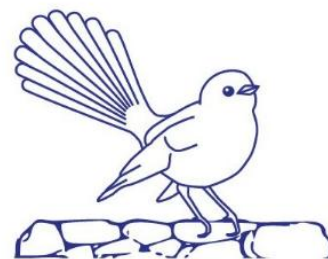


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 24 September 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Maunu School Whānau,

As we bring Term 3 to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an extraordinary, action-packed term it has been.

Maunu School is truly a special place, and the vibrant energy across our kura over the past ten weeks is a testament to the strong,

supportive community we share.

Looking back, it is breathtaking to see the incredible array of opportunities our students have experienced. Thanks to our amazing team, our tamariki have engaged in and benefited from:

Academic & STEM Highlights: Maths Week, Mathex, the Mathathon, Science In A Van, the Puna Komaru Solar Farm visit, Eco Solutions, and the hands-on Mountains to Sea Stream field trips.

Arts, Culture & Community: Book Fair, Book Week, WIS Band, Maunu's Got Talent, pōwhiri, Waiata Wānanga, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori hīkoi, the Otaika Valley School Cultural Day, and our immersion at Terenga Paraoa Marae Wānanga.

Sports, Health & Leadership: Cross Country, Winter Sports, the Year 5 & 6 Touch Tournament, the Positive Puberty Programme, Mana Ake initiatives, and WBHS Coaching & Mentoring.

On top of this impressive list, our tamariki have worked tirelessly to produce an outstanding STEM Exhibition. The creativity, critical thinking, and dedication displayed in their projects have been inspiring. We look forward to sharing a special edition newsletter with you soon to celebrate their phenomenal learning!

None of this would be possible without the incredible people who make up our Maunu School family.

To our amazing staff: thank you for your endless dedication, energy, and care. You go above and beyond every single day to create rich learning experiences for our children. You have earned a very well-deserved break!

To our fantastic tamariki: thank you for seizing every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and pride. You are the heart of our kura, and your hard work makes us proud every day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 2026

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 Staff Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

26 Oct Labour Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

28 Oct BoT Meeting

30 Oct Friday Flicks on the field- save the date!

18-20 Nov Year 4 Camp

26-27 Nov Year 0/1 Camp

3 Dec Year 6 Graduation

9 Dec Final Assembly

11 Dec Last Day

2027 Start Date Wed 3 February

To our parents, whānau, and wider community: thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership. Together, we continue to make Maunu School a safe, thriving place where our children can learn, laugh, and live their best lives.

We wish you all a safe, restful, and happy holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for Term 4.

Warmest regards, **Claire**, Principal

FRIDAY FLICKS ON THE FIELD: 30th OCTOBER

Friday Flicks on the Field: A Night of Family Fun & Fundraising!

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce this year's Friday Flicks on the Field, designed to give our community a safe, fun, and memorable evening together.

Bring the whole family along to enjoy themed games, dress up in your favourite costumes, and kick back to watch the slightly spooky, family-favourite movie *Coco* under the stars!

It's going to be an incredible night packed with:

-  Delicious Food Trucks & Stalls
-  Fantastic Raffles & Competitions
-  Face Painting & Live Entertainment

Most importantly, every ticket, treat, and raffle entry goes directly toward fundraising for our tamariki's new Senior Playground!

This is an open event for the entire Whangārei community, so please spread the word to your neighbours, friends, and whānau. Let's come together, support our school, and create a fantastic playground space for our kids.

We can't wait to see you there!

RAFFLE BOOKS COMING HOME THIS WEEK: PLEASE CHECK BAGS

A huge thank you to all the whānau who have generously donated items toward our 7 incredible Variety Raffle hampers!

From Arty Crafty, Summer Fun in the Sun, and Let's Get Grillin' to Game Night & Brain Teasers, Green Thumbs & Garden, and the ultimate Christmas Barrow Bonanza, there is truly something for everyone to win.



We also deeply appreciate everyone helping to spread the word near and far about our upcoming Friday Flicks on the Field.

Selling Your Raffle Tickets Over the Term Break

Each family will be sent home with a raffle ticket book to sell to friends and whānau over the term break. To say thanks for your efforts, we're running two awesome incentives:

- **Incentive Draw:** For every completed raffle book your family sells and returns, your family name goes into the draw to win a voucher.
- **Top Seller Prize:** The family that sells the most raffle tickets overall will win a special prize voucher.

Need extra tickets to sell? Let us know. Additional raffle books will be available at the School Office right after the break.

Thank you for your fantastic ongoing support, happy selling.

TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT



On Tuesday 15 September, Mrs Dawson took 14 Year 6 students to Kensington Stadium for the Tai Tokerau Touch Rugby Tournament.

The team played four games against local schools and won every one! It was wonderful to see their teamwork and talent on display, with many players scoring tries.

