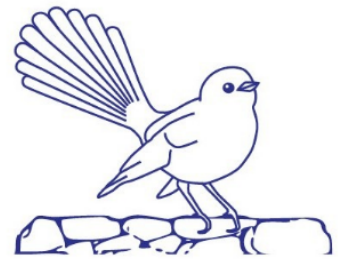


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 10 September 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

Keeping Our Community Safe

Our children arriving to and from school safely is our top priority. Recently, we have heard of numerous occasions where parents are experiencing road

rage, and children are witnessing unsafe driving conditions caused by cars tailgating.

NZTA has installed speed restrictions on State Highway 14 outside Pompallier Catholic College and Maunu School. Regardless of individual opinions on whether these limits are too slow, they are the legal speed limit, and the reason behind them is to keep our entire community and our children safe.

If you witness or experience road rage because you are adhering to the legal speed, or if you observe unsafe driving practices, please report these vehicles and drivers directly to the police. It is completely unacceptable that our parents are being intimidated and our children are witnessing this behaviour.

A heartfelt thank you to all the community members who consistently drive with care and keep our tamariki safe.

A Thriving Place of Learning

It continues to be a vibrant time of learning and opportunity at Maunu School. We are excited to highlight our students' learning journeys this term as they have worked tirelessly on their STEM inquiry investigations.

As always, the inquiry brief was kept wide to allow each class to follow their own curiosity. The variety of projects, deep discussions, and hands-on learning across the school have been remarkable to see.

Our hardworking teachers are currently helping students pull their entire learning journey together for display. We look forward to welcoming you to our **STEM Inquiry Exhibition next week**, where your children can walk you through the displays and share their hard work.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 2026

11 Sept	Full assembly- Rm 15 hosting
15-17 Sep	Stem Exhibition
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
23 Oct	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

26 Oct Labour Day- **SCHOOL CLOSED**

30 Oct	Friday Flicks on the field- save the date!
18-20 Nov	Year 4 Camp
3 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
9 Dec	Final Assembly
11 Dec	Last Day

WPSSA Cross Country Achievements

Last week, Mrs Fromont, Mr Lamb, Ms Hesketh, Mrs de Boer and a group of amazing parent volunteers supported our tamariki over at Barge Park for the WPSSA Cross Country. Our students ran with immense pride and performed brilliantly, we are so proud of their efforts and achievements.

A special thank you to Mrs Dawson for coordinating the event. Even while feeling unwell, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our children had the opportunity to shine.

Farewell to Chantelle

Yesterday, we officially farewelled Chantelle from the school office. Chantelle has worked alongside Sue and Carolyn this year while Kristy has been on parental leave.

Knowing Kristy returns in 2027, Chantelle recently explored new avenues in preparation for next year and was quickly snapped up by Whangārei Boys' High School. We have loved having Chantelle in the office; she has truly become a valued part of the Maunu Whānau, and both staff and students will miss her greatly. We wish her all the best in her new role.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please make a note of our upcoming **Board Approved Staff Only Day on Friday, 23rd October** (Term 4). We will send out regular reminders as the date approaches, but please add it to your calendar now. If you require childcare for the day, Maunu Educare will be open and available.

Looking ahead, our provisional term dates for **2027** are now set.

School will start on **Wednesday, 2nd February**, and our expected end date is **Friday, 17th December** (to be finalised once the full school calendar is confirmed).

BLUE DAY - TOMORROW - SUPPORT THE TANIWHA



Tomorrow we are having a **blue** day to show our support for the Northland Taniwha as they defend the Ranfurly Shield this weekend! Students can join in the fun by wearing **blue** or adding **blue** accessories.

REMINDER: KEEPING ACCESSIBILITY PARKING SPACES CLEAR

Our accessible parking spaces are **strictly** reserved for drivers displaying a valid permit. Please leave these spaces open at all times, even if you are stopping for just a moment to drop off or pick up students.

