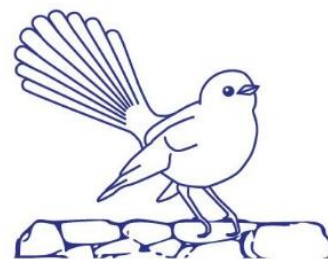


# MAUNU SCHOOL

“The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere”



THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Strength in Our Village

Kia ora koutou,

When we define a school, most will discuss the fundamentals: teaching the basics of reading, writing, and maths well. But as many of you know, today's schools are far more

than just classrooms. They are vital community hubs where we come together to support the emotional safety and wellbeing of our tamariki, especially in a time where the pace of life demands so much from every family member.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 2026**

8 May	PTA Quiz Night
15 May	Pink Shirt Day
1 June	Kings Birthday- School Closed
5 June	School Disco- for Children
26 June	Matariki Cultural Celebration Day
2 July	Kapa Haka Festival at Morningside School
3 July	Last day of Term 2
20 July	Start Term 3

### **More Than Just a Classroom**

Our school is a place where children learn to navigate the world. It is a space to:

- **Regulate Emotions:** Learning how to manage big feelings when challenges come their way.
- **Practice Empathy:** Understanding that each of us holds different family values, and learning to respect the unique cultures and whakapapa we all bring to this shared space.
- **Find Stability:** Providing a safe place of routine and predictability in a world where that is not always a given.

Our teachers and staff are so much more than educators; they are mentors and anchors. I want to personally thank them for their love, their hard work, their patience, and their unwavering kindness.

### **It Takes a Village**

We know we cannot do this work alone. We rely on the partnership of our parents, whānau, and the wider community. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and we want to thank our village now more than ever.

Our community has faced incredibly challenging times this year, with two serious accidents that have changed the lives of two of our families overnight. In these moments, we see the true spirit of our school as our tamariki, staff, and whānau unite to wrap their aroha around those who need it most.

### **Supporting Our Tamariki Through Uncertainty**

While we navigate these heavy times as adults, we must also recognise the profound toll these challenges take on our tamariki. For many of our students, particularly our more sensitive souls, hearing of two serious accidents impacting their friends can create a deep sense of anxiety and worry. At such a young age, processing the fragility of life is a lot to navigate.

Please, if you notice your children questioning the world around them, acting differently, or struggling to find their footing during these times, reach out to their teachers. By keeping those lines of communication open and letting us know what you are seeing at home, we can ensure we are providing the right support and extra care here at school. We are here to hold that space for them alongside you.

### **Supporting the Musarurwa Whānau**

As shared last week with the family's permission, two of our beautiful boys lost their father, Killan, in a tragic car accident. Our hearts go out to them during this unimaginably difficult time.

Thank you to everyone who has already reached out to support the Musarurwa whānau. For those who wish to help but are unsure how, a [Givealittle page](#) has been established by Maria's workplace, BestStart, to provide financial relief and support for the family.

Thank you for being the heart of this school and for looking out for one another. Together, we ensure that no one in our village walks alone.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Claire

## **A NEW CHAPTER OF PLAY**

### **A New Chapter of Play: Maunu School Junior Playground Opening**

On Monday, April 20th, our school grounds hummed with a special kind of energy as we officially opened our brand-new junior playground.

We were immensely proud of our powhiri rōpū for their powerful welcome. It was wonderful to see members of our community join us to celebrate this milestone. This space is more than just a collection of climbing frames; it is a celebration of the Maunu School spirit.

### **Honouring Our History**

For over 30 years, our previous playground was the heart of the junior school, weathering thousands of lunch breaks and witnessing the laughter of entire generations. While it served our tamariki well, the time had come for a new season.

### **Built on Community Spirit**

This new space wasn't just "built", it was earned. It is the result of years of dedication from our school family:

- **The Power of the Sausage Sizzle:** Every dollar raised through school fundraisers and community events went directly into these foundations.
- **Hard-working Volunteers:** To the parents and staff who organised events, sold raffle tickets, and gave up their weekends, this is your victory.

**A Labour of Love:** We have kept the elements our students loved most from the old design while adding new challenges to test their balance, strength, and bravery.

### **A Garden of Gratitude**

Projects of this scale require a massive team effort. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to:

- **Our Board of Trustees:** For their unwavering support.
- **The Playground Committee:** A huge thank you to Pam, Petrina, Andy, and Adrian for your time and persistence.

