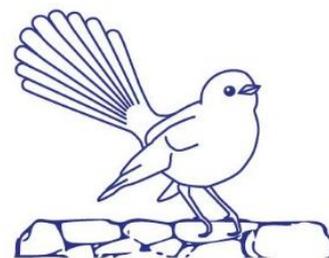


# MAUNU SCHOOL

“The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere”



THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Kia ora koutou katoa and a very warm welcome back to a brand-new school year at Maunu School.**

It has been an absolute joy to see our tamariki returning through the gates-reconnecting with friends, settling into routines, and bringing our beautiful school grounds back to life with their energy, curiosity, and laughter. The start of a new year always carries a sense of possibility, and 2026 is no exception.

At Maunu School, we are incredibly proud of the rich diversity that makes up our learning community. Our tamariki and whānau bring with them languages, cultures, traditions, and stories from across Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world, and together these strengthen who we are. We honour and acknowledge tangata whenua, recognising the special place of te ao Māori and the importance of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, and a strong sense of belonging in our school.

We also warmly welcome families with whakapapa and heritage from India, Sri Lanka, the Pacific Islands including Fiji, Tonga, and the Cook Islands, Asia including China and the Philippines, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas, and the United Kingdom and Ireland, alongside our New Zealand European community and many others who now call this place home. Whether you say *Kia ora*, *Namaste*, *Ayubowan*, *Bula*, *Malo e lelei*, *Kumusta*, *Ni hāo*, *Marhaban*, *Hola*, or *Hello* - you are welcome here.

As I begin my fourth year as Principal, and reflect on the ten years prior as Deputy Principal, I am deeply aware of how privileged I am to serve such a special community. Maunu School is not just where I work - it is a place that has also been central to my family life, with all three of my children having walked this same path. I understand the trust you place in us every day, and I want you to know that the wellbeing, growth, and success of your children sit at the very heart of everything we do.

Our philosophy is clear and purposeful: we put the child at the centre of every decision we make. Strong, trusting relationships with whānau and our wider community, alongside high expectations for teaching and learning, underpin all that we do. When children feel safe, supported, and challenged, they flourish-academically, socially, and emotionally. Our aim is to provide a learning

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 1 2026

13 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2pm
23 Feb	Senior swimming sports
27 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2pm
4 Mar	Junior yr 1 swimming demos
5 Mar	Junior yr 1 swimming demos
6 Mar	Year 2/3 swimming demos
10 Mar	School Photos- Images Naturally
11 Mar	WPSSA Swimming
13 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2pm
27 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2pm
30 Mar-2 Apr	Year 5/6 camp at Marsden Bay
3 Apr	Good Friday- School closed
	End of Term 1
20 Apr	Start Term 2

environment where every child is known, valued, and respected, and where all cultures and identities are celebrated.

We were proud to begin the year with a powerful pōwhiri, led by our incredible Pōwhiri Rōpū, welcoming new students, families, and staff into our school whānau. This was a meaningful reminder of the importance of whanaungatanga-building strong connections and relationships. That same sense of community was evident during our recent Meet the Teacher evening, where it was wonderful to see tamariki confidently sharing their learning spaces and whānau engaging positively in conversations about the year ahead.

Term 1 promises to be a busy and exciting one, with many opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration. Clear communication and strong partnerships remain key, and we encourage you to stay connected through newsletters, Seesaw, and school events. Your involvement and support make a genuine difference to your child's experience at school.

Thank you for being part of our Maunu School whānau and for the trust and support you continue to show our staff and students. My door is always open, and I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that 2026 is a year of growth, resilience, and success for every child at Maunu School.

**Ngā manaakitanga,**  
**Claire Turton**  
Principal

### Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome **Chantelle Struwig** to our school office team. Chantelle will be working in the office each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, alongside **Carolyn Boyce Bacon**, who will work on Thursdays and Fridays, supporting the role of Office Assistant while **Kristy** is on parental leave during 2026. We know Chantelle will be a lovely addition to the team and appreciate the support she will provide to our school community.

