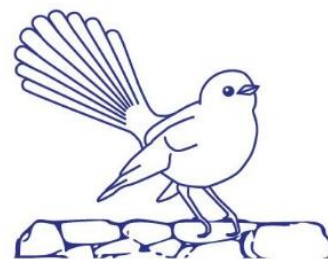


MAUNU SCHOOL

“The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere”



THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Matariki Assembly: Reflecting, Healing, and Looking Forward Together

Kia ora Maunu School
Whānau,

As we prepare for our school-wide Matariki celebrations in week 10, I want to extend a warm invitation to you all for our very special

Matariki Assembly on Friday, 26th June. Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter to RSVP if you are able to join us for what promises to be a beautiful morning of student performances.

A central pillar of Matariki is the time it gives us to pause, look back on the year past, and honour those who are no longer with us. This past year has brought immense challenges and deep tragedies to our Maunu School community. We have been profoundly impacted by two serious car accidents that affected the Little and Musarurwa whānau, and we have felt the heavy grief of losing treasured parents from both our wider community and our staff. As a school, our hearts remain with these families.

To help us navigate this time of reflection, we are incredibly honoured to host **Taipari Munro**, a highly respected elder and kaumātua throughout Northland. Taipari will be sharing his immense wealth of knowledge and wisdom to bless our school community. His presence will help us weave together our shared grief, offering us strength, comfort, and unity.

While Matariki is a time for remembering, it is equally a time for renewal. It provides us with a powerful opportunity to look ahead, set positive goals for our future, and focus on the hope and growth of the coming year. Together, with Taipari's guidance, we will step into this new chapter stronger, more connected, and united as a whānau.

We look forward to standing together with you all on Friday the 26th as we reflect on where we have been and look forward to where we are going.

Ngā mihi nui
Claire, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 2026

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

HEALTH & SAFETY - PLEASE CLOSE THE GATES

A quick reminder to all parents, caregivers, and visitors to please ensure you securely close the school gates behind you whenever you enter or leave the school grounds. Keeping the gates shut is vital for the Student's safety. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school secure!

REMINDER: HEALTH AND EDUCATION SURVEY

A quick reminder to please complete our health curriculum survey if you haven't already! Every two years, we consult with our school community to ensure our health program aligns with your values, helping us support the well-being of our tamariki.

Time needed: Approx. 5 minutes.

How to complete: You can fill it out online anytime via this [LINK](#), or use the digital access available on-site during the Parent Interviews in Week 11.

Thank you for your valuable feedback and continued partnership!

UPCOMING CHANGES TO SCHOOL REPORTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You will notice some significant changes in our upcoming school reports, which will be sent home on **Monday, 22 June**.

Over the last few weeks, we have been highlighting these updates in our newsletters. To help you navigate the new format, our Senior Management Team, in consultation with our teaching staff, has put together a comprehensive **Parent Booklet**.

Here is what you need to know and how to prepare:

1. Read the Parent Booklet (Coming Next Week)

Next week, we will email the Parent Booklet directly to you. Please take some time to read through it before opening your child's report in **Week 10**. It is designed to be a helpful, side-by-side reference guide to clarify the vast changes we've made. We also highly recommend exploring the helpful resources already available on the **Parent Portal**.

2. Understanding "Triangulation" and Progress

When you read the report, you will see a specific **progress descriptor** for your child. To determine this, our teachers use a process called **triangulation**. This means they don't rely on just one test or one good day; instead, they look at a variety of different evidence to get a true, well-rounded picture of your child's growth.

This includes:

- classroom work
- observations
- formal assessments

3. Book a Parent Interview (Week 11)

You are invited to book a parent interview 30/6 & 1/7. During this meeting, teachers will share and explain the specific assessment data collected throughout Term 1 and 2. Because any single assessment is just one piece of evidence captured at one specific moment, this interview is a fantastic opportunity for us to unpack the data together and discuss your child's overall journey.

Information on how to book your interview slot was shared via a flyer that came home on Tuesday. Information about booking an interview is attached.

Thank you for partnering with us as we roll out these exciting improvements to our reporting!

WHĀNAU /TEACHER INTERVIEWS – 30 JUNE & 1 JULY

On both days School will **close EARLY at 2.00 pm** with interviews commencing at 2:10 pm going through to 6 pm.

For Information on how to book an Interview and the purpose of Whānau /Teacher Interviews see attached flyer that was sent home with the Children yesterday.

HOODIE FUNDRAISER: A MASSIVE SUCCESS!

Woohoo! Hoodie Fundraiser Wins Big!

