NEWSLETTER

MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"

Thursday 5 November 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Maunu School Whānau,

Celebrating Diwali
Warmest wishes to all our families who are celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Diwali represents the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and hope over despair. Thank you to everyone who shared their traditions and brought such colour, warmth, and joy to our school community during this special time.

DATES TO REMEMBER
TERM 4 2026

2-10 Nov	Life Ed Caravan here
5 Nov	Kapa Haka @ Quarry
12 Nov	Kids Art Works Calendar Fundraiser closes
6 Nov	Jnr Athletics sprint heats
13 Nov	Athletics Day
18 Nov	Zone Athletics with Hora Hora
18-20 Nov	Yr 4 Camp
25 Nov	Kapa Haka celebration
26-27 Nov	Yr 0/1 Camp
2 Dec	Board Meeting
3 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
9 Dec	Final Assembly
11 Dec	Last Day

2027 Start Date Wed 3 February

Planning for Our Future: Upcoming Property Projects
Every decade, schools undergo a 10-Year Property Plan (10YPP) review to direct funding toward essential maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. Following our recent evaluation, we have strategically allocated our upcoming funding to support staff wellbeing, improve learning environments, and better meet student needs. Beginning this summer, you will notice major transformations taking place across our school:

- **New Central Library Hub (Room 8):** Our library is moving to a newly renovated space in Room 8. We are working alongside our dedicated librarian, Lynne, to design an inviting, vibrant central hub for reading.
- **Staff Wellbeing & Learning Space:** The former library location will be transformed into a spacious staff room, giving our team a collaborative environment for professional learning and a proper space to recharge together.
- **Student Sensory Room:** The current staff room, conveniently located near the main office, will be converted into a calm, safe Sensory Room to support students needing a quiet space to self-regulate during the day.

Important Library Notice: To prepare for the move, the current library will close early this Friday 6th November, for our annual stocktake and packing. Please check under beds and around bookshelves at home for any outstanding library books and return them by **Friday morning** so we can ensure a smooth transition to Room 8. Thank you for your support and flexibility as we

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undertake these exciting upgrades!

Looking Ahead to 2027: New Curriculum & Classroom Structures

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Refreshed New Zealand Curriculum introduces expanded content and higher expectations for what our tamariki learn and experience. While fully embedding a new curriculum typically takes 5 to 7 years, our focus right now is making the most of every precious minute of learning time.

To support this transition, our staff are actively diving into the new curriculum and participating in targeted professional development. A major change in the new curriculum is its clear, year-by-year learning milestones.

To make the most of dedicated learning time for each specific year level, we are introducing a structural change for 2027. Instead of running composite (split-year) classes, **we will move to single-year level classes for the 2027 school year**. We already use this setup for our Year 1 and Year 4 groups, and we are seeing fantastic benefits for both our learners and teachers.

This single-year model allows teachers to focus directly on one year-level curriculum at a time, streamlining planning, reducing teacher workload, and ensuring our tamariki receive tailored, targeted instruction. While we value composite classes and may return to them in the future as enrollment numbers change, this temporary shift ensures our children get the absolute best support while our teaching team embeds the new curriculum content.

We look forward to sharing further updates with you as these positive changes progress.

Ngā mihi nui Claire Turton **Principal**

FRIDAY FLICKS - A HUGE THANK YOU

What an incredible evening. A massive thank you to everyone who came out and made our Friday Flicks on the Field event such a wonderful night.
While Mother Nature wasn't quite as kind to us as we had hoped, our amazing community didn't let a little weather dampen the spirits. Your commitment to showing up and creating a fun, memorable experience for our tamariki was inspiring, and every single one of you is deeply appreciated.
A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible sponsors, who helped make this event possible. Please look at the following page where all of our generous sponsors are acknowledged. We would also like to give a special shoutout to two late additions to our sponsorship team:
Shiraz, for providing us with a delicious vegetarian and gluten-free chickpea curry.
Tamco New Zealand, for kindly donating a wonderful hamper for our raffle.

Finally, this event wouldn't have been possible without the unbelievable effort of our Committed Crew, our staff, the Friends & Whānau team and all our volunteers. From the early planning stages to all the hard mahi on the night, your dedication and energy were second to none.
Thank you all for supporting our school and community - we can't wait to see you at the next one.

G.J. Gardner HOMES

GJ GARDNER HOMES - WHANGAREI/KAIPARA

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CHRISTMAS LILY BULBS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE



A BIG thank you to Bethany Gardens for the generous donation of red lily bulbs.
Plant them now and they should bloom in December.
12 bulbs for $10.00
Please come into the Office and get yours before they all go.

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ATHLETICS

A note has been emailed & sent home about the Junior & Whole School Athletics days on 6 & 13 November.

Junior Athletics for Years 0, 1 and 2 students

The **sprint heats** for the Years 0, 1 and 2 children, will be held on **Friday 6th November 9:10-10:40**. (If wet, the sprints will be later in the day or postponed to Wednesday 11th November.)
You are welcome to come and watch your child race in the 25 metre and 50 metre races.
The **sprint finals** of these races and **Junior Athletics** will be held on the same day as the School Athletics on **Friday 13th November**. The Junior Athletics Rotation (Years 0, 1 and 2) is at 9.20 to 12.30. The **sprint finals** for the whole school will start after lunch around 1.30.
Whole School Athletic Sports Day for Years 3,4,5,6 students Friday 13 November commencing at 9.05.
Children need to remember **sunhats**, **sunblock** (please apply at home), a **drink** and to wear their **house colours** for each of these days.

Rata – Red, Kowhai – Yellow, Tawa – Blue, Kauri – Green

AROUND THE SCHOOL -

CERTIFICATE WINNERS - There was no assembly on 23 October as this was a Teacher Only Day.

KIDS ART WORKS FUNDRAISER

Orders are available online now and close **Thursday 12 November**
If you wish to Place an order go to www.kidsartworks.com Enter 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.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE



Please return all your School Library books tomorrow 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



HIGH FLYING MAUNU STUDENTS



At Maunu School we have students with many different talents.

The Orr family is an example of the diversity of our student's interests.

All three Orr students participate in Highland Dancing, practising and competing in local Highland Dancing competitions, displaying a lot of determination and courage.

Alexis has been dancing since 2022, Annabelle since 2023 and Addison started in 2024. Highland dancing is not the only dance discipline they all participate in, with all three girls learning Lyrical, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz and Ballet.

They have weekly Highland Dance lessons, as well as other dance lessons three afternoons a week. During competitions and exams, they also spend weekends preparing and practising. Highland dancing, and other forms of dance, require an extremely high fitness level, as well as a lot of skill, body control and poise- not an easy task. The girls love of dance comes from their incredible Nana Krissy who supports building their self-confidence and resilience.

We have another talented student at Maunu School who basically lives and breathes football and is never without a football at his feet when he is at home. He would have a football in class if he could. This student is Freddie Steel. Freddie plays for both Whangarei FC in Grade 11, and for Northland FC in Grade 10. This year Freddie attended the Christchurch International Cup with Northland, as well as numerous other tournaments throughout the year. Last year he was selected to go to the Gold Coast in Australia with West Ham United, as well as being selected to go to the UK for football. While we all think football is a winter sport, Freddie continues to train a minimum of two days a week off season and plays twilight football. During football season he trains three days a week and often has games on both Saturdays and Sundays.







Maunu School wishes these hardworking and talented students all the best in their chosen passions.

SCHOOL DOCS- Policies & Procedures

The Board of trustees invest in School Docs to manage and ensure all our polices are up to date. These can be viewed at https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin

Username: maunu Password: maunu

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!

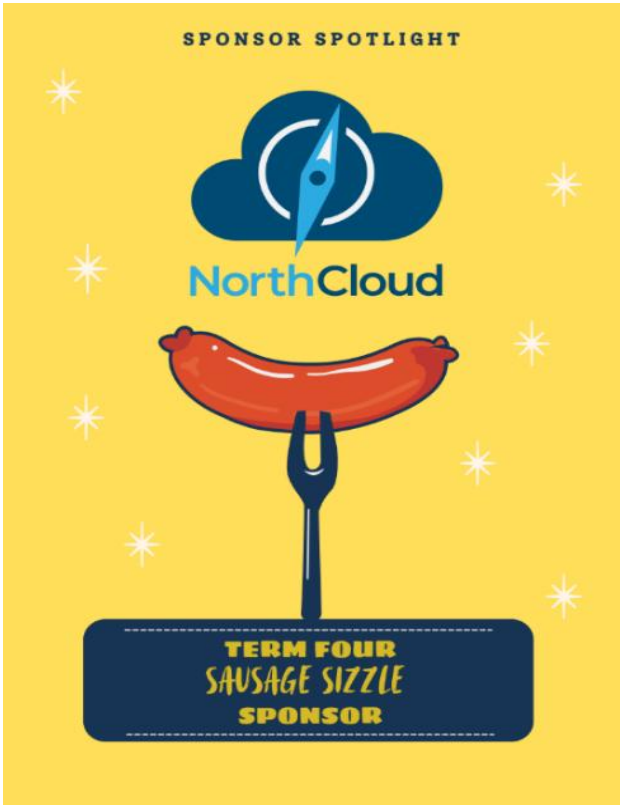
Because of their wonderful support, **100% of the proceeds from every single sausage sold goes directly back into our kura, funding vital projects and resources for our tamariki.**

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.



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, BREAM BAY, AND KAIPARA

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

Te Manawa Tahi

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