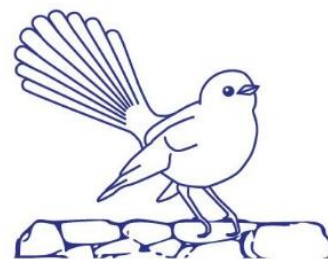


MAUNU SCHOOL

“The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere”



THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Wrapping Up an Incredible Term 1

Where has the time gone?
It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming our tamariki back to school, yet here we are with only five days remaining in the term. As is tradition at Maunu School, we have made every moment count with an action-packed schedule.

Learning & Achievement

Our teachers have designed exceptional learning experiences this term, maintaining high expectations for all. Our Year 3-6 students have just completed their Term 1 PAT tests, and it is wonderful to see their hard work and dedication already coming to fruition.

Term 1 Highlights

The experiences throughout these weeks have been incredibly diverse:

Cultural & Sporting: From our Day 1 Pōwhiri and weekly Kapa Haka to swimming demonstrations, sports and Kī-o-Rahi.

Exploration & Tech: Our Gym trip, VR experiences, and EPRO8 challenges.

Community & Competition: WBHS Coaching & Mentoring, Water Polo House Competition, and the Year 5 & 6 Soccer House Challenge.

Looking Ahead: Marsden Bay Camp

Next week, our Year 5 & 6 students head off to Marsden Bay Camp. I know they are going to have an unforgettable week! A massive thank you to the whānau supporting this trip; without our volunteers, these life-changing experiences simply wouldn't be possible.

A Note of Gratitude

We are privileged to have such a dedicated staff here at Maunu School. I want to acknowledge every member of our team for their tireless efforts.

A special "thank you" goes to our Year 5 & 6 Team. They have put in countless additional hours to organise camp logistics, activities, and catering. We know school camps create memories that last a lifetime, but we also recognise that they take our staff away from their own families to make it happen.

Have a fantastic final week together. We look forward to seeing our tamariki back on Monday, 20th April to do it all over again!

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 2026

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
24 Apr	ANZAC day - Poppy Assembly
29 Apr	WPSSA Yr 5/6 Winter sports
8 May	PTA Quiz Night- save the date

HEALTH & CULTURE CONSULTATION

Next week, you will receive an email outlining how we support the health and wellbeing of our tamariki at Maunu School.

As part of this, we invite you to share your thoughts on how well our approach aligns with your values. Your feedback is important and helps inform our reporting to the Board of Trustees, as well as future curriculum design.

Please keep an eye out for this email. The consultation will remain open until Friday 1 May.

BIG NEWS: OUR NEW JUNIOR PLAYGROUND IS ALMOST HERE

I am absolutely bursting with excitement to share some incredible news with you all! After years of dreaming, planning, and working together, our brand-new Junior Playground is officially on schedule to arrive at school at the end of next week.

Installation is set to take place during the upcoming term break, meaning our tamariki will have a world-class new space to explore very soon!



A Massive "Thank You" to our Community

Playgrounds are a huge undertaking and, let's be honest, they are never a cheap exercise! This project has been five years in the making, and it simply wouldn't be happening without the relentless dedication of our Friends and Whānau.

Fundraising Heroes: A massive thank you for the staggering \$70,000 donation raised over the last five years. Your bake sales, events, and tireless efforts have finally crossed the finish line!

