

3 June 2026

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to our Week 7 update! As we head further into the cooler months, please take extra care when on-site, as our paths and surfaces can get quite wet and slippery.

In exciting news, Auckland Transport is currently consulting with us about installing a Kea Crossing system. This would involve temporary school crossing signs operating before and after school, likely located on Union Road adjacent to our sandpit. Please note this will not be a permanent zebra crossing. I would love to hear your feedback, so if you have any thoughts on this proposal, please reach out to me directly.

Finally, last week I had the absolute pleasure of hosting a group of rural principals from across the motu. They were incredibly impressed by how beautiful our grounds look, but the real highlight was our students. Our tamariki were wonderful ambassadors, happily chatting away and sharing what makes Mauku life so special.

Mr Christie

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 1 July** End of term Assembly with Matariki celebrations
- 2 July** Disco
- 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 bus will be here to take bus students home at 1pm. Non bus students will need to be collected at that time too please.

Letters have been sent home on how to book your interview, but if you still need to book a time:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code: 7fhsb

Or, I'm happy to book a time for you if you call the office 2363 654.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY & MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS: On Wednesday 1 July, we will have our End of Term Assembly, along with Matariki celebrations. This will also include a lunchtime Hangi. More information will be sent home shortly on how to order the Hangi packs.

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.



Save the date! Our School **Disco** will be held at the end of Term 2 (Thurs 2 July). More information will be shared closer to the time, but we are already on the lookout for **volunteers** to help on the night. As a small PTA team, we rely heavily on volunteers, and events like this simply can't run without volunteer support. If you're able to lend a hand, please get in touch — we would love your help!

Yummy Apple Stickers - We continue to collect Yummy Apple stickers to earn FREE sports equipment for our students, throughout the year. If you need a new sheet, these can be printed online (<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools>) or collected from the office. Thank you!

Our **next PTA meeting** will be held on **Monday 8 June, 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:

22 May

- Room 1: Caleb Kasipale, Benji Thackham, Hiiona Kaihau - DOJO Emilia Galloway
- Room 2: Kiana Gilmour-TeMaro, Indie Logan, Tommy Davis - DOJO Carter McIntosh
- Room 3: Cali-Rose Toala, Eric Menendez, Annie Crisp - DOJO Khloe Weck
- Room 4: Chloe Lipscombe, Emma Lipscombe, Evie Gillies - DOJO Bailey Mason
- Room 6: Henley Preston, Silas MacCourt, Riana Rhind-Tupaea - DOJO Emily Crisp
- Room 7: Aroha Kerekere-Campbell, Zaria Morgan, Jessica Scott - DOJO Taryn Montreal
- Room 8: Abhishek Kumar, Lilly Ridgley, Amaya Beazley - DOJO Baxter Simich



29 May

- Room 1: Henry Aynsley, Adaan Sidhu - DOJO Adaan Sidhu
- Room 2: Nicholas Van Blerck, Evie Fletcher, Seerat Kaur - DOJO Natalya Rogers-Chamberlain
- Room 3: Olivia Peace, Judith Priestley, Aahana Kumar
- Room 4: Mehdi Syed, Reeve Preston, Toby Parore
- Room 6: Evelyn Grant, Emma Grant, Eva Wallbutton - DOJO Evelyn Grant
- Room 7: Vincent Rogers, Shawn Barnett, Stella Nicholson - DOJO Kase Melville
- Room 8: Brooklyn Duncan, Garry Singh, Wailani Gardiner - DOJO Mehrima Allahyar



Wednesday Lunch options



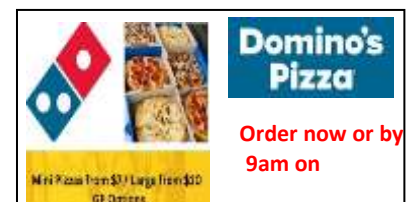
**Order now
or by 9am
Wednesday**

Go to: 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



**Domino's
Pizza**

**Order now or by
9am on**

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.

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 _____

Room 3 Newsletter Term 2 Week 7

Paleontologist Day

On Thursday at school, it was Paleontologist Day. It was a day when we would go to different classes to do different things or activities.

We first did a fossil hunt in the sandpit. I found a prehistoric bird. Mote and Vinnie found a *Homo sapiens*, and they graduated. After that, we went to room four. Mrs House was doing a clay area. We had to build dinosaurs out of clay. I made an *Ankylosaurus* body, and Casey made a really cool dinosaur head.

But my favorite was the room seven one. We all got one cookie and we had to dig out the dinosaur "poo" (chocolate chips). And the one with the most poo wins. Uh, you guess who? It was me!

It was supa dopa fun, and I think this was the best day of my life!

By Macsen



On Thursday, Mauku School did a fun activity called Paleontologist Day.

We did 7 fun activities. My favorite was the shadow drawing because we got a dinosaur, put it in the sun, and traced the shadow. It was really fun! I couldn't make it look good, so I made it ridiculous. Its name was Sir King Bob. It had a dotted body, its legs were tied up, snot was coming out of its Nose and it had crazy eyes, a mustache, wings, and a crazy hairdo.

My second favorite was digging up bones and dinosaurs as a paleontologist. I was there to get promoted to a higher level because I proved that cavemen are real.

By Jett



Dino Detective

I got to school with my mum, and my teacher came up to us and told us it was Paleontologist Day! YAY!

First, we needed to go do our own classroom one, and we were digging out dinosaurs. Lots of people graduated to move up to learn more about dinosaurs, but I think it's fake. There were three different places to dig up dinosaurs. One of them was where you had to dig out fake dino bones and try to sort them. The second column was digging out toy dinosaurs and seeing how many you could get. The third one was digging out plastic bones. You could also do all of them, like I did!

