



THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Every Day Matters at Maunu School!

Kia ora whānau,  
At Maunu School, we believe that **Every Day Matters**. There is something special about the buzz of a classroom and the

connections made on the playground that simply can't be replaced. Regular attendance is one of the best ways to ensure our tamariki feel they belong, keep up with their learning, and grow in confidence.

As many of you may know, the government has made school attendance a top priority across New Zealand. In response, we have developed a specific Attendance Plan for our school. This plan isn't just about numbers; it's about how we can celebrate great attendance and how we can work together when getting to school becomes a challenge.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 1 2026

27 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2pm
5 Mar	Rm 3&4 swimming demos 1.45pm
6 Mar	Year 2/3 swimming demos 10.30 Fun events 11.15 Competitive events
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
2 Apr	End of Term 1
3 Apr	Good Friday- School closed
20 Apr	Start Term 2

### Our New Attendance Updates

To keep our communication clear and helpful, we are introducing a few new steps:

- **Three-Week Check-ins:** Every three weeks, all families will receive an email showing their child's current attendance. We know life is busy, so these regular updates are designed to keep you informed and ensure there are no surprises later in the year.
- **Easy to Read:** We are working with our school software systems to make these emails as user-friendly as possible. If you find them confusing, please let us know!
- **Half-Days Count:** Just a small reminder that attendance is measured in half-days. This means if a student leaves early for an appointment, it may show up on the total.

### Supporting Our Families

We want to be very clear: we understand that life happens. If your child is unwell, home is absolutely the best place for them to rest and recover. Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our recent emails to keep us updated.

If attendance does start to dip, our goal is to be supportive and constructive. Our process is designed to be personal:

- Your child's teacher will reach out first to check in.
- If needed, our Deputy Principals or myself will follow up.

We are always here to help find ways to reduce barriers and make sure your child can get to school happily and safely.

### Every day counts...

Percentage of school missed	If a child misses...	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's like missing...
5%	1 day per 4 weeks	10 days per year	2 weeks per year	0.65 years of learning
10%	1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	1.3 years of learning
20%	1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	2.6 years of learning
30%	3 days per fortnight	60 days per year	12 weeks per year	3.9 years of learning
40%	2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	5.2 years of learning
50%	5 days per fortnight	100 days per year	20 weeks per year	6.5 years of learning

#### Find Out More

You can view our full Attendance Plan by clicking the link below or visiting our school website. Over the coming weeks, I'll share more details in the newsletter about how we plan to celebrate the students who are consistently showing up and doing their best.

[Link to Maunu School Attendance Plan](#)

Thank you for being such wonderful partners in your children's education. We truly value your support in making Maunu School a place where every child wants to be, every day.

Warm regards,

Claire Turton

#### Staffing Update: Room 7

We are writing to inform the community that Clasina Botha will be leaving Maunu School at the end of Term 1 to pursue a new opportunity outside of the education sector.

We acknowledge that a change in teaching staff early in the year can impact a child's educational journey. Our priority is to minimise this disruption and ensure a smooth transition for the students of Room 7.

#### Our Next Steps:

Recruitment: The Year 2/3 position is currently being advertised to find a high-quality replacement.

Consistency: Clasina will remain with the class until the end of Term 1.

Term 2: We will host a "Meet the Teacher" event early in Term 2 once the new appointment is settled.

We are committed to supporting our learners through this change and will keep Room 7 families updated as we confirm a new appointment.

## 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.

Donations are an essential part of running Maunu School as we are not in the donations scheme offered to lower equity rated schools.

Donations are able to be claimed in your tax return.

## RAMADAN - FASTING

Over the coming weeks, some members of our school community will be observing Ramadan.

We recognise this as an important time for many families and will continue to support the wellbeing of all students during this period.

If your child requires any support while fasting, please feel welcome to contact their classroom teacher.

## SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES- SCHOOL DOCS

All our Policies & Procedures can be viewed at <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>

Username: maunu

Password: maunu

SchoolDocs provides a comprehensive core set of policies and procedures applicable to all New Zealand primary, intermediate, secondary, and area/composite schools, that is tailored for each school.



Each term our policies are reviewed. These are the ones the Board will review at the next meeting: Alcohol, Drugs & Other harmful substances policy, Sun Protection, Digital Technology & Online Safety.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

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 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 coordinates the Breakfast Club.

## HUT BUILDING AREA

Our hut building area is such a popular place and with our Junior playground being renovated this is a very busy area for our tamariki to play, create and discover.

We are in desperate need of natural materials for this area. If you or your neighbour has bamboo, this is such a precious resource for our students. Please consider dropping some off for us to add to the area.

We have had to remove pallets that were a H&S concern. Any wood or sturdy, good quality pallets would be appreciated. The children create huts. They love old brooms to sweep, old pots and pans (metal not ceramic).

