

6 August 2026

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Country Life Day is fast approaching! Please take the time to read through all the important information about this event in today's newsletter. We strongly recommend printing or saving these details and sticking them on your fridge so you can easily stay up to date on what is happening, key dates, and everything you need to know.

Also, a quick reminder that today is your very last chance to purchase tickets for Saturday night's Beats by Bingo event! Don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic and fun evening for our school community. Be sure to get your tickets today before sales close.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and involvement in our school events. Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing many of you at Beats by Bingo on Saturday!

Mr Christie

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7 Aug Mufti Day - TOMORROW
- 8 Aug Beats by Bingo (PTA fundraiser)
- 10 Aug Group Cross Country
- 10 Aug PTA meeting 7pm
- 17 Aug Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
- 18 Aug Zone Cross Country
- 21 Aug Mathex Competition
- 11 Sept School closes at 12.30 for CLD indoor judging
- 12 Sept Country Life Day

Country Life Day Trophies

Can I please have the Country Life trophies that were handed out last year, brought back to the office now. Thank you.



Senior Camp (Yr 5/6)

When: 27-30 October

Where: YMCA Whangaparaoa Peninsula

Cost: Donation of \$190 per student to go towards the accommodation and food costs. Payable through Kindo.

REMINDERS

Please remember to call, text, email, or use the Skool Loop app to contact the office if your child is absent from school.

NO students (other than bus children) are to be at school before 8.15am. Teachers are busy with their planning, and are not available to supervise before then. **THANK YOU**



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Wednesday Lunch option



Order now
or by 9am
Wednesday

Friday Lunch option



Domino's
Pizza

Order now or by
9am on Friday





Children with animals need to be at school by 8.30am, with the day starting at 9am. Animal judging starts at 9am, food and coffee will be available then, and classrooms will be open where class exhibits will be on display. Stalls and activities will open at 10am.

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. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes, but on the day we need your help to run stalls, sell tickets and food, supervise activities etc.

Please indicate below, your **first and second** choices of the time that suits you to help, and **return the slip to the office by Friday 14 August**.



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

SATURDAY

- ☐ 9-10am
- ☐ 10-11am
- ☐ 11-12pm
- ☐ 12-1pm
- ☐ CLEANUP from 1pm

Name: _____ Contact phone: _____

We will allocate you a stall depending on the time you choose, and confirmation notices will be sent home once the roster is finalised (towards the end of August).

We are very grateful for your help. We couldn't run the day without you!

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!

PTA News

Beats by Bingo - THIS SATURDAY!

Ticket sales and grazing platter preorders for **Beats by Bingo** close **tonight** - Thursday 6 August. The theme is Outrageous Fortune, so come in theme for your chance to win best dressed! Bring cash to join in the fun - the team has been working hard to put together some awesome prizes, auctions and raffles - you don't want to miss out! Tickets available on Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1994531386067?aff=oddtcreator>

Mufti Day

Remember this **Friday is mufti day!** Please bring a grocery item (instead of a gold coin) which will be used as part of our fundraiser.

Oxford Pies

You asked, we delivered! Oxford Pies are back by popular demand! Orders open on **Monday 10 August** and close on Thursday 27 Aug, with delivery on Friday 4 Sept. Orders can be placed on Raised.

<https://raised.nz/f/oxford-pies-augsept-2026>



Country Life Day

Our team is busy planning for **CLD**, on Saturday 12 September. 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!

We're also taking expressions of interest for **market stallholders!** If you or someone you know may be interested in having a stall, please reach out!

For more information about sponsorship or market stalls, please contact the PTA - pta@mauku.school.nz

Our **next meeting** is on **Monday 10 August**, 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome, we would love to see you!

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:

24 July

- Room 1: Riley Melville, Nawaab Sangha, Jack Weck - DOJO Henry Aynsley
Room 2: Esme McGrath, Natalya Rogers-Chamberlain, Cooper Morrow - DOJO Natalya Rogers-Chamberlain
Room 3: Kash McAllister, Ashlynn Hendrikz, Sophia Vince-Waikawa - DOJO Cali-Rose Toala
Room 4: Kiera Griffen, Hugh Aynsley - DOJO Pippa Simich
Room 6: Evelyn Grant, Ollie Kitchen, Teina Thompson - DOJO
Room 7: Hera Moana, Leeroy Marshall Ariva, Stella Nicholson - DOJO Aroha Kerekere-Campbell
Room 8: Baxter Simich, Lilly Ridgley, Archie Worthington - DOJO Aria Preston



31 July

- Room 1: Maddie Jervis, Millie Rowsell, Benji Thackham - DOJO Caleb Kasipale
Room 2: Ravnoor Singh, Johnnie Royal-Hemopo, Fletcher Wyatt - DOJO Kiana Gilmour-TeMaro
Room 3: Darius Lye, Vinnie Brown, Phoebe Murphy, Fey De Malmanche
Room 4: Pippa Simich, Kimara-Lei Moana - DOJO Hugh Aynsley
Room 6: Arlo Blundell
Room 7: Freddie Davis, Jessica Scott, Kase Melville - DOJO Poppy Gray
Room 8: Darius Lye, Brooklyn Duncan, Alice Foster - DOJO Gurpartap Singh



Community Notices



**WE'RE HAVING AN
OPEN MONTH**
in August

YOU'RE INVITED!

Have you been thinking about swimming lessons but haven't made the leap?
Come along, explore our classes and experience what we are about.



GET 1 TRIAL LESSON FREE

For the month of August, you can experience any of our full 25 minute classes on us!

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One Free Trial lesson per student. New bookings only.
Standard fee's apply after the free trial.
Standard T's & C's apply. Valid until 31st August 2025.

Book Now - Online or at the Pool



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