

# MAUKU SCHOOL

We Care. We Contribute. We Conquer.

20 May 2026

## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It has been a fantastic fortnight at school! Thank you to everyone who supported Pink Shirt Day last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff dressed in pink to stand against bullying. This day is a powerful reminder of our core school values—caring, contributing and looking out for one another.

A massive well done to the students who proudly represented Mauku School at the football tournaments last week. You displayed excellent sportsmanship and effort! A huge thank you also goes out to the wonderful teachers and parents who volunteered their time to support the teams.

Finally, please keep an eye out for an email this week regarding your child's attendance. This update is purely to keep you informed. Regular attendance is a current government priority, and we want to work together to ensure our tamariki are set up for success.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Mr Christie



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25 May PTA meeting
- 9 June Parent Teacher Interviews (1.30pm-6pm)  
**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1PM**
- 10 June Parent Teacher Interviews (3pm-7pm)
- 16 June Museum trip - Seniors
- 17 June Museum trip - Juniors
- 18 June School Speech finals
- 30 June School Cross Country
- 3 July Last day Term 2
- 20 July First day Term 3

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 9 June 1.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 10 June 3pm - 7pm

**School will finish at 1pm on Tuesday 9 June** for Parent Teacher Interviews.

The school bus will be here to take bus students home at that time.

Non bus students will need to be collected at 1pm too please.

More information on how to book your interview will follow later.

## Marly Tulua Unveiling

Classmates and friends are invited to Marly's unveiling at Heights Road Cemetery at 11.30am on Saturday 18 July. This will be followed by lunch at the Franklin Baptist Church Hall. If you plan on attending the lunch, can you please let us know so we can share with Marly's family for catering purposes.

**REMINDER:** Our method of payment for school costs is through the Kindo app. This can be downloaded to your phone and is easy to use. If you would like more information, please come into the office.

**As the weather is turning colder, we are noticing that the children are eating more! Can you please make sure your child comes to school with a substantial lunch. Thank you.**



A big thank you to everyone who supported our two fundraisers - Oxford Pies and the Mauku Moo-lah Raffle! Our raffle winners will be drawn this Friday - Good luck to everyone who sold & purchased a ticket!

Please support our sponsors where you can - **Abernethy Electrics, Counties Energy & Carters Tyres Pukekohe.**

Our **next PTA meeting** will be held on **Monday 25 May, 7pm** in the school staffroom. All welcome! We would love to see some new faces!

**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.



## Certificate Winners



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

### **8 May**

- Room 1: Caleb Kasipale, Maddie Jervis - DOJO Millie Rowsell
- Room 2: Mali Morris, Jayden Singh, Braxton McCormick
- Room 3: Olivia Grant, Sophia Vince-Waikawa - DOJO Cali-Rose Toala
- Room 4: Ashton Furze, Connor Morrow, Peyton Foster - DOJO Tallyn Warrender
- Room 6: Fynn Corbett, Ethan Kasipale - DOJO Teina Thompson
- Room 7: Taryn Montreal, Alexia Parore, Peyton Whiunui - DOJO Taryn Montreal
- Room 8: Violet Riley, Nyla Grevers Smith, Willow Foster - DOJO Matilda Scott



### **15 May**

- Room 1: Hunter Wyatt, Emilia Galloway, Henry Aynsley - DOJO Millie Rowsell
- Room 2: Yuvraj Singh, Mele Molutungus-Masalu, Zemira Morgan - DOJO Kiana Gilmour-Te Maro
- Room 3: Holly Woolford, Chy Waititi, Neitana Matenga-Priddle - DOJO Khloe Weck
- Room 4: Samuel Burnham - DOJO Chloe Lipscombe
- Room 6: Hazeline Kenny, Ollie Kitchen - DOJO Sally Abernethy
- Room 7: Hudson Rayson, Kase Melville, Ollie Blundell - DOJO Dayleah-Rosa Tuiniua-Kenny
- Room 8: Alby Wilson, Rusty Robinson, Mehrima Allahyar - DOJO Hudson Gillies