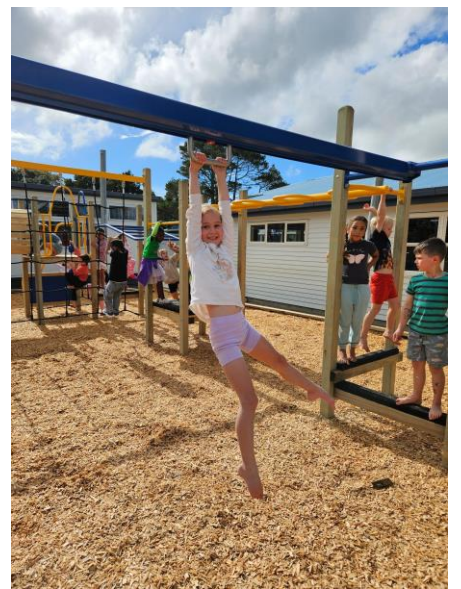


- Aspect Contracting: To Tom and his team, thank you for pouring your heart and soul into this project. A special thanks to Tania and Lucas for "loaning" us Tom during those long hours and late nights.

### The Official Opening

It was only fitting that the hands used to open the playground represented the past, present, and future of Maunu School.

The ribbon was officially cut by Sapphire (our oldest student), Lucas (Tom & Tania's son), and Juwairiya (our youngest student, who started her Maunu journey on the very day of the opening). Through them, we connected the generations of our school.



## QUIZ NIGHT – 8th May

### Quiz Night is set for Friday 8th May, Have you entered your team?

As we gear up for one of our favourite events of the year, this is your final call to get those teams booked and your thinking caps dusted off.

Our Annual Quiz Night is shaping up to be legendary, bringing together our past and present whānau for a night of laughs, fierce competition, and community connection.

🔑 **The Theme:** In honour of Kiwi Music Festival Week, we're celebrating the best of NZ music! Think iconic Kiwi artists, festival vibes, or your favourite local music video looks.

**The Host:** We are thrilled to have the fantastic Kevin Salmon leading the charge.

**The Perks:** Beyond the eternal glory of the win, we have a raffle and plenty of spot prizes throughout the night.

📣 **Call for Teams: Last Chance!**

Ready to take the title? Don't wait until the room is full! Gather your team of 8 brightest (or most enthusiastic) friends and secure your spot now. 📅 [Book a table here.](#)

💖 **Support Our School: Sponsorship Opportunities**

We love partnering with our incredible local businesses. This is a high-profile way to get your brand in front of our community while supporting Maunu School.

We are currently seeking:

Table Sponsorship: \$200 per table

Prizes Physical items or funds for Auction & Spot prizes

Food Sponsorship Help us provide platters, snacks, or pizza!

**What's in it for you?** All sponsors receive heavy promotion via our Facebook page and school newsletter, ensuring your business is recognized before, during, and after the event.

If you'd like to support us, please reach out to [claire@maunu.school.nz](mailto:claire@maunu.school.nz) today.

## PEPPER & ME MOTHER'S DAY PROMOTION

Skip the standard flowers and grab something delicious! We've teamed up with Pepper & Me for a Mother's Day promotion that's both practical and tasty.

Use the promo code **FUNDMP/26**, our school receives 20% of every sale made using the code.

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## ANZAC: STANDING TOGETHER - HONOURING THE ANZAC SPIRIT

What a powerful and moving week it has been for our school community. As we approached ANZAC Day, our students and staff came together in a beautiful display of remembrance, gratitude, and a shared commitment to peace.

### **A Solemn Tribute: Friday's Poppy Assembly**

On Friday, 24th April, our Student Council led a poignant Poppy Assembly that set a respectful tone for the weekend. It was heartening to see our students reflect on the bravery of the ANZACs, those men and women who travelled across the ocean long ago to protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

A highlight of the service was the presentation of the class wreaths. We would like to extend a huge thank you to every class for the time and care put into creating these beautiful tributes. As each wreath was laid during the reading of the Ode, the sense of pride and respect in the room was palpable.



### **Community Remembrance at Maunu Cemetery**

The commemorations continued on Saturday at the Maunu Cemetery ceremony. It was incredibly special to see such a strong turnout from our school community, joining members of the Senior Management Team and our teaching staff to pay our respects.

We would like to give a special mention to Holly and Lilly, who represented our school with grace and dignity by laying a wreath on behalf of all of us. Thank you, girls, for being such wonderful ambassadors.

## Lessons of Peace and Kindness

During our gatherings, we spoke about how "heroism" isn't just found in history books. It lives on in our modern-day heroes, our soldiers, police officers, firefighters, and medical professionals.