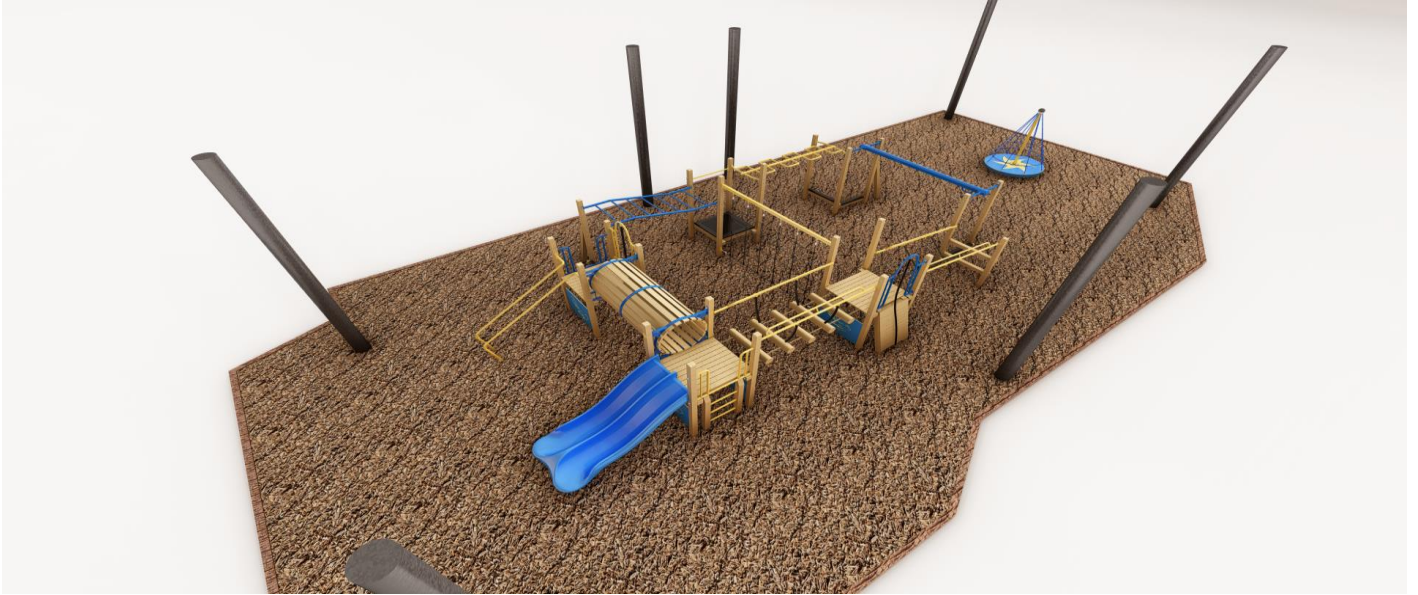
Going Above and Beyond: We owe a special debt of gratitude to one of our amazing parents, **Tom Van Esch (Aspect Contracting)** Tom has stepped up as our Project Manager, personally handling the initial excavation, landscaping, and drainage. By installing the playground himself, he has kept this project within a \$100,000 budget, an incredible feat that has saved the school tens of thousands of dollars.

Board Support: Thank you also to our Board of Trustees for recognising the importance of this project and topping up the remaining costs with reserve funds.

Playground Committee: Thank you for your voice and sharing your ideas to pull the design together. Adrian Lamb, Andy Thornton, Pam Crosado, Petrina Platt



Maunu School Junior Playground Design



Bringing the Vision to Life

I have attached the site plans to this newsletter so you can see what's in store. It has taken a lot of "blood, sweat, and tears" from so many people to get us to this point. Seeing the joy on our children's faces when they finally get to climb, slide, and play on this new equipment is going to be a truly special moment for our school.

We are so incredibly appreciative of this community. We did it!

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire Turton
Principal
Maunu School

NEW CCTV SYSTEM: ENHANCING SCHOOL SAFETY

We are pleased to inform the community that the installation of our school's CCTV system is now complete. To ensure full transparency, signage will be installed across the grounds this week to notify students and visitors that cameras are in operation.

Why we are using CCTV

In today's environment, these cameras serve as a vital tool to keep our school safe. Their primary purpose is to:

- Deter vandalism and theft on school property.
- Monitor unauthorised access to ensure only those who belong on-site are present.
- Support Health & Safety by providing clarity around any serious incidents.

Privacy & Implementation

We take your privacy seriously. Following staff training this week, the system is now operational under strict guidelines. Our approach goes beyond standard requirements to ensure high integrity:

Policy Compliance: Our procedures align with the Privacy Act 2020 and our official policies on SchoolDocs.

