



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 3 Term 3 2024

School roll - 619

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to term 3 and a special welcome to all learners and their whānau who have just started their journey here at Maungatapu School.

It is expected that you will see, hear and feel our school values across our school.

Manaakitanga - Respecting people

Tiakitanga - Respecting our environment

Kia Tika - Be accurate and honest

Kia Pono - Be genuine and truthful

Kia Kaha - Be strong and determined

Kia Māia - Be brave and confident

Principal Sabbatical

During term 2, I was fortunate enough to be awarded a sabbatical to rejuvenate and complete a professional learning study. My study was centred around STEAM education with a focus integrating a localised curriculum. I felt that this topic was one that is important to our school, it connects to our school strategic plan and it is a current priority in the Ministry of Education at present (Mathematics/Science).

I was very fortunate with the opportunity to visit Kamehameha School in Maui, Hawaii. A highlight from the visit was being engaged with specialist teachers and observing the work that they do, seeing resources that are modern and at the forefront of education standards for STEAM, along with a world class curriculum that encompassed identity, language and culture. I would like to thank the Maungatapu School Board of Trustees for approving and supporting my sabbatical. Thank you also to the senior management team and the wonderful staff at Maungatapu School for positively keeping the school moving forward while I was away. My sabbatical report will be available online via the MOE Educational leaders portal.

New staff

We have 3 new staff members who have joined our team.

1. Hineataahua Williams is a teacher working out of Room 2. Hineataahua replaces Whaea Faren who is currently on maternity leave.
2. Emer McCarthy started last term in Room 22 teaching alongside Cathy. She now has her own class teaching out of Room 10. Emer is from Ireland and is a wonderful addition to our school.
3. Reef Newdick is a new teacher aide at our school who has responsibilities with learning support, Sport and PE. Reef was a teacher aide last year at Te Akau ki Papamoa school. He is with us for term 3.



CBK are located at 1 Devonport Rd in Tauranga. Once again this year they have come on board to support our staff and children by offering dinner vouchers and Free Cookie Skillets for kids. We encourage all whanau to support CBK as one of our school sponsors last year and this year.

<https://www.cbk.nz/locations/north-island/tauranga/> **07 578 4700**

Tui Cafe

Opening next week

8.15am - 8.55am

Nau mai, Haere mai

\$3.50 barista made hot chocolate and \$3.50 Raglan Roast coffee

All proceeds go back to the school

Eftpos only



Student designed logo

ATTENDANCE GOAL 2024: 87%

Current Attendance 87.6%

Highest attendance class

Room 8 @ 92%

Tik Tok

Recently, we've noticed that some of our students are using TikTok at home, which is leading to some issues being brought into school.

TikTok is not accessible and is blocked on our school devices. TikTok's account age restriction is for teenagers 13+ and restricted to teenagers 16+ for the direct messenger function. TikTok's own policy is to remove accounts where they suspect a child is not 13.

What You Can Do:

Access/Availability: Please check if your primary aged child is accessing an older child's device or parent device.

Discuss Guidelines: Talk with your child about the importance of adhering to age restrictions.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

"A Nosey Parent is a Good Parent"

Wicked Writing

From Mason Room 25/26

I stand across the starting line as I see all my opponents. As the starter says "On your mark" my heart drops and my legs feel weak. Suddenly I hear a POW and I get a shock but I start. I go around the tree and up the 200 metre hill. My heart starts pumping hard and I think that I will come 4th but then people start to slow down on the hill, but I keep the same pace. 3rd place is 10 metres ahead of me but I'm slowly reeling them in. One kilometre later we are on the home straight and we are starting to get faster and faster until we are suddenly sprinting. It was a tough battle but with a push, I take the bronze medal.

Health curriculum consultation

It is a Ministry of Education requirement for school Boards of Trustees to consult with communities regarding how health education is implemented in their school.

Please take a moment to complete the survey using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/2ctcVGKpTy95pR8v6>



School Fun Run

The school fun run is going ahead this year and we have a date planned for the event which is Thursday 12th September. Students need to create a student profile page to start the fundraising process. To do this visit <https://schoolfundraising.co.nz/> Everything you need to know about the fun run can be found here.

Thank you again to our MASH team for making this event possible.

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
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

Parking in bus lanes

A reminder, bus lanes are for buses. Parking in a bus lane can cause havoc for the bus driver and for the children on board. We now have two buses collecting children after school.

School Photos Reminder

Wednesday 7 August

Upcoming events

- MASH meeting: Monday 5th August
- School Photos: Wednesday 7th August
- Funky Fun Day: Thursday 8 August Year 3/4
- Music with Jakob: Every Wednesday
- Senior school speeches: Thursday 22 August
- BOT meeting: Wednesday 28 August 5.30pm
- Year 5/6 Camp: Monday 2nd to Friday 6th September