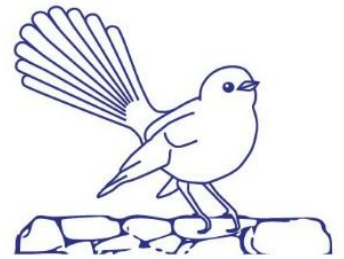


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



Thursday 22 October 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Maunu School Whānau,

Welcome Back to Term 4, the final term of the year. We have had a fantastic start, beginning with a warm and uplifting pōwhiri on Tuesday, 13th October. It was a privilege to officially welcome our new students and whānau into the Maunu School community. We are so pleased to have you with us and look forward to

learning and growing together throughout the term.

Unforgettable EOTC Experiences Our Year 2 and 3 students have already kicked off the term with an incredible range of Education Outside the Classroom activities. They spent two action-packed days exploring local history, culture, and entertainment, with trips to Kiwi North, the Packard Motor Museum, and the movies.

To cap off these exciting adventures, our students had the unique opportunity to stay together for a school sleepover, an unforgettable experience that built independence and deepened friendships.

A Heartfelt Thank You An enormous thank you goes out to our incredible teaching staff. Their dedication, tireless planning, and enthusiasm behind the scenes are what make these rich experiences and lasting memories possible for our tamariki.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the amazing group of parent helpers who joined us. Your generous support, supervision, and positive energy helped make these events run smoothly and rendered the whole experience even more memorable for everyone involved.

Living Our Five Feathers Values Throughout all of these activities, our tamariki shone brightly. We are exceptionally proud of the way they represented Maunu School, consistently displaying our core values, the Five Feathers, both within our school grounds and out in the wider community. Their behaviour, kindness, and enthusiasm were a true credit to their families and our school.

Upcoming Events: Friday Flicks on the Field Looking ahead, we are excited to invite everyone to our Friday Flicks on the Field next week! It promises to be a wonderful, community-focused evening for the whole family.

Please be sure to read the section below from **The Friends and Whānau of Maunu** for important updates and key details regarding the event.

Ngā mihi nui, *Claire Turton*, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4 2026

23 Oct	Staff Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
26 Oct	Labour Day- SCHOOL CLOSED
28 Oct	BoT Meeting
30 Oct	Friday Flicks on the field
5 Nov	Kapa haka @ Quarry
12 Nov	Calendar Fundraiser closes
13 Nov	Athletics Day
18 Nov	Zone Athletics day.
18-20 Nov	Yr 4 Camp
26-27 Nov	Yr 0/1 Camp
3 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
9 Dec	Final Assembly
11 Dec	Last Day
2027 Start Date Wed 3 February	

FRIDAY FLICKS IS NEXT WEEK- DON'T MISS OUT

🎬 Our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Friday Flicks on the Field, is happening next week on Friday, 30th October.

Join us on the Maunu School Field for a fantastic Halloween-themed screening of Disney's *Coco*, local food trucks, face painting, cake and produce stalls, fun activities, and spot prizes throughout the night. **Gates open at 4:30 PM, and the movie begins at 6:15 PM.**

This event is open to our entire community and the wider Whangārei district, so gather your friends, family, and neighbours for a wonderful evening out with our tamariki. Tickets are available now via MyKINDO, online via the [following link](#) or at the gate.

How You Can Support:

- **Raffle Books:** Return your sold raffle ticket books to enter the draw to win incredible themed hampers (*Arty Crafty, Summer Fun, Let's Get Grillin', Game Night, Green Thumbs, and Christmas Barrow Bonanza*). Selling a full book puts your whānau in the draw for a \$50 PAK'nSAVE voucher, and the top seller overall wins one too! Extra books are available at the office. **Please return all raffle books Sold or unsold by Wednesday 28th to enable them to go in the draw.**
- **Book Stall Donations:** We are accepting good-quality pre-loved books from Wednesday, 21st Oct to Wednesday, 28th Oct. Please drop donations at the table in the School Hall entrance.
- **Home Baking & Produce:** Cake boxes will be sent home on Tuesday, 27th October. Please bring your filled boxes (baking, plants, or jams/chutneys) to the Hall on Friday, 30th October at the start of the school day or at 2:55 PM.
- **Volunteer Helpers:** All funds raised support our Senior Playground Fundraising Project. If you can spare time to help with setup, running a stall, or pack-down, please sign up via the link
- 🖱️ [\[Click Here to Complete the Volunteer Form\]](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support, generosity, and community spirit, we can't wait to see you all on the field!



SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW FOR STAFF ONLY DAY: FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Tomorrow, our staff will spend the day on curriculum development and design as we continue implementing the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum.

The refreshed curriculum introduces expanded content and higher expectations for what our tamariki need to know and experience. While fully embedding a new curriculum takes time, your children's learning right now is our top priority. To support our staff and maximise learning time in every classroom, we have been applying proven, evidence-based "Science of Learning" teaching methods across our school.

What This Means for Teaching and Learning As part of this work, we are aligning our teaching programmes with the Ministry of Education's year-by-year learning expectations.

Here is a quick overview of what this framework looks like in practice:

- **Clear Yearly Milestones:** Instead of broad progress bands spread across two or three years, the curriculum now sets out specific knowledge and skills for each individual year level.
- **A Strong Baseline:** Year-level expectations establish the baseline for classroom instruction. Teachers evaluate student progress against these benchmarks to implement targeted support or extension tasks.
- **Standardised Progression:** Explicit end-of-year expectations outline student progress across each year level, providing a shared reference point for teachers and whānau.

AROUND THE SCHOOL - STAFF V's HOUSE CHALLENGE

Last term, there was a fierce challenge between the teachers & the Kauri house Floor Hockey Team. It was a great game! Well done to our athletic teachers team, winning 10-2. No red cards were required. Thank you to Mrs Dawson for organising another great competition!



CERTIFICATE WINNERS - There was no assembly on 25 September (Last day of term)

MAUNU SCHOOL TEE SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to get your order in for our Maunu School t-shirt!

All profits go directly towards supporting our **Senior Playground upgrade!**

- **Orders Close:** Tuesday, 27th October **Cost:** \$35
- **How to Order:** Place your order on **Kindo** (be sure to check the sizing guide first!).
- **Delivery:** T-shirts will arrive roughly 2-3 weeks after orders close.

See your email for more information. Thank you for helping us build a fun, active space for our tamariki!

Year 6 parents: Keep your eye out for our "Class of 2026" Tee Shirt coming in the next few weeks.



HIGH FLYING MAUNU STUDENTS

Our Maunu students have many talents.

Some of these students through a lot of hard work, dedication and perseverance are achieving extremely well at high-performance levels.

On 11th October, **Shaunak Paul** represented New Zealand at the 23rd International SIP Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Initially, he competed at National level and was selected to represent New Zealand. He was competing against talented mathematicians from around the world. Shaunak secured 2nd runner-up position at this international competition, demonstrating exceptional mental arithmetic abilities, speed, accuracy and concentration.

Shaunak had been learning SIP abacus for the past two and a half years. Last year when he competed, he received a Performance award, and this motivated Shaunak to work even harder and aim for a higher achievement this year. Shaunak has demonstrated that consistent practice, perseverance and self-belief can lead to amazing achievements. What an incredible achievement!



In the holidays, **Hazel Hati** competed in the New Zealand Gymnastics Nationals. Hazel had to compete in different competitions throughout the year to qualify for the Nationals, which is a huge achievement.

The top gymnasts at her level were selected, with Hazel being the only primary school aged competitor to qualify. She was also the only Northlander who made the finals day. Hazel has worked extremely hard to achieve these outstanding results training four times a week for four hours at a time.



Jase Webb recently took part in the Christchurch International cup for Northland in the U11 section in the July holidays where they did well over the 4 days.



Jase was then selected to play for Northland U12 team at the Weir Rose cup in Cambridge where they came away with 3 wins, a draw and 2 losses. This was an invaluable experience for Jase, learning a lot at this competition.

Jase works hard, training at least 4 nights a week with his teams and the Northland team showing a lot of dedication and perseverance.

Charlie Green is another of our students excelling in football. Charlie also played in the Christchurch International Cup. This is his third year playing in this tournament.



Earlier this year, Charlie travelled to Italy and represented New Zealand with the Juventus Academy Sydney Team, where they played teams from Warsaw, Ghana, London and Italy.

Just recently, Charlie played in the Gold Coast Premier Invitational Cup which is the largest youth football tournament in the Southern Hemisphere. Charlie was the team captain.

Charlie plays for Kamo, Northland, and Pro Project which is Auckland based. He trains four afternoons a week and plays games on Saturdays and Sundays.

Another outstanding footballer is **Cooper Fromont**. Cooper plays for Kamo G12, unbeaten this year, Northland G1, and also Pro Project academy G11 & G12.



He has participated in numerous tournaments in Christchurch, Auckland, Cambridge and Queenstown throughout the year. His biggest achievement is to be selected for the G13 Barca New Zealand academy in Bangkok, Thailand in the Asia Pacific World Cup (APWC). Representing NZ for football is Cooper's dream, so it is awesome he is living it at this age. During the football season Cooper trains four days a week, with games on Saturdays and Sundays, showing a lot of hard work, perseverance and dedication to his sport.

We wish these students all the best for in their future endeavours.

Watch this space to hear more about other students who are excelling in their different passions.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE



Please return all your School Library books as we are doing an early stocktake. There will be a class competition for the class that returns all their books first.

We never mind how long they have been at home; we are always just grateful to get them back.
Thank you, Lynne- Library

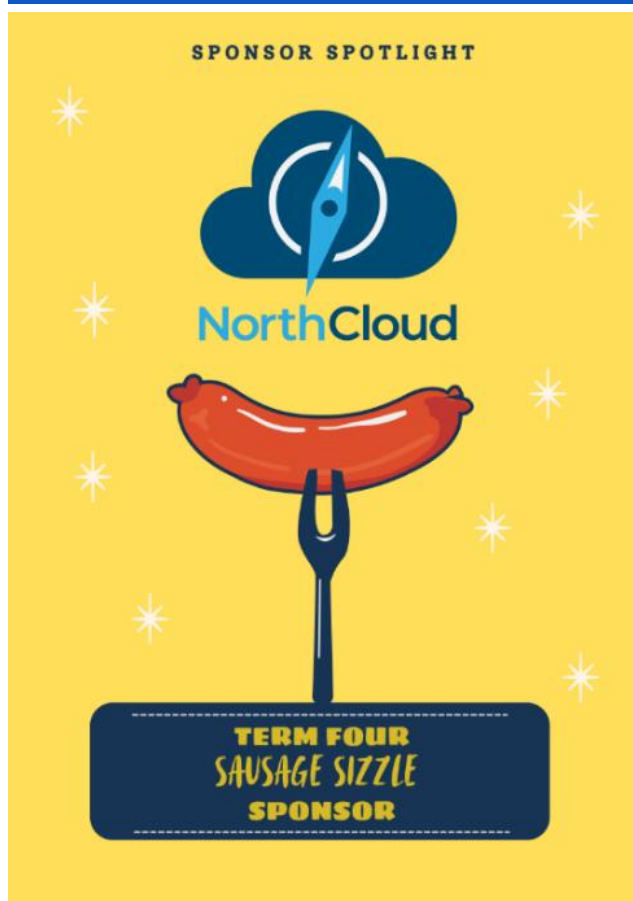
YEAR 6 INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS FOR 2027

By now, parents and caregivers should have received confirmation of their child's intermediate enrolment for 2027. If you haven't yet enrolled your child at your chosen intermediate school, **please do so as soon as possible**, as schools are now working on class placements for next year.

If you have enrolled your child at more than one intermediate, please make sure you let the school your child **will not be attending** know, so they can update their enrollment records and plan accordingly. Thank you for helping make the transition to intermediate as smooth as possible for everyone!

If you've got any questions, please contact Cassandra - cassandra@maunu.school.nz

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR TERM 4 SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSOR- NORTHCLOUD



We would like to send a massive thank you to Matt Ryan and the team at NorthCloud 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 **NorthCloud** 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.

KIDS ART WORKS FUNDRAISER

Your child bought home a Kids artwork order form for purchasing Calendars, Diaries, and other memorabilia with their own artwork on.

If you wish to Place an order go to www.kidsartworks.com In the entrance code type your child's personalised number or if you don't have the form enter The Maunu School code which is **KZ660** and then your child's room & name.



Orders are available online now and close **Thursday 12 November**

COMMUNITY NEWS

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

TERM 4 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.

See our timetable below for dates of our local hubs.
All hubs are open from 9am until 12pm unless otherwise stated.

**Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable
WHANGAREI, BREM BAY, AND KAIPARA**

Date	Hub Location	Term 4 2026
Mon 19 th Oct	Clark Rd Chapel, 4 - 6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 21 st Oct	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thur 22 nd Oct	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	
Thur 29 th Oct	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wed 4 th Nov	Early Years Hub, 29 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Wed 11 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	
Mon 16 th Nov	Clark Rd Chapel, 4 - 6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 18 th Nov	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thur 26 th Nov	Hikurangi School, 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi	
Wed 2 nd Dec	St John Ōtāmatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurdall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thur 3 rd Dec	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	
Wed 9 th Dec	Early Years Hub, 29 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Mon 14 th Dec	Clark Rd Chapel, 4 - 6 Clark Road, Kamo	

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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- ✓ Develops key physical, social, cognitive and emotional skills
- ✓ Fun, supportive and engaging environment

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This week is NZ Recycling Week (19-25 October) so there is no better time to clear out those old devices gathering dust and give them a second chance! By recycling your unwanted devices, you can help make a positive impact on our planet and keep valuable e-waste out of landfill.

What: We are excited to collect your unwanted mobile phones (help earn rewards for your school), iPads, tablets, Chromebooks and laptops - all welcome, in any condition.

When: Throughout October - but remember the RE:MOBILE Mobile Phone Recycling Campaign is ongoing year-round.

How to donate: If you wish to donate, we have a box in the school office.

Let's help make a difference by recycling one device at a time! Thank you for supporting the RE:MOBILE Mobile Phone Recycling Campaign and helping us create a more sustainable future.