

2 September 2026

Principal's Message

Kia ora,

It's hard to believe Country Life Day is just around the corner next Saturday! A massive thank you goes out to our incredible PTA for their endless hard work behind the scenes, and to our dedicated staff who are busy helping students create some amazing exhibits. We also extend a huge thanks to everyone who has volunteered to lend a hand on the day - we truly could not run this event without your support.

As our biggest fundraiser of the year, Country Life Day is vital for our school. Please spread the word to all your friends and whānau to come along, enjoy the fun, and support our tamariki!

Looking ahead, starting in Week 9, we will have contractors on site undertaking several property improvement projects, primarily focusing on Rooms 1 and 2. We will be working closely with the team to ensure disruption to learning is kept to an absolute minimum.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Mr Christie

DATES TO REMEMBER

4 Sept	Mufti Day - CLD Groceries
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

REMINDER

If your child arrives at school after 8.45 am bell, please remember to come into the office and sign them in on the iPad as a late arrival, rather than go straight to class.



Class & Family Photographs

Next 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, you need to phone the office to organise a time.



CLD Grocery Mufti Day - This Friday

This Friday is the second mufti day for CLD groceries. These donations will be used to make grocery hampers to raffle off at CLD.

We ask that all items are new, unopened, and well within their expiry date so that they are suitable to include in our raffles. Items can be dropped to the office on Friday morning.

ROOMS 1 & 2 – Breakfast & Cleaning Essentials

ROOMS 3 & 4 – Pantry & Bathroom Essentials

ROOMS 6, 7 & 8 – Snacks & Laundry Essentials

See the PTA note below for more information.



Just under 2 weeks to go!



CLASS EXHIBITS: Information has been sent home about these. If you're unsure about anything, please see your child's class teacher.

PET POSTERS: Children bringing pets to CLD need to do a poster with information about their pet. The Judges take these into consideration when judging. A3 sheets of card are available at the office for this.

CAKE STALL: We are asking every family to help support our CLD cake stall by donating a baked treat (cake, slices, muffins, fudge or biscuits). 

Cake boxes will be coming home shortly for these.

- Baking needs to be brought into the office on Friday 11 Sept (not before please).
- Please label your baking clearly, and avoid items that need refrigeration.

Extra boxes will be available at the office if you'd like to bake more.

FAMILY CHALLENGE: If you are taking part in the MiniBeasts Family Challenge, your creation will need to be brought to school on the morning of Friday 11 Sept.

TICKETS: CLD is a ticket only, no cash day.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRESALE ON YOUR KINDO APP NOW!

There will also be some available to purchase on the day.

CLD PROGRAMME: This will be sent home with children next week.

Children with animals need to be at school by 8.30am. Animal judging starts at 9am with food and coffee available then.

Classrooms will open at 10am where class exhibits will be on display. Stalls and activities will also open then.

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 12th Sept.



CALENDAR ART

Look out for your child's artwork on display in their classrooms at CLD. The artwork can be ordered in the form of calendars, cards, mouse or sketch pads.

Order forms will be sent home during the last week of term.





The 'Duffy Books in Homes' program continues to be popular with our students. They love receiving their books!

Keep an eye out for the next lot of books which will be sent home this Friday.

"For more than 30 years, Duffy Books in Homes has helped tamariki across Aotearoa build their own home libraries. Every book builds confidence and strengthens literacy skills. **Books at home. That's where learning starts**".



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.



Oxford Pies

Thank you everyone for your orders! These can be collected this **Friday 4 Sept** from the office.

Country Life Day

Not long to go now! A big thank you in advance to all our sponsors! Keep an eye on the CLD event on Facebook for our sponsor shout outs and previews of what the day has to offer!

A reminder that this **Friday 4 September** is our second Country Life Day **grocery mufti day!**

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ROOMS 1 & 2 – Breakfast & Cleaning Essentials

Some ideas include: cereal, oats, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk, dishwashing liquid /tablets, multipurpose cleaners, sponges/scourers/cleaning cloths, cleaning wipes, paper towels.

ROOMS 3 & 4 – Pantry & Bathroom Essentials

Some ideas include: Spreads & jams, gravy/stock, meal bases (packet or jar), bottled sauces or condiments, baking mixes, soap, tissues, wipes, body/hand wash, shampoo or other toiletry items.

ROOMS 6, 7 & 8 – Snacks & Laundry Essentials

Some ideas include: crackers, biscuits, lollies, chocolate, muesli bars, juice, dried fruit/nuts, laundry detergent, stain remover/soaker, machine cleaning tablets, pegs.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday 7 September**, 7pm in the staffroom. The main focus of this meeting will be finalising Country Life Day. All welcome, we would love to see you there!

Join the PTA!



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 \$40	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 10AM 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

MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION

DID YOU KNOW WE PICK UP
EVERYDAY
FROM MAUKU SCHOOL!



WINZ
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE FOR
ELIGIBLE
FAMILIES

WE WOULD ❤️ YOU TO JOIN US!
FOR DETAILS PLEASE GO TO
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Kids' Beats Holiday Drum Jams

We are excited to announce our
School Holiday program!!

28th Sept - 2nd Oct
Time: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Belgium St Waiuku
Price \$160 per child

You will become a rhythm master-in-training
and learn to make amazing sounds with all sorts of things!

Bucket Beats: You'll learn to play cool, loud rhythms on buckets like a drummer in a band!

Bucket Songs: We will turn buckets into musical instruments and sing fun songs while keeping the beat.

Cup Grooves: Learn how to do the "cup song" and create awesome, catchy rhythms by tapping, sliding, and clapping with a simple cup.

Body Percussion: Discover how to use your own body—your hands, feet, and chest—to make music without any instruments at all!

Visuals (Stick Tricks): Learn super cool tricks and flips with rhythm sticks, making your drumming look as good as it sounds!

Marimba Songs: You'll get to play the marimba (a giant wooden xylophone!) and learn how to play beautiful, happy melodies.

Add in crafts and games for a fun holiday activity!

Limited spaces so get in quick!

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