Monday, March 23, 2026

MACLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WENDZICH

Dear Macleans Primary Community,
It is my absolute privilege and honour to currently take the lead of Macleans Primary School in the absence of Mr. Cooke. Our kura is a vibrant, busy hub of activity, and I am delighted to share some of the wonderful progress we are making together.

This term, we have been working hard on "Getting to Know Our Learners." Our goal is to deeply understand every student's needs so they can thrive—emotionally, academically, and socially.
Thank you to everyone who attended our Wellbeing Conferences on Tuesday, 17th March. It was heartening to see such strong engagement from our parent community as teachers shared valuable insights into student wellbeing.

A massive congratulations to our students who qualified for the Inter-Schools Swimming Competition at Lloyd Elsmore on Thursday, 19th March. You modelled our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Cooperation beautifully!
A special thank you to Mrs. Adelle Hunkin and Mrs. Robyn Krawitz for leading and supporting our swimmers on the day.

There is a wonderful atmosphere of laughter and happiness across the school. Our classrooms are currently "buzzing" with Inquiry learning focused on "FAMOUS PEOPLE" in New Zealand and the world.

- The Big Question: How have these individuals influenced our lives and brought about change?
- Wonder Walls: Students are actively developing "Wonder Walls" in their rooms as their curiosity grows.

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently completed valuable sessions with NEST, focusing on the changes of puberty. These sessions were handled with great care and provided age-appropriate, vital information for our senior learners.

All around the school, we are celebrating student achievements in diverse ways to ensure every Macleans Learner feels included and inspired. Thank you for your ongoing support as we move our school forward in teaching and learning.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Angelique Wendzich
Acting Principal

PTA NEWS - DONT FORGET!







Please support our PTA by:

- Buying Easter Raffle tickets on KINDO
- Coming along to our Sunday Afternoon Movie in the hall this week.
- And joining us for our last Friday swim for the summer this week.

All money made go back into our school to support teaching and learning.

JUNIOR SCHOOL WATER FUN DAY



The Junior School was a scene of pure joy on Friday, March 13, as the students dove into our annual Water Fun Day. It was a day defined by laughter, school spirit, and - of course - plenty of splashing.

- Year 1: The field was transformed into a spray zone with their water pistols, the children took great delight in cooling off, with students and teachers alike getting caught in the action!
- Year 2: Our Year 2s took to the pool with enthusiasm, making the most of the water with pool noodles and water games.
- Year 3: Competition met camaraderie as the Year 3 students engaged in mini-races. Using kickboards and noodles, they showed off their skills and determination.

Beyond the fun, the day was an opportunity for our students to shine. We were proud to see so many children demonstrating resilience and giving their absolute best effort. To celebrate these Macleans Values, students were awarded house colour tokens. It was truly a memorable day for everyone involved!

HPPA SWIMMING



A group of Macleans Year 5 and 6 students proudly represented our school at the HPPA Inter-school Swimming Sports on Thursday 19th March. Our team performed exceptionally well across all events with every swimmer successfully completing their races.

Special mentions to :
Ben Zhao - 3rd overall freestyle and 2nd overall backstroke
Matthew Min - Qualified for freestyle and backstroke finals
Leon Zhang - Qualified for the backstroke finals
Shichun Ma - 1st overall breaststroke
Lea Kato - 4th overall breaststroke
Year 5 Relay team finished 4th overall
Year 6A Relay Team finished 3rd overall.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES





TEACHERS' DRESS UP WEEK

Can you figure out what the teacher's are dressing up as this week? Monday everyone dressed up as the first letter of their name... we have a Maclean's Learner Michelle, Minnie Mouse Michelle, M&M Madelein, Amazing Apron Ambie, Angelic Angelique, Hawaain Hayley, Killer Whale Kate, Panda Pippa, Cookie Monster Caroline, Safari Shone, Red Rocking Rakhi, Artist Alice, Marvellous Macleans Teacher Mina, Late Ludene, Golfer Georgia, Christmas Carol, Secretaries Sally and Sharon, Red Ribbon Robyn, Lauren Lamp, Cookie Monster Caylor and so many more!

The children had great fun in the morning running around trying to figure out who everyone was.

Who did you spot on Monday?



HOWICK ROTARY FUN RUN



On Sunday, 22 March, 35 enthusiastic students took part in the Howick Rotary Fun Run!
We are so proud of how our students turned up and all participated with huge smiles on their faces.

A massive congratulations to Kayno Kaitao who placed an impressive second place overall and first first for Macleans Primary and Veer Sharma who came in soon after him placing second for our school.

A huge thank you to all the teachers and parents who turned up to support our students! What a fun autumn morning it was!

ENVIRO NEWS

Our MPS Enviro Kaiawhina are passionate about caring for our school and environment. This term, students have been taking action by cleaning up and restoring the veggie patch near the basketball courts, creating a space we can all enjoy and learn from.
We have recently carried out a school-wide waste audit. Once the data has been analysed, students will unpack the results and explore practical ways we can reduce, reuse, and recycle more effectively across our school. This is an important step towards becoming a more sustainable kura.
Our tamariki are also showing leadership by regularly helping to pick up rubbish around the school, keeping our environment clean, safe, and respectful for everyone. These small actions are helping to build a strong sense of kaitiakitanga within our school community.

MPS ENVIRO KAIAWHINA



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We are excited to be launching our Moth Pod Competition! Students are invited to design and create their own moth pods to support local biodiversity and provide safe habitats for insects
Safe Handling Protocol
To keep everyone safe, please follow these guidelines when removing or checking moth pods:

- Always ask an adult before touching or removing a moth pod
- Wear gloves or use a stick/tool—do not touch with bare hands
- Gently place the pod into a container or bag if needed
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling
- Do not disturb pods that are actively in use (leave them in place if insects are present)

We encourage all students and whānau to get involved this is a fantastic opportunity to be creative while making a positive impact on our environment
Any questions or queries please email Mrs Manson at l.manson@macleansprimary.school.nz





UNDERDOGS BASKETBALL

Here is the draw for the Underdogs basketball for this week:

Farm Cove Intermediate	7:40 PM	Y5/6 Developers Grade
Macleans Knights	V	Botany Bees
Pakuranga College - Dowdle Gym	7:25 PM	Y5/6 Starters Grade
Macleans Thunder	V	PMPs Slam

IMPORTANT TERM ONE DATES

Tuesday 24 March - Information Afternoon 1:45 - 2:45
Wednesday 25 March - Ready, Set, Go & HPPA Cultural Festival
Friday 27 March - Kapa Haka, Senior School Assembly & PTA after school Swimming

Wednesday 1 April - Ready Set Go, Winning House Cazh Day
Thursday 2 April - PTA Easter Cazh Day & Last day of Term 1!

