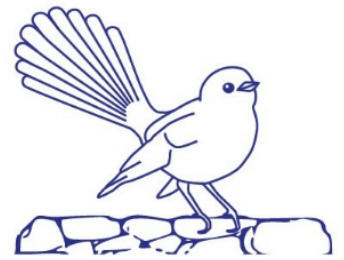


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 30 July 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora Maunu School
Whānau,

Welcome back to Term
3.

It has been absolutely
wonderful to see our
tamariki return rested,

refreshed, and eager to dive back into their
learning.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2026

31 July	Whole School Assembly
10 Aug	Maths House Challenge
21 Aug	Cross Country
24 Aug	Cross Country Postponement Date
24 Aug	Positive Puberty Parent Evening
15-17 Sept	Stem Exhibition

25 Sept **End Term 3**

12 Oct **Start Term 4**

Full STEAM Ahead into STEM Learning!

This term, our learning journey is focused around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Maths).

Our students are becoming scientists and innovators as they carry out exciting scientific investigations into how they can be kaitiaki of Aotearoa.

- STEM Exhibition: Keep an eye out later in this newsletter for further details on our upcoming STEM Exhibition, how you can support our learners, and an important "Save the Dates" from 15th - 17th September.

Lacing Up for Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country is set for **Friday, 21st August**, and the tamariki are already working hard to build up their fitness and stamina. It's inspiring to watch them strive toward their personal goals every day.

To support their training, we are emphasising the importance of proper warm-ups and warm-downs to care for their growing muscles.

Important Reminders for Training:

- Appropriate Attire: Please ensure your child brings suitable clothing for daily training.

- Spare Clothes: With the winter weather, having a full spare set of clothes in their school bag is highly recommended.

Friday Flicks Preparation & Raffle

Planning is well underway for our biggest fundraiser of the year, Friday Flicks, taking place here at Maunu School on **Friday, 30th October**.

Attached to this newsletter, you'll find a letter detailing our upcoming **Friday Flicks Raffle**, which will be drawn live at the event.

- **Theme Raffles:** Each class has been assigned a specific theme, and we kindly ask families to donate 1 or 2 small items toward their class raffle basket.
- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** If you or your business would like to sponsor Friday Flicks, we would love to partner with you.
Please reach out directly to Claire at claire@maunu.school.nz.

Thank you in advance for your incredible support of our school and our fundraising efforts. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire, Principal

Out-of-Zone 2027



MAUNU SCHOOL

2027 Out of Zone Spaces Available at Maunu School

Year 1 - 10 spaces

Year 2 - 10 spaces

Year 4 - 6 spaces

Year 5 - 10 spaces

**Application
Closing Date:**

14th October
2026

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Please call Sue in the Office
& arrange to complete an
Out-of-Zone application
09 438060

Ballot Date:

21st October
2026

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Board of Trustees Update: Out-of-Zone Enrolments for 2027

Following a recent meeting to review our projected numbers for 2027, the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we will have Out-of-Zone places available for Years 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Offering these places helps us maintain stable staffing and keep our class sizes at optimal levels for student learning.

If you have friends or family considering our school for 2027, please encourage them to contact the office for application details.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION SURVEY

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts during our recent Health & Wellbeing Consultation. We received 21 responses representing children across all year levels, providing us with further insights into how we can continue to support the growth, safety, and happiness of all 315 tamariki at Maunu School.

We are thrilled to report overwhelming community support, with 90.5% of respondents expressing high satisfaction with our overall health programmes.

85.7% (18 of 21 respondents) agreed or strongly agreed that the current Health Programme meets their child's needs. 9.5% (2 of 21) were neutral, and 4.8% (1 of 21) partly agreed, noting they needed greater visibility into curriculum content before fully evaluating.

It is wonderful to know that our caring school environment, Te Reo Māori integration, Kapa Haka, and core values like the Five Feathers continue to resonate so strongly, with 90.5% (19 of 21 respondents) confirming their culture is respected and represented at school.

Trends Identifying Our Next Steps:

- **Expand Cultural Celebrations & Inclusive Arts:** Actively incorporate a broader calendar of multicultural events (e.g., Diwali, Chinese Language Week, Lunar New Year) and explore extending Kapa Haka opportunities down to Year 1 students, while framing cultural discussions around contemporary values of gender equality.
- **Embed Core Wellbeing & Neurodiversity Support:** Strengthen existing programs around anti-bullying, relationship skills, and digital safety, while increasing targeted resources and sensory-friendly strategies to support our neurodiverse learners.
- **Align Operational Practices with Health Education:** Review event food guidelines to offer healthier options and implement standardised, school-wide allergy management protocols to ensure all students are safe and included.