Strict Access: Footage is only accessed by authorised staff for specific, documented purposes. We have implemented a formal audit log and a procedural flowchart to prevent unauthorised use. By implementing these robust safeguards, we are committed to protecting our physical environment while respecting the privacy of our students, staff, and whānau.

ROOM 7 UPDATE - WELCOME TO ALANA WHITE

We are delighted to announce that Alana White has been appointed as the new full-time teacher for Room 7, starting Term 2 (20th April). Alana is a local teacher joining us from Ruakaka School and has already enjoyed meeting the class this week.

To ensure a smooth transition, Alana is working alongside Clasina Botha over the next fortnight.

Farewell to Clasina: As we welcome Alana, we also prepare to say a fond farewell to Clasina. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication to the Maunu Whānau and wish her the very best as she embarks on an exciting new business adventure!

HUT BUILDING AREA

One Person's Rubbish is Our Students' Treasure!

Do you have extra building materials or kitchenware gathering dust in your garage? We want them!

Our Hut Building Area is a massive hit with the students, and we are looking to restock our supplies to keep their creativity flowing.

We are currently hunting for:

- Bamboo stalks (any length)
- Good quality pallets
- Metal pots, pans, and bowls (perfect for the "outdoor kitchen" or construction play!)

When to drop off:

If you're clearing out your sheds, please feel free to drop your "treasures" off at the school during the upcoming term break.

Got questions?

If you have items to donate or need to coordinate a drop-off, please reach out to us at: adrian@maunu.school.nz or claire@maunu.school.nz

Thank you for helping our students build, create, and imagine!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MUSLIM WHĀNAU CELEBRATING EID

Congratulations to our Muslim whānau who celebrated Eid last week!

Ramadan is such a special, reflective month, and we hope the breaking of the fast and the Eid celebrations were a wonderful time of joy and connection for your whānau.

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE & RETURN POOL KEYS

The School Pool is now closed. Please return your pool key to the School Office before the end of term and we will arrange a refund of the Bond.

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

Policies being reviewed this term are:

Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances Policy (board)

Sun Protection Policy (board)

Digital Technology and Online Safety Policy (board)

Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices Policy

Safety and Welfare for Students on Work Experience Policy

Firearms Not Allowed Policy



AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 13 March

ROOM 3	Evelyn Xavio, Georgia McCarrison, Jordie Cripps
ROOM 4	Alexandra Oldham, Deva Sandeep, Anton Alex
ROOM 5	Anvi Anandhu, Jared Yeto, Evelyn Bibin
ROOM 6	Ajooi Dhami, Parker Mason, Ollie Mathieson
ROOM 7	Arthur Holt, Kiera Montilla, Carter Harnett
ROOM 9	Luca de Boer , Brodie Steel , Ayden Alex
ROOM 10	Arel Doganay, Kelly-Ann Slater, Niya Jijo
ROOM 12	Fateh Singh, Ethan Dutton-Berry, Kyra Witehira
ROOM 14	Annabelle Postma, Riley Baker, Tricia Lai
ROOM 15	Jessica Nel, Ella Davies-Colley, Roehan du Toit
ROOM 16	Charli Ryan, Eric Thomas, Ava Faye
ROOM 17	Chrisjo Jins, Ryan Justin, Julia Lewis
ROOM 18	Elijah Mills, Sam Prasanth, Indi Foy



VALUES CUP WINNERS 13 March

Rata - Heidi Rm 18.
Tawa - Riley Rm 5.
Kōwhai - Prynce Rm 4.
Kauri - Katia Rm 12



NEW STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that Hazel, Millie & Emma have joined the Student Council.
Great work Girls.



YEAR 2 & 3 SWIMMING SPORTS

A fun morning was had with the Year 2 & 3 Swimming sports & demonstration for the non competitive swimmers.

Congratulations to the following place getters in the Competitive Swimming.

