

# **MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL**

Some of our Grit Award Winners from X-Country

School newsletter - Week 4, Term 2 2024 School roll - 606

Kia ora koutou katoa.

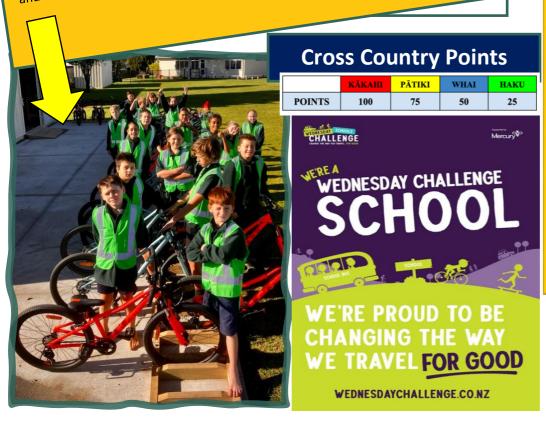
Our Cross Country Day was a resounding success! The children showed incredible grit, perseverance, and determination as they tackled the course.

A special shoutout to MASH (Maungatapu Army of School Helpers) for adding the kai with their delicious sausage sizzle, making the day even more enjoyable for everyone.

It was great to witness the kids pushing themselves to new limits, despite the inclement weather at times! This year, we focused on House points for finishing the race and gave extra House points to students who received the Grit Award. This award was for recognition for over-and-above levels of perseverance and determination on the day. Thank you to everyone who made Cross Country Day a success.

Our first two weeks of the Wednesday Challenge has been gaining momentum. More children are riding their bikes, scootering, walking, and carpooling to school. It's wonderful to see the positive impact the Wednesday Challenge is having in promoting healthier and more sustainable ways for our students to travel to school.

Congratulations to our new Bike Rangers, 2024! These Year 5/6 leaders will be responsible for looking after our brand new fleet of school bikes and learning how to maintain them. We are excited to see them take on this important role





Check out this awesome Haiku writing about the recent aurora sited in NZ -Thanks Room 25/26!

Unique and neon Rainbow colours in the night Twirling and dancing Asti M

Glistening rainbows Dancing colours in the sky The neon shines bright Cazara N

Numerous colours Bright lights dancing in the sky Colliding rainbows Holly H

Dancing through the sky Shining, weaving, twriling lights Zapping bright colours **Henry W** 

The neon gases Unique dancing aurora The waving colours Faded, glistening, bright light Vincenzo H

It's the southern lights Intertwining in the sky With neon colours Noah R

"Cross country builds strength; reading builds knowledge." Just as running keeps your body healthy, reading keeps your mind sharp.

**Read Every Night** 

## Attendance is key to your child's learning success

### Tips for parents

- Talk to your children about why school is important, be positive about school and help them build good habits.
- We can help too! If there's anything we can do to help support you, please let us know.
- prepare your children the night before for school have they have done their homework, do they need to take anything along tomorrow?
- have a consistent good morning routine, so its not too rushed and they have time to get everything they need
- o check in regularly with your child, listen to what they are telling you or not telling you - this may make it easier to pick up on any worries they have
- keep family holidays outside of term-time, every day at school is an opportunity to build their knowledge and skills, and repetition is critical for learning – especially for primary school children
- o don't overload them school may be exhausting for some children so make sure they have some downtime after school to relax and have a break.

# Save the Date (for the fridge) Junior Assembly Kings Birthday 24 31 Hosted by Rooms 13 & 14 Hosted by Rooms 6 & 7 Public Holiday Parent/teacher conferences Senior Assembly Senior Assembly mid year reports 21 12 Hosted by Te Pūwhāriki Hosted by Rooms 18 & 19 handed out 1pm - 5:30pm 13 Booking sheet to come



#### **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.

I peer up into the dark gloomy clouds I knew there was a storm comina I hug my branch tightly as rain trickles down Then more rain, then thunder. Whoosh, I start my journey. I lie on the ground. My bruised skin stings I have rips in my body

A tear drops down my eye My maroon body curls Into a crunchy leaf.