### **Wednesday Lunch options**



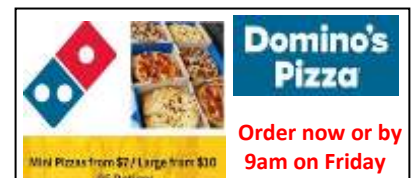
**Order now  
or by 9am  
Wednesday**

Go to: [www.dollarforschools.co.nz](http://www.dollarforschools.co.nz)

- Create an account
- Add lunch recipient
- Place your order

**\$1 from every lunch order comes back to school**

### **Friday Lunch options**



**Order now or by  
9am on Friday**



## ROOM 4 NEWSLETTER

I am so incredibly proud of Room 4. Each student has reflected thoughtfully on the meaning of ANZAC and worked with great care on their persuasive writing. I only wish I could fit every special piece into this newsletter!

Mrs. Aynsley

### **Should Social Media be Banned for Under Sixteen Year Olds?**

In my perspective, I personally think that social media should not be banned. This is not because people should ruin their mental health by staring at pixels but because teens have very valid reasons for relying on social media.

Many teens use social media to cope, or seek comfort. Even if there are risks, teens are usually desperate to seek validation, even from strangers, even if they know the consequences.

Social media is a place of creativity; it is a world of digital acceptance and expression. It has spread awareness of many things that would have been ignored, and even helped find lost memories like old friends. Social media has helped shape entire generations.

This shows that teens rely on social media for a very valid reason. People say that social media should be banned for anyone under sixteen. But even adults must know that no country is purely good, nor are any people purely good.

In the end, I believe that social media shouldn't be banned. Good cannot exist without bad. And bad cannot exist without good.

Although people should be aware of the danger that comes with social media, social media should not be banned entirely for under 16-year-olds.

By Inoj-blu

### **Should Mobile Phones Be Allowed in High School?**

Many people are discussing whether mobile phones should be allowed at high school. This topic has two sides, one side believes mobile phones should be permitted, while the other believes they should not be allowed. In this essay, I will look at both points of view.

One important benefit of phones is that you can easily contact your family in an emergency. This can be helpful because you can let your family know if someone has said or done something to you. For example, if there is a threat in the school and there is no other way of contacting home, a phone is essential. Overall, this shows that mobile phones can have positive effects on student safety.

On the other hand, a negative effect of using mobile phones at school is cyberbullying. This can negatively affect students' mental health and impact their learning. This might happen if students are glued to their screens and see something mean that they take to heart.

To summarize, there are both advantages and disadvantages to using mobile phones at school. After considering both sides, I believe that letting students bring phones is the best option because it allows them to feel safer knowing they can contact their parents if they need to.

By Kenzi

## **Should Governments Be Responsible for Endangered Animals?**

I think the government should step in and protect endangered animals because animals are precious and deserve to be loved. For example, the Kakapo is such a charming bird, but it seems like no one wants to help. In conclusion, governments should take care of endangered animals.

By Evie

## **Should Governments Have Laws and Rules?**

I think the government should have laws and rules. This is because if we didn't have laws, people could hurt others and not face jail time. Another example is that laws keep drivers accountable and ensure they are safe drivers. Overall, governments should have rules and laws so that things don't get out of hand.

By Reeve

**Soldiers Brave, silent  
Marching, sacrificing  
Remembered forever ANZAC'S**

By Ashton





**PGG Wrightson**

## School Ag Day day

Come in to PGG Wrightson Pukekohe and tell us what school you are from to receive 8% discount on selected Ag Day items.  
Discounts valid from 8th June – 25th September 2026

We look forward to seeing you there!

Phone 09 237 2020    pukekoheffstore@pggwrightson.co.nz    Helping grow the country

# Country Life day

**Country Life Day is on Saturday 12 September this year, from 9am-1pm.**

**The theme is "Insects & Minibeasts"**

**More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.**

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## Chickens

As part of Country Life Day, students have the opportunity to order and rear a day old chick, then bring it to CLD for judging. They also need to complete a chicken diary as it grows (This is supplied by school).

Your order form needs to be into the office by **Monday 15 June**. The chicks will be ready for collection from the office on Friday 24 July.

