



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.

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

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 and set a great example for their peers.

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

Dancing through the sky
Shining, weaving, twirling 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 Points

| | KĀKAHI | PĀTIKI | WHAI | HAKU |
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| POINTS | 100 | 75 | 50 | 25 |



WEDNESDAY CHALLENGE
Mercury

WE'RE A
**WEDNESDAY CHALLENGE
SCHOOL**

WE'RE PROUD TO BE
CHANGING THE WAY
WE TRAVEL **FOR GOOD**

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

Read Every Night





Save the Date
(for the fridge)

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
- 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
- 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.

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| MAY 24 Senior Assembly <i>Hosted by Rooms 13 & 14</i> | MAY 31 Junior Assembly <i>Hosted by Rooms 6 & 7</i> | JUNE 3 Kings Birthday <i>Public Holiday</i> |
| JUNE 7 Senior Assembly <i>Hosted by Te Pūwhāriki</i> | JUNE 12 & 13 Parent/teacher conferences • mid year reports handed out • 1pm - 5:30pm • Booking sheet to come | JUNE 21 Senior Assembly <i>Hosted by Rooms 18 & 19</i> |

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.

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| 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 <i>Public Holiday</i> | JULY 5 Last day of term two |

PINK SHIRT DAY

Well done tamariki ma!
Maungatapu School raised

\$656!

Thanks to everyone who supported
great cause



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.

Leaf Writing

Millie Fryer!

I peer up into the dark gloomy clouds
I knew there was a storm coming
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.

