

19 August 2026

Principal's Message

Kia ora Mauku School whānau,

Spring is always an exciting time of year, and anticipation is building as our annual Country Life Day approaches! Please keep a close eye out for important information coming home in school bags over the next couple of weeks.

Our incredible PTA works tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this wonderful event to life, but its success truly relies on our whole community coming together. Letters have gone home detailing how you can support the day. We need volunteers to help man stalls, so if you can spare an hour, please complete the volunteer form and return it to the office. Every bit of time makes a massive difference!

Finally, this week we say farewell to our visiting international students from China. We hope they loved their time learning and exploring with us. A huge thank you to our entire Mauku whānau for opening your hearts and making them feel so welcome.

Have a fantastic fortnight!

Mr Christie

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 21 Aug Mathex Competition
- 21 Aug Mufti Day for Groceries
- 24 Aug New Entrant cohort start
- 24 Aug PTA meeting
- 28 Aug Daffodil Day
- 8 Sept Class and Family photos
- 11 Sept School closes at 12.30 for CLD indoor judging
- 12 Sept Country Life Day
- 14 Sept Board of Trustees meeting
- 25 Sept Last day Term 3
- 12 Oct First day Term 4



Friday 28 August

In support of Daffodil day, next Friday, we will have a 'Yellow clothes' mufti day.

We are also asking for a gold coin donation to help support this worthy cause.



Good luck to our **Mathex team**, Sierra, Connor, Eric, and Mehdi, who are representing Mauku School at the Franklin Schools' Year 6 and Below Mathex Competition in Pukekohe this Friday.

Go team Mauku!

Congratulations to Kase Melville who completed in the Franklin Zone Cross Country yesterday.

www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Order now, or by 9am on the day of choice

Wednesday Lunch option

Friday Lunch option



Class & Family Photographs

On Tuesday 8 September, Photolife Studios will be at school taking Class, Individual and Family photos. ALL students will have a class and individual photo taken, but if you would like a family one taken, please phone the office to organise a time.



MUFTI DAY FOR GROCERIES

We're holding **two Mufti Days** to help collect goodies for our **Country Life Day grocery raffles!**

Bring an item to contribute and drop it off at the **school office** on the morning of Mufti Day.

FIRST MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

ROOMS 1, 2, 6 & 8 – Breakfast, Pantry & Household

Some ideas include cereal, oats, pasta, rice, noodles, canned food, spreads, sauces, syrups, dishwashing liquid, cleaning cloths or other household grocery items.

ROOMS 3, 4 & 7 – Meals, Snacks & Toiletries

Some ideas include meal bases, canned food, crackers, biscuits, chips, popcorn, lollies, chocolate, soap, toothpaste, shampoo or other toiletry items.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated. We ask that all donated items are **new, unopened, in good condition and well within their expiry date**, so they are suitable to include in our raffles.

CLD VOLUNTEER ROSTER

We cannot run this day without your help! Please complete and return the CLD volunteer form below. We need volunteers to make the day run smoothly, and would appreciate the help of one member of each school family. We will allocate you a stall depending on the time you choose, and confirmation notices will be sent home once the roster is finalised

Please indicate below, your **first and second** choices of the time that suits you to help, and **return the slip to the office by this Friday please.**



I prefer to help at Country Life Day at the following time. Please write your 1st and 2nd choice of times:

FRIDAY

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SETUP From 12pm

SATURDAY

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9-10am

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10-11am

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11-12pm

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12-1pm

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CLEANUP from 1pm

Name: _____

Contact phone: _____

COUNTRY LIFE DAY INFORMATION

CLASS EXHIBITS: As part of CLD, we make a number of items at school which are displayed in classrooms for viewing. Whilst we provide a number of items that are used for this day, we also ask for your support in providing your children with a few things. The following outlines what your child will require, and we ask that you start collecting and sending these to school as soon as you have them. Any spares would also be gratefully accepted.

MINIATURE SCENE - MINI BEASTS THEME

- **To design and make a miniature scene.** The theme for this is 'Mini beasts'. This will be displayed using an ice cream container, which could be used in any way, e.g. upside down, on its side, or the scene sitting inside the container. **The scene is put together at school on the Friday before CLD.** This scene can be planned and practised beforehand at home, and all other items that are part of the scene are supplied from home. **These are not to be any bigger than the footprint of the ice cream container.**



UNUSUAL CONTAINER - NO THEME

- **An unusual container.** This can be anything to arrange flowers in and does **not** have to fit the Mini beasts theme. This exhibit is about originality in repurposing an item that would not normally be used to hold flowers.
- **Three flowers to arrange in the unusual container.** These could be origami or real flowers, foliage can be included, bought to school on the Friday day before CLD. **This is assembled at school using items brought from home.**



Children need to be well-prepared for their exhibits as the class items are judged on originality and execution, with certificates awarded for outstanding entries. These contributions play an important role in the overall Junior and Senior Country Life Day trophies, so please encourage your child to plan carefully what they intend to make and how they will make it. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

PET POSTERS: Children bring pets to CLD (**NOT CALVES OR LAMBS**) need to do a poster with information about their pet. The judges take these into consideration when judging the pets. A3 sheets of card are available from the office for this.

