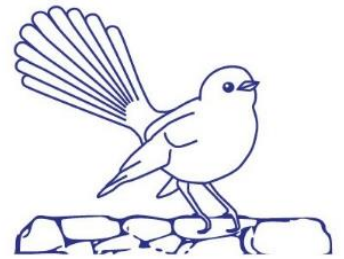


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau,

Kia ora e te whānau,

Across Aotearoa, our schools are shaped by relationships — between learners, whānau, staff, and our wider community.

At Maunu School, the foundation of these relationships is **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**. Guided by the principles of **Partnership**, **Protection** and **Participation**, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels seen, valued, and supported to succeed.

Honouring Te Tiriti at Maunu School is not about meeting a requirement — it is about who we are. It reflects our values, our commitment to relational trust, and our belief that children thrive when they feel proud of their identity.

We have worked over many years to weave mātauranga Māori, te reo Māori, and tikanga Māori authentically through our local curriculum. This enriches learning and strengthens a sense of belonging — allowing every child to see themselves reflected at school, and to feel confident in who they are.

Every child arrives at Maunu School with their own strengths, stories, and whakapapa. Our responsibility is to nurture them and make sure they know those strengths matter. This is not just good educational practice — it strengthens identity, builds confidence, and ensures every child can see themselves reflected in their learning. When our tamariki leave Maunu School, we want them to carry their identity with pride — knowing who they are, where they come from, and how they can contribute positively to their world.

Our curriculum continues to grow in its cultural responsiveness, and **we remain committed to reflecting the cultures, languages, and identities within our school**. We acknowledge we can always improve.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

	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

Every child needs to feel like they can see themselves in our curriculum, to shine and to have a sense of belonging.

Culture Responsiveness Consultation

We will be sending a community consultation around Cultural Responsiveness out in term one 2026 to collect your ideas. Your voice will help us shape the next steps.

While academic progress is important and something we work hard on, true achievement is broader. It includes character, confidence, and the ability to contribute positively to the world.

At Maunu School, we will continue to:

- Honour and uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in meaningful and authentic ways
- Work in partnership with whānau, iwi and our community
- Celebrate identity, culture and local stories through our curriculum
- Prioritise what is best for our tamariki — always

We are proud of our children, proud of our community, and proud of the values that guide us.

Thank you for walking alongside us, trusting us, and being active partners in your children's learning and growth.

He waka eke noa -we are all in this together.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Claire Turton

Principal - Maunu School

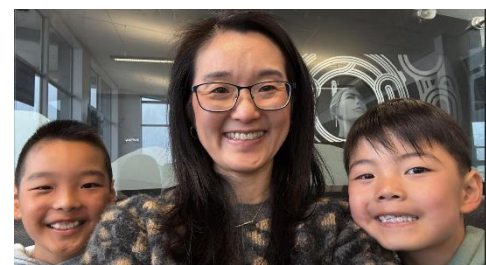
INTRODUCING OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I'm Susan Edmunds (also Tauri), mum to Liam in Year 6 and Olivia in Year 4. I'm a journalist at RNZ and this will be my second term on the board. Maunu School has been a wonderful environment for our kids. I hope during my time on the board I can support our excellent management staff to continue to provide an encouraging, nurturing environment for all students to be their best



Hi, I'm Karen Bell. I currently have three children at Maunu School, Lachlan (Year 6), Alex (Year 3), and Charlotte (Year 1). I am also a Director of Bridge Advisory Limited, a local accountancy firm. I look forward to continuing on the board as the treasurer, and working to enhance the future of our school.

Kia ora, I'm Angela Wong, I am a proud mum of Eddie (Year 6) and Ethan (Year 3) and a GP at Te Whareora O Tikipunga. I'm excited to join the Maunu School board and contribute to supporting the wellbeing and success of all our tamariki.





Hi, I'm Calvin de Boer. My wife Courtney and I have a daughter, Luca, who's in Year 3 at Maunu School and we also share life with Leo, our energetic Staffy.

I've spent my career in transport and logistics, and for the past four years I've worked at Health New Zealand as an Operations Service Manager - Transport, Accommodation, and Security. I bring practical, hands-on experience and a strong operational lens to everything I do. I have also previously volunteered for over a decade with the Fire Service and St John.

Outside of work, I enjoy time with my family, travel, AFL (go the Power), and anything with a serious engine... just not a Ford.