## FRIDAY FREEZE

Friday Freeze fundraiser, will continue until the end of term. Please send a gold coin to school on a Friday if you would like your child to have an Ice-block. These 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.

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### CERTIFICATE WINNERS 13th of February

<b>ROOM 3</b>	Addison Orr, Nikau Kapa, Azula Marsh
<b>ROOM 4</b>	Essa Tibu, Max Thornton, Aria-Rose TePaia
<b>ROOM 5</b>	Tezal Chahal, Avaleigh Rapana, Wolfe Anglesey
<b>ROOM 6</b>	Journi Maioha, Autumn Hetrick, Noah Anglesey
<b>ROOM 7</b>	Jake Harrison, Eloise Jensen, Finn Booth
<b>ROOM 9</b>	Khetan Nandra, Annabelle Orr, Tyrell Johnson
<b>ROOM 10</b>	Nevaeh-Lee Lemon, Sarah Sam, Kauri Foy
<b>ROOM 12</b>	Charlie Green, Esme Mabey, Katia Stephenson
<b>ROOM 14</b>	Julia Watts, Mana Walker-Hemana, Reed Nash
<b>ROOM 15</b>	Ada Brown, Michael McNairn, Kennedy Churches
<b>ROOM 16</b>	Annemieke van Dyk, Freddie Steel, Nakul Suresh
<b>ROOM 17</b>	Mandy Moyo, James Riley, Meg shelford
<b>ROOM 18</b>	Charlotte Bell, Manaaki Connelly, Heidi Harrison

### VALUES CUP WINNERS 13th of February



**Kowhai** –Charlie  
**Rata** – Zayden  
**Tawa** – Kari  
**Kauri** -Avemariya



## STUDENT COUNCIL 2026



Meet our lovely **Student Council for 2026:**

Blake, Holly, Praveer, Kierat, Katia, Anamika, Kennedy, Lilly & Jake

## 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 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

**Orders must be returned before 6 March.**



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSORSHIP

As mentioned 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 to our sponsors **Narellan Pools** and **Greengables** for making the sausage sizzle possible.

## SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

The senior swimming sports took place on Monday with around 60 students heading over to Pompallier College for the Competitive races. Those who stayed behind swam in our non-competitive event here in our school pool. Both events were hugely successful and the children had heaps of fun and raced hard.

A huge thank you to all Whanau who came and supported their tamariki and helped with the competitive event. The results are based on the fastest times for each event, and most events had multiple heats for each race, so the place they came in their race is not necessarily indicative of their time over all.

Congratulations to all those who participated in all the events, you did Maunu proud with your house pride, conduct and supportiveness to your peers.

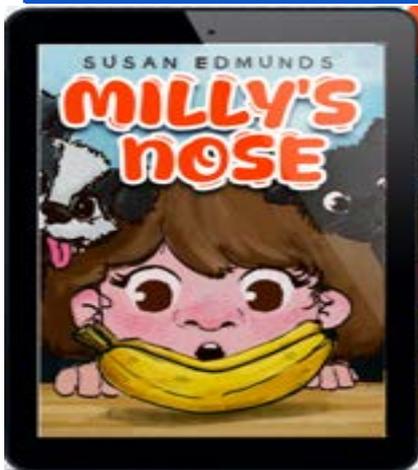


<b>Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports Results 2026</b>					
<b>Freestyle 25m</b>					
<b>Year 4 Girls</b>			<b>Year 4 Boys</b>		
<b>Placin</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Placin</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Isla O'Neill	24:81	1 <sup>st</sup>	Khetan Nandra	25:68
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brooke Walden	26:81	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Brodie Steel	29:50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amelia McCarrison	27:68	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Alex Bell	29:50
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>			<b>Year 5 Boys</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jade Moka Reid	21:93	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaihi Poa	24:01
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charli Ryan	24:56	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jaxon Fedarb	25:25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ada Brown	26:03	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael McNairn	27:68
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>			<b>Year 6 Boys</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hazel Hati	20:56	1 <sup>st</sup>	James Lancaster	17:56
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Millie Shelford	21:50	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Riley Baker	22:68
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Harrison	21:68	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cooper Fromont	22.81
<b>Breaststroke 25m</b>					
<b>Year 4 Girls</b>			<b>Year 4 Boys</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Isla O'Neill	41:00	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brodie Steel	43:56
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brooke Walden	43:43	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Bell	45:25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Azahlia McKenzie	44:62	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>			<b>Year 5 Boys</b>		

