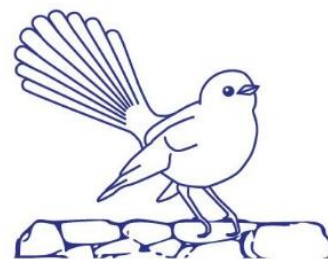


MAUNU SCHOOL

“The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere”



THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou,

The Beautiful Art of Balance

Life can sometimes feel a bit like a playground seesaw. One week we are up, the next we are down, and occasionally, we find ourselves stuck in the air wondering how to get both

feet back on the ground!

As adults, one of the greatest gifts we can give our tamariki is showing them how to find that sweet spot right in the middle, where the seesaw balances perfectly.

Finding balance isn't about being perfect, and it certainly isn't about rigid rules. It's about making mindful choices that keep our minds, bodies, and spirits feeling good. Because we are all beautifully human, we know that life requires a little bit of flexibility. It's all about ensuring that, most of the time, the seesaw gently tips toward the choices that nourish us.

Here is a look at how we can model and support that healthy rhythm for our children every day.

Fuelling Our Bodies: The Lunch Box Mix

When it comes to food, balance is delicious! A great goal to aim for is the 5+ A Day approach, shining a spotlight on fresh fruits and vegetables that give them the sustained energy they need to learn and play.

The Balanced Lunch Box: Think crunchy carrot sticks, juicy mandarin segments, or a crisp apple alongside their main healthy lunch.

Let's redefine balance: it's not an all-or-nothing game. It's the sweet spot where everyday, nourishing foods take centre stage, but special treats still have a welcome, guilt-free seat at the table. By giving both their proper place, we fuel our bodies and feed our joy without compromise.

Moving and Resting: Active Bodies, Quiet Minds

Our physical and mental wellbeing are two sides of the same coin. Keeping the seesaw steady here means balancing high energy with deep rest:

- **Active Play:** Encouraging our kids to get involved in sports, run around at the park, and embrace physical activity builds strong bodies and teamwork skills.
- **Sweet Dreams:** On the flip side of all that energy is the vital need for sleep. Establishing a comforting bedtime routine helps wind down growing brains.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 2026

1 June	King's Birthday - School Closed
5 June	School Disco - for Children
19 June	Year 5&6 Maungatapere sports challenge
22 June	Student Mid-Year reports emailed home
26 June	Matariki Cultural Celebration Day
30 June	Parent interviews 2pm finish
1 July	Parent interviews 2pm finish
2 July	Kapa Haka Festival at Morningside School
3 July	Last day of Term 2

Term 3 2026

20 July Start Term 3

- **Screen Harmony:** In a digital world, downtime can easily be monopolised by devices. We can support our tamariki by creating clear boundaries, ensuring screens go to sleep well before they do, leaving plenty of room for reading, drawing, or daydreaming.

Growing Great Citizens: Heart, Community, and Service

Balance isn't just about what we eat or how we sleep; it's also about how we move through the world together. Teaching our children empathy, tolerance, and the joy of giving back is a huge part of their emotional growth.

We won't always agree with one another, and that is completely okay! By modelling how to compromise, communicate openly, and actively serve those around us, we teach our tamariki how to be wonderful friends and citizens. True community functions best when **we lift each other up, showing our children that through acts of service—big or small—we all have the power to leave the world a little better than we found it.**

We Are in This Together

As parents, caregivers, and whānau, we don't have to be perfect examples, we just have to be honest ones. When our children see us choosing a piece of fruit, shutting off our own phones to talk, or gracefully handling a disagreement, they are learning the art of the steady seesaw.

Thank you for everything you do to support, guide, and love our tamariki into becoming their happiest, most balanced selves!

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire

CONSULTATION ON OUR HEALTH, CULTURE & WELLBEING CURRICULUM

Every two years, we undertake consultation with our school community to ensure our health curriculum aligns with your values and priorities. Your insights are incredibly valuable in helping us shape a meaningful learning program for our students.

We kindly request approximately 5 minutes of your time to complete our **health education survey**. Your feedback is vital in guiding how we support the growth, health, and overall well-being of our tamariki.

Please note the following key arrangements for completing the survey:

Timeline: The survey will remain open for your submissions until the commencement of Term 3.

Opportunities to Complete: For your convenience, digital access will be available during the Parent Interviews in Week 11, allowing you to complete it while on-site.

Thank you in advance for your continued partnership and for contributing to the well-being of our school community.

HOODIE FUNDRAISER: A MASSIVE SUCCESS!

A huge **THANK YOU** to the School community for supporting our recent hoodie fundraiser! We raised \$1636. The hoodies look absolutely amazing, and it is so lovely to see so many students wearing them around the school with such pride.

Missed Out? Want Another Order? We have had several requests, so we are considering putting in another order! These are fantastic not just for our students, but for the whole family.

What to do: If you are keen to purchase a hoodie for your child (or yourself!), please let us know by completing our quick expression of interest form via this [LINK](#).

What happens next: If we get enough interest, we will reopen ordering on Kindo.
Thank you again for your incredible support!