A huge thank you to Bevan Hati for coaching and managing the team, running practices, and helping make it such a great day.

Congratulations to all the players for representing Maunu School so well and demonstrating our school values throughout the tournament.



REMINDER: KEEPING ACCESSIBILITY PARKING SPACES CLEAR

Our accessible parking spaces are **strictly** reserved for drivers displaying a valid permit. Please leave these spaces clear 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.

STAFF ONLY DAY: FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Please note that the school will be closed for students on Friday, October 23rd for a Staff Only Day.

Our teaching team and support staff will spend the day upskilling, planning, and preparing high-quality teaching and learning programmes, as well as advancing their professional development with the NZ refreshed curriculum.

We appreciate your ongoing support as our staff take this valuable time to enhance learning outcomes for all our students, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school as usual on Monday.

Maunu EDUCARE will be open on this day - Please book in early to avoid missing out.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

ROOM 1	Colette Turner, Oliver Holt
ROOM 3	Trisha Sarma, Archie Bahho, Azula Marsh
ROOM 4	Jordan Bahho, Anton Alex, Maddie Ellery
ROOM 5	Mateo Osborne, Thea Davies-Colley, Lachlan Bonar
ROOM 6	Noah Anglesey, Parker Mason, Liam Ragnat
ROOM 7	Henry Hunter, Aislin Xavio, Grace Gутtenbeil
ROOM 9	Cameron Turton, Rylee Rajah, Luca de Boer
ROOM 10	Sarah Sam, Arel Doganay, Felix Josphe
ROOM 12	Adwaith Renju, Esme Mabey, Margot Serenko
ROOM 14	Reed Nash, Liam Brenninkmeijer, Tricia Lai
ROOM 15	Blake Little, Ella Davies-Colley, Jessica Nel
Room 16	Zara Memon, Arna Winder, Freddie Steele
ROOM 17	Lucas van Esch, Ryan Justin, Hunar Saini
ROOM 18	Evelyn Aby, Sam Prasanth, Elijah Mills

Values Cups Winners 11.9.26

Kowhai - Rico
Rata - Archie
Tawa - Ethan
Kauri - Avemariya



SCHOOL DOCS- POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Board of trustees invest in School Docs to manage and ensure all our policies are up to date.

These can be viewed at

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>

Username: maunu

Password: maunu



ROOM 14 STREAM VISITS

Over the last month, Room 14 were lucky to work with Tracey Phillips from Whitebait Connection.

We completed two stream visits - Te Hihi at Barge Park, and Waiarohia by WBHS, and a planting session at Waiarohia as action from our learning.



**WHITEBAIT
CONNECTION**



During the stream visits, we saw healthy tuna (eels), koura (freshwater crayfish), freshwater shrimp, a range of native fish - common bully, whitebait. The students were also amazed to find macroinvertebrates - tiny bugs living under the rocks and sand in the riverbed. These amazing learning experiences were fully funded by Whitebait Connection and the Mountains to Sea Trust. This organisation carries out essential work in the community teaching students and the public about the importance of protecting our freshwater and oceans.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with them. Here is a link to their website to find out more: [Mountains to Sea](https://www.mountaintosea.org.nz/)



MATHATHON SPONSORSHIP FORMS ALL DUE BACK TOMORROW PLEASE

The Children all took part in the Mathathon- Basic Facts and there was a sponsorship form sent home to help raise funds for the School.

The blue sponsorship forms are all due back tomorrow. A huge thank you to those who have supported this fundraiser, while encouraging children to upskill their Maths facts.

We are required to collect all forms back regardless of whether there were any sponsors as part of our checks and balances so if you can return these that would be much appreciated by the office team.

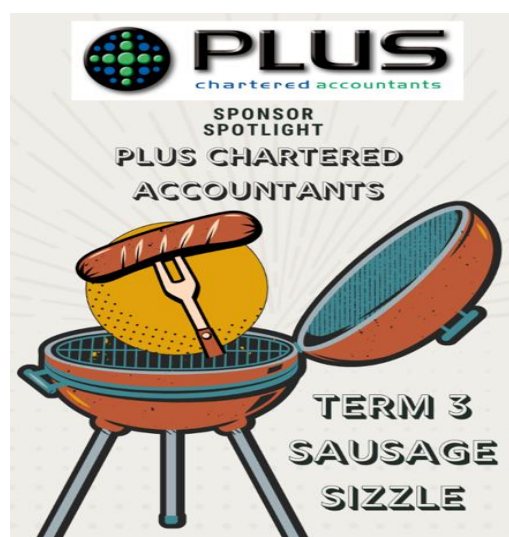
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Please encourage your children to regularly check through the unclaimed items (Lost Property Bin) which is located in the walkway by Room 10.

Anything that is left at the end of the school term will be donated to charity.

