MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

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Maungatapu Primary
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ATTENDANCE GOAL

Aiming for 91% attendance or better, this term.

School newsletter # 5 May 2018

COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday May 22nd,School Cross Country Day. Postponement day—May 24th.
- May 28,29,30, Senior school camp, rooms 18 and 19.
- May 30,31, June 1, Senior school camp, rooms 15 and 16.
- June 6,7,8, Senior school camp, rooms 1 and 20.

TERM DATES

Term 2 ends Friday July 6th at 3 pm.
Queens Birthday, Monday June 4th.
Term 3 starts Monday July 23rd
Term 3 ends Friday September 28th at 3 pm.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school office on 544 0858 between 8.00 am and 9.00 am to report the absence. Alternatively you can leave a text message informing the school of pupil absence on 0274 191 314. Please ensure you give the child's name and room number. There will not be a reply to your text message.
If children arrive at school after 9 am they need to report to the office to be signed in and to receive a pink slip to take to their teacher.
If parents are collecting children early from school (before 3 pm) they need to sign the child out at the office and take a green slip to the classroom teacher which indicates the child has been signed out.

From us all at Maungatapu School .....

Dear parents and caregivers
Term 2 has begun with a burst of fine sunny weather after a very wet ending to the term holiday break. Our pupils and teachers have returned to school feeling rested and refreshed after their holiday. Many students and staff members were struck down by some particularly nasty viruses doing the rounds at the end of last term and only just struggled through the last weeks of term one. Our overall attendance rate was certainly influenced by illness and we only just managed to reach our intended school-wide target of 91 %.
We welcome a number of new pupils and their families who have joined our school and community. We also welcome two new staff members, Whaea Hinerau Rameka who is teaching in Room 2 in Te Puwhaariki Rumaki, and Nadine Shine who has been appointed to teach in Room 18.
At the start of every term we sit down and note the dates and times of school events coming up. Major events this term are the school cross country day and the senior school camps. Please keep an eye out for notices regarding information about these and other school events. Our revamped school website is now up and running and provides an up to date point of reference for parents, whanau and community members to see what's happening at Maungatapu School. I must give a big shout out to Mr Dixon and Mrs O'Connor who took on the responsibility of co ordinating out website upgrade. We are very proud of our new look website.

Fonterra Milk for schools

Over the last few years we have been approached by many parents and whanau members regarding the Fonterra Milk in Schools scheme and the possible introduction of the scheme into Maungatapu School. Due to a number of building projects that have taken up time and space in the school grounds in recent years, the logistics of introducing the scheme have been too daunting to accommodate Milk in Schools. Now the way is clear for our school to participate in the programme and plans are underway to facilitate this with Fonterra and Anchor milk. To start the process off, we need to ascertain how many children will be participating in the programme which is free to all students. This is entirely voluntary and parents and caregivers can freely choose whether or not their child takes part in the programme which, when operating, will see children being able to enjoy a chilled drink of milk during the day. A form is being circulated to each child so that you can indicate whether or not they will be taking part. Please fill in and return to your child's teacher. We will need actual numbers for each class, so some families with more than one child at school will receive a form for each child.

We are very excited to be able to get this worthwhile programme up and running. For further information, please visit www.fonterramilkforschools.com

School Banking

As mentioned in last term's newsletter, The school has been approached by Credit Union to establish school banking facilities here for students. A representative will be speaking to the pupils in our school assemblies about school banking over the next few weeks. Information about setting up accounts and how to bank will be sent home with the children.

COOL BANANAS. Thank you to all of the families and whanau who responded to the recent request for community responses about the Cool Bananas Programme. Many of you included feedback with your responses which illustrated the reasoning behind your response.

The returns have been collated and we have a preference from the majority of returns for the programme to continue at Maungatapu School. As has been the practice in the past, parents and caregivers may elect to not have their child attend Cool Bananas. This is indicated when children enrol at Maungatapu School, and can be updated by parents at any time by contacting the office. Children not attending Cool Bananas are supervised by teachers while the programme is running in the hall. The programme runs for approximately 45 minutes once a week. Syndicates rotate through the programme during the year, a term at a time. It is our intention that for this term, the junior pupils will attend Cool Bananas once a week, senior pupils will attend in term 3 and middle school pupils will attend in term 4.

GUITAR CLASSES

Bookings are now open for 2018 guitar classes held at the school on Thursday afternoons, after school.

For more information and bookings, please contact Rahim Callaghan.

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Winter uniform.

With the days likely to get much cooler over the next few weeks, please ensure your child has their fleecy uniform top available to wear when it is cold. Children are permitted to wear additional jackets and hats coming to and from school, but we expect them to be in their correct school uniform during the day. Girls are permitted to wear tights on cold days—black, navy or dark green.

We continue to have vast numbers of uniform items as well as shoes and other pupil belongings handed in to the lost property containers. In most cases, clothing and belongings are not named and tend to sit unclaimed for weeks on end. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS CLEARLY NAMED.**

School Librarians

Mrs Scott has a remarkable group of student librarians who are working with her to support the function of our school library. Twenty senior students assist with shelving, issues and returns, and care of our fabulous collection of library books. Being avid readers themselves, these students also advise Mrs Scott about new books that are available. You can see their photos on the front entrance library doors. In addition, we have some wonderful parents who are also assisting with support for reading and library operations.

Our library is a fun place to visit and we have many children who are choosing to visit in the lunch break to read or choose new books. We even have our own library unicorn knitted especially for our school.

Noho ora mai

Sue Horne Principal

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