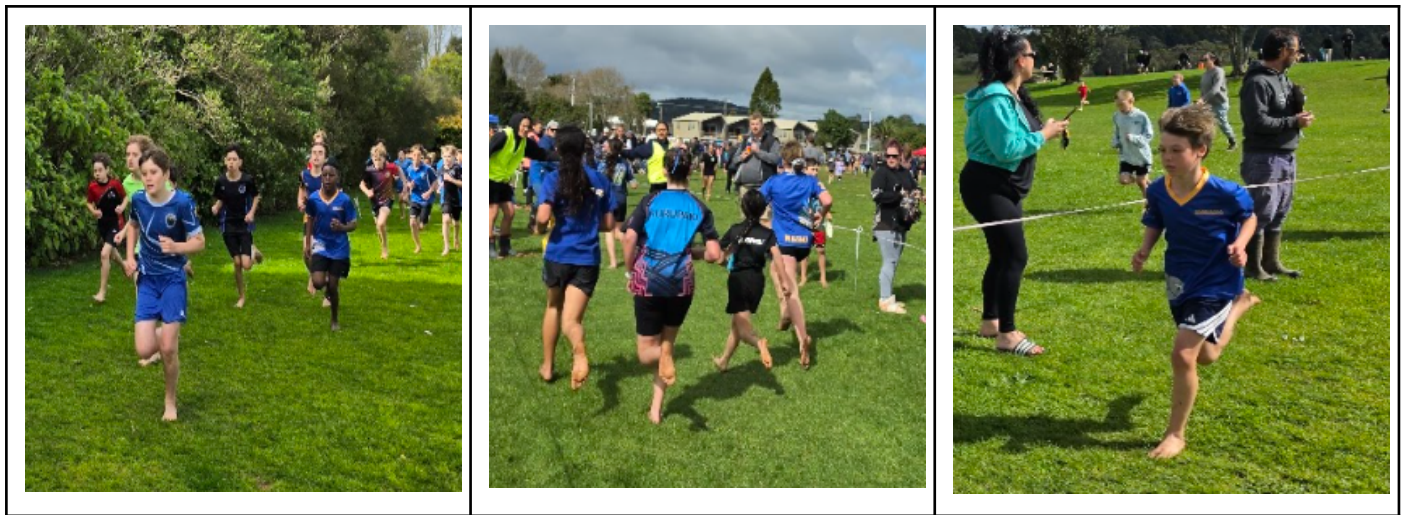
Keeping these spots clear is essential for ensuring that members of our school community can access the grounds safely. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping our school accessible and inclusive for everyone.

WPSSA CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 9th September, our students headed to Barge Park for the WPSSA Cross Country. The students really outdid themselves, pushing through the course and giving their very best right to the finish line. We had some very pleasing results, and every child should feel incredibly proud of their effort and determination. Their behaviour throughout the day was fantastic, and they represented our school well. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for giving up their time and supporting us, we couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations to Charlie Green who placed 2nd in the 10 year old boys race.





Te Wiki o te Reo Māori Māori Language Week

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Māori Language Week

Next week we celebrate Māori Language Week. It is a special opportunity to celebrate and strengthen te reo Māori and encourage everyone to give it a go.

At Maunu School, te reo Māori is something we value throughout the year, and this week provides another opportunity to celebrate the language together. We continue to encourage our tamariki and whānau to try using a little more te reo Māori in their everyday conversations – even one simple phrase is a great place to start.

We have attached a Give te reo a go! phrase card with some simple words and phrases that you might like to try together at home.

Kia kaha te reo Māori



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Kia kaha te reo Māori!

GIVE TE REO A GO!

Kia ora!	Hi / hello / thank you	Nau mai, haere mai ki _____	Welcome to _____
Tēna koe	Hello (to one person)	E pēhea ana koe?	How are you?
Mōrena	Good morning	Kei te pai	Good
Ngā mihi o te ahiahi	Good afternoon	Ko _____ tōku ingoa	My name is _____
Pō mārie	Good evening	Āe	Yes
Piki mai ki Whangārei	Welcome to Whangārei	Kāo	No

Aroha mai!
 Sorry /
 excuse me!

Ngā mihi nui
 Thanks
 so much

Haere rā
 Goodbye
(speaker is staying)

E noho rā
 Goodbye
(speaker is leaving)

Mā te wā
 Bye for now /
 see you later

Kia pai te rā
 Have a
 good day



FRIDAY FLICKS - RAFFLE DONATION & TICKET SALES

A massive thank you to all the whānau who have already donated items for our upcoming raffle for Friday Flicks.

If you would still like to contribute, please drop your items off in your classrooms by the end of the term so our team can start assembling the hampers.

Raffle ticket books will be sent home before the last day of term, a perfect opportunity to sell them to friends, family, and neighbours over the school holidays.

Save the Date: Friday Flicks "Spooky Special" (30th October)

Get your costumes ready!

Our next Friday Flicks is taking on a Halloween theme this year. It promises to be a fantastic, safe, and fun evening for our entire Whangārei community to dress up and celebrate together.

