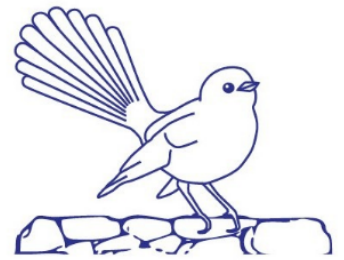


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 13 August 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been an absolute joy walking around the kura this week, there is a real buzz in the air as our tamariki dive headfirst into Maths Week!

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2026

10 Aug	Maths House Challenge
21 Aug	Cross Country
24 Aug	Cross Country Postponement Date
24 Aug	Positive Puberty Parent Evening
31st Aug	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
15-17 Sept	Stem Exhibition

25 Sept **End Term 3**

12 Oct **Start Term 4**

From interactive problem-solving to outdoor math scavenger hunts, our amazing Maths team has coordinated fantastic daily activities designed to foster a genuine love for numbers, logic, and discovery. Seeing our students collaborate, cheer each other on, and realise that math is all around us has been the highlight of our week.

Did You Know? A Little Maths Week Magic

Maths isn't just about worksheets and tests; it's the secret language of the universe. Here are a few fun facts to share with your tamariki around the dinner table this week:

- **The Honeycomb Genius:** Bees are natural mathematicians. They build their honeycombs using hexagons because it's the most efficient shape to store the maximum amount of honey using the least amount of wax.
- **Nature's Pattern:** Ever noticed the spirals on a pinecone, a sunflower, or a pineapple? They almost always follow the Fibonacci sequence (where each number is the sum of the two before it: \$1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13...\$).

Mathathon & Sponsorship Drive

To build on this week's excitement, we are kicking off our Mathathon.

Building strong, automatic recall of basic facts gives children the confidence and "brain space" to tackle complex, higher-level problem-solving down the road.

How You Can Help at Home:

- **Daily Practice:** Your child should have come home with a tailored list of basic facts. Please set aside 5–10 minutes each evening to test them, flash-card them, or play quick mental math games. Your encouragement makes a world of difference.
- **Sponsorship:** We encourage tamariki to ask friends, neighbours, and whānau to sponsor them, either with a flat donation or a per-mark pledge for their final score. Funds raised will go directly toward the school's fundraising goal to build a new Senior Playground.

Key Date to Remember:

Testing Day: Week 8, Thursday 10th September

Please ensure sponsorship forms and practice sheets are kept safe at home until testing week.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's learning journey. Let's keep this mathematical momentum going.

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire, Principal

BOOK FAIR

We're excited to announce that our School Book Fair will be running in the School Library from **14–21 August**.

Come along and browse a wonderful selection of books for all ages. It's a great opportunity to discover some new favourites, encourage a love for reading, and find the perfect book to enjoy at home.

We look forward to seeing our families at the Book Fair and sharing the joy of reading with our school community.





2027 Out of Zone Spaces Available at Maunu School

Year 1 - 10 spaces	Application Closing Date: 14th October 2026
Year 2 - 10 spaces	
Year 4 - 6 spaces	Ballot Date: 21st October 2026
Year 5 - 10 spaces	

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

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.

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 our Year 5 & 6 students.

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.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

ROOM 1	Harliv Kaur, Luke Prasanth
ROOM 3	Jonathan Bibin, Georgia McCarrison, Heidi Smith
ROOM 4	Darsh Nair, Varada Krishna, Essa Tibu
ROOM 5	Pravya Kasibhatla, Anvi Anandhu
ROOM 6	Aarcha Suresh, Elea Preissler-Hunt, Samuel Jaise
ROOM 7	Kiera Montilla, Elizarah Cassidy-Nelson, Eloise Jensen
ROOM 9	Khetan Nandra, Amelia McCarrison, Eloise Jones
ROOM 10	Nixon Clement, Kelly-Ann Slater, Niya Jijo
ROOM 12	Mia Hubner, Marshal Musarurwa, Anamika Sreejith
ROOM 14	Gurshaan Singh, Eva Cartwright, Jasper Hodges
ROOM 15	Eleanor Bowles, Sapphire Ashby-Wiperi, Abigail Peters-Koch
ROOM 16	Isla Barnes, Niya Ajeesh, Kaihi Poa
ROOM 17	Mandy Moyo, Harold Prasath, Abdur Chaudhry
ROOM 18	Connor Blair, Charlotte Bell, Heidi Harrison

VALUES CUP WINNERS

Kowhai - Kiera
Rata - James
Tawa - Amelia
Kauri - Norah



MAUNU MATHS HOUSE CHALLENGE

On Monday, the hall was a buzz with Maths. Representatives of four students from each house competed in Year 1&2 teams, Year 3&4 teams and finally Year 5&6 teams, to see which house is top in Maths. There was also a spectator competition where the rest of the students were able to answer maths questions to earn extra points for their house.