PINK SHIRT DAY CELEBRATIONS



IMPORTANT UPDATES TO OUR SCHOOL REPORT

You will notice some changes in our school reports which will be sent home on Monday 22nd June. The Ministry of Education has introduced new reporting guidelines to align with the updated Years 0–10 New Zealand Curriculum.

Why the Change?

The main goal of these updates is to create a clear, consistent approach across Aotearoa. No matter which school your child attends, the aim is for you to easily understand exactly how they are achieving and moving forward in their learning.

The new format moves away from older, grading systems and focuses heavily on consistent, nationwide reporting on student achievement and progress.

Navigating This Journey Together

We want to be open with you: this new way of reporting is a learning curve for everyone, our

students, our teachers, and our whānau. Because it is completely new, we don't expect to get it perfect straight away!

However, please be assured that our teaching team has been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to upskill themselves. We have been diving deep into the new expectations for each year level and refining how we measure this learning so we can report back to you as accurately and meaningfully as possible.

What the New Reports Will Include

While our teachers will still use their professional judgements and daily classroom assessments to understand your child's unique needs, their official reports will now focus on:

- **New Progress Descriptors:** Clear, positive terms to show exactly where your child is at.
- **A Personal Narrative:** A written comment from the teacher detailing the "why" behind your child's progress level.
- **Progress Over Time:** A visual way for you to see your child's growth across the year.
- **Attendance Data:** Recognising the vital link between regular attendance and successful learning.

Because these changes are so vast, we have designed an information booklet for you to use alongside the report, and we also highly recommend taking some time to familiarise yourself with the helpful resources available on the [Parent Portal](#).

Thank you for your continued support as we transition to this new framework together. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

WINTER ILLS & CHILLS: HEALTH COMES FIRST

Please be aware that there are some incredibly relentless bugs going around at the moment, and they are taking a heavy toll on both our tamariki and our staff.

While we frequently talk about the importance of school attendance and how **every single day counts**, the simple reality is that nobody can learn effectively when they are unwell.

Why Rest is Non-Negotiable: The Brain's Priority: When we are sick, our bodies and brains are busily working overtime to protect us and fight off infections.

The Energy Drain: This defence mechanism uses an immense amount of energy, leaving us incredibly tired and making concentration nearly impossible.

Community Care: Staying home when sick protects our hard-working staff and vulnerable peers from catching the same bugs.

Yes, every day matters - but the health and well-being of our students and staff will always matter more.

Looking Ahead: Please use this upcoming long weekend as an opportunity to truly rest, recuperate, and recharge. **We still have 5 weeks remaining of the term**, and we want to tackle them with full energy tanks!

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community healthy, safe, and well-rested.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 is out now and closes tomorrow. If you wish to place an order please use the online loop at [scholastic.co.nz/Loop](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/Loop) or bring money to the office by tomorrow.



HEALTH & SAFETY GATE POLICY & USE OF BUS BAY

We have upgraded our Health & Safety procedures to ensure our school remains a safe environment for everyone. Please take a moment to read two crucial updates regarding morning arrivals and afternoon pick-ups.

New Gate Policy: Keeping Our Tamariki Safe

To step up our security and safety protocols, we need your help with the school gates each morning.

How you can help: Please support your children as they enter the school by actively helping them open and securely close the gates behind them.

The Goal: Working together ensures our younger tamariki cannot wander out, and keeps our school grounds secure.

Bus Bay Reminder: Stay Clear

We are experiencing dangerous traffic congestion in the bus bay during peak hours. The purpose of the bus bay is buses to drop students to school and pick them up. If you use the bus bay as a drop-off or pick-up zone, please ensure there is space for the buses to manoeuvre safely.

Give Them Room: Buses require significant space to manoeuvre safely. Parked or idling cars block their path and severely reduce visibility, creating a major hazard for our walking students.

Thank you for your immediate attention and cooperation.

QUIZ NIGHT: AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

A massive, heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who made our Quiz Night an overwhelming success!

To our amazingly generous **Sponsors**, our tireless **Volunteers** who worked behind the scenes, and our fantastic **Community** who came out, played hard, and showed so much support, we quite literally couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks to your incredible generosity and team spirit, we raised **just over \$6,000!** Every single dollar is going straight toward building our new **Senior Playground**, bringing us a massive step closer to giving our kids the ultimate space to play, grow, and make memories.

We are so lucky to have such a supportive community behind us. Thank you all for making a difference and for proving that fundraising can be an absolute blast!

SCHOOL DISCO: FRIDAY 5th JUNE

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.

TREES FOR SURVIVAL: KINDLY SPONSORED BY GJ GARDENER HOMES

On Monday, the environmental group visited Andrew Booth's farm alongside the Trees for Survival team, where we planted between 800 and 1,000 native plants along a new raceway and creek area. After a busy morning of planting, the children enjoyed a barbecue kindly sponsored by Fonterra and prepared by Andrew Booth and Chris Ryan.

With some extra time at the end of the day, the group walked to an area of the farm where students from Maunu School had planted trees three years ago. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see how much the plants had grown, with many now standing over a metre and a half tall. It was wonderful to imagine what the area could look like in another 10 years.