We would also like to acknowledge **Sue Bowerbank**, who has stepped into the **full-time Office Administrator** role for this year. We are very grateful for Sue's commitment and the continuity she brings to this important role.

Finally, we send our warm congratulations to **Kristy and her partner Michael**, who welcomed their beautiful baby boy, **Jimmy**, into the world in October. Big sister **Summer** is enjoying her new role, and we're delighted to hear that Jimmy is a very happy little man. 💖

Please join us in welcoming Chantelle and congratulating Kristy and her whānau.

### Introducing our 2026 Team

<b>Claire Turton</b>	<b>Principal</b>	
<b>Diana Hesketh</b>	Dep Principal	
<b>Courtney de Boer</b>	Dep Principal / SENCO	
<b>Anne Parr</b>	Learning Support Co-ordinator	
<b><u>TRANSITION TO SCHOOL SYNDICATE (NE &amp; YEAR 1)</u></b>		
<b>Jenny Canty</b>	<b>Teacher &amp; Team Leader</b>	<b>Room 3</b>
<b>Sandi King</b>	Teacher	Room 4

<b>Debbie Harrison</b>	Release Teacher Transition to School	
<b><u>JUNIOR SYNDICATE (YEAR 2 &amp; 3)</u></b>		
<b>Nadine Nicholas</b>	<b>Team Leader Teacher</b>	<b>Room 6</b>
<b>Sharon Stainton</b>	Teacher	Room 5
<b>Clasina Botha</b>	Teacher	Room 7
<b>Alana Fromont</b>	Teacher	Room 17
<b>Megan Rodgers</b>	Teacher	Room 18
<b>Carol Tipton</b>	Release Teacher Junior Syndicate	
<b>Mel Bell</b>	Release Teacher Junior Syndicate	Room 17
<b><u>SENIOR SYNDICATE</u></b>		
<b>Cassandra Reyburn</b>	<b>Senior Team Leader</b>	<b>Room 16</b>
<b>Olivia Huys</b>	Teacher	Room 9
<b>Emer Quinn</b>	Teacher	Room 10
<b>Jo Dawson</b>	Teacher	Room 12
<b>Kendra Bradley</b>	Teacher	Room 14
<b>Andi Watts</b>	Teacher	Room 15
<b>Mel Bell</b>	Release Teacher Senior Syndicate	Room 10
<b>Nicola Groves</b>	Release Teacher Senior Syndicate	Room 12/15
<b>Katie Bassett-Allen</b>	Release Teacher Senior Syndicate	Room 9/14/16
<b><u>OFFICE ADMINISTRATION &amp; SUPPORT STAFF</u></b>		
<b>Sue Bowerbank</b>	Office Administrator (Mon - Fri)	
<b>Chantelle Struwig</b>	Office Assistant (Mon – Wed)	
<b>Carolyn Boyce-Bacon</b>	Office Assistant (Thu – Fri)	
<b>Kristy Williams</b>	Office Assistant (Parental Leave)	
<b>Lynne Adam</b>	Librarian / Teacher Aide	
<b>Shona Anderson</b>	Teacher Aide	
<b>Becky Anson</b>	Teacher Aide	
<b>Edith Mataira</b>	Teacher Aide	
<b>Emma Butler</b>	Teacher Aide	
<b>Laura Mouat</b>	Teacher Aide	
<b>Adrian Lamb</b>	Caretaker	

## KAPA HAKA

Kapa Haka is thriving at Maunu School. We have two rōpū, a Tuakana Rōpū for the Year 4 to 6's, and a Teina Rōpū for the Year 2's and 3's. We have practice on Wednesday afternoons. We are very fortunate to have expert tutors, Te Aroha and Lee Dunn, who bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge, and at the same time make it fun and interesting.

Throughout the year the different rōpū have performances at cultural festivals, and performances out in the community. The Teina Rōpū focus on both easy waiata to learn new kupu (words), and traditional performance waiata. The Tuakana Rōpū will be busy learning new waiata, poi and haka, ready to perform later in the year.

Students are welcome in the first few weeks to come along and see if this is for them, and they would like to continue throughout the year.

We also have a Pōwhiri team, which Te Aroha and Lee lead as well. This is held during Wednesday lunchtimes. In this group, the students are learning about Pōwhiri protocols and the reasoning behind them, as well as learning to lead our school Pōwhiri. Years 4, 5 and 6 students are welcome to join.

## FIVE FEATHER VALUES

At Maunu School, we have our Five Feather Values - Respect, Responsibility, Excellence, Integrity and Curiosity.

These values underpin all our behaviour expectations at Maunu School.

We follow the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) initiative, which involves explicitly teaching our students what the expected behaviour is in the different areas around school, rewarding and acknowledging the correct behaviours, while redirecting and reteaching behaviours that are unacceptable.

As part of our reward system students gain Values cards, which then go towards House points. They go into a draw to win the House Values Cups at assembly and have their photos in the newsletter, and when they have 20 Values Cards of a specific value they earn themselves a Values wristband.

If they achieve all five Values Wristbands they are then awarded the Five Feather Value Wristband.



## A WARM WELCOME FROM THE LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

Welcome back to 2026! We are excited to support our students and families this year. Our dedicated team includes:

- Anne Parr: Learning Support Coordinator (LSC)
- Courtney de Boer: Deputy Principal & Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
- Heidi Ashton: Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb)

While Anne and Courtney are at Maunu School daily, Heidi is onsite every Wednesday and some Thursdays. Together, we coordinate student support programmes and provide guidance to both teachers and whānau. We also act as a bridge to outside agencies such as the Ministry of Education, Speech and Language Therapists, STAND, and Child Health.

A quick reminder: If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress or wellbeing, your classroom teacher is always the first point of call. They work closely with us to ensure every student has what they need to thrive.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

A good day at school starts with a good breakfast. Our Breakfast Club helps ensure every child begins the day feeling nourished, settled, and ready to learn, while also providing a warm, welcoming and safe space as students arrive at school.

Breakfast Club runs **daily from the Hall kitchen between 8.15am and 8.45am**, giving children time to enjoy breakfast and be ready to start learning at **8.55am**. This calm start to the morning supports wellbeing, focus, and positive connections with peers and adults.

We are incredibly grateful to **Fonterra**, who generously provide **Weet-Bix and milk free of charge for the year**. To further support our tamariki's health and wellbeing, we warmly welcome donations of **fresh or tinned fruit**, helping ensure students receive the vitamins they need to thrive.

Breakfast Club is made possible by our wonderful **whānau volunteers**, who work alongside the Senior Management Team to create a caring and inclusive environment. We are currently **seeking a volunteer for Friday mornings**, and would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact **Claire** – [claire@maunu.school.nz](mailto:claire@maunu.school.nz) or **Anne** – [anne@maunu.school.nz](mailto:anne@maunu.school.nz) who coordinate the Breakfast Club.

Thank you for supporting this important kaupapa and helping our tamariki start each day feeling welcomed, safe, and ready to learn.

## REMINDERS

### SCHOOL CLOTHING

#### **Hats (Compulsory)**

A Maunu School wide brimmed sun hat is required to be worn when outside by all children and are available to purchase via myKindo for \$17. This is a compulsory school hat and the only option available. Students are welcome to wear them to and from school. **The NO hat NO play rule applies and if a hat is forgotten they must go to the designated shaded area.**



#### **Fantail House T-Shirts (Optional)**



All children will be placed into a House when they start with us here at Maunu School: Red (Rata), Blue (Tawa), Green (Kauri), Yellow (Kowhai). Our Fantail House T-shirts are available to purchase via myKindo for \$14.50 and can be worn for House events and assemblies etc.

**Please order Hats and T-Shirts via myKindo before coming into the office to collect - Thank you**

### SWIMMING

Students will be swimming 3 or 4 times a week for the first 6 weeks. Swimming is part of our P.E and Health Programme, an essential part of our curriculum. We are trying to prepare our students with water confidence and skills. **If your child is not swimming for health reasons please contact their teacher via email or a note.**

### EARLY ARRIVALS/LATE PICK UPS

**Please do not send children to school before 8.15am as we do not provide supervision for them.** Staff often have meetings or are preparing for the day and are all over the school. It is reasonable for children to begin arriving at school from 8.20am, when staff are in the school.

