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Maungatapu School



ATTENDANCE GOAL

Aiming for 91% attendance or better, this term. Let's improve on the 90% attendance we just managed to achieve last term.

School newsletter # 13 November 6th 2018

COMING EVENTS

**Teacher and
Principal strike
Tuesday
November 13th.
Details on page**

TERM DATES

**Term 4 ends on
Thursday, December
13th at 12 noon.**

**Pupil written reports will
be sent home on Friday,
December 7th.**

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.

He taura whakapakari no te Ao Turoa. Our environment nurtures our learners

Dear parents and caregivers,
Term 4 continues to roll along and there are a number of syndicate and school wide events that are featuring over the next few weeks. The new incoming Principal, Tane Bennett, will be visiting the school next Monday to meet the staff and to look around the school. You may see Tane's presence more frequently between now and the end of the year as we work together to transition him into the role as future tumuaki.

Senior school athletics are scheduled for this Thursday, November 8th. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join us on the day. The teachers are always grateful for extra pairs of hands so don't feel shy about offering to give a hand with the organization. Please ensure that pupils who are participating, have hats, sunscreen, and plenty of water and snacks to keep them hydrated and energised on the day.



Message from Mrs Scott, our friendly librarian.

Wanted : Help in the school library.

Would you like to volunteer 2 to 3 hours per week, mending and covering books? Training will be provided by Mrs Scott this year, for people who will be keen to assist in 2019. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, pop into the library and have a chat with Mrs Scott.



Another nasty tummy bug is doing the rounds (we never really seem to be free of them!!) Please help us to keep on top of this catchy sickness by keeping children away from school if they have sick tummies, and reminding them of the importance of washing their hands after using the toilet and before eating.

Due to the high number of students banging into poles and each other, we are continuing to encourage "walking only " on concrete and hard court areas. It is taking some time to curb the energy and excitement of nearly 600 children who move around our school at a great rate of knots!!



Teacher and Principal STRIKE ACTION

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been advised that the teacher and Principal one day strike will take place next Tuesday, November 13th. It is important that parents and caregivers make alternative arrangements for the care of children on the day of the strike.

School transport will not be provided on Tuesday, November 13th.

School will resume as normal on Wednesday, November 14th.



Scenes from the recent Kids for Kids concert that our middle school and senior school choirs participated in recently at ASB stadium. It was a fun and fantastic night with amazing massed singing and solo performances from some of our pupils who sang and played ukuleles in front of a very big audience.



Second hand school uniforms

At this time of the year, we are very pleased to receive donations of good quality used uniforms that can be offered to pupils of new families enrolling at Maungatapu School.

Please let the office know if you have items of school uniform that are no longer needed by your child.

Swimming pool use.

Now that the weather is becoming more settled, Mr Prestidge is preparing the swimming pool for our use. Teachers will inform you when the pool opens and will advise you of your child's swimming days. Families can prepare for swimming by ensuring that children have named togs and towels ready for their swimming programme.

Remember that sun glasses for pupils are available from the school office. They cost \$10.00 a pair and are optometrist recommended. Call at the office if you wish to purchase a pair for your child.



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Principal*

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