Most importantly, we reflected on how peace starts with us. While we remember the sacrifices of the past, we honour them by being "peace-makers" in our own playground today. We do this by:

- Helping a friend who has fallen down.
- Using our words when we feel frustrated.
- Practicing kindness in every interaction.

## Lest We Forget

As we return to our normal school routines, let's carry that ANZAC spirit with us. Let's continue to be brave, be kind, and always remember to say thank you to those who keep us safe.

## HOODIE ORDERS

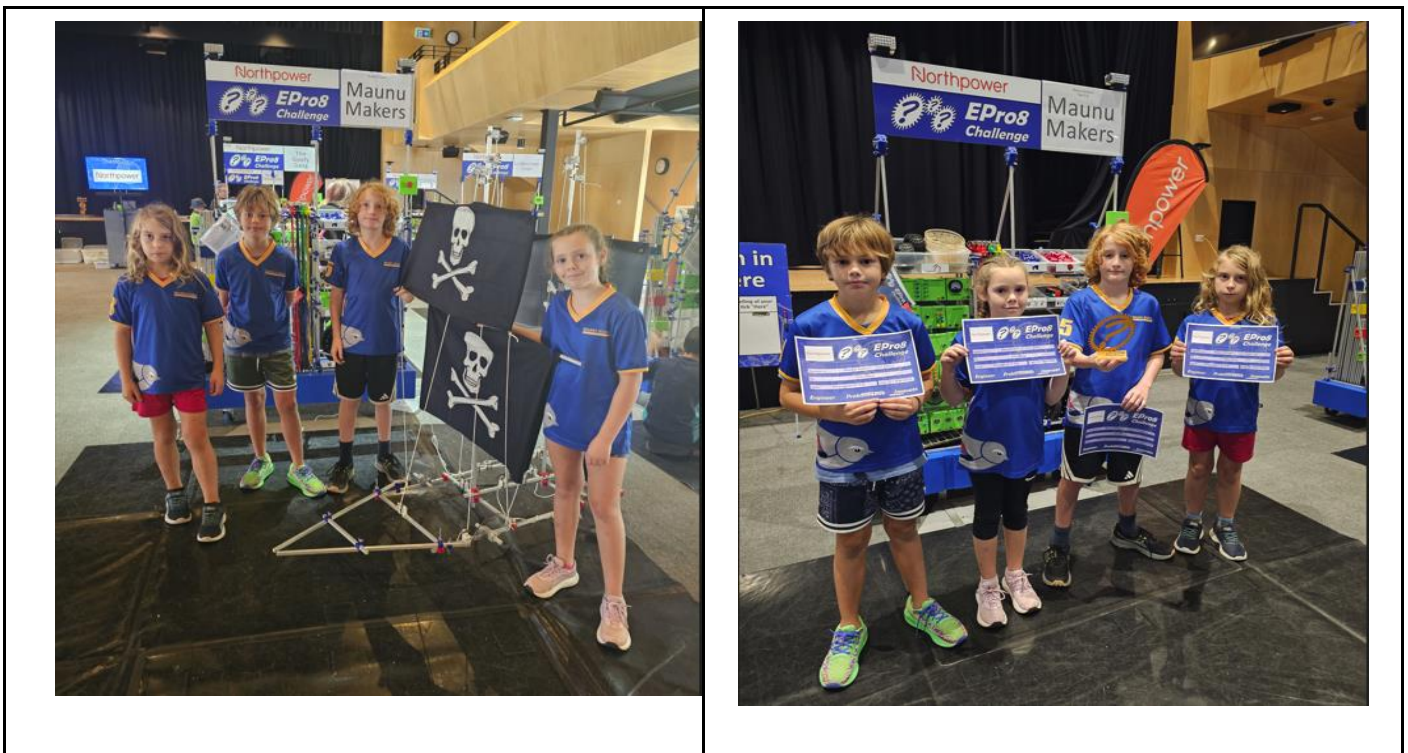
### Last Chance: School Hoodie Fundraiser!

Don't miss out! **Today is the final day to order your school hoodie.**

Cost: \$55 per hoodie

Deadline: Midnight tonight! Where to Buy: Orders must be placed via Kindo.

## EPRO8



### Engineering Excellence: EPRO8 Success!

A massive congratulations to our incredible EPRO8 team! They absolutely nailed their heat recently, securing a well-deserved spot in the EPRO8 Grand Final during the last week of term. It has been inspiring to watch our tamariki dive into these challenges with such grit and creativity. The energy in the room is always electric when the kits come out!

## Expanding Our Horizons

We are thrilled to now have two EPRO8 kits stationed at the school, allowing more students to get hands-on with engineering and problem-solving. But we aren't stopping there, our goal is to continue growing our collection so even more students can experience the thrill of building, coding, and competing in the future.

## YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP - MARSDEN BAY

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently enjoyed a fantastic four days at camp in Marsden Bay during the final week of Term One. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, which stayed kind to us and allowed us to take part in all of the planned outdoor activities.

Camp was full of fun, challenge, and new experiences. Students had the opportunity to try kayaking and enjoyed the excitement and laughter that came with bumper balls and soft tag archery. Frisbee golf, STEAM challenges, cooking, nerf gun games, and the evening activities were all highlights.

Across all activities, it was wonderful to see students stepping outside their comfort zones, supporting one another, and building resilience. There were plenty of smiles, lots of laughter, and many proud moments along the way.

A very sincere thank you goes to the incredible parents who joined us for the four days. Your support, energy, and willingness to be involved made such a difference and helped create a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. We truly appreciate the time you gave to be part of this special experience.



## WINTER SPORTS DAY- WPSSA YEAR 5 & 6

Yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the WPSSA Winter Sports Tournament at Kensington Park. Students competed across a range of sporting codes, including hockey, football, badminton, table tennis, basketball, netball, gymnastics, and rippa rugby.

Students had a fantastic day and represented our school with pride. They stood out through their positive attitudes, strong sportsmanship, and the way they demonstrated our school values both on and off the field.

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported the day as team managers. Events like this are not possible without your time and commitment, and we truly appreciate your support.

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### CERTIFICATE WINNERS 27 March

<b>ROOM 3</b>	Heidi Smith, Jonathan Bibin, Prynce Walker
<b>ROOM 4</b>	Haamiora Prime, Cassie Oldham, Harry Steel
<b>ROOM 5</b>	Finley McNairn, Sophie Platt, Jimmy Chapman-Smith
<b>ROOM 6</b>	Alex Lancaster, Zoe Cashmore, Tamati Prime
<b>ROOM 7</b>	Elizarah Cassidy-Nelson, Henry Hunter, Aaria Lewis
<b>ROOM 9</b>	Isla O'Neill, Oscar Baker, Saanvi Singh
<b>ROOM 10</b>	Myah Burke, Joaquin Rodriguez Pazo, Steven Bibin
<b>ROOM 12</b>	Ethan Aby, Myah Burke, James Platt
<b>ROOM 14</b>	Selah Charles-Corrigan, Ricky Bonar, Emma Riley
<b>ROOM 15</b>	Abigail Peters-Koch, Kaio Koncsek, Cody Bassett-Allen
<b>ROOM 16</b>	Thomas Hunter, Henry English Alexander, Kierat Kaur Aujla
<b>ROOM 17</b>	Celine Hsu, Hunar Saini, Tobi Zeien
<b>ROOM 18</b>	Lochy Steedman, Chloe Baker, Natalia Zhuang

### VALUES CUP WINNERS 27 March



**Kowhai** - Kyra  
**Rata** - Joaquin  
**Tawa** - Japji  
**Kauri** - Jake



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

## 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



## STRING WORKSHOP MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY 17 MAY

We are Chloe and Mariam, year 13 students attending Whangarei Girls' High school and have been involved in many musical endeavors around Whangarei.

young classical musicians hoping to open up more musical opportunities in our community.

We are conducting a beginner friendly classical string workshop for youth week and NZ music month

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you so much!

*Mariam Chaudhry and Chloe Cotterill*

**STRING WORKSHOP**

**Come try a classical instrument!**

**17<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**

**Old Library, Rust Ave, Whangarei**

**No experience needed**

**Come along and give it a go!**

**Session 1 : 10am - 12pm**

**Session 2 : 1pm - 3pm**

**Ages 6 - 18**

Parents are encouraged to stay with children under 14

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# GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

## PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WORKSHOPS

Join us for a workshop designed to support parents and caregivers of children aged 5-12 to better understand children's emotions and needs, particularly during times when families may be experiencing health or wellbeing challenges.

**Hindi Session**  
Thursday 30 April, 10:30am-1pm  
Athal Syms Community Centre, Epsom

**English Session**  
Saturday 2 May, 10am-12:30pm  
Western Springs Community Hall, Point Chevalier

**Somali Session**  
Friday 8 May, 10am-12:30pm  
Rakiraki Room, Wesley Community Centre, Mt Roskill

**Mandarin Session**  
Saturday 9 May, 10:30am-1pm  
Athal Syms Community Centre, Epsom

You will receive:

- Practical tools and resources to strengthen communication, resilience, and emotional connection within the family
- Growing Stronger Together activity book
- Small workshop keepsakes



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