**Each chicken costs \$6.00**

**No late orders can be accepted as our supplier cannot source more after they put the order in.**

(Chicken diaries and rearing information will be given out before you collect your chicks from school)



### 2026 COUNTRY LIFE DAY – Chicken order form



Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ day old

chicks at \$6.00 each to rear for judging at Country Life Day.    **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed cash

I paid by Eftpos at the office on \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Notices

Parenting Talk

# Raising confident and resilient kids



**DATE**  
6pm,  
Wednesday  
24 June

**VENUE**  
Patumahoe  
School

**FREE EVENT**  
Light supper included

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
NEED MORE INFO?  
EMAIL:  
KIAORAAKÉ@TEWHARE.ORG.NZ

We can't control life, but we can control the way we *respond* to it

This talk sheds light on the struggles that can hold our kids back, while offering parenting tools to make the most of character-growth moments.

Relatable and inspiring, you'll come away with the injection of hope you need to raise confident and resilient kids.



**Sheridan Eketone, Parent Coach**

Sheridan Eketone is passionate about shaping the hearts of the next generation through great parenting. Mum of four teenagers, Sheridan is grateful to her own tamariki for teaching her the importance of connection when it comes to raising confident and resilient kids.



# Acorn Neurodiversity Whānau Workshops



FREE

A whānau session on understanding emotional regulation and supporting neurodivergent | takiwātanga tamariki when they feel overwhelmed, stressed, or dysregulated. We'll cover simple strategies for home including co-regulation, routines, sensory supports and helping tamariki return to calm.

**When?** Thursday 11 June, 2026, 6-7 pm

**Where?** Tamaoho School,  
36 Taikaranga Street, Pukekohe

Light supper supplied | No registration needed

Need more information? Email [shay@tewhare.org.nz](mailto:shay@tewhare.org.nz)



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FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FUEL RESILIENCE INITIATIVE — WEEKLY UPDATE

## Save Money on Power This Winter

Practical tips and free tools for Franklin whanau

### QUICK WINTER POWER TIPS



**01**

Use free power hours for laundry, cooking & dishwasher

**02**

Draught-stop doors & windows to keep the cold out

**03**

Close curtains before dark to hold warmth in

**04**

Short showers & cold washes save more than you think

### CHEAPEST FUEL NEAR YOU?

Download the **Gaspy app** to find the cheapest petrol and diesel prices in your area in real time. Every cent adds up.

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Franklin Attendance Service

Local Schools Franklin Principals Association

# Winter 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](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

Click the **BOOK NOW** button on our website [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)



MONDAY 6 JULY 2026

**CREATE YOUR NATION!**

KAS Games fever is in the air these holidays! Each programme is their own "country" complete with their own food, anthem & world of fun. Today we set the stage for the holidays, design our flags, choose our "national food", theme songs, create chants & build excitement as we prepare for competition @ the 1<sup>st</sup> ever KAS Games being held

Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. **Lets Go!**

\$39

TUESDAY 7 JULY 2026

**TRIP - TOY STORY 5**

We are off to CINEMA 3 Pukekohe today to catch up with Woody, Buzz and all their friends.

Ticket Includes Popcorn & a drink (sprite or water)

\$75

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026

**COOK IT UP!**

Its full on in the kitchen as we create our "national dishes" Is it pizza, fudge, hot dogs, Ice cream sundaes or sausage rolls? We let the country decide!

\$45

THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026

**VISITING TUTOR**

**GLOVES UP ON BOXING!** Action-packed boxing fun! Learn skills, get active, build confidence & train like a champion! Kids ❤️ this one!

\$60

MONDAY 13 JULY 2026

**THE BIG HIGHLAND BASH**

Its a tartan takeover! Brace yourself for a full-blown day of Scottish fun filled with everything from tattle faces to highland challenges. Epic fun for everyone!

\$39

TUESDAY 14 JULY 2026

**TRIP - BOUNCE**

We are off to BOUNCE in Takanini for a full on day of energy & fun!

Who said KAS kids can't jump? Grip socks included in price!

\$65

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026

**FROM CRAFTS TO CHAMPIONS**

Ready, set, create! Step into a world of sport & imagination as you craft your own Games.