### **After School Procedures:**

Teachers are on duty at the main gates and car park directly after school. After the bus bell rings at 3.10 pm, all students are to proceed to the office area and sit at the main entrance. This ensures that no students are waiting in isolated spaces without the presence of duty teachers.

### **Late Pick-Up Protocol:**

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may lead to late pick-ups. In such cases, please call the office to relay a message to your child. If your child is still in the office area after 3.30 pm, they will be booked into After School Care, and charges will apply. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. Our primary goal is to create a safe and secure environment for all students.

### **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Just a reminder to you and to retain your help in maintaining our school as a safe place for all students. Several of our students have potentially severe allergies, with some particularly allergic to nuts. This is in fact a common problem to varying degrees in the community but, in this case, exposure to nuts in any way could be possibly life threatening.

**In order to address the issue, we ask that you refrain from giving your child any nuts or products containing nuts (e.g. peanut butter and some muesli-type bars) in their lunch boxes.**

All foodstuffs have their ingredients identified on the packaging and we ask that you consider these carefully.

***Thank you for your ongoing support.***

### **SCHOOL DONATIONS**

Thank you to those who have paid their school donation via myKindo. The donation for the year is **\$130 per child with a third child at \$55**. If you have yet to pay your school donation this can be done via the myKindo App.

## **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

### **FRIDAY FREEZE**

If your child would like a Friday Freeze, please send a gold coin to school tomorrow. Ice-blocks are \$1. Teachers will complete a class list in the morning and the ice-blocks will be delivered to their class at the end of the day.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS WITH LEIGH FROM IMAGES NATURALLY**

Individual portraits and class Photos will be taken on Tuesday 10 March, weather permitting. The cancellation date is 12 March.

- Room 9 & 17 will have their class photo taken on 12 March, but if having an individual photo these will be on 10 March.
- All other class photos will be on 10 March

Your child/ren will be bringing home a photo order form today and an order form is also attached to the newsletter. Orders must be returned before 6 March.



### **UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

Please encourage your children to regularly check through the unclaimed items which are located in the walkway by Room 10.

Anything that is left at the end of the school term will be donated to charity.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSORSHIP

Supporting Our Weekly Sausage Sizzle - A Little That Means a Lot

Our wonderful tamariki truly look forward to their Weekly Sausage Sizzle - it has become a much-loved tradition at Maunu School and a special way to end the week together. For many of our whānau, it is also a welcome and easy lunch option on a busy Friday.

Beyond the smiles and excitement, the Weekly Sausage Sizzle plays an important role as a valued fundraiser, helping us provide those extra things that make school life special for our tamariki - resources, experiences, and opportunities that enrich their days and support their wellbeing.

To ensure this tradition can continue, we are seeking sponsorship to help cover the ongoing costs of running the Sausage Sizzle. Support can be offered for a term or for the full year, and every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference.

All sponsorship will be warmly acknowledged on our KINDO account and recognised throughout our school newsletters and on the website.

If you are able to support our tamariki in this way, or would like more information, please email [claire@maunu.school.nz](mailto:claire@maunu.school.nz). Your generosity will help keep this treasured tradition alive and thriving for our Maunu School community.

Our first Sausage Sizzle will start tomorrow, Friday 13th. Thank you to Ngaire for organising the Sausage Sizzle roster of whanau volunteers for each term and our wonderful Mr. Lamb who cooks the sausages.

This year we will be keeping it simple: **Sausage & Bread or Sausage, Sauce & Bread \$2.50**

Ordering is now done through Mykindo. You can go straight to EZLUNCH or KINDO and preorder and pay for your weekly Sausage Sizzle for the whole term, so lunch is sorted for Fridays.

To place orders, please see

[https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login?shop=Maunu%20School&service=maunu\\_school\\_sausage\\_sizzle](https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login?shop=Maunu%20School&service=maunu_school_sausage_sizzle)

Thank you for considering supporting our tamariki 

## LINEWIZE MONITORING FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

Last year we trialled Linewize, an online safety and monitoring tool designed to help keep our senior students safe while learning in digital spaces. Linewize allows teachers to see, in real time, what students are accessing on their school devices and email accounts. It helps staff guide safe choices online, redirect students when needed, and support positive digital citizenship in the classroom.