CAKE STALL:

Country Life Day Cake Stall 2026



We're asking every family to help support our Country Life Day cake stall by donating a baked treat (cake, slices, muffins, fudge, or biscuits).

Keep an eye out for a cake box coming home with your child today!

- Drop-off: Office on Friday, 11th September (not before this date please)
- Please note: Label your items clearly, and avoid goods that need refrigeration.
- Extra boxes: Available at the school office if you'd like to bake more.



Thank you for helping make Country Life Day a great success!



Thank you, Mauku PTA

CAKE COMPETITION:

FAMILY CAKE COMPETITION



All Mauku School families are invited to compete in the Family Cake Competition.

Entry Rules:

- Open to all current families at Mauku School.
- Cakes must be decorated to match the MINIBEAST THEME.
- Cakes can be any flavour, shape or size (supply your own cake board). Cakes must be homemade.
- Decorations can be icing, fondant, lollies, chocolate or fruit - let your imagination run wild! Presentation counts!
- Please **do not** have your name visible on the cake - we will use a number system to record entries.
- No fresh cream (no refrigeration) and please label any allergens (nuts, dairy-free, gluten-free).

VOTING & RAFFLE

- Most popular cake will win the 2026 Certificate and a family prize.
- Cakes will be voted on (1 ticket per vote) and drawn as a raffle at Country Life Day. Raffle winners will be contacted on the day by phone.
- Cakes will not be returned to the creators (unless you win the raffle!)
- Cakes must be delivered to the cake stall in Room 3 before 9.30am on Saturday 11th Sept.



FAMILY CHALLENGE:

MINI BEASTS

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It's time to get creative and help our mini beast friends!

We challenge you to create a **BUG HOTEL** or a **MINI BEAST** using **recycled or upcycled** materials at home.

CREATE
Use recycled or upcycled materials to make a bug hotel or a mini beast.

BUILT TO SURVIVE
Your creation needs to be able to survive outside so our mini beasts can enjoy it!

FOR OUR SCHOOL
All creations will be placed around our school to make it a happy home for mini beasts!

DELIVER TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Let's get crafty, have fun and make a **BIG** difference for our little friends!



A big thank you to those who came to our **Beats by Bingo** night! As expected it was a lot of fun, with an amazing amount raised for the school (final number still being tallied!!) Also a big thank you to our sponsors on the evening including our auctioneer Luke. Please support our sponsors when you can, our evening wouldn't have been a success without their support!

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| * Luke Jupp of Barfoot & Thompson Pukekohe | * Clarks Beach Golf Course |
| * Weeks - Bins Crates Pallets | * Franklin Country Meats |
| * Anmily Farms | * Backline Construction |
| * Studio Six | * Town Mouse |

Oxford Pies - You asked, we delivered! Oxford Pies are back by popular demand! Orders opened on Monday 10 August and close next **Thursday 27 August**, with delivery on Friday 4 September. Remember to share with family, friends & co-workers! This is always a great freezer filler! Orders can be placed on Raised using the following link or by scanning the QR code on the poster - <https://raised.nz/f/oxford-pies-augsept-2026>

Country Life Day - Our team is busy planning for **Country Life Day**, on Saturday 12 September.

Reminder that this Friday is our first Country Life Day grocery mufti day! Donations will be used to make grocery hampers for the raffle room. We ask that all items are new, unopened, and well within their expiry date so that they are suitable to include in our raffles.

We are currently seeking **sponsors and donations** to help make the day a success. If you, your business or someone you know may be interested in supporting the event, we would love to hear from you! pta@mauku.school.nz

Also, don't forget to **put your name down** on the **volunteer list** for the day - we simply can't run the day and all the amazing stalls and activities, without your support!

Our **next meeting** is on **Monday 24 August**, 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome, we would love to see you there!



Certificate Winners



In the last newsletter, Toby Parore's name was mistakenly omitted from the Rm 4 certificate recipient list.