Keep an eye out for full details in the final newsletter of the term, but for now, mark Friday, 30th October in your calendars and spread the word!

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS 28/8

ROOM 1	Zian Rosales, Reuben Wells
ROOM 3	Addison Orr, Nikau Kapa, Lisali Loku Gamlathge
ROOM 4	Deva Sandeep, Alex Oldham, Cassie Oldham
ROOM 5	Evelyn Bibin, Olivia Smith-Hodgson, Wolfe Anglesey
ROOM 6	Alex Lancaster, Lovey Thomson, Ajooni Dhami
ROOM 7	Aaria Lewis, Rico Wendt, Isla Osborne
ROOM 9	Ayden Alex, Edison Jithu, Manaia-Jane Marsh
ROOM 10	Ceiba Koncsek, Joaquin Rodriguez Pazo, Skylar Howe
ROOM 12	Jaisvi Kapila, Olivia Tauri, Sophia Shanahan
ROOM 14	Lucas Carter, Avemariya Nobi, Emma Lombard
ROOM 15	Kennedy Churches, Wyatt Rosewarne, Shaunak Paul
Room 16	Olivia Bell, James Lancaster, Toby Vette
ROOM 17	Meg Shelford, Cheyenne Nel, Mateo Fowler
ROOM 18	Kari Powell, Norah Cino, Samuel Prasanth

VALUES CUP WINNERS



Kowhai - Marshal
Rata - Cooper
Tawa - Mason
Kauri - Avemariya



CALENDAR ART ORDERS- COMING UP IN TERM 4

The Children have been working hard in class to produce an amazing piece of artwork to be part of our Calendar Art Fundraiser that will be available online early in term 4 through Kids Art Works. There will be options to purchase Calendars, Diaries, Notebooks and Mouse pads with the children's personalised artwork on them.

More information to follow once the artwork is all completed.

BOOK WEEK

What an amazing Book Week we have had! A huge thank you to our senior students who volunteered their time for an amazing Character Hunt. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved and enjoying the challenge.

A big thank you also goes to all our parents and whānau who helped make our Character Dress-Up Day such a memorable one. We were blown away by the creativity and effort that went into the costumes — there were so many amazing characters brought to life.



WINTER ILLS & CHILLS

We have been having a few episodes of vomiting at school.

Reminder that we follow the Ministry of Health guidelines which are:

Isolation: Stay home from work, school, or Early Childhood Education (ECE) services to avoid spreading infections like [Norovirus](#). Children and staff must not return to ECE or school until **48 hours** after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

COUNTDOWN TO OUR STEM EXHIBITION

Each class is making great progress on their unique projects, and we are excited to see their learning and ideas coming together. We look forward to sharing their discoveries, creations and solutions with our school community at the upcoming **STEM Exhibition!**

We would love to invite our whānau and wider community to come along and see what our students have been learning and creating. Come and celebrate their curiosity, creativity and hard work as they share their ideas and solutions for caring for and protecting Aotearoa.

Maunu School Hall - [13 Austin Road, Maunu, Whangarei](#)

 **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

The Children all took part in the Mathathon- Basic Facts test today, which they have been working hard practicing and up-skilling their Maths Facts and in return hoping to raise some money for the school.

Students have already received their blue sponsorship forms. They will be bringing home a results sheet so they can collect their sponsorship money. Please have all money and sponsorship forms back to the school office by 24 Sept at the latest. Thank you for your support.

More information about this is on our school website using the link below.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

SCIENCE IN A VAN SHOW

On 3rd September, we had a fantastic time watching the Science in a Van shows! It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about science in a fun and engaging way, with plenty of laughter along the way. Our Juniors enjoyed Billy Goats Gruff, which explored the fascinating world of forces, while our Seniors watched Move It, where they explored the laws of motion. It was a fun-filled and educational experience, and the students thoroughly enjoyed learning through these exciting and interactive shows.