The trial has been very successful, and we have now signed up to continue using Linewize with our Senior Syndicate in 2026. To help cover the cost of this service, a \$6 contribution will be added to MY KINDO if your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6.

We believe this is another valuable layer of protection and peace of mind for parents and caregivers, ensuring students are supported to use their school email and digital tools responsibly and safely.

## 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.*

# JOIN MAUNU HOCKEY CLUB!



**MAUNU HOCKEY CLUB** is looking for new players to join our teams for the 2026 season! Whether they've never touched a hockey stick or they're already a pro in the driveway, we'd love to hear from you!

## WHY PLAY HOCKEY WITH MAUNU HOCKEY CLUB?

- **We're a Family Run Club:** Whether it's setting up the turf, cheering from the sidelines, or managing or coaching a team, join a team of local families working together to create the best possible experience for our kids.
- **Make Friends:** Join a team of awesome kids from all over the neighborhood.
- **Super Skills:** Develop amazing hand-eye coordination and lightning-fast footwork.
- **Team Spirit:** Learn how to work together, celebrate wins, & high 5 through the tough bits.
- **Total Fun:** Practice drills that feel like games, and Saturday mornings full of action!

## THE DETAILS

- **Who:** Primary School aged Kids in Years 1-6
- **Where:** Games played Saturday mornings at Kensington Hockey Stadium
- **When:** Season Runs throughout Terms 2 & 3
- A Rally Day will be held soon for all interested players, with trials for years 5 & 6 players

## CONTACT THE CLUB TO FIND OUT MORE INFO

Email Us: [maunuhockey@gmail.com](mailto:maunuhockey@gmail.com)

Follow Us: [Facebook.com/Maunuhockeyclub](https://www.facebook.com/Maunuhockeyclub) for updates





## I'm taking on an epic challenge this March – and I would love support.



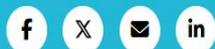
### Lillian Leathem



**My Level:**  
**Captain's Club**

**Kilometres for Kids is better when you're involved.**

This is my **1st** time stepping up to brighten the lives of sick kids.



I'm taking on a month-long fitness challenge, Kilometres for Kids, to help keep Starship's National Air Ambulance flying to children across the country who are critically ill or injured.

If you can, please donate to help me raise money for this incredible service, the only flying Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in Aotearoa. It's on call 24/7 – and a specialist flight crew can be in the air in a matter of minutes.

Donate now to help save the lives of Kiwi kids.

### Dive Into Swimming with Whangarei Academy of Swimming!

Thinking about swimming for sport or fitness? Now's the perfect time to start! We're offering FREE trial sessions - come and experience the fun, challenge, and community of swimming with us. We are also looking for coaches for paid roles so if you are an experienced swimmer and want to give coaching a go, please get in touch.

To book a session email: [secretarywasc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarywasc@gmail.com) or Find us online:

<https://facebook.com/whangareiswimming> or <https://whangareiswimming.co.nz>



# MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Sunday 22nd February 2026**

Mangakahia Sports & Community Complex

10am - 3pm

Mechanical Surfboard

Live Performances

Tractor & Pony Rides

Circus Acts & Magician

Vertical Bungy

**FREE ENTRY & PARKING**

Food Stalls

Bouncy Castles

Market Stalls

Further info at [www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz](http://www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz) or [f mangakahia-summer-festival](https://facebook.com/mangakahia-summer-festival)

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# DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Term 1 2026

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.

## Te Manawa Tahī COMMUNITY TIMETABLE: Whangārei, Bream Bay & Kaipara

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2026, Weeks 1 to 5
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	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](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).



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# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME



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Create nature inspired tiles, build a mixed media windchime. Explore relief techniques with found materials from nature and use glazes to add colour and flair.

**WEDNESDAYS 4-5.30PM \$180**

**AGES: 7-14+ 8 WEEK COURSE**

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