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COMING EVENTS

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

**Please ensure you have
made arrangements for
your child to be collected
at our earlier closing
time next Thursday.**

TERM DATES

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

**Term One, 2019 starts on
Monday, February 4th.**

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 in-
forming the school of pu-
pil absence on
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sure 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 class-
room teacher which indi-
cates the child has been
signed out.**

Maungatapu School



ATTENDANCE GOAL

Aiming for 91% attendance or better, this term. We hope we have improved on the 90% attendance we just managed to achieve last term.

School newsletter # 15 December 5th 2018

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

Dear parents and caregivers,

This is my very last school newsletter for the year and for my career!!! As the last few days of this term roll by, we have many, wonderful memories of a productive and positive 2018 to look back on. We can celebrate amazing sporting achievements, a range of fun school—wide events and many interesting trips and visits that have taken place during our busy school year. Watch out 2019, there are many more exciting opportunities planned for the New Year.

GONNA MISS YOU!



We are bidding farewell to a number of staff members who are leaving Maungatapu School at the end of this year. Mr Taane is leaving us to take up a leadership and teaching position at Otumoetai Primary. Mrs O'Connor is leaving us to take up a teaching position at Otumoetai Intermediate School. Mrs Shine is leaving us to involve herself in some educational study. Mrs Morrison is leaving us to spend some quality time with her young son and family.

Whaea Hera, who left us earlier in the year to enjoy being a Mum, has been successful in being awarded a study grant for 2019, Whaea Hinerau will continue teaching in Te Puwhariki Rumaki in her place. Mrs Eagleson is resigning from teaching to enjoy having time to pursue her hobbies, read lots of books and to enjoy spending time with Mr Eagleson and their family. A number of our wonderful teacher aides are also leaving us. We say farewell to Kim Harris, Dee Patel, Adreena Bishop and Jim Barber. We thank all of our staff leaving, for the valuable contributions you have brought to the pupils, teachers and the wider Maungatapu School community.

Along with the new Principal, Tane Bennett, (Matua Tane) we welcome a number of new staff to Maungatapu School, and as well, we have a number of teachers taking up new positions within the school in 2019.

Mr Allsop will be leading the middle school team, taking over from Mrs Eagleson. Mr Dixon will be leading the Year 2 junior team, taking over from Mrs O'Connor. We welcome Taryn Robinson to the year 2 junior team and Thomas McAuley, Kate O'Leary, Hayley Judd and Jess Rickard to the senior school.



Next week, pupils will meet their 2019 teachers (if they are available) and will meet their 2019 classmates.

New teachers who are unable to meet their classes will be providing a personal letter of introduction

A great deal of time has gone into preparing class lists. Please be aware that it is not always possible to have every child in the school in the same class as their friends. The syndicates do spend a considerable amount of time together as a collective group throughout the school year, engaging in sporting, cultural and learning activities in a variety of ways, so pupils can interact with their friends during these events and also make new buddies. It is not school policy to make changes to class placements until classes have been operating for 6 weeks into the new school year. Please see your child's teacher at that time if your child has difficulty settling into their class. Reports go home this Friday and include a newsletter advising of start dates and organisation for the first day back. It has been an absolute privilege to be Principal of Maungatapu School. I look forward to following the successes and achievements of present and former pupils. Best wishes to you all and keep safe over the summer break. **Noho ora mai. Sue Horne.**



It is safe to say that the art of Kapa haka is alive and well, here at Maungatapu School!

On Sunday the 18th November, our competitive group Te Ao Turoa stood to represent Maungatapu at the Tauranga Moana Primary Schools Regional Competition. Two years ago Maungatapu competed in this very competition and received a trophy for Whakangahau.

This year we practised hard for two terms in the hope of securing a spot at the national Competition in 2019. Due to the calibre of the groups, we were unfortunate not to make it through, but our students did us proud. We placed 5th overall in the non-aggregate sections, and 8th in the aggregate.

The students looked gorgeous on the stage, and represented Maungatapu with such pride,

Ka pai Koutou!

Following on from that successful stand, our non-competitive group Te Rōpū Whakapakari stood at the paku Rā Whakangahau. This was held on Friday 23rd November at the QE2. The Paku Rā Whakangahau was a scaled down version of the usual two day Rā whakangahau.

With teams performing from Tauranga Intermediate, Greenpark, Tauranga Primary, Gate Pa, Selwyn Ridge, Merivale, Welcome Bay, St Marys, and Maungatapu we were able to celebrate the day away.

It was a wonderful day with all the kids enjoying themselves. Thanks to Mr Allsop for your support on the guitar. 70 kids on stage representing Maungatapu School... now that is an achievement!

We would like to take this time to thank all our tutors. Whaea Te Ara O'Brien, Whaea Ngawaitamorangi King, Whaea Matewai Clarke, Kiri-Lee Ririnui, Petra Wharekura, Matua Tux and all the wonderful parents who joined to help get the kids dressed, fed, and to practices.



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