POSITIVE PUBERTY YEAR 5 & 6:

Whānau Information Evening: NEST Positive Puberty Programme As part of our Health Curriculum this term, NEST will be delivering their bi-annual Positive Puberty Programme at Maunu School.

To help whānau understand what will be covered and how to support your child at home, we are hosting a parent information night:

- **Date:** Monday, 24th August
- **Details:** Meet the facilitators, review the programme, and ask any questions.

MAUNU'S GOT TALENT

Maunu's Got Talent is Back

Get ready to shine! This term, we are thrilled to invite our energetic **Year 4 – Year 6 students** to step into the spotlight for our highly anticipated annual **Maunu's Got Talent** show. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic, comedy, or playing an instrument, we can't wait to see the incredible talents our students have to offer.

How to Enter:

1. **Grab a Form:** Students can pick up a registration form from the Office/ teacher.
2. **Submit:** Pop their completed form into the **Office Box by Friday, 21st August 2026.**
3. **Auditions:** Mark your calendars for audition days on **Monday, 7th & Tuesday, 8th September.**

Our finalists will perform live for the entire school. Top acts will also have the opportunity to showcase their skills on stage at our **Friday Flicks Event on Friday, 30th October**, as well as our **End of Year Events**.

A Huge Thank You:

We are so fortunate and incredibly grateful to partner with **Lillian Leathem, PAK'nSAVE Whangārei**, who generously donates her time and sponsorship to make this spectacular event possible year after year.

WINTER ILLS & CHILLS

There are currently several winter illnesses circulating in our community, including **Influenza A, Adenovirus**, and a **gastro bug**. These bugs are currently hitting our *tamariki* hard.

Guidance for Families

- **Keep Sick Children Home:** Please keep your tamariki at home to rest until they are completely symptom-free. Staying home prevents the spread to other children and staff.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Ensure your children are getting plenty of fluids (water, clear broths, or oral rehydration solutions) throughout the day to support recovery and prevent dehydration.
- **Practice Hand Hygiene:** Encourage regular handwashing with soap and warm water, especially after coughing, sneezing, or using the bathroom.

Need Medical Advice?

If you are unsure about symptoms, need care guidance at home, or are wondering whether your child needs to see a doctor:

Call Healthline NZ: 0800 611 116

AROUND THE SCHOOL

VALUES CUP WINNERS



Kowhai - Azula
Rata - Abdur
Tawa - Georgia
Kauri - Charli



STEM EXHIBITION

STEM Exhibition – Donations Needed!

We're getting excited for our upcoming STEM Exhibition and are looking for a few recycled and natural materials that our students can use in their projects. If you have any of the following items at home that you're happy to donate, we'd really appreciate your support!

- Clean, clear plastic soft drink bottles
- 100% cotton fabric
- Hollow bamboo stalks (up to 1 metre long)
- Large pieces of dry tree bark
- Wool
- Smooth, flat stones
- Small terracotta pots or broken terracotta pieces
- Clean, empty tin cans
- Small offcuts of untreated timber or plywood
- Air-cleaning plants or herbs

If you have any of these items to spare, please send them to **Room 17**, and I'll make sure they get to the right classes.

If you have any questions, please contact **Alana Fromont** at alana@maunu.school.nz.

Thank you for supporting our STEM Exhibition. We really appreciate the generosity of our school community!

Featured below is the STEM Exhibition flyer, with more information:



STEM

EXHIBITION

IN THE MAUNU SCHOOL HALL

Let's **celebrate** our children's learning about being the **Kaitiaki** of Aotearoa using STEM. ♥

 **TUESDAY**
15th
SEPTEMBER

 **WEDNESDAY**
16th
SEPTEMBER

 **THURSDAY**
17th
SEPTEMBER 2026

CARE FOR
THE LAND.
CARE FOR
OUR FUTURE.

 **SCIENCE**
Exploring our natural world

 **TECHNOLOGY**
Solving problems sustainably

 **ENGINEERING**
Designing for a better Aotearoa

 **MATHEMATICS**
Understanding patterns and data

LEARNING TODAY, CARING FOR AOTEAROA TOMORROW.

