



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU  
**MAUNGATAPU  
SCHOOL**

**School newsletter - Week 2, Term 2 2024**

School roll - 596

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Term 2 has kicked off to an amazing start with our tamariki hitting the ground running (literally and figuratively!) with their learning and... cross-country training! Our integrated curriculum focus this term is driven by our big idea: EXPRESS. From this, our children will explore what it means to express themselves and understand their identity through The Arts.

We are thrilled about our forthcoming 'Grandparents Week,' where our whānau can visit the school and see the fabulous learning experiences their mokopuna have been engaged in over the year.

Be sure to check out the 'save the date' section of our newsletter for everything coming up this term and stick it on the fridge for easy reference!



**The Wednesday Challenge...**

Is coming back to Maungatapu School.

Ride your bike, scooter or walk to school (and other options -see website) on a **Wednesday**.

If we have lots and lots of kids doing it on Wednesdays our school wins some prizes!

Also, its an awesome way of getting fit, being healthy and looking after our environment.

**House Points will be given away for everyone who takes part in the WEDNESDAY CHALLENGE!**

**HELMETS**

Helmets are an absolute MUST when riding our bikes and scooters to and from school. They protect our heads and keep us safe!



**SAFETY MESSAGE**



Getting to and from School:

*Please remind your child of safe practices to and from school*

- Walk on the footpath, close to the houses and away from the road.
- Look and listen for traffic at driveways (some driveways are difficult to see).
- Use pedestrian crossings or cross at traffic signals, wherever possible.
- Take care in car parks, school drop-off/pick-up points or busy shopping areas with lots of traffic.



**Bike Track**

Our brand new bikes have arrived and are tucked away in our bike container waiting to be ridden and used over the following weeks. Our bike track is open for use to kids at lunch times on the following days.

TUESDAYS Year 0-2 team  
WEDNESDAYS Year 3/4 team  
THURSDAYS Year 5/6 team

**Children must have a helmet and shoes to use the track.**

### Message from Dental Van staff

Hauora A Toi Community Dental Service would like to thank you and your staff for supporting our dental team while they were based at your school during Term 1.

We are delighted to inform you that our dental team successfully delivered care to a significant number of your students through our Mobile Dental Unit.

Furthermore, I would like to advise that our Mobile Dental Unit is now located at Greenpark Primary School.

### TE WHATA ORA HAUORA A TOI MOBILE DENTAL TEAM HAS MOVED TO -

Greenpark School, [13 Lumsden Street, Greerton](#)

The mobile dental unit will be situated at the school for Term 2 & first 4 weeks of Term 3.

**FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE TEXT OR CALL US ON (021 228 9378) or 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583) to find your nearest clinic**

### School docs policy website

Below is the link to SchoolDocs, a website for our school policies and procedures.

Our board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

We invite you to visit the site by following these steps

1. Go to [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click **Search for your school**.
3. Start typing the school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the username: maungatapu and password: tui



## Save the Date (for the fridge)



## TERM TWO

*Save the Date*



MAY 17 Junior Assembly  
Hosted by Rooms 4 & 5

MAY 17 Pink Shirt Day  
Gold coin donation

MAY 21 Cross Country  
Postponement date -  
May 23rd

MAY 24 Senior Assembly  
Hosted by Rooms 13 & 14

MAY 31 Junior Assembly  
Hosted by Rooms 6 & 7

JUNE 3 Kings Birthday  
Public Holiday

JUNE 7 Senior Assembly  
Hosted by Te Pūwhāriki

JUNE 12 & 13 Parent/teacher conferences  
• mid year reports handed out  
• 1pm - 5:30pm  
• Booking sheet to come

JUNE 21 Senior Assembly  
Hosted by Rooms 18 & 19

### GRANDPARENTS WEEK

Grandparents Week offers a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to join their grandchildren in their classes, celebrating the learning achievements of the term together. The event will take place from June 24th to June 27th, with each syndicate hosting its own Grandparents' Day on a designated date.

JUNE 24 Te Pūwhāriki  
11:30am - 12:30pm

JUNE 25 Year 0/1/2  
11:30am - 12:30pm



JUNE 26 Year 5/6  
11:30am - 12:30pm

JUNE 27 Year 3/4  
11:30am - 12:30pm



JUNE 28 Matariki  
Public Holiday

JULY 5 Last day of term two

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that on the 4th June, we have a teacher only day and school will be closed for instruction.

This day has been commissioned by the Ministry of Education.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

### READING

Set aside dedicated time each day for reading together. Choose books that interest your child and take turns reading aloud. This helps build their love for reading and strengthens their comprehension skills.



### WRITING

Provide opportunities for your child to write for different purposes, such as making shopping lists, writing letters, or keeping a journal. Encourage creativity and praise their efforts to foster confidence in their writing abilities.

### MATHS

Look for everyday math opportunities, such as measuring ingredients while cooking, counting money, or estimating distances. This practical approach to learning math helps your child see its relevance in daily life and makes learning enjoyable.

