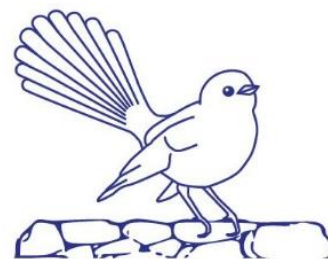


# MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau,

### ***Friday Flicks on the Field***

What a busy and wonderful few weeks we have had at Maunu School. Our *Friday Flicks on the Field* was such a special evening, filled with warmth, laughter, and

that unique sense of togetherness that makes our community so strong.

As the world changes, our tamariki don't always enjoy the same freedom and independence many of us experienced growing up. Events like *Flicks on the Field* offer a safe, relaxed space where children can enjoy a little extra independence while surrounded by whānau, friends, and familiar faces. These moments are precious, and they remind us how important it is to create opportunities for our community to gather, connect, and simply enjoy being together. When our community

comes together in this way, it strengthens the sense of belonging that sits at the heart of our kura.

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, listed in this newsletter, for helping make this event possible. Their support enriches experiences for our tamariki in meaningful ways.

We do not have a final fundraising total yet, as raffle ticket sales continue and our Friday Freeze will run until all the donated Streets ice-creams are sold. However, we are already sitting at over \$10,000 raised — an incredible contribution towards our Junior Playground fundraising project.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and to all the Friends and Whānau volunteers who gave their time and energy to make this event such a success. Our school is stronger because of you.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4**

**3 Dec** Board Meeting

**4 Dec** Kapa Haka

Celebration Evening 6pm

**5 Dec** Yr 0/1 Fun Day

**8 Dec** Year 2/3 Metlife Care visit

**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 Term 4 - Finishing @ 2pm

**2 Feb** First day of term 1/Powhiri

***Celebrating the hard work of our Kapa Haka Roopu***

Our Kapa Haka and pōwhiri rōpū have been working with real commitment this term as they prepare for a range of festivals and performances. Around one third of our students are involved across our Kapa Haka groups—one of the most culturally diverse rōpū in Northland.

At Maunu School we recognise that while our tamariki may whakapapa to many different countries and cultures, Aotearoa is the place we all call home. We value and respect the rich culture of tangata whenua and strive to uphold tikanga and keep te reo woven through the life of our kura. Kapa Haka is one of the ways we bring our community together.

It allows our children to express pride, identity, and connection through waiata, tradition, and



tikanga. This term our rōpū have been fortunate to perform at the Maritime Festival, the Mangakāhia Festival, Heritage Park for the Educare End of Year Celebration and picnic, and to provide a pōwhiri for visiting Australian gymnasts.

On **Thursday 4 December**, we look forward to celebrating an evening with our Kapa Haka rōpū and whānau—everyone is welcome. You will also see them perform at our end-of-year assemblies on **Monday 15 December**.



We are incredibly proud of their mahi. A heartfelt thank you to **Lee Morunga** and **Reo Dunn** for their leadership throughout the year, to **Diana Hesketh** and **Cass Reyburn** for their coordination and support, and to our parent volunteers and whānau who are always there to awhi and lend a hand.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
**Claire Turton**  
Principal - Maunu School

## POOL KEYS

Pool keys are available now for the Summer Season. They are \$125 each. This includes a \$20 bond which is refunded once the key has been returned at the end of the swimming season. Keys are available to order through your myKindo account. Once you have made your purchase you will need to come to the School Office to collect your key and sign the contract.

## FRIDAY FREEZE

Tomorrow after school at the Hall Canteen.

Ice Blocks will be \$2 or \$3 each, so don't forget to bring your money along to enjoy a delicious after school treat!

## COLOURED SAND

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding coloured sand products that have been identified as potentially containing asbestos. We want to reassure our whānau that Maunu School has **not** used or stocked any of the products involved.

For those who may have coloured sand at home, we are sharing links below to help you check whether any products you own are affected, along with guidance for safe disposal if needed. Your family's safety and wellbeing remain our priority. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8-l8A\\_dteo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8-l8A_dteo)

## KAPA HAKA

Last week was a very busy week for our Kapa Haka rōpū.

On Thursday a group of 70 students climbed into cars and boarded the bus, all off to the annual Mangakahia Cultural Festival. It is always the highlight of the year. It is a busy day with eleven different kura performing, food stalls and hangi. Both our Teina Rōpū (Years 2 & 3) and our Tuakana Rōpū (Years 5 & 6), the Year 4's were at camp, performing with energy and enthusiasm wowing the audience with two outstanding performances.



We must acknowledge Lee Morunga and Reo Dunn for their expertise and the passion and skill they instill in our students. Also a huge thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and helping the students throughout the day- your help is very much appreciated. Then on Friday the Year 5 & 6 students performed at the opening of the Educare End of the Year Celebration. Finally on Saturday the Pōwhiri rōpū, supported by those

Kapa Haka members that could attend, ran a pōwhiri to welcome visiting Australian Gymnasts at Active Attitude. The Australians were very impressed and appreciative of the welcome. They were queuing up for photos with our rōpū.

As a school we can be very proud of all our Kapa Haka members.

Diana Hesketh

## PARUA BAY CAMP Year 4

Our Year 4 tamariki have come back buzzing after an amazing time at Parua Bay. After all the rain the day before we left, we could not believe how lucky we were with the weather. We enjoyed sunshine, calm conditions, and perfect days for everything we had planned. It really helped set the tone for a fantastic camp.

The children loved every part of camp, from cooking pikelets and Nerf gun challenges to nature hunts and bush adventures. Their creativity shone during their craft rotation and their teamwork was on full display during sports. And of course, the epic water slide was a firm favourite. Screams and laughter could be heard right across camp as both children, teachers and parents, launched themselves down the slide and fully embraced the fun.



A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to our wonderful parent helpers. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and care you gave. Whether you were supervising activities, helping in the kitchen, or supporting our kids as a team leader, you made such a difference. Camp simply would not have been possible without you.



The children were amazing, demonstrating their Maunu School values every step of the way. It was special watching them encourage one another and grow in confidence throughout the three days. We are so proud of our tamariki and incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make it such a positive and memorable experience. We are already looking forward to the Year 4 camp again in 2026.



### BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD )

We've attached our BYOD flyers for 2026, which outline how a Chromebook becomes an important learning tool for students as they move into the Senior Syndicate. Please take a moment to read through the information, and feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

### COMMUNITY NEWS



This year we are hosting it at Whangarei Boys High School auditorium. It will be a great night out for all.

Here is the link for tickets too.

<https://events.humanitix.com/whangarei-intermediate-school-extravaganza>

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