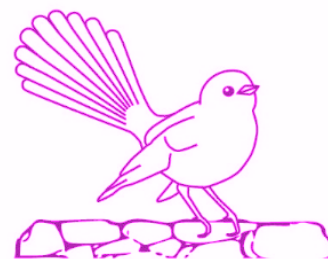


MAUNU SCHOOL

“The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere”



THURSDAY 14 May 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau,
As we move through 2026, you will likely have noticed that changes in education have been coming thick and fast from the government.

Changes to Curriculum and Reporting

Navigating these shifts in our curriculum change model has been a significant undertaking for all schools in New Zealand. I want to take a moment to acknowledge our wonderful teachers, who are working even harder, if that were possible, to ensure these new requirements are implemented smoothly while keeping your child's learning at the heart of everything they do.

New Reporting Standards

The revised New Zealand Curriculum for English and Mathematics & Statistics has introduced new requirements for how we report on student progress.

This year, our school reports will look quite different as they now align with a consistent national framework.

A key part of this shift is the use of five specific Progress Descriptors to show how your child is tracking in Reading, Writing, and Maths:

Emerging: Students require significant support to meet expectations.

Developing: Students are making some progress towards year-level expectations.

Consolidating: Students are meeting many expectations and strengthening their understanding.

Proficient: Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level, this is the target goal for the end of the year.

Exceeding: Students are exceeding the expectations for their year level.

These descriptors provide a clear, "strengths-based" way to understand achievement. To support you in navigating these changes, we have designed an information booklet that explains these levels and the new report format in detail. You will receive these closer to reports coming out

Understanding Assessment Data

During our upcoming Parent Interviews, teachers will share assessment results with you. It is important to discuss this data with you, but they will also discuss how it sits alongside classroom observations, work samples, and daily learning conversations to form a "well-rounded understanding" of your child's journey. It is important to remember that any single assessment is just a "point-in-time snapshot".

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2 2026

15 May	Pink Shirt Day
1 June	Kings Birthday- School Closed
5 June	School Disco - Wild West Theme
19 June	Yr 5&6 Interschool Sports challenge at Maungatapere School
22 June	Student Mid Year Reports emailed to Parents & Caregivers
26 June	Matariki Cultural Celebration
30 June	Parent Interviews – 2pm Finish
1st July	Parent Interviews – 2pm Finish
2 July	Kapa Haka Festival @ Morningside
3 July	Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

20 July	Start Term 3
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Save the Date: Parent Interviews

Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July

School finishes early at 2:00 pm on both days to accommodate all interviews.

After School Care will open early at 2:00 pm on these dates.

If you would like to learn more about these national changes, please head to our [Parent Portal](#).

There are videos and resources there, provided by the Ministry of Education, to help whānau understand the new progress markers and descriptors.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make learning visible and actionable for every student.

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire

Statement from the Ministry of Education to Support Schools with Reporting to Parents and Whānau

We have introduced a new curriculum this year for Maths & Statistics and English for Years 0–10, and Te Reo Rangatira and Pāngarau Tau 0-10 wāhanga ako.

This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curriculum from the start of 2026, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.

Because of this, you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years, which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level.

If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest talking with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests when reporting on the progress your child or tamaiti is making.

EDUCATED FURNITURE - THANK YOU



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A Huge Shout-Out to Educated Furniture!

We are incredibly fortunate to have **Megan and Oren Ellery**, the owners of **Educated Furniture**, as active parents within our school community. We have been proud supporters of their work, for years, not just because they are part of our whānau, but because they produce top-tier, high-quality furniture right here in Whangārei.

Christmas Came Early!

The past two weeks have felt like the holiday season for our staff. We were thrilled to receive not one, but two full trucks of classroom and office furniture, **generously gifted to us by Megan and Oren**.

This donation, valued at over \$20,000, provides a massive boost to our school. It allows us to stretch our budgets much further while giving our learning spaces and offices a fresh, modern lift that our students and teachers truly deserve.

Support Those Who Support Our Tamariki

Megan and Oren are more than just business owners; they are incredibly generous sponsors who truly care about the environment our tamariki learn in.

If you are in the market for:

- Quality Office or Classroom Furniture
- Custom Kitchen Cabinetry
- High-End Joinery for your Business or Home

Please make Educated Furniture your first port of call. Supporting them means supporting a local business that pours so much back into our school.

"We feel so incredibly lucky to have been considered for such a generous gift. **A massive thank you to Megan and Oren for their ongoing kindness and for making our school a more beautiful place to learn.**"

Check [out their website today](#) or call **0508 645 397** and let's show them the same support they show us!

PINK SHIRT DAY 2026

Maunu School is joining the movement on **Pink Shirt Day (Friday 15 May 2026)**, and encouraging our staff and students to **Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces, and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

To celebrate and to promote this important kaupapa we have run activities in the Library this week. We also have a special assembly run by Room 17 at 2pm on Friday.

We're inviting all our tamariki and staff to wear pink this Friday. We will take class photos and present some spot prizes.