The day was a huge success, with beautiful weather and valuable hands-on learning about environmental sustainability and the importance of planting around waterways to help protect and improve our environment.

A special thank you to GJ Gardner Homes for their ongoing sponsorship, Katie from Trees for Survival for all her support, Fonterra and Andrew Booth for hosting the group and providing delicious treats for the children afterwards.

Thank you to our amazing team at Maunu School, Sharon Stainton, Lynne Adam & Adrian Lamb. To all the Whānau who transported and volunteered their time to assist the tamariki with planting.

Here are a few photographs from the day to showcase the children's hard work and experiences.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

ROOM 3	Carter Hayes, Arya Wadey, Lisali Loku Gamlathge
ROOM 4	Jordan Bahho, Maddie Ellery, Evelyn Mariya Basil
ROOM 5	Pravya Kasibhatla, Chris-John Christopher, Aaron Pramod
ROOM 6	Titus Tana, Qaaniah Kippie, Sam Jaise
ROOM 7	Kobe Berghan, Alice Hubner, Lily Ruxton
ROOM 9	Rylee Rajah, Elisha Tibu, Maz Fannin
ROOM 10	Nevaeh-Lee Lemon, Serena Fitzhenry, Mary Antony
ROOM 12	Riley Marsh-Urquhart, Conroy Higgison, Adeline Ryan
ROOM 14	Jayden Gardner, Elizabeth Dade, Xavier Harnett
ROOM 15	Alexis Orr, Nell Bowles, Rihari Wilson
ROOM 16	Sshivada Makkatt Aneesh, Millie Shelford, Heath Rosewarne
ROOM 17	Éilis Brown, Zaydin Smith, Mateo Fowler
ROOM 18	Evelyn Aby, Elliot Thornton, Bonnie Stewart



VALUES CUP WINNERS

Kowhai - Skylar
Rata - Nama
Tawa - Praveer
Kauri - Millie



MATARIKI CELEBRATION

An email with a link to sign up for our Matariki celebration was sent out this week.

We would love for you to join us as we come together to celebrate Matariki, culture, and connection. Please RSVP via this link if you have not already replied to the invitation sent out to let us know if you are able to attend.

[Matariki Invitation](#)

We would love to have you join us for this special occasion.

MATARIKI
AT MAUNU SCHOOL

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
9:00AM
MAUNU SCHOOL HALL

Matariki celebration of dance and music
Followed by light refreshments

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A huge thank you to **Green Gables** and **Narellan Pools** for generously sponsoring the Maunu School Sausage Sizzle throughout **Terms 1 & 2**.

PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING: TUESDAY 11
AUGUST 5:30-7PM

OPEN DAYS:
WEDNESDAY 19 &
THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

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KOUTOU KATOA



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KA WHAI MĀTAURANGA TE AKONGA
KA TŪ RANGATIRA




OPEN DAY
Thursday 30 July 2026

Come and experience a day at TAS. Choose your own activities, talk to other students, meet the teachers and experience what we have to offer.

Please call the **TAS school office** to register your child by **Monday 20 July 2026** so we can finalise transport and numbers:

Programme: For Students

8:40am+ Picked up and taken to TAS by bus/school van (time will vary depending on school) **Please pack morning tea and lunch.**

10:00am Mihi whakatau at TAS gym for parents who want to accompany students

1:30pm Students depart TAS

5:30 - 7:00pm Parent/Caregiver and student information evening to meet the teachers, tour the school and make enrolment applications. Finger food, tea & coffee provided. For further information please contact the school office 432 2643

Our School Vision - "to be the best that we can be."
Web: <https://www.tauraroa.school.nz/> Ph: (09) 432 2643
Address: Omara Road, Maungakaramea 0178

N.E.O. & **N.E.Y.O.**
Our Time to Shine

NORTHLAND ENSEMBLE ORCHESTRA Come Join us for 2 Concerts **NORTHLAND ENSEMBLE Youth ORCHESTRA**

Serenade for Strings Op. 48 - Composed by Tchaikovsky
Ripples - Composed by Simon Eastwood and More.....

Saturday 30th May 2pm at The Old Library, Rust Ave.
Sunday 31st May 2pm at OneOneSix, Bank Street

Students & Senior Citizens \$20 - Adults \$35
To guarantee you ticket please find us on Eventfinda & door sales available restricted to seat numbers




Love our community? Enjoy driving? Thinking of what to do in 2026?



SCHOOL BUS
We Need You!

Ritchies Whangārei is looking for School Bus Drivers to help get our Tamariki and mokopuna to school safely every day.

This is the perfect role if you:

- Enjoy being out and about in the community.
- Want work that fits around school hours.
- Like the idea of FREE school holidays (except the odd training day)!
- Take pride in keeping our kids safe on their journey to and from Kura.

What you'll need:

- Class 2 license (minimum).
- P Endorsement.
- A calm, friendly attitude.
- Reliability — our kids are counting on you!

What you'll get:

- Supportive team.
- Uniform.
- Fortnightly pay.
- Chance to drive extra charter trips if you want them.

Join us — the community will thank you, and so will the next generation!
Apply online today - www.careers.ritchies.co.nz

