, Jake Harrison, Isla Osbourne
ROOM 4	Qaaniah Kippie, Finn Booth, Arthur Holt
ROOM 5	Hezekiah Sherwood, Riley Butler, Thea Davies-Colley,
ROOM 6	Kiaan Rana, Azahlia McKenzie, Brodie Steele
ROOM 9	Wyatt Rosewarne, Skylar Chamberlain, Abigail Peters-Koch
ROOM 10	Kaihi Poa, Daniel Bai, Olivia Tauri
ROOM 11	Anamika Sreejith, Hannah Walden
ROOM 12	Paul Lombard, Evania Arun, Heath Rosewarne
ROOM 14	Kian Pala, Amaia McQueen, Lilly O'Neill
ROOM 15	Kennedy Churches, Sapphire Ashby-Wiperi
ROOM 17	Elizarah Cassidy-Nelson, Alex Bell, Ryan Justin
ROOM 18	Hawaiki Dobson, Niya Jijo, Maria Antony



VALUES CUP WINNERS 17 OCTOBER



Kowhai – Unique-Rose

Rata – Mila

Tawa – Anvi

Kauri – Nixon



KIDS ARTWORKS CALENDAR ART



This is the chance to order your child's personalised art work made into Calendars, Diaries, and other memorabilia. Orders will be available online soon. 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.

MAUNU'S GOT TALENT

Maunu's Got Talent is always one of the most anticipated highlights on our school calendar! It's a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to take the stage, share their gifts, and celebrate the joy of performance.

Auditions took place on **Thursday 9 October**, followed by the **Top Ten Assembly on Tuesday 21 October**, where our finalists wowed the audience with their incredible talents.

This much-loved event was first introduced by **Lillian Leathem**, and it continues to hold a treasured place in our school's story. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of **Pak'nSave Whangārei**, who continue to champion creativity, confidence, and the arts at Maunu School. Their commitment helps make this event truly sparkle!

Congratulations to our talented winners:

- **Musician Category:** Khanh An
- **Dance Category:** Ivaana, Jaqueline & Ester
- **Miscellaneous Category:** Millie & Caleb
- **Singing Category:** Hazel

Overall Results:

1st – Hazel

2nd – Khanh An Ha

3rd – Millie & Caleb

4th – Ivaana, Jaqueline & Ester

We are incredibly proud of all our students who took part in **Maunu's Got Talent 2025**. Over the coming weeks, our Top Ten performers will be making special appearances at school events-keep an eye out for their performances as they share their amazing talents with the wider school community!

MOVE-A-THON

It was wonderful to see our tamariki getting active and having fun during our **Move-A-Thon** yesterday. At Maunu School, **Health and Wellbeing** are high priorities, and we regularly talk with our students about the importance of maintaining a balanced, healthy lifestyle.

Later this term, we look forward to welcoming the **Life Education Caravan**, which will work with our junior students to further support their knowledge and understanding of health and wellbeing.

During the Move-A-Thon, our children embraced the challenge of keeping their bodies moving for two solid hours! They rotated through a range of fun physical activities and games organised by our **Student Council**. Our student leaders did an outstanding job supporting the younger tamariki-**tuakana-teina** was well and truly alive at Maunu School!

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm and effort. A huge thank you to all our whānau for supporting this event by helping your children gather sponsors from friends and family.

Please remember to **return any cash and sponsor sheets by Friday 7th November**, or alternatively, **deposit funds directly into the PTA bank account. 12 3115-0116314-00**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Old mobile phones and tablets/iPads Collection.

As part of International E-Waste Day on the 14th October and NZ Recycling Week 20th - 26th October, we are collecting mobile phones and tablets/iPads in October.

Many of us have old mobile phones lying around that we no longer use. Instead of letting them gather dust, we can dispose of them in an eco-friendly way.

This is an opportunity to de-clutter while contributing to a more sustainable future!

We will collect these at the school office on your behalf & send off to the swapkit team.

If you wish to participate please drop these into the school office by 7 November.

Donate any old mobile phones or iPads/tablets and support Sustainable Coastlines



RE:mobile
make your next call - recycle



Whangārei's Emergency Services Family Fun Day is a **FREE** event on Sunday, 2nd November.

Showcasing our amazing Emergency Services and many other fantastic organisations that support the safety and wellbeing of all Northlanders.

Interactive displays, demonstrations, giveaways, BBQ and lots of fun for all ages!



**2 NOVEMBER
10AM - 1PM**

KENSINGTON PARK
WHANGĀREI

EMERGENCY SERVICES FAMILY FUN DAY

We want to prevent death and serious harm in our community by improving the wellbeing of us all ... And let Northlanders know what support networks are there for them - 24/7. Let's help each other ... bring the family down! We'll crank up the BBQ for the kids. And loads more fun, displays and giveaways.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

NZ Police | Blue Light | Hato Hone St John | Fire and Emergency NZ | Northern Rescue Helicopters
Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora | Manawa Ora Te Tai Tokerau | Cancer Society Northland
Northland Regional Council | Whangārei District Council | New Zealand Red Cross | Plunket
Northland Road Safety Trust | Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management | NRC Maritime
Coastguard Boating Education | Surf Life Saving | Northland Land Search and Rescue
Sport Northland WaterSafe and Water Safety NZ | PAK'nSAVE Whangārei | Bike Northland
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