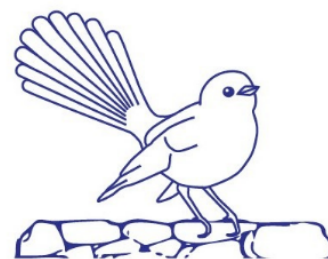


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 27 August 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been an extraordinary few weeks filled with pride, perseverance, and a deep love for learning. Here is a look at what our amazing tamariki have been achieving.

Exceptional Success at Mathex On Thursday 13th August, our four Mathex teams (two from Year 5 and two from Year 6) represented our kura with absolute distinction. While we are still waiting on the full breakdown of final placings, we are thrilled to announce that two of our teams earned a spot on the podium.

Year 5 (2nd Place out of 50 Northland teams):

Michael, Thomas, Gurshaan and Julia.



Year 6 (3rd Place out of 60 Northland teams):

Tricia, Grace, Hazel, and Freddie.

We are immensely proud of all four teams. Mathex requires lightning-fast problem-solving, incredible teamwork, and calm under pressure. Watching our students step up to this high-level

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2026

28 Aug	Full Assembly 2pm start- Rm 14 hosting
31st Aug	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
2 Sep	WPSSA Cross Country at Barge Park (Selected 8-10 year olds will represent the School)
3 Sep	Science in a van
4 Sep	WIS Band performing 11.30am
7-8 Sep	Maunu's got talent auditions
10 Sep	Basic Facts Mathathon test day.
15-17 Sep	Stem Exhibition
23 Sep	Board Meeting
24 Sep	All Mathathon money & forms to be returned
25 Sep	End Term 3
12 Oct	Start Term 4
20-21 Oct	Year 2-3 Camp
30 Oct	Friday Flicks on the field- save the date!
3 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
9 Dec	Final Assembly



competition with focus, integrity, and determination was inspiring. They were a true credit to our school.



Cross Country Achievements & Community Support A huge congratulations to all our tamariki for their grit and determination during our recent Cross Country. In the weeks leading up to the event, students put in hard work building their fitness and setting personal goals to beat their best times. The race-day atmosphere was brilliant, defined by perseverance and mutual encouragement.

A special thank you to Mrs Dawson and Ms Hesketh for their fantastic organisation. We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Hayden Kingdon, Principal of Pompallier Catholic College, and his team. When our longstanding sponsorship with Fulton Hogan to safely cross State Highway 14 came to an end, Pompallier generously stepped in, allowing us to extend our course onto their grounds. We deeply appreciate this community support.

Best of luck to all our runners competing at the WPSSA Cross Country next Wednesday.

Book Fair & Book Week Following another highly successful Scholastic Book Fair organised by our Library Leaders and led by our incredible Librarian Lynne, we jumped straight into Book Week.

Immersing our tamariki in the joy of reading is fundamental. A love for books opens up endless worlds of imagination, builds empathy, and lays the critical foundation for lifelong learning. A massive thank you to our Literacy Team, led by Andi Watts, for bringing the magic of reading to life this week.

Highlights of Book Week activities:

- **Caught Reading:** Spotting students enjoying books around the school.
- **Lit Quiz Challenge:** Senior teams battled it out for ten challenging rounds.
- **Teacher Reading Swap:** Teachers sharing their favourite stories with different classes.



- **Daily Quotes from popular books:** We can all be inspired by the messages in books
- **Book Detectives:** Junior classes named well known book characters
- **Character Hunt:** Students search for characters dressed up around the school.
- **Friday Dress-Up:** Celebrating our favorite book characters in costume.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our kura and tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire, Principal

CROSS COUNTRY

During Covid times we ran our Cross Country race at school, and after a successful morning of racing last Friday, it now looks like a permanent course.

The weather was kind and the showers disappeared, resulting in perfect weather conditions for running.

The children were keen, warming up enthusiastically with Miranda. Thank you Miranda.

The 4 and 5 year olds completed their course around the school grounds at lightning speed. They were back at the finish line before you knew it.

The older students found themselves running up and down the hills behind Pompallier, around the large Pompallier field, and finally completing the circuit around the school.

All students showed determination, resilience and stickability. I even saw smiles as some students came in. All our students should be very proud of their effort and achievements on Friday - tino pai rawa.

Thank you very much to our parent marshals. It is a very important job as students, particularly when feeling fatigued, can often run the wrong way. Thank you to those who stayed behind and helped pack up, it made a big job much easier. Everyone's help, throughout the day, is very much appreciated.

Finally a huge thank you to Pompallier for letting us use their grounds. Their help allows us to have a challenging course without the stress of getting across the State Highway.

Thank you, Pompallier.