You can learn more about Pink Shirt Day here: www.pinkshirtday.org.nz

SCHOOL DISCO FOR CHILDREN

Saddle Up for the Maunu School Wild West Disco!

Dust off your boots and find your finest cowboy hat, it's time for our Annual School Disco! This year, we're heading to the Wild West for a night of music, dancing, and frontier fun.

Refreshments & Merch: We'll have delicious treats and cool glow gear for sale! Please send your child with a little pocket money and a full drink bottle to stay hydrated on the dance floor.

Note to Parents:

- ❖ Please ensure prompt drop-off and pick-up at the designated times to help our volunteers keep the evening running smoothly.
 - ❖ Children **MUST BE** signed in and signed out.
 - ❖ **ONLY** children from Maunu School can attend the Disco.
 - ❖ If your child has been off school sick during the day, they **CAN NOT** attend the disco.
- We can't wait to see those western outfits.

GET READY FOR OUR

WILD WEST DISCO



FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

JUNIORS - 5.30-6.30 PM

SENIORS - 7 - 8 PM

MAUNU SCHOOL HALL - MAUNU SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

\$2 ENTRY + FOOD & GLOW/LIGHT GADGETS FOR SALE

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!



A STICKY SITUATION: CHEWING GUM AT SCHOOL

We've recently noticed a bit of "gum creep" around the Maunu School grounds. While it might seem like a small thing, chewing gum has started appearing in places it shouldn't - under desks, on the pavement, and even in the carpet.

To keep our school environment clean, safe, and focused on learning, we would like to remind everyone that **chewing gum is not permitted at Maunu School.**

Why is gum a problem? Property Damage: Gum is incredibly difficult and expensive to remove from school furniture and flooring.

Hygiene: Discarded gum is a health hazard and creates an unpleasant environment for students and staff.

Focus: It can often become a distraction during lesson times.

How you can help: Please have a chat with your children. We understand that gum might be allowed at home or in other settings, but we ask that you ensure it stays at home and does not make its way into school bags or pockets.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping Maunu School a tidy and prideful place for all our tamariki.

THANK YOU FROM BREAKFAST CLUB

A big thank you to Mr Brian Hildrith for donating bags of yummy mandarins for the breakfast club. They were delicious and the children have really enjoyed them.

We are always grateful for any fruit donations for the Children.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSORED by NARELLAN POOLS & GREENGABLES



Thanks 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**. Log into **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

A NIGHT OF TRIVIA & COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for our Quiz Night on Friday, May 8th! It was truly wonderful to see our community come together for such a vibrant, fun-filled evening.

Events like these don't just "happen," and we want to extend our deepest gratitude to:

Our Incredible Volunteers: From the early stages of planning and preparation to the heavy lifting on the night, your hard work is the backbone of our community. We appreciate you more than words can say!

Our Generous Sponsors: A huge shout-out to our table sponsors and those who donated the fantastic raffle and Spot prizes. Without your ongoing support, these events simply couldn't go ahead.

Thank you for making the night a resounding success. We can't wait to see you at the next one!



Thank you to all who supported our annual quiz night.



Thank you for your Table Sponsorship



Kiwiiana Music Festival Quiz Night

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



Host an International High School Student

*Share your home
Share the world*

Learn more 

Help them experience the very best of New Zealand!

Pompallier Catholic College is looking for caring homestay families to provide a welcoming home, meals, and a supportive environment. In return, you'll receive a homestay stipend and the chance to build meaningful international connections through cultural exchange.

Placements range from a few days to several terms. We'll work with you to find the right fit for your family.

Contact Natasha Schultz at homestay@pompallier.school.nz

Host an International Student Share Your Home, Share the World

Open your home to an international high school student and help them experience the very best of New Zealand

Pompallier Catholic College 2027 Applications:



Applications for 2027 enrolment at Pompallier Catholic College **open on Monday 4 May, 2026 and close on Friday 19 June, 2026.**

Enrolment information, including enrolment forms, are available on the [enrolment pages of our website](#). Alternatively, families can collect an enrolment pack from our office, or request a pack to be posted to them by phoning the college office on 438 3950 ext 0.

Interviews for Year 7 and Year 9 applicants will take place between 20 July – 21 August.

We are not holding any open days prior to the close of enrolments. Students that are accepted for enrolment will be invited to an Orientation Day later in the year (usually November).



RELOVE RECYCLE
KIDS MARKET

Whangarei's Community Baby & Kids Market

**DISCOVER NEW TREASURES,
SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES!**

**Sunday June 21st 2026
10.30AM-1.30PM**

Declutter and Earn!

Is your home filled with outgrown children's clothing, toys, and gear? Reserve a table at our upcoming market and transform your gently loved items into extra income.

Book your table today—spaces are limited!

Email: rrkidsmarket@gmail.com

Maunu Primary School
13 Austin Road, Maunu, Whangārei

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Sunday 31st May 2pm at OneOneSix, Bank Street

Students & Senior Citizens \$20 - Adults \$35
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