YEAR 6 INTERMEDIATE TRANSITION'S



TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Thursday 30 July 2026

We invite prospective students & parents to attend our OPEN DAY & EVENING

Our **Open Day** offers students entering Year 7-9 in 2027 a taste of what TAS has to offer. Choose an activity, talk to TAS students, meet some teachers. Programme runs from **9:45am to 1:30pm**. Come along to experience TAS in action.

Please contact the school office to register by Thursday 23 July 2026 or complete the online registration form.

Students and parents(all year levels) are invited to our **Open Evening at 5:30pm** in the school library. Tour the school and facilities, meet our teachers and discuss our learning programmes. *Light refreshments will be provided.*

REGISTER NOW

✉ general@tauraroa.school.nz
☎ 09 432 2643

www.tauraroa.school.nz

Whangārei Intermediate School Information Evening & Open Days

A reminder that Whangārei Intermediate School is hosting its Parent Information Evening at 5:30pm on Tuesday, 11 August.

Open Days will be held from 9:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesday, 19 August and Thursday, 20 August (Week 5).



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS



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**TERM 3
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

A big thank you to our generous sponsors PlusCA for helping make our Friday Sausage Sizzle possible.

We really appreciate your support of our kura and our tamariki.

Orders are placed through [MyKindo](https://www.mykindo.co.nz/), 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!

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Matariki celebration at the end of last term. It was a beautiful day and so lovely to see our school community come together to enjoy the performances, share kai, and celebrate Matariki. We really appreciated the support from our whānau and everyone who helped make the day so special.





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"We are closer to each other more now than before. I understand my children's need for attention."

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS

Build confidence in your parenting

The Incredible Years is a **FREE 14-week group programme** for parents and caregivers with tamariki (children) aged **3 to 8 years old** with useful information on handling various parenting challenges.

Starts Friday 7 August from 9:30am-12:30pm

Runs every Friday from 9:30am-12:30pm until 20 Nov 2026 (excludes school holidays 26 Sept to 11 Oct)

Location:
Hope Tikipunga
152 Kiripaka Road, Tikipunga,
Whangārei 0112

The programme consists of weekly sessions run by experienced Family Workers who are specially trained facilitators and covers key topics like:

- helping tamariki learn through play
- understanding the development of your tamariki
- using praise and encouragement to motivate tamariki
- setting clear limits and rules
- encouraging your tamariki to solve problems
- learning how to manage tantrums and various attitudes

To register, please contact: ☎ 09 437 6729 ✉ admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz




WINTER WARMER PACKS



Help our local kids thrive this winter!

Every winter, our very generous community comes together to support local children and families facing the cold months ahead.

This year, Family Works Whangārei is aiming to provide 500 Winter Warmer Packs to families in need across our community. With your help, we can ensure local kids stay warm, comfortable, and cared for this winter.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Cash Donations Welcome

Give a little warmth your way, cash donations help us shop smart for local families.

Donate online via the link below.

Every donation, big or small, helps make winter warmer for a local child and family.

Donate New Winter Items

We are gratefully accepting donations of new:

- Warm socks
- Beanies
- Blankets
- Winter sheets
- Hot water bottles & covers
- PJ's

Please ensure all donated items are brand new!

We are open for donations:
16 Mair Street, Regent, Whangārei
Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5pm

www.familyworksnorthern.org.nz/donate

MAGNOLIA GARDENS

Fundraiser Open Days

10am to 3pm
8-16 August

Enjoy exploring one of New Zealand's best Magnolia gardens

37 Proctor Rd, Poroti
18mins from Whangārei

 \$10 per adult, children free

 Free parking

 Self-serve refreshments

 Raffle prizes, including a Honey Tulip Magnolia tree (pictured) donated by



WHANGĀREI

IN SUPPORT OF:

I HAVE A DREAM



You can make a difference in one child's life

We have children and young people who need a safe, stable and nurturing home away from home.

If you're interested in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.



Put yourself in the picture. Contact us today.

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t www.twitter.com/ccsDisabilityA
✎ www.ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz

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DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Term 3 2026

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Te Manawa Tahī COMMUNITY TIMETABLE

Whangarei, Bream Bay and Kaipara

Date	Hub Locations	Term 3 2026, Weeks 1 to 5
Wed 27 th Jul	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 29 th Jul	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thurs 30 th Jul	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thur 6 th Aug	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wed 12 th Aug	Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Mon 17 th Aug	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 19 th Aug	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz



Te Manawa Tahī



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