Hi I'm Andy, a full-time dad to Elliot (Year 2) and Max (starting 2026) and also part-time coach, eager to leverage my experience to ensure the wellbeing and continued success of our students and school.



Kia ora koutou,

My name is Cassandra Reyburn, and I feel very privileged to be representing our staff on the Maunu School Board of Trustees. I've been teaching back at Maunu School for nearly two years and currently lead the senior syndicate. It's been incredibly special to return to the kura where my teaching career first began.

I value building strong relationships with students, staff, and whānau, and I'm committed to ensuring that every child feels a strong sense of belonging at our kura. I'm passionate about fostering a positive, inclusive learning

environment where every learner feels valued and inspired to reach their potential.

I'm married to Brendon, and we have two adult children. Outside of school, I enjoy walking, spending time in nature, and travelling whenever I can. I'm really looking forward to contributing to the governance and continued success of our wonderful school, and to supporting the collective vision for Maunu School's future.

KIDS ARTWORKS CALENDAR ART

Orders close Monday 17th for your child's personalised art work made into Calendars, Diaries, and other memorabilia. If you have misplaced your child's personalised code please contact us in the office and we can give this to you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS Close Tuesday 18th.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 31 OCTOBER

ROOM 1	Maddie Ellery, Harry Steel, Lisali Gamlathge
ROOM 2	Eilis Brown, Parker Mason, Chris Joyce Christopher
ROOM 3	Sophie Platt, Zaydin Smith, Olivia Smith-Hodgson
ROOM 4	Aarcha Suresh, Eknoor Kaur, Eloise Jensen
ROOM 5	Julia Lewis, Chris John Christopher, Lachlan Bonar
ROOM 6	Ajooni Dhami, Alex Lancaster, Manaia-Jane Marsh
ROOM 9	Ruby Beilby, Eva Cartwright, Michael McNairn
ROOM 10	Annemieke Van Dyk, Blake Ruxton, Alexis Orr
ROOM 11	Baxter Williamson, Hannah Walden, Nillah Lloyd
ROOM 12	Edward Williams, Jaini Dave, Emma Platt
ROOM 14	Liam Tauri, Nixon Hood, Freya Pollard
ROOM 15	Jaqueline Vipin, Holly Harrison, Leo Edwards
ROOM 17	Isla O'Neill, Brooke Walden
ROOM 18	Myah Bourke, Kari Powell, Manaaki Connelly



VALUES CUP WINNERS 31 OCTOBER



Kowhai – Xavier
Rata – Kauri
Tawa – Kaea
Kauri - Isla



ATHLETICS DAY- CELEBRATING OUR TAMARIKI

What an incredible day we had together celebrating what it means to be Kiwi kids. The field was a sea of colour - a vibrant canopy of house T-shirts, sunblock, wide-brimmed hats, and endless smiles.

From the moment our tamariki stepped onto the field, they brought energy, determination, and a sense of fun that made the whole day shine.

Throughout each rotation, our children gave everything a go. Whether they were sprinting down the track, leaping into the long jump pit, or working as a team in field events, they showed courage, encouragement of others, and genuine joy in participating.

Their positive attitudes were contagious - cheering each other on, celebrating personal bests, and showing integrity and sportsmanship every step of the way.

We could not be prouder of each and every one of them. They represented their houses and our school values beautifully. No doubt there were some very tired children (and adults!) on Friday night - a sign of a full day lived well.

A huge thank you to Diana Hesketh and Jo Dawson for the excellent organisation and preparation behind the scenes. Thank you also to our dedicated teachers, teacher aides, and support staff who guided, encouraged, and celebrated every child throughout the day. And to our wonderful parent volunteers - thank you for giving your time, your support, and your cheers from the sideline. Your involvement makes days like this even more special.

It truly was a day where our tamariki shone — confident, capable, proud, and connected. Days like these remind us how lucky we are to learn, play, and grow together as a community.

Results & photos to follow in the next newsletter

FRIDAY FLICKS ON THE FIELD

Friday Flicks – Tomorrow Night!

We are so looking forward to seeing our Maunu community coming together for Friday Flicks tomorrow night! The weather forecast is looking great, and it's shaping up to be a fantastic evening for all.

Thank you for your generous support of this important school fundraiser — whether you've sent in a raffle item, contributed baking, plants, or produce, we truly appreciate your help.

Baking, Produce & Plant Donations

Please ensure all **baking is clearly labelled in the cake box with ingredients** and delivered to the Hall either before school or straight after school on Friday so we can price items ahead of the event.