Congratulations to the following students who received a classroom certificate at our last two assemblies:

7 August

- Room 1: Adaan Sidhu, Emilia Galloway, Henry Aynsley - DOJO Brooklyn Wilson
- Room 2: Seerat Kaur, Indie Logan, Braxton McCormick - DOJO Natalya Rogers-Chamberlain
- Room 3: Eric Menendez, Judith Priestley, Maccsen Morris - DOJO Jett Robinson
- Room 4: Manaia Bradshaw, Reuben Lye, Peyton Foster - DOJO Jaxon Chapman-Richardson
- Room 6: Ethan Kasipale, Jamie Render, Manseerat Kaur - DOJO Marcus Low
- Room 7: Vincent Rogers, Hudson Rayson, Alexia Parore - DOJO Taryn Montreal
- Room 8: Gary Singh, Wailani Gardiner, Lennie Gray - DOJO Archie Worthington



14 August

- Room 1: Jack Weck, Riley Melville, Hunter Wyatt - DOJO Maddie Jervis
- Room 2: Carter MacIntosh, Nicholas Van Blerck, Mele Molitungua-Masalu - DOJO Johnnie Royal-Hemopo
- Room 3: Kaizer Beazley, Casey Southey, Khloe Weck - DOJO Maccsen Morris
- Room 4: Sierra Toala, Aurere Graham McLean, Ivy Woolford - DOJO Evie Gillies
- Room 6: Eva Wallbutton, Gavin Singh, Riana Rhind-Tupaea - DOJO Jamie Render
- Room 7: Aroha Kerekere-Campbell, Dayleah-Rosa Tuiniua-Kenny, Stevie-Ellen Duncan - DOJO Jessica Scott
- Room 8: Aria Preston, Amaya Beazley, Lucas Talanoa - DOJO Sebastian McGrath



Community Notices



Spring 2026 Holiday Programme

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Patumahoe School
38 Patumahoe Road, Patumahoe
Programme: 027 694 3014
WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES
Office: 09 236 4078 www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Click the **BOOK NOW** button on our website www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

MONDAY 28 SEPT 2026 BLAST FROM THE PAST! Step back to simpler times when marbles ruled, yo yos were the coolest toy around and imagination did the rest. Get ready for a day of old school fun! Dress up Day. \$40	TUESDAY 29 SEPT 2026 TRIP - KAIPATIKI HOT SPRINGS We are off to Helensville today for hot pools fun! Slides for Age 8+ kids only EXTENDED SESSION TO 4PM to give the kids more time for fun! \$75	WEDNESDAY 30 SEPT 2026 CRAZY DAY Warning... KAS has gone a little crazy! Everything is upside down, back to front and inside out. Join us for a day of wacky fun, silly surprises & organised chaos! \$40	THURSDAY 1 OCT 2026 TRIP - SHREK THE MUSICAL Join us as we head to the Hawkins Theatre in Papakura to experience the magic of the theatre! It's going to be a donkey-load of fun! SNACK PAK INCLUDED \$70	FRIDAY 2 OCT 2026 BRING ROBLOX TO LIFE Log out and level up! Experience your favourite Roblox inspired games and challenges in the real world for an action packed day of fun! \$40
MONDAY 5 OCT 2026 PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES REV your engines for a day of transport themed fun! Build, race, create & let your imagination take the wheel! \$40	TUESDAY 6 OCT 2026 VISITOR - FLASH BANG SCIENCE Fizz, pop, bang... & plenty of fun! Prepare to be amazed as science comes to life with exciting experiments & spectacular surprises. \$60	WEDNESDAY 7 OCT 2026 TRIP - GAME OVER PAKURANGA Get your game on! Enjoy Go Karts & Ninja City! \$75 OR INHOUSE OPTION - SHADOW NINJA DAY Kids go to Karaka to train like a true ninja! Games, Science & even throwing stars! \$40	THURSDAY 8 OCT 2026 AYE AYE CAPTAIN All hands on deck! Build your own boat, create a fishing line & see who can reel in the biggest catch. Then dive into a sea of games, crafts & adventures! \$40	FRIDAY 9 OCT 2026 SURPRISE BOX DAY What's in the box? A game, a challenge, a craft... or something completely unexpected? Join us for a day full of surprises & twists! \$40

PRICES LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR OUR MAIN PROGRAMME 8AM TO 3PM HOWEVER WE ARE OPEN FROM 7AM TO 6PM EVERYDAY! FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL AVAILABLE SESSIONS, PRICES & TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ OR CALL THE KAS OFFICE ON 09 236 4078

PLEASE NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER DISRUPTION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE OF KAS CONTROL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES MAY CHANGE & CHILDREN MAY BE TRANSPORTED TO OTHER KAS PROGRAMMES

With so many "bugs" doing the rounds at the moment, it seems a good time for a Hand Washing reminder!