Big news for the Maunu School community! Back in May, we ordered our school hoodies through Crazy Frog and Cloke, which automatically entered us into their \$6,000 prize draw. Well, luck was on our side because last week we found out that Maunu School and Crazy Frog were the winners! Yesterday, Cloke and Crazy Frog visited to present Mrs Reyburn and some of our students with our \$3,000 prize. We are absolutely thrilled.

A massive thank you to Cloke, Crazy Frog, and everyone in our community who supported the fundraiser!



Hoodie Order - Reorders Open now on Kindo

Due to the number of requests we've received, we have decided to reopen the Hoodie Fundraiser on Kindo for a limited time. If you missed out on ordering previously, head over to Kindo and place your order now.

Orders will close on **Thursday 18 June**, so don't miss your chance to purchase a hoodie and support our school. Thank you for your continued support!

MAUNU SCHOOL HOUSE COLOUR TEE SHIRTS



in the Office:

Maunu School Houses are assigned to each child. Each child in the family is assigned the same house when they start at Maunu.

Children are welcome to wear the Maunu Fantail Tee on sports days, special house events, any other occasions or just to wear to school.

We have stocks of most sizes in the Maunu School Tees

- Kauri - Green
- Kowhai - Yellow
- Rata - Red
- Tawa - Blue



Your child is not required to have one of these, but if you would like to purchase one please go to MyKindo and place your order & the office will issue it to your child.

(There is no obligation to purchase these.)

WILD WEST DISCO SUCCESS!



Our Wild West School Disco was an absolute blast, full of fun, laughter, and fantastic dancing!

We want to extend a huge thank you to DJ John Markby, who returned once again to keep the dance floor jumping. This was John's 28th year DJing the Maunu School disco, an absolutely incredible milestone. We are so grateful for his ongoing support!



We also send a massive thank you to our phenomenal PTA, particularly Pam and Amanda who took the lead on organising the event. Finally, a huge shout-out to our wonderful staff and school community - your fantastic help and enthusiastic support on the night are what made the evening such a wild success!



NORTHLAND BOOK BATTLE COMPETITION

Recently, a team of eight students proudly represented Maunu School at the Northland Book Battle held at the Elim Christian Centre.

In preparation for the competition, the students read five novels, created quizzes, and challenged one another to deepen their understanding of the books. Their commitment, teamwork, and enthusiasm for reading were outstanding.

The competition attracted over 22 schools from across Northland, with many schools entering two teams. While our team did not place in the top three, they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and represented our school with pride.

I was incredibly impressed by the dedication these students showed throughout the preparation process and on the day itself. Most importantly, they embraced the opportunity to celebrate reading and share their love of books with others. Congratulations to all team members on their hard work and achievement.

Andi Watts Teacher



AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

ROOM 1	Terra Fahy, Elsie Lewis
ROOM 3	Meadow Cordova, McAulay Fowler, Kova McClure
ROOM 4	Archie Lowe, Juwairiya Noor Ahmed, Emily Raykova
ROOM 5	Caleb Leonard, Chitra Shetty, Poppy Smith-Hodgson
ROOM 6	Emma de Klerk, Aarcha Suresh, Sophie Jones
ROOM 7	Rico Wendt, Grace Guttenbeil, Leo Brown
ROOM 9	Cameron Turton, Manaia-Jane Marsh, Erin Kennedy
ROOM 10	Rickman Sanger, Ceiba Koncsek, Skylar Howe
ROOM 12	Mollie Perry, Adwaith Renju, Hazel Hati
ROOM 14	Praveer Kasibhatla, Xia Sainty, Freya Pollard
ROOM 15	Shahd Omar, Lilly O'Neill, Jake Ragnat
ROOM 16	Elvin Robin, Jaxon Fedarb, Skylar Chamberlain
ROOM 17	Lucas van Esch, Eknor Kaur, Rose Antony
ROOM 18	Aiden Njallen, Laykie Clyma, Audrey English Alexander



VALUES CUP WINNERS

Kowhai - Kalia
Rata - Anica
Tawa - Reed
Kauri - Jac



MATARIKI CELEBRATION

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](#)



The school is looking for Toetoe. If you are able to help by donating or gathering some, we would greatly appreciate it. Please see Cassandra in Room 16 if you can assist.

Coffee Cart

On Friday 26th June, Mr Big's Coffee Cart will be set up in the school carpark by the Hall. Hot drinks will be available from 8.15am - 11.15am to support whānau at drop off time and guests of the Matariki Assembly.



Eftpos & cash are accepted, so please support Mr Big's Coffee Cart on this morning.

We would love to have you join us for this special occasion and thank you for your support.

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

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GREEN GABLES

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