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Age	 1st Place	 2nd Place	 3rd Place
4 Year Old Boys	Max Thornton	Jordan Bahho	Archie Lowe
4 Year Old Girls	Emily Raykova	Kova McClure	Divinity Cassidy-Nelson
5 Year Old Boys	Jimmy Chapman-Smith	Connor Blair	Anton Alex
5 Year Old Girls	Georgia McCarrison	Addison Orr	Zoe Cashmore
6 Year Old Boys	Rico Wendt	Jake Harrison	Alex Lancaster
6 Year Old Girls	Tobi Zeien	Audrey English-Alexander	Eloise Jensen
7 Year Old Boys	Ayden Alex	Jac Chapman-Smith	Ceiba Koncsek
7 Year Old Girls	Thea Davies-Colley	Elea Preissler-Hunt	Serena Fitzhenry
8 Year Old Boys	Cody Basset-Allen	Kauri Foy	Jayden Gardner
8 Year Old Girls	Annabelle Orr	Kalia Anderson	Mayah Burke
9 Year Old Boys	Freddie Steele	Micheal McNairn	Fateh Singh
9 Year Old Girls	Kierat Kaur	Esme Mabey	Kennedy Churches
10 Year Old Boys	Charlie Green	Cooper Fromont	Marshal Musarurwa
10 Year Old Girls	Holly Harrison	Hazel Hati	Evania Arun

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

ROOM 1	Elsie Lewis, Terra Fahy
ROOM 3	Evelyn Xavio, Jordie Cripps, Wesley Garisau
ROOM 4	Amelie Laing, Harry Steel, Emanuel Musarurwa
ROOM 5	Lachlan Bonar, Hezekiah Sherwood, Sophie Platt
ROOM 6	Manraaj Singh-Multani, Journi Maioha, Amelia Joseph
ROOM 7	Finn Booth, Jake Harrison, Michael Shanahan
ROOM 9	Saanvi ~, Alex Bell, Isla O'Neill
ROOM 10	Ethan Wong, Rickman Sanger, Serena Fitzhenry
ROOM 12	Anya Pell, Raunak Singh, Kalia Anderson
ROOM 14	Miquel Calonge Velasco, Mason Foster, Zariah Lejos
ROOM 15	Ruby Pothan , Grace He, Lucas Howe
Room 16	Teacher away
ROOM 17	Julia Lewis, Nowha Noushad, Celine Hsu
ROOM 18	Teacher away

VALUES CUP WINNERS

Kowhai - Rihari
Rata - Divinity
Tawa - Kennedy
Kauri - Charlie



BOOK FAIR

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. Your support makes a wonderful difference to our school library, which has received \$1,075 worth of Scholastic books as a result.

We are incredibly grateful for your support and look forward to seeing these new books enjoyed by our students.



SCIENCE IN A VAN

A big thank you to all the parents who have already paid for our Science in a Van experience. We really appreciate your support.

If you haven't done so yet, please check your Kindo account. For more information on how to make a payment through Kindo, please see the information below.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact the school office.

STEM EXHIBITION

STEM Exhibition – Kaitiaki in Action

The STEM Exhibition is fast approaching, and our classes are getting increasingly excited about their learning! This year, students are exploring the role of **kaitiaki** and considering how they can help protect and care for Aotearoa in the future.

Each class has chosen a different project and is working from a **purpose or problem** to develop possible solutions. Along the way, our students are becoming researchers, scientists, designers and problem solvers. They are experimenting, testing, analysing data and learning through trial and error as they refine their ideas and work towards creating products that could make a difference.

We can't wait to share their learning and celebrate their amazing thinking at the STEM Exhibition!

Maunu School Hall - 13 Austin Road, Maunu

 **Tuesday 15 September:** 2:30–4:30pm

 **Wednesday 16 September:** 2:30–6:00pm

 **Thursday 17 September:** 2:30–4:30pm



MATHATHON INFORMATION ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

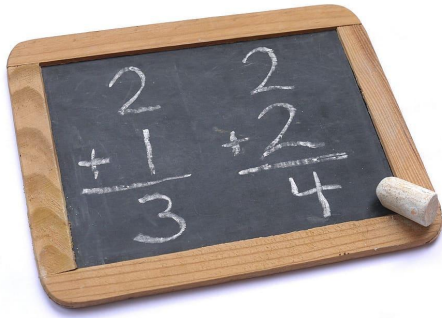
We are excited about our upcoming Mathathon! Students have received their sponsorship forms already. To learn more about this fun event and how your child can participate, please visit our school website using the link below.

For your convenience, our website includes a translation tool at the top of the page so you can easily read all Mathathon details in your preferred language.

Thank you for your continued support!

Link: <https://www.maunu.school.nz/parent-info/mathathon-2026/>

MATHS PRACTICE TOOL FOR YEARS 3-8



A Maths practice tool for Years 3 to 8 has been developed by the Ministry of Education following feedback from parents and whānau that they wanted practical ways to support learning at home.