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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OUT OF ZONE VACANCIES FOR 2027

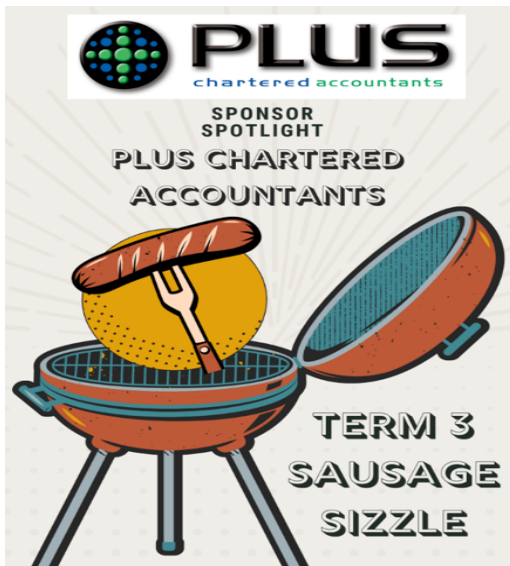
The Board of Trustees have out-of-zone enrolment places for 2027 in **Years 1, 2, 4, and 5**.

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.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Capture some special family memories while supporting two wonderful causes — **Riding For The Disabled Whangarei** and **Heartfelt**.

Join us for a 10-minute mini photoshoot, including 5 professionally edited digital images, chosen by your family. There will also

be the option to purchase additional digital images and prints.

Where: Maunu School Hall

When: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September

Cost: \$99 per session

Online bookings only.

Book your session here: <https://book.usesession.com/s/rX4yMBzJuT>

Feeling the pinch on lunchboxes? <https://www.kiwilunchbox.co.nz> is a free tool built by an

Auckland parent. It plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World, shows what the week will cost, and gives you a prep plan. No account needed, nothing for sale.

Free for NZ Families

Lunch Planning Simplified.

Generate a personalised 5-day school lunch plan for your kids in seconds — with allergy filters, Woolworths prices tracked weekly, this week's specials built in, and a printable shopping list.

[Start Planning Now →](#)

[See Tips & Recipes](#)

✓ Free — no account needed 🍷 Allergy filters 📄 PDF export

🔥 Uses this week's NZ supermarket sales



Weekly plan generated
5-day plan • ~\$19



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMMES

REGISTER NOW FOR END TERM 3 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Thomas Neale Tennis Centre, 42-56 Winger Crescent
Te Kamo, Whangārei

28th Sept - 2nd October 2026

9:00am - 1:00pm

Open to ages 5-18 years old.
All skill levels welcome.

\$50 per day - you can sign up for
just one day or the whole week.



Whitehouse Tennis Academy Holiday Programs are action-packed, multi-sport camps built around fun, energy, and keeping kids active. While tennis is a key part of the day, children also enjoy a variety of other sports, games, and team-based activities that create an exciting and engaging environment.

Remember to bring your snacks, lunch, sunhat, and sunscreen!

SCAN THE
QR CODE TO
REGISTER
NOW:



Register online to secure your spot today!
Contact admin@tennisnorthland.org.nz for any
assistance with registration.



MAUNU TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING

LEARN. PLAY. GROW.

Fun, friendly coaching for all junior players.



STARTS

Tuesday 13th October
3.15pm onwards

COACHING ONLY IN TERMS 1 & 4



COACHING FOR

All skill levels
Ages 6-18



SKILLS • FITNESS • FUN

Improve your game,
make friends and
love tennis!



ALL YEAR ROUND

Great coaching.
Great courts.
Great club.



Play today,
love the game
for life!

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND REACH YOUR POTENTIAL!



EVERY SHOT COUNTS.

SUPPORTIVE COACHING.
STRONG FRIENDSHIPS.
LIFELONG SKILLS.



FOR DETAILS CONTACT
RAY OR SUE
027 274 3860
027 671 8086

HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
THE WGHS NETBALL
DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO
THE GOLD COAST



Year 5/6 - Tuesday 6th October
Year 7/8 - Wednesday 7th October
9am - 3pm
Whangarei Girls High School
\$40 per player
BYO food and water



Coach Hayley Taylor, along with a support crew, will be running this clinic. It will include development of Fundamental skills, Attack and Defence skills and specific positional sessions - Shooting, Mid-Court and Defence. Finishing with consolidation games.

For more info or to register, please contact our manager:
mel2gardner@gmail.com or phone 022 690 3603

HIDDEN PŪPŪRANGI

Learn to make pūpūrangi (kauri snails) out of harakeke
Free workshops and tikanga sharing:
Oct 4, 1-4pm Pride HQ
Oct 5, 1-4pm Central Library
Oct 8, 12:30-3:30pm Creative Northland



Hide and seek for
hand-crafted pūpūrangi
Free and all ages
Oct 10-11 Cafer Park

<https://tinyurl.com/HiddenPupurangi>

Part of the Little Lost Art Festival, with support from BoNZa/Burners Without Borders

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