Y2 Girls Freestyle	Y2 Boys Freestyle
1st - Sophie Platt	1st - Jake Harrison
2nd - Charlotte Bell	2nd - Rico Wendt
3rd - Indi Foy	
Y2 Girls Backstroke	Y2 Boys Backstroke
1st - Indi Foy	No entrants to this race
Y3 Girls Freestyle	Y3 Boys Freestyle
1st - Meg Shelford	1st - James Riley
2nd - Audrey English-Alexander	2nd - Alex Lancaster
3rd - Thea Davies-Colley	3rd - Wilson Turner
Y3 Girls Backstroke	Y3 Boys Backstroke
1st - Thea Davies-Colley	1st - Alex Lancaster
2nd - Meg Shelford	2nd - James Riley
3rd - Audrey English-Alexander	3rd - Henry Hunter

FUTURE 5 YEAR OLDS - 2026



To help with our forward planning can you please check with the office to ensure that we have recorded any future siblings of current students that are planning to attend Maunu School **in 2026 or 2027**. If you have neighbours or friends with pre-schoolers please ask them to contact the office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSORED by NARELLAN POOLS & GREENGABLES



A big thank you to our generous sponsors **Narellan Pools** and **Green Gables** for helping make our Friday Sausage Sizzle possible. We really appreciate your support of our kura and our tamariki.

Orders are now placed through **MyKindo**, making it easy for families to organise lunch ahead of time. You can log in to **EZLunch/Kindo** and pre-order and pay for your sausage sizzle for the whole term- so Friday lunch is sorted! To place your order, please visit:

https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login?shop=Maunu%20School&service=maunu_school_sausage_sizzle

HOODIE ORDERS

Watch This Space: Hoodie Orders Coming! Keep an eye out next week! Details on how to order a Maunu School hoodie will come home next week. These hoodies are more than just a warm layer; they're a great way for our students to show their school pride and feel part of the team.

How to order: Purchases will be made easily via Kindo.

Fundraiser: All proceeds go directly toward supporting Maunu School.

Stay tuned for more info arriving soon!

QUIZ NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! Our much-loved annual Quiz Night is set for Friday 8th May, always a highlight on the school calendar. It's a fantastic evening that brings our community together for connection, laughter, and a whole lot of fun.

More details will be coming your way next week. In the meantime, we are seeking table sponsors and prize donations.

If you're keen to support this special event, please get in touch at claire@maunu.school.nz
We'd love to hear from you!

MATARIKI AT MAUNU SCHOOL

A vertical poster for Matariki at Maunu School. The background is a dark blue and green night sky with stars and a silhouette of trees at the bottom. The text is arranged in a central column. At the top left is a white starburst. The word 'MATARIKI' is written in large, colorful, hand-drawn letters (pink, orange, yellow). Below it, 'AT MAUNU SCHOOL' is written in smaller, pink and white letters. The date and time are in large, white, bold letters. The location is in large, white, bold letters. The event description is in white, bold letters. At the bottom, a slogan is written in yellow and pink letters.

MATARIKI
AT MAUNU SCHOOL

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
9:00AM
MAUNU SCHOOL HALL

**Matariki celebration of dance
and music**
Followed by light refreshments

REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, LOOK FORWARD



MATARIKI

AT MAUNU SCHOOL

Kia ora Kōtou,

As we begin planning our upcoming Matariki celebration at the end of Term 2, we would love to involve our school community.

Matariki is a special time in Aotearoa to come together, reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the future.

At Maunu School, we also value the many cultures that make up our community and would love our celebrations to include the various cultures that make up Maunu School.

We are inviting expressions of interest from whānau who may like to be involved in our Matariki festival. This could include:

- Sharing or supporting students with a cultural performance (dance, song, or storytelling).
- Supporting teachers with an activity from your culture.

If this is something you or your whānau would be interested in, please email cassandra@maunu.school.nz with a brief outline of how you would like to be involved.

We would love to hear from you and celebrating your culture.