Promoting Maths practice tool for Years 3 to 8 – Tāhūrangi

Visit: <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/year/Year%203>

ONLINE GP CARE FREE FOR 13 AND UNDER

With health services experiencing high demand, online GP care is an option for accessing care and the service is now free for all ākonga up to, and including, the age of 13.

Appointments usually take place through a video app or a phone call and the service can prescribe medicine and send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy.

To learn more visit Online GP care: Online GP care – Health New Zealand

You can also find out more at: Care options for you and your whānau [PDF, 498 KB]

OUT OF ZONE VACANCIES FOR 2027

Out-of-Zone Places Available for 2027

The Board of Trustees advise we're excited to open up out-of-zone enrolment places for 2027 in **Years 1, 2, 4, and 5.**

Taking in out-of-zone students allows us to keep our class sizes balanced and protect our teaching staff numbers.

Help us spread the word!

Please share this post with your whānau, friends, and workmates. If you know anyone looking for a school place in 2027, encourage them to reach out to our office team for application details.



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



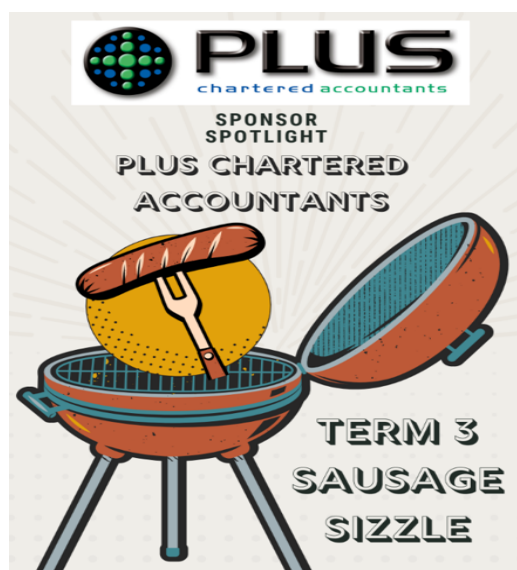
Ballot Date:

21st October
2026



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

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](#), 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!

YEAR 7 2027 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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





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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



Whangārei

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

PLAYBALL AFTERSCHOOL AT MAUNU PRIMARY!



MONDAYS 3:10 - 3:50PM

MAUNU PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THE TURF

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LEARN. PLAY. PRACTICE

ACTIVE & FUN

BUILD SKILLS & CONFIDENCE

MAKE FRIENDS & HAVE FUN

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- ✓ Fun for all abilities



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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TE HUNGA HAUĀ MAURI MŌ NGĀ TĀNGATA KĀTOA

Mangakahia Summer Festival Event Coordinator Wanted!

Fixed Term / Part-Time
Up to 8 hours per week (October-February) - WFH

We are seeking a passionate community minded Event Coordinator to organize our fun & vibrant community festival to be held on Sunday 21 February 2027

You will plan, manage, & oversee all aspects of our event coordinating all of the moving parts to ensure everything runs smoothly. Working closely with our committee to bring the festival to life & be the driving force behind a successful & fun event.

Key Responsibilities Include

- **Marketing & Communications:** Spread the word through social media, newsletters, & community outreach
- **Planning & Coordination:** Oversee stallholders, volunteers, performers, entertainment, activities & equipment to ensure every part of the festival is in place.
- **Event Day Management:** Oversee festival day timeline, health & safety, waste management, & sound system setup.
- **Budget Management:** Keep track of expenses & help the festival stay on budget.

If you've had experience in events, are organised, enthusiastic, & community-minded, this role is for you.

You'll play a key part in bringing people together and creating lasting summer memories for Mangakahia.

Apply Now: email mangakahiasummerfestival@gmail.com



DISCOVER BOARDING AT DIO


DIOCESAN
SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS



Join us in Whangārei for an informal evening to meet our boarding team and discover what boarding at Diocesan School for Girls is really like.

More than just a place to stay, boarding at Dio offers a welcoming home where students live, learn and grow together while being supported every step of the way. Located just across the road from campus in Central Auckland, our four villa-style homes provide a close-knit environment for around 55 boarders in Years 9-13.

Without the pressure of a daily commute, boarders can make the most of every opportunity Dio has to offer. Whether their passion is academics, sport, music, the arts, culture or leadership, boarding makes it easier to participate, thrive and feel connected.

Whether you are already considering boarding or simply exploring your options, we would love to meet you, answer your questions and help you discover where boarding at Dio could take your daughter.

WHANGĀREI

Boarding Information Evening



Wed 16 Sept,
6pm - 7.30pm



No. 8 Restaurant,
8 Quayside, Town Basin,
Whangārei



Register at
trybooking.com/nz/BDVY