The second activity was making fossils out of clay playdoh. I made a full skeleton of the pterodactyl, including the wings. My friend made a footprint using her fingers to make one big, big mama foot and a small baby foot. She made pterodactyl footprints. Lots of people did footprints, and only 3 (three) people did skeletons. And it was difficult to do a skeleton of the pterodactyl. Someone even said that pterodactyls didn't have wings when they died—yeah, like that's ever holding me back!

By Lennyx





Paleontologist Day

On Thursday, 29th May, Mauku School had a Paleontologist Day. Paleontologist means a person who studies dinosaurs, and guess what? I was one for the whole day! We had activities in each class.

The first activity was to find bones, tiny plastic fossils, and dinosaur figures that we had to dig out from the sandpit. That was so interesting and fun! We also got thick or thin brushes to dust off the sand. I found 2 bones, 6 laminated pictures, and 1 dinosaur figure. The whole of Room 3 loved it.

After that, we headed to Room 4, and let me tell you, that was my favorite thing so far because everyone got a handful of playdough to make fossils or prints of plants, footprints, or anything!

By Aahana



Community Notices

Rental property available

Union Road, Mauku

2km from Mauku School

3 Bedrooms, Rural setting

\$600 per week

Enquires to Ali: 0274 746 461



HELPING TAMARIKI THRIVE WHEN ANXIETY IS A PROBLEM

with Catherine Gallagher

WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Catherine Gallagher is a clinical psychologist with over 20 years' experience in the public and private sectors. A lot of this time has been spent focused on supporting children, young people and their whaanau around a number of issues, including anxiety.

ABOUT OUR WORKSHOP

While anxiety is a challenge many of our tamariki and whaanau face, it doesn't have to define their journey. Understanding how it impacts mana and self-esteem allows us to build stronger, more resilient foundations for the future. By equipping ourselves with knowledge today, we can empower our community and ensure every individual feels seen, supported, and confident.

THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE YOU

- Information to understand the prevalence and impact of anxiety on tamariki and why it might show at home, school and in daily life.
- How to recognise signs early and practical tools on what you can do to help your tamariki feel confident, safe and connected.
- How to support tamariki and work with your school to help prevent anxiety from limiting their opportunities and experiences.
- An opportunity to ask questions about anxiety.

WHAT YOU WILL LEAVE WITH

Practical strategies you can use at home and in daily life.



WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Event Details

Venue Waiuku College
Date 8th June
Time 6.30pm – 8.00pm

 **KIA ORA AKE**

KIA ORA AKE

Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau
Pam Hewlett
021 511 787
pamela.hewlett@tewhatuora.govt.nz

www.kiaoraake.org.nz

Parenting Talk

Parenting with Pio



Enhancing mana, *raising rangatira*

DATE

6pm, Thursday 18
June

VENUE

Tamaoho School

NO RSVP REQUIRED

FREE EVENT LIGHT

SUPPER

Parenting with Pio draws on both maatauranga Maaori and Western science to offer a rich, insightful approach to whaanau across Aotearoa. In an ever-changing world, this talk provides hope, wisdom and practical strategies to help whaanau strengthen their relationships with aroho and fun.

Presented by Pio Terei, Poou Tangata and Kaikoorero, this talk is designed for anyone invested in raising strong, resilient, connected families.

Pio, a beloved television personality and proud father, infuses his presentation with humor and heartfelt stories, making his parenting tips both memorable and impactful.

Of Ngūpuhi and Te Rarawa descent, Pio's deep love for Aotearoa and its people shines through in his approach to nurturing future generations.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
NEED MORE INFO?

EMAIL: KIAORAAKE@TEWHARE.ORG.NZ

Fun with Art in the School Holidays!!!



Where: Wilma's studio at 18 Keogh road Waipipi

Time: 9 am till 3 pm

When: 13 July till 17th July 2026

Cost: \$45 a day, half day \$25 (10% discount for 2 children in one family)

Ring: Wilma Suppers 021-1692561 **E-mail:** wapa@orcon.net.nz

Bookings essential. There is only limited space for 6 children (pay deposit please).

Fruit and drink will be supplied, please bring lunch.

<u>Monday 13 July</u>	<u>Tuesday 14 July</u>	<u>Wed 15 July</u>	<u>Thursday 16 July</u>	<u>Friday 17 July</u>
<p>Feed the animals at farm</p> <p>Flag making</p> <p>-concrete ornaments painting</p> <p>Horse shoe decoration</p> <p>Dressing up and glitter tattoos</p>	<p>-flower flax weaving</p> <p>-fish mobile</p> <p>Shells painting</p> <p>Canvas painting</p> <p>Games/prizes</p>	<p>-work with leaves, make butterfly</p> <p>-record painting(step by step)</p> <p>Wooden horse on stick painting</p> <p>Placemat painting</p>	<p>Feed the animals at farm</p> <p>-string art(wool)</p> <p>Wooden bird box painting</p> <p>Fabric painting</p> <p>Rock painting</p>	<p>Feed the animals at farm</p> <p>-weaving</p> <p>-beading</p> <p>Games/prizes</p> <p>Pinecones for bird feeding (peanut butter with seed)</p>

Winter 2026 Holiday Programme

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Patumahoe School
36 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

<p>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 1st ever KAS Games being held Thursday the 16th of July. Lets Go! \$39</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>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 tattie faces to highland challenges. Epic fun for everyone! \$39</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

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

MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION