



2020 ATTENDANCE GOAL THIS TERM

100% this term

Individual students who achieve this will be acknowledged

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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House Points

Red house

25

Blue House

35

Green House

20

Yellow House

25

Next house challenge:

**Senior school swimming;
Relays (Parents required)
Friday 28 February**

**Tuesday 3rd March
'Dance off'**

School newsletter # 2 February 27th, 2020

Nurturing Learners ki te Ao Turoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Welcome to week four of term one. We are still experiencing warm, muggy weather conditions, which according to met service, is set to continue through to mid March. The positive of this is that we have extra sunshine hours allowing children more time to play outside with their hats on. A negative is that the heat can create challenges for teachers, maintaining concentration levels and keeping children focused. The new bell time helps with a 2 hour teaching block in the morning from 9am—11am. The heat can also certainly make it difficult for your child to sleep at night. A learner suffering from a lack of sleep struggles to engage in their learning at school. Furthermore, a decent nights sleep is really important for your child's growth and development.

During school time, teachers have been busy reinforcing school wide expectations and building relationships with their children. Listed below are some expectations that you can support with at home.

- Caring for the environment—Role modelling to children when appropriate.
- Being the best you can be in all that you do—Setting realistic expectations.
- Using our manners by listening when someone is talking and saying words like; thank you, please, excuse me and kia ora.
- Caring for others—Demonstrate empathy and put others first.

A common phrase in which staff are familiar with here at Maungatapu School is to 'treat every child like they are your own' In this we ensure all children are safe, cared for and receive a quality, well rounded education.

Meet the teacher evening - Korero Mai

Thank you to all our parents who made the effort to meet their child's teacher on Tuesday afternoon. If you missed the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, please contact them via Seesaw to book a time for this to happen.

The better the engagement between parents, families, and schools, the greater the positive impact on student learning. We use Seesaw as a digital platform to share and facilitate on-going reciprocal two-way communication between students and parents, giving parents anywhere, anytime access to their child's learning. We also use facebook for important messages and reminders for our parent community.

Some of the key messages from 'Korero Mai' were:

- Attendance - The impact of attendance on learning
- Learning themes in classrooms - What children are learning about
- Upcoming EOTC events (Education outside the classroom) -
- Meeting your child's teaching team and teacher - Whakawhanaungatanga

Teacher Only Day - Friday 6th March

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. Structured literacy is a new school wide approach to teaching the science and understanding the principles of learning how to read and write. Carla McNeil from Learning Matters will be the facilