



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 10 Term 1 2025

School roll - 565

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to our last newsletter for term one, 2025.

We have just completed our ERO visit that concluded with a very successful review of our school systems, governance, operations, leadership and curriculum. ERO stands for Education Review Office and they are assigned to visit, evaluate and audit a school's performance. The official report will be shared with the Board for final reviewing before it is shared publicly. On a whole and in summary:

- Student well being - ERO were impressed with student voice included in the strategic plan
- ERO mentioned that leadership builds and sustains strong relationships
- Student outcomes are increasingly equitable 'Very close to excellence for all'
- Students in Te Pūwhāriki are achieving highly
- Curriculum - impressed with Te Ao Māori contexts and STEAM education.

Well placed and strengths

- Leadership capacity
- Structured Literacy and Mathematics
- Curriculum design
- Capability of teachers

Next steps

- Introduce systems to target and track accelerated learning
- Monitor student attendance - government priority

What's coming up in term 2

Looking ahead to term two, we have some exciting learning experiences, projects and initiatives underway including E-pro 8 challenges in week 1 and Pukehinahina.

The E-pro 8 challenge is a combination of engineering and construction. Chris Dixon is the leader of this project. In the same week, Te Pūwhāriki will be revisiting Pukehinahina, a defining and significant battle in Tauranga Moana that happened on April 29, 1864.

Our learning theme for the term 2 is REACT with the possibility of exploring chemical reactions and energy. We also have a shortened term being nine weeks, with two public holidays; Kings Birthday Monday 2nd June and Matariki in week 8, with the official day falling on Friday 20 June.

We look forward to other school wide projects like the arrival of a new roll growth classroom, EOTC and sport, starting with Cross Country on Thursday 22 May.



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**

Student attendance

Whilst our attendance data last year showed that we sat above the national average, there are definitely areas where we can move from 'Good' to 'Great' which will be a school wide focus this year.

We will have attendance newsletters shared to junior school learners (Year 0-2), Middle/Senior school learners (Year 3-6) and Te Pūwhāriki, to better inform and update parents of attendance trends and concerns.



School Mufti Day
fundraised total:
\$596.00

Next MASH event

School Disco

Theme: Matariki

Date: Wednesday 18 June

Our strategic and annual plan 2025

All school strategic plans must include 4 key factors.

1. To have evidence that the school has consulted with its community.
2. Align with legislation Board primary objectives and the NELP's
3. Be shared with the community as a living document that can be reviewed and changed at any stage.
4. Provide a framework which includes a vision, 3 year strategic plan (to 2026 and beyond), annual aims or focus areas with outcomes.

Our strategic goals and focus areas can be viewed here:

[Strat and annual plan 2025:](#)

New house logos



House shirts

We are in discussions with NZ Uniforms our school uniform supplier, aiming to have house shirts available for year 5/6 and year 7/8 students to purchase.

These students will be allowed to wear their house shirts for PE related activities whilst at school, which will also help with maintaining healthy hygiene practices.

On a Friday and only a Friday, all students with a house shirt will be allowed to wear their house shirt to school.

School docs policy website

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

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school and where necessary, SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines. 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

Introducing our house leaders for 2025

On the last day of term 1, our school house leaders along with Matua Tane, Whaea Te Kihiora and Matua Jakob went surfing at the Mount beach. We want to develop a strong leadership ethos among the student house leaders for 2025. It is also a chance for us to utilise our school surfboards and practice water skills for life.



Upcoming events

- End of term 1 Friday 11 April
- Start of term 2. Monday 28 April
- E-Pro 8 Inter class challenges. Week 1, Term 2
- Pukehinahina Tuesday 29 April
- Kapa Haka noho Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 June

Kia kaha kia māia - Be courageous *Kia tika kia pono - Be honest*

Manaakitia te tangata, tiakina te tāiao - Be respectful