Friday Flicks Reminders

Tickets

- If you purchased tickets through KINDO, these were sent home tonight – please check your child's bag.
- Tickets will also be available for purchase at the movie entrance.

Parking

- Please park on Pompallier's Field and walk through to our school field.
- The school carpark will be closed except for accessibility parking.
- Do not park on the grass down Austin Road, thank you for your cooperation.

Toilets

- We will have the Senior, Junior & Hall Toilets open

Event Details

- Start Time: 4.30pm
- Movie Starts: 6.15pm
- Location: Maunu School Field
- Bring a blanket and warm clothing to enjoy this festive outdoor movie under the stars.
- This is an alcohol free event
- All children need to be accompanied by an adult

What's On

In the Hall:

- Bake Sale
- Plant & Produce Stall
- Hair & Beauty Stall

Canteen:

- Sweet Treats & Refreshments
- Candy Floss, Slushies & Ice Blocks

Hall Verandah:

- Amazing Raffles on offer!

Food Vendors:

- Delicious curries - thanks to Jas at Shiraz
- Sausage Sizzle - thanks to Pak'nSave Whangārei – supplying treats for the Sausage Sizzle
- The Perch Coffee Cart – thank you to Paul & Anita for donating their coffee and time to keep everyone caffeinated!

A full list of food options will be available on the next poster.

Payments

- Please bring cash.
- Most food trucks/vendors will have EFTPOS, however school-run stalls (raffles, bake sale, Hair & Nail Salon, Canteen, Sausage Sizzle) will be cash only.
- We will also have EFTPOS available at the Ticket Booth and a 'Cash Out' service in the Hall entrance.

First Aid

- First Aid support will be located at the entrance to the Hall.

Entertainment

- Enjoy performances from Maunu's Got Talent before the movie begins at 5.30pm & 6.00pm – our students are excited to share their talents!

We can't wait to see you there for an evening of fun, food, and festivity under the stars. Thank you for supporting Maunu School! ❀

food trucks

AT FRIDAY FLICKS



OKARA SUSHI TOWN



WAYAN'S INDONESIAN



MAUNU SCHOOL CANTEEN

SLUSHIES | CANDY FLOSS | POPCORN | LOLLIES | ICEBLOCKS

A special thank you to KidzTime for use of Slushie & Floss Machines



Harcourts Whangarei

As we prepare for our next chapter beyond Maunu, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to this wonderful school community.

Over the years, it's been a privilege to serve as your local real estate partner, and to be part of a neighbourhood that truly looks after its own.

From supporting Maunu School to being involved in local initiatives, giving back to this community has always been one of the highlights of our work.

The connections and friendships built here mean more than words can say. While I have moved away to continue my next chapter in real estate, Harcourts remains deeply rooted in Maunu. There are several exceptional Harcourts agents who call this area home and will continue to offer the same care, expertise, and commitment you've come to expect. Just not with as much coffee!

Thank you for the trust, the support, and the memories. Maunu school will always hold a special place for our family.

Cheers,
Paul & Anita Sumich.



Paul
Sumich

Harcourts Whangarei

Meet our Platinum Sponsor: Heather Jameson



Heather **JAMESON**
for **Harcourts** Whangarei

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Since the inception of her career in real estate Heather has been driven to achieve results, both for the clients she works with and in a personal capacity.

In Heathers' very first year she was named Harcourts Rookie of the Year, placed third in the company, and subsequently went on to achieve the title of top residential salesperson in her second year at Harcourts.

Being a full-time mother of three young children has meant she has had to successfully juggle her family responsibilities with her work commitments. Her partner Bruno fully supports her career and together they keep the balance between work and family in proportion.

Heathers' secret to her success is a combination of her ability to connect, relate to and understand her clients, as well as her instinctive approach to sales. Her empathy and experience as a business owner, mum and industry expert means she has the knowledge and insights to establish relationships and tailor solutions to her clients, based on their unique needs and requirements. She is a direct and passionate person who keeps things simple and who uses her extensive skills for the benefit of her clients.

In addition to this, Heather has a real love for Northland and the community here in Whangarei. She has a personal stake in and actively supports local businesses and organisations, as ultimately these will be the environments that her children will grow up around and be a part of. Working alongside Harcourts Whangarei has been so rewarding for her and has such synergy, as they encompass that same community driven attitude.

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR FRIDAY FLICKS SPONSORS

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