It was great to see the amount of mathematical discussion, explaining and sharing of ideas happening among the students. The competition was fierce with students working hard to solve as many problems as they could in the allotted time.

The winning teams for each section were:

Year 1&2- 1st Kauri-Olivia, Poppy, Jimmy, and Jake

Year 3&4- 1st Kauri-Israel, Ollie, Rickman, and Cameron

Year 5&6- 1st Rata- Michael, Kaio, Hazel, and Julia

Well done to all the students who participated and joined in either competition. Also a huge thank you must go to all the helpers who assisted in running the event. Without their help this event would not be able to happen. So which house won the most overall points from both competitions? Find out tomorrow at assembly.



MAUNU SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK!

24TH – 28TH AUGUST

Celebrate stories. Inspire minds. Have fun!

Join us for a week full of reading, fun and imagination.
Everyone has a part to play – let's make it *our best Book Week yet!*




TUESDAY ONLY

TEACHERS SWAP CLASSES & READ A STORY!



Teachers will swap classes and read a story just after the interval bell at Feed and Read time (11:10–11:20).

THURSDAY ONLY

CHARACTER HUNT



Search for the book characters around the school. You will collect a grid from your teacher and you can search for the characters at lunchtime.



DIFFERENT QUESTIONS!

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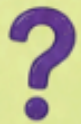
JUNIORS

Can you name popular book characters?



SENIORS

Answer questions based on popular books. There will be vocabulary and spelling challenges too.



FRIDAY ONLY

DRESS UP DAY

Come dressed as your favourite book character. We will see all the outfits at assembly time!



THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

QUOTE OF THE DAY

A quote will be shared each day – can you work out which story it comes from?



CAUGHT READING IN YOUR OWN TIME



Students are given this token if they are caught reading. They can put their name on the back of it with their class number and go into the draw to win a prize.



CRAFT ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

Get creative in the library at lunchtime with fun book-themed craft activities!



READ MORE. DREAM BIG. BE INSPIRED!

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:

Grab a Form: Students can pick up a registration form from the Office/ teacher or complete a registration form online.

Please complete the [form](#) or by using the QR code **Friday, 21st August 2026**.



Submit: Pop their completed hard copy form into the **Office Box by Friday, 21st August 2026**.

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.

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
- 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
- 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!



SCIENCE IN A VAN

As part of our STEM programme this term, we have also been fortunate enough to book **Science in a Van**. On **3rd September**, this passionate team of educators will visit our school as part of their ongoing work throughout Aotearoa, inspiring students with engaging, hands-on STEM experiences.

Our students will enjoy age-appropriate shows designed to spark curiosity and deepen their understanding of scientific concepts:

- **Junior School:** *Billy Goats Gruff – A Tale of Competing Forces*
- **Senior School:** *Move It! – Exploring the Laws of Motion*

We know these performances will be an exciting and memorable experience that complements the learning happening in classrooms throughout the term.

To help make this exciting experience possible, we are asking families to contribute **\$5 per child via the myKindo app**. The school will be covering the remaining cost of the programme.

We greatly appreciate your support, as it helps us continue to provide engaging and memorable learning opportunities for our students.

YEAR 6 INTERMEDIATE TRANSITION'S

MATARAU SCHOOL

Year 7-8 Out-of-Zone Positions 2027



Year 7: 4 places available

Year 8: 4 places available

Out-of-zone applications must be completed by 2 September, prior to the ballot (if required) on 9 September.

Contact Tom Clarkson to arrange a visit principal@matarau.school.nz

www.matarau.school.nz



Whangārei Intermediate School Information: Open Days

A reminder that Whangārei Intermediate 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



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!



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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,
Whangarei 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 Whangarei 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, Whangarei
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 Whangarei

-  \$10 per adult, children free
-  Free parking
-  Self-serve refreshments
-  Raffle prizes, including a Honey Tulip Magnolia tree (pictured) donated by



WHANGAREI

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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☎ (04) 384 5677 or 0800 227 200

✉ info@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz

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DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Term 3 2026

Te Manawa Tahi 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 Tahi 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 Tahi 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

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