



2020 ATTENDANCE GOAL THIS TERM

100% this term

We will be publishing attendance results per house and per class.

2020 TERM DATES

- Term 1 4th February - 9th April
- Term 2 28th April - 3rd July
- Term 3 20th July - 25th September
- Term 4 12th October - 16th December

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School newsletter # 1 February 13th, 2020

Nurturing Learners ki te Ao Turoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Kia ora and welcome to Maungatapu School, week 2, term one, 2020.

Happy New Year and good health to you all.

On behalf of the entire learning community here at Maungatapu School, we wish to extend a special welcome to our new Whanau as we begin our teaching and learning partnership. We have had a record number of new enrolments on day one, totally 59. It is great to have our tamariki back at school, well settled and adjusting to routines. Over the course of the term, it is imperative that we get to know all we can about your child to best meet his or her learning needs. During this phase we set expectations and establish positive relationships with our learners. Relationships are the cornerstone to learning and expectations pave the way to success. Our learning theme this term is identity. Children will be engaged and enthralled to learn about what makes them special and unique.

Introducing our new staff for 2020.



We welcome to our school Greig Stephen who is currently teaching in room 26. Greig or 'Mr Stephen' as he is known by his student's, is a beginning teacher with a previous background in engineering. Greig centres his teaching and learning style of forming positive relationships with his students and colleagues. Greig is working in a collaborative space alongside Kelsey Bear.



We also welcome to our school Te Hira Jack—Kino. Te Hira is a fluent speaker of Te Reo Maori and is working in Te Puwhaariki alongside Whaea Te Ara with our senior children. Te Hira brings to his role many key skills that all children will benefit from. Te Hira was previously a teacher at Te Kura o Matapihi, Kawaha Point School in Rotorua and Arowhenua School in Temuka - South Canterbury.

School Houses

Our school house system has had an amazing start to the year. Teacher house leaders have been appointed and all children and staff are affiliated to a house.

The school house system supports our PC4L programme (Positive Culture for Learning) which is a Ministry of Education contract to improve behaviour and learning within our school. It is also known as PB4L. Our next phase of our school house system is to select sixteen year 6 students to become respective house and deputy house leaders. These leadership roles will be of high distinction in our school. Children will be presented with their house leadership t-shirt and badge once the selection process has been completed. Our house events this term will include; lunch time house activities, school hui activities, swimming sports, attendance, rubbish and eating areas and an end of term fun event called the Eggstravaganza 2020.

Children are currently eating their lunch alongside their respective house members and friends. This system is providing children the opportunity to engage and explore the NZ Curriculum key competencies of 'relating to others' and 'participating and contributing'. It also helps us as a school manage children safely by providing adequate shade for children to sit under.

Message from office staff:

Information sheets will be going home this afternoon for you to update details that are relevant to you and your child. Please return these to the office as soon as possible.

Korero Mai—Tuesday 25th February

We are once again hosting our Korero Mai meetings between teachers and whanau to foster a sharing of information between home and school. Each syndicate team will host a short group presentation to introduce the teaching team members followed by individual teachers moving into their classrooms and chatting informally with parents of children in each classroom space. These meetings will be staggered so that parents with children in different year levels can attend more than one presentation. Whilst these meetings are a 'meet and greet' occasion, we do have formal goal setting conferences booked for later in the term (31st March to 2nd of April). The staggered times and meeting locations for parents are as follows:

Korero Mai Tuesday 25th February - Week 4

- 3.15pm New entrant/Year 1 parents meet in Library
- 3.45pm Year 2 meet in Rm 11
- 4.15pm Year 3/4 meet in Rm 25/26
- 4.30pm Puwhariki whanau meet in Rangiatea
- 4.45pm Year 5/6 meet in Library

Teacher Only Day

We have a teacher only day scheduled for Friday 6th March. School will be closed for instruction on this day. The day will be used to provide all teachers with professional learning development using the structured literacy approach. Carla McNeil from Learning Matters will be the facilitator on the day.

Coronavirus update—Information for parents

You will no doubt be aware of the developing situation internationally concerning the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which is often referred to in the media as "Coronavirus". This is a new virus, so there is currently no vaccine to prevent its infection.

There are no reported cases of 2019-nCoV in New Zealand. However, the risk of someone arriving from overseas with this virus is relatively high. Consequently, the Government has put in place procedures to reduce the risk of the infection spreading, including implementing temporary entry restrictions and isolating people arriving from affected areas.

The health of our students and staff is a high priority. To minimise personal risk to any infectious illness, the Ministry of Health recommends that people carry out everyday preventive actions, including; avoiding close contact with people who are sick. Stay home if you are unwell. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag. Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Dry your hands completely.

If you have a particular concern about someone having symptoms of a fever,

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25th February
Thursday 27th February
Friday 28th February
Friday 6 March

Korero Mai (Meet and greet)
BOT meeting
Senior Swimming Sports
Teacher Only Day

Noho ora mai

Tane Bennett
Principal



Reminder

Early Arrivals

We have noticed there are several children arriving at school before 8.00am.

Children who arrive before 8.00am have a very long wait before the classes are open. Staff are not available to supervise children before this time as they are involved in meetings and preparing for the day.

Swimming Pool Use

We are very fortunate to have the BOT allow families access to the pool during out of school hours over summer. All families using the pool are reminded of the agreement they signed at the end of 2019. We have had very little concerns over the Christmas break which is great as this allows further use of the pool during the next summer period. Please remember to lock the pool gate. A separate notice will be circulated indicating the pool closing date which is usually around mid March.

It's cool to korero

Greetings:

Nau mai - Welcome

Morena - Good morning

Kia ora - Hello / Be well

Ko.....taku ingoa - My name is

No.....ahau - I am from

He pai ki ahau te ... (verb) - I like ...(verb)

Verbs

Kaukau - Swimming

Hakinakina - Sport

Takaro - Playing

Panui - Reading

Katakata - Laughing

Waiata - Singing

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