

14 October 2026

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4!

We have an action-packed term ahead with plenty of exciting events planned for our students. To stay fully up to date, please read our fortnightly newsletter, check the school Google Calendar, look out for upcoming permission slips, and read the class newsletters coming home this week.

Our school grounds received several fantastic building and property upgrades over the holidays, and everything is looking wonderful for the new term.

With the sunshine returning, a reminder that school bucket hats are compulsory throughout Term 4 to keep everyone SunSmart at Mauku. Please note that only official uniform bucket hats may be worn; these can be purchased via Kindo if your child needs a new one. Finally, our Country Life Day lamb pen has officially been transformed into a paddock!

We've welcomed two lambs back to become our new school pets. Please enjoy viewing them from outside the fence, but remember not to enter the paddock so our lambs can live in peace.

Here's to a wonderful term ahead.

Mr Christie

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 Oct	Last day for Calendar Art orders
16 Oct	Kids Gala
21 Oct	Shakeout Day
26 Oct	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
27-30 Oct	Year 5/6 Camp
30 Oct	Year 3/4 Touch Rugby Tournament
5 Nov	Group Athletics
26 Nov	Grandparents/Special people Day
10 Dec	End of year Prizegiving (11.30am)



Country Life Day Trophies



Can I please have all the trophies that were handed out at Country Life Day, brought back to the office so I can take them in to be engraved. Thank you.

YR 5/6 CAMP FEES

Please make sure your child's camp fees are fully paid before Monday 26 October. This is done through your Kindo app. Thank you.



This Friday, 16th October 2026

The Year 5 & 6 students are running the Gala, raising funds for their Senior Camp.

There will be food, activities, games and prizes to be won.

\$5 and \$10 tickets are available to purchase on Kindo.

Thank you

We would like to say a special thank you to **Living Being Well**, for generously sponsoring Room 8's Term 3 Tai Chi lessons from Tamara Bennett, Smiling Dragon Tai Chi & Qigong.

Living Being Well

Living Being Well is a locally owned natural wellness centre in Pukekohe, created to help people feel stronger, move with confidence and support healthy ageing.

We bring together time efficient movement, innovative wellness therapies and experienced practitioners in one welcoming space, making it easier to care for your health in a way that feels practical, personal and achievable.

Ph: 2381 951

Website: <https://livingbeingwell.co.nz>



Holistic Health, Wellness & Tai Chi Qigong in Franklin

Tamara Bennett

Master Trainer Tai Chi for Health Institute, REP NZ

Phone / Text: 021 255 1087

Email: taichi@smilingdragon.co.nz

Changes to Senior Devices

Over recent years, we have been proud to provide school-owned Chromebooks for our Year 4 to 6 students. However, due to rising costs and budget constraints, sustaining this model fully funded by the school is no longer financially viable.

To ensure our digital learning program remains strong, we are transitioning to a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model for our senior students, bringing Mauku School into line with common practice across many primary schools in the Franklin district. They are also a requirement at Pukekohe Intermediate School.

Transition Timeline

2027 (Optional BYOD for Year 6): If you wish to purchase a Chromebook for your Year 6 child to bring to school, you are welcome to do so. School-provided devices will still be available in class for those who do not bring their own.

2028 (Required BYOD for Year 6): All Year 6 students will be expected to bring their own Chromebook to support their daily learning.

Important Setup Instructions for Purchased Devices

If you choose to purchase a Chromebook for your child, please do not set it up at home first.

To ensure seamless access to our secure school network, online learning platforms, and safety filters, one of our team must complete the initial device enrolment. Please bring the new, unconfigured Chromebook directly to school in its original factory state. Once we complete the school setup, we will guide you on how to add home/personal user profiles so your child can safely use the device out of school hours.

Equitable Access for All Students

We understand that purchasing a personal device is a significant financial commitment. We want to reassure our community that no child will miss out on digital learning opportunities. For families unable to purchase a device, Mauku School will continue to provide shared, communal Chromebooks for use during the school day.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership and support as we make this necessary transition to keep our learning technology sustainable. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the school office.

Acorn Neurodiverty



In partnership with Kia Ora Ake

Supporting Neurodivergent Tamariki Through Transition

A practical session for whānau of neurodivergent tamariki who are preparing to transition to intermediate school.