If you could please pop a name or even child's initials on clothing it will get returned – or children will be able to identify their clothing.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR TERM 3 SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSOR: PLUSCA



A Huge Thank You to Our Sausage Sizzle Sponsor

We would like to send a massive thank you to Jeremy and the team at PlusCA for generously sponsoring this term's Friday Sausage Sizzle!

Because of their wonderful support, **100% of the proceeds from every single sausage sold goes directly back into our kura, funding vital projects and resources for our tamariki.** We are so appreciative of PlusCA for helping make this school favourite possible every week.

A big thank you also goes out to all our amazing whānau who support the Sausage Sizzle week in, week out, your support makes a huge difference.

Get Friday Lunch Sorted for the Term! Ordering is quick and stress-free through MyKindo.

Did you know you can log in to your EZLunch/Kindo account to pre-order and pay for the entire term in advance? Set it up over the term break and enjoy one less thing to worry about on Friday mornings.

OUT OF ZONE BALLOT VACANCIES

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.



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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

BOLLYWOOD & PUNJABI DANCE GROUP

On Tuesday, our Bollywood and Punjabi Dance Groups had the wonderful opportunity to perform at the Ōtaika Valley School Multicultural Celebration.

Our dancers did an amazing job and performed with confidence, energy and huge smiles! It was lovely to see them proudly sharing their dances with students, staff and whānau from another school and being part of a celebration of the many cultures within our local community.

We were incredibly proud of the way our students represented Maunu School, both on and off the stage. A big thank you to Ōtaika Valley School for inviting us to be part of such a special event, and to everyone who supported our dancers on the day.



Lots of Fun activities on at Kiwi North Heritage Park .

Spring School Holidays 2026



Heritage Park, 500SH14, Maunu
www.kiwinorth.co.nz



BECOME A MEMBER! WINTER PROMO NOW ON!

HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC



ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
THE WGHHS 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

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

Sherwood Park Golf Club
In the Clubhouse, Millington Road, Maunabo

GOLF

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Games & Drills *Make Friends* *Course Care*

RULES & ETIQUETTE SESSION **COURSE CARE SESSION** **GAMES & DRILLS**

MON 28 SEPTEMBER **TUE 29 SEPTEMBER** **THU 1 OCTOBER** **FRI 2 OCTOBER**

9:00AM – 3:00PM EACH DAY
\$40 PER DAY
\$120 FOR THE WEEK

All skill levels welcome!

Junior Golf Future Players

Are you keen to give Golf a go?

This programme is open to children who are keen to give golf a go, whether they've played before or are completely new to the game. The days will include golf skills and games, time out on the course, rules and etiquette, and plenty of fun along the way.

Spaces are limited, so we'd love to get the word out to local families who may be looking for something a little different for the holidays.

If you are interested contact Sherwood Park Golf Club or Hein on 0274 594 662

THE MUSIC LAB

Make Something. Make Music.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF MUSIC EDUCATION.

The Music Lab is a safe, creative space for young artists to explore, create and grow.

We believe every child is already an artist. We don't want to turn them into someone else's idea of a musician. We want to give them the tools, encouragement and freedom to discover their own artistic voice.

WHAT MAKES THE MUSIC LAB DIFFERENT?

KIDS FIRST. MUSIC SECOND.

We start with the child—not a syllabus. We build from their interests, strengths and curiosity.

CREATIVITY BEFORE PERFORMANCE.

Children make, experiment and create—not just reproduce someone else's music.

PLAY BEFORE THEORY.

Experience music first. Learn the theory when it becomes useful and meaningful.

MENTORSHIP BEFORE INSTRUCTION.

We don't simply deliver lessons. We act as creative guides and mentors, sharing real-world experience while giving young artists room to lead.

EVERY CHILD IS ALREADY AN ARTIST.

We don't create artists. We create a safe place for the artist already there to grow.



ABOUT THE GUIDES

The Music Lab was created by Kyle & Olivia Paxton.



Kyle grew up in the American South and studied music at Belmont University in Nashville. His professional career has included working as a resident musician at Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park, performing with live orchestras, recording for Grammy-nominated producer Dave Brainard, and recording music connected with composers behind Final Fantasy, Super Smash Bros., Journey, and Assassin's Creed.

Some of this work happened right here in Whangārei—in the same studio where The Music Lab happens today.

GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.
RIGHT HERE IN WHANGĀREI.



CREATIVE LAB

For artists who enjoy creating, recording and producing music.

- Songwriting
- Recording and production
- Instruments and sound
- GarageBand, Logic, Cubase + FL Studio



RHYTHM LAB

For artists who enjoy movement, groove and making music together.

- Hand drums
- Body percussion
- Rhythm games
- Found objects + ensemble playing
- Drums



Enrolments now open limited spaces in Term 4
Programmes after-school Mon-Fri + Sat Mornings

\$25 PER STUDENT -
GROUP SESSIONS

musiclab.nz



021 1900 835



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