\$39

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026

**TRIP - KAS COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

It's game on as KAS programmes unite for a day of teamwork, challenges & non stop epic fun at the Pukekohe Rec Centre

\$65

FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026

**CHILL OUT FRIDAY**

Relax, play and enjoy the final day of the holidays! A chilled out mix of fun activities and good vibes

\$39

PRICES LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR OUR MAIN PROGRAMME BAM 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](http://WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ) OR CALL THE KAS OFFICE ON 09 236 4078

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SECTOR LEVEL 3  
ACCREDITATION

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

## OSCAR subsidies!

### You may be eligible!



OSCAR stands for Out of School Care and Recreation.

The OSCAR Subsidy helps families with the cost of before school, after school and school holiday care within any of our KAS programmes. Criteria does apply but you may be surprised at what subsidies are available for your family... KAS offers lots of options from a single afternoon to 5 days per week! Its not just about care - KAS is a fun place to hang out! Check out our website [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz) for more information.

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL



## LET'S HELP GRACE HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

### FOOD DRIVE



Te Marama Hou Ministries Trust currently supports our school by delivering free kiwifruit to our students, helping to promote health and wellbeing within our local community.

They are now asking for support with donations for a food drive to help their Kai Aid services. These services provide food support back into the community for individuals and whānau who may need some extra help.

Donations of perishable food items will be collected and distributed throughout the year as part of this initiative. Parents and families are invited to contribute if they are able – any support, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

**WHAT YOU CAN DONATE**

Unopened and unexpired non perishable foods such as rice, pasta, oats, canned food, water, life long milk,

**WHERE TO DROP OFF**  
School/Kindy office

*The reciprocity of caring and sharing.  
What is in your food basket and in my food basket,  
the people will thrive.*

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity*

Contact Grace  
027 255 7316



TUAKAU DISTRICTS SEA SCOUTS PRESENTS

# JAMBOREE ★ FUNDRAISER ★

A GREAT  
DAY FOR  
THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!

OUTDOOR FAIR & LIVE CONCERT

📍 139 Andrews Road, Onewhero

📅 **SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026**

🕒 **FROM 12:00PM**  
**DAYTIME FAIR**  
**FREE ENTRY**  
(Family activities + food stalls)

🕒 **FROM 3:00PM**  
**LIVE CONCERT**  
**\$20 PER ADULT**  
(Dave Alley & Friends)

**UNDER 16 FREE!**



## DAYTIME FAIR FROM 12:00PM

- 🐎 Pony rides
- 🎨 Face painting
- 🏌️ Closest to the Pin golf challenge
- 🍰 Cake baking auction
- 🌸 Workshops – flax flowers & kawakawa balm
- 🏃 Sack races, tug of war & more

### PLUS:

- Raffles
- Silent auctions
- Local performances from Tuakau Youth Centre, Le Aute Dance Academy and The Rhythm Room (Pukekawa Dance)

## LIVE CONCERT FROM 3:00PM

🎵 **DAVE ALLEY & FRIENDS** 🎵

**\$20 PER ADULT**  
**UNDER 16 FREE!**

## WHY WE ARE FUNDRAISING



Helping to send 13 local children from Tuakau Sea Scouts to the NZ Scout Jamboree



Jamboree is a 10-day camp:  
28 Dec 2026 – 7 Jan 2027  
(Mystery Creek, Hamilton)



All proceeds from the day will go towards sending our Scouts to Jamboree!

## WHAT TO BRING



Picnic blankets / chairs

Cash or EFTPOS

## WET WEATHER PLAN

If it rains the event will be held at Onewhero Area School (25 Hall Road, Onewhero).

We will update any change in venue on the Tuakau Districts Sea Scouts Facebook page on the morning of the event.



## TICKETS & INFO

- 📞 Adonia: 021 083 61739
- 📞 Cynthia: 027 683 2755
- ✉ Email: sec.tdss@gmail.com

## IMPORTANT INFO

A delicious variety of food & drink will be available to purchase from stalls/vendors.

No dogs allowed



👉 We look forward to seeing you! 👈