The session will cover practical ways to support your tamariki through this change, including preparing for a new school environment, understanding their needs, reducing uncertainty and supporting a positive start.

There will also be time to ask questions and hear about useful strategies and resources you can take away and use at home.

When? Wednesday 18th November

Where? Mauku School 389 Union Road, Mauku 2678

Time? 5:30 - 7:00pm

No registration needed

Need more information? Email kiaoraake@tewhare.org.nz



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Colour Run

Some exciting news as we return this term... The Colour Run returns on Thursday 12 November from 4pm!

This is a school fundraiser, with funds raised supporting our fundraising efforts to update our school pool equipment.

Families can now sign up and start fundraising here: <https://maukuschoolptacolourrun.raiseit.co.nz/>

You can register your child(ren) as an individual or you can sign up as a family – every dollar you raise also adds to your Whānau group total.

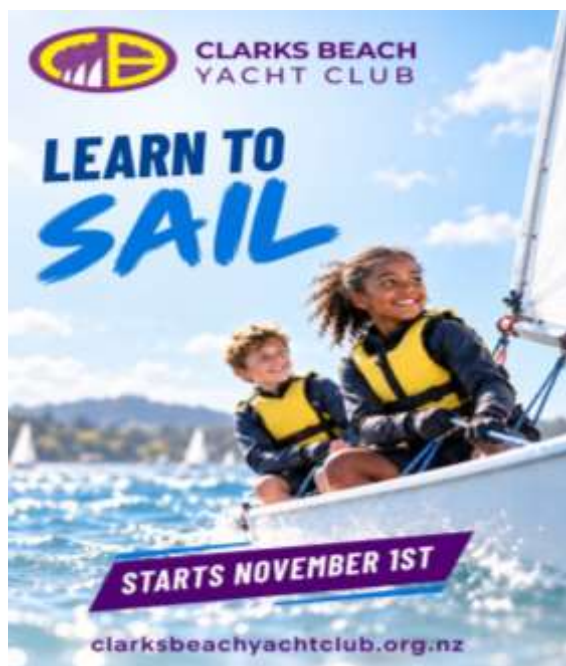
Our first prize draw is happening at this week's assembly! Everyone who has signed up by then will automatically be in the draw, so make sure you're registered for your chance to win! There are other prizes and spot prizes throughout the fundraising period, check out the fundraising platform for more information. On the site you will spot our slimy incentive as well!

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday 19 October**, 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome, we would love to see you there!

Reminder - Keep up to date with us on Facebook:

- For upcoming events and fundraisers, check out the **Mauku School PTA Facebook** page
- If you'd like to know more about what the PTA do or want to lend a hand but can't commit to attending a meeting, join our **Friends of Mauku School PTA Facebook group** for updates, meeting information, and opportunities to volunteer/help out

Community Notices



Learn to Sail at Clarks Beach Yacht Club

Registrations are now open for Learn to Sail at Clarks Beach Yacht Club! Suitable for ages 9+ starting November 1st for just \$250 per person.

This course is the ultimate way to sort your Summer and start your child's sailing journey. Spots are strictly limited for what's shaping Up to be a fantastic season. For more information visit:

<https://www.clarksbeachyachtclub.org.nz/learn-to-sail>

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death, other family changes.

Our Afterschool Programme starts again this term, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 7-8 weeks.

An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time.

For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more information, please go to:

www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

The Counties Tennis Association logo is at the top, featuring the text 'COUNTIES TENNIS ASSOCIATION' in white on a red background.
A group photo of tennis players and coaches from Franklin Primary Schools.
FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2026
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026
COUNTIES TENNIS CENTRE
82-86 WEST ST, PUKEKOHE
HOW TO ENTER

- 1 Register at your school with your PE teacher
- 2 Once you have permission from your school, you may also enter online using the link provided
- 3 Preferred option: online entry ensures your ranking points are assigned to you

ENTER ONLINE

<https://nzc.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/4E7A2B22-5828-4C5C-AF9D-5701BF256F27>
Scan the QR code or visit the link above
www.countiestennis.co.nzThe Young at Art logo features a heart shape with paintbrushes and the text 'young at art' in a playful font.
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