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jade Moka-Reid	32:18	1st	James Platt	36:00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Lombard	37:12	2nd	Kaihi Poa	45:56
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olivia Tauri	37:81	3rd	Cody Bassett-Allen	46:75
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Riley	29:81	1st	James Lancaster	30:37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Esther Manson	31:62	2nd	Freddie Steel	31:37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hazel Hati	31:68	3rd	Cooper Fromont	32:12
<b>Backstroke 25m</b>					
Year 4 Girls			Year 4 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Azahlia McKenzie	29:81	1st	Brodie Steel	31:37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isla O'Neill	32:81	2nd=	Khetan Nandra	34:18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luca de Boer	33:00	2nd=	Alex Bell	34:18
Year 5 Girls			Year 5 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Bell	32:25	1st	Jaxon Fedarb	30:27
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Esme Mabey	34:06	2nd	Kaihi Poa	30:68
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ada Brown	36:51	3rd	Thomas Hunter	32:62
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hazel Hati	25:50	1st	James Lancaster	24:12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holly Harrison	25:93	2nd	Freddie Steel	26:93
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Esther Manson	28:37	3rd	Cooper Fromont	27:43
<b>Freestyle 50m</b>					
Year 5 Girls			Year 5 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ada Brown	1:03:7 5	1st	Kaihi Poa	1:00:6 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Bell	1:08:5 6	2nd	Jaxon Fedarb	1:00:7 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annemieke van Dyk	1:19:12	3rd	Daniel Bai	1:12:37
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hazel Hati	50:31	1st	James Lancaster	48:87
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holly Harrison	50:93	2nd	Cooper Fromont	54:75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Esther Manson	52:25	3rd	Jase Webb	56:00
<b>Breaststroke 50m</b>					
Year 5 Girls			Year 5 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ada Brown	1:32:12	1st	James Platt	1:23:7 5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Bell	1:41:31	2nd	Kaihi Poa	1:33:5 0
3 <sup>rd</sup>			3rd	Cody Bassett-Allen	1:43:4 3
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Riley	1:09:6 8	1st	James Lancaster	1:06:0 6

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Esther Manson	1:09:81	2nd	Ethan Dutton	1:08:7 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Harrison	1:11:93	3rd	Freddie Steel	1:10:12
<b>Backstroke 50m</b>					
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>			<b>Year 5 Boys</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ada Brown	1:11:62	1st	Jaxon Fedarb	1:13:68
2 <sup>nd</sup>			2nd	Thomas Hunter	1:14:31
3 <sup>rd</sup>			3rd	Micheal McNairn	1:25:5 6
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>			<b>Year 6 Boys</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Holly Harrison	58:31	1st	James Lancaster	55:75
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hazel Hati	1:01:56	2nd	Cooper Fromont	1:01:50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Platt	1:05:31	3rd	Freddie Steel	1:02:18

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Susan, Presiding Member of the Board has published this book. If you would like to purchase a copy head to

[https://www.amazon.com.au/Millys-Nose-Susan-Edmunds/dp/B0GC75B779/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0](https://www.amazon.com.au/Millys-Nose-Susan-Edmunds/dp/B0GC75B779/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0)

Milly has a nose that knows.

Like, really knows. Her mum jokes she was a dog in a past life because she can sniff out basically anything. When a stray cat called Blackcurrant enters her life, she finds out that she can put this unusual skill to good use.

At ten years old, Milly's trying to hit the big time on YouTube with her best friend Eliza. But her lazy dog Banana prefers snacks to stunts, and their videos are going nowhere... until Blackcurrant comes in. Somehow, Milly can smell what she's thinking, and soon their videos are going viral.

But fame comes with friction, and when Blackcurrant disappears, Milly's friendship with Eliza starts to wobble. Teaming up with an unexpected frenemy, can Milly use her extraordinary nose to bring Blackcurrant home and figure out where she really belongs?

*For readers aged 8 to 12. Susan Edmunds is a journalist based in Whangarei, New Zealand and the author of a number of books for adults.*



Lillian and Lincoln are fundraising for the Starship Foundation, an organisation that has provided incredible care and support to one of our Maunu School whānau during a very challenging time. For many families across Aotearoa, Starship represents hope, expertise and compassion when it is needed most, and we are deeply grateful for the difference they have made.

We know that behind every hospital visit is a family navigating uncertainty, appointments and emotions that can be overwhelming. As a school community, we hold this whānau in our thoughts and stand alongside them with care and encouragement.

We are also so proud of Lillian and Lincoln for choosing to turn their experience into action. By taking part in *Kilometres for Kids* and committing to walk throughout this month, they are showing empathy, resilience and a genuine desire to give back. Their efforts are a wonderful example of our values in action.

If you would like to show your support, please consider sponsoring Lillian and Lincoln through the link provided. Every contribution, no matter the size, will help Starship continue its vital work supporting children and families across New Zealand.

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

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.



# 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