Ngā mihi nui,

Cultural Responsive Team

REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, LOOK FORWARD

Digital Parenting

Raising kids in an online world
PROGRAMME



Struggling to manage your kids and their devices?

FREE

WHO

Designed for parents/caregivers raising kids and teens with devices.

WHAT

Confidently manage devices, set boundaries, protect from online harm and create a healthy digital environment without tearing your hair out.

Free resources to share with your family

WHEN AND WHERE

Two sessions available:
Morning - 10am-11.30am
or Evening - 5pm-6.30pm

Starting 22 April for 4 weeks at Jigsaw North, 25 Otaika Road.

Fill in a referral form on our website
www.jigsawnorth.org.nz
or
call 09.4388852

Nibbles provided



09 4388852 | contact@jigsawnorth.org.nz | 25 Otaika Rd, Whangārei 0110 | www.jigsawnorth.org.nz



Mangakahia Rugby U13's

Monster Garage Sale



Fundraiser Event



Cash or bank transfer ONLY

28 March 2026

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Maunu School Hall, Austin Road

Treasure Hunt Starts Here! Don't miss our community garage sale. Be in quick to grab yourself a bargain.

Help support our team fundraise to get to the NZ Junior Rugby Festival - Taupō 2026

Come and join in the fun!! Spaces available by booking only - \$20 per table. Please email monstergaragesale26@gmail.com to book your space!

Waipu CARNIVAL
Easter Saturday - 4 April 2026
9:00am - 2.00pm
MARKET STALLS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY
DELICIOUS FOOD
WHITE ELEPHANT
KIDS FUN ZONE
INFLATABLE ZONE
AUCTIONS & RAFFLES
BEAUTY ZONE
KOHIA ENTRY
BRING CASH
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TO DONATE!

A fun-filled day for the whole family! waipucarnival.com @waipucarnival

habithealth
INFORMATION FOR PRIVATE CLIENTS
Paediatric Occupational Therapy
We work with tamariki and rangetahi to help them engage in the everyday activities that are important to them.

We support children's independence with getting ready for school, concentrating in class, improving handwriting, social participation, or completing day-to-day activities.

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational Therapists support people to do the things they want to, need to, or are expected to do, to help them live a health-filled and balanced life.

Our Occupational Therapists are trained to assess children, their environment, and the challenging task. They then work with the child, provide recommendations for equipment and caregiver education, or modify the task to better suit their abilities.

How do I know if a child needs Occupational Therapy?

They may:

- not meet developmental milestones
- have difficulty managing schoolwork or keeping up with peers
- have sensory challenges resulting in difficulty managing everyday tasks (e.g. agitation during grooming tasks, sensitivity to light/ noise)
- appear clumsy or uncoordinated
- have difficulty with fine motor tasks including buttons, shoelaces, handwriting
- have difficulty with emotional regulation (e.g. big outbursts when completing challenging tasks).

We have availability now in the Northland Region for further information, please reach out referrals@habit.co.nz





April

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learning environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports, such as tennis, hockey, football, basketball—and just about any other sport you can imagine!

A special trip is included at the end of each day.

LOCATION

Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)

PRICE

	1 day	2 days	3 days
Child	\$54	\$98	\$138
2 Children	\$98	\$176	\$254
3+ Children	\$42/child, per day		
Additional days	\$42/child, per day		

DATES

14th, 15th, 16th April

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

TIME

9:00am—2:30pm

AGE GROUP

4-10

WHAT TO BRING

Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle



ENROL AT PLAYBALLKIDS.COM/FRANCHISE/NORTHLAND



WHAT IS PLAYBALL?

Playball is an international multi-sport and movement programme, teaching skills from a variety of sports in a fun, positive environment from professional coaches.



As well as our holiday programme, we also offer weekly classes during term time for 2-9 year olds. (Afterschool and Saturdays + more) **For more information, visit playballkids.com Email: dean@playball.co.nz**

TERM 3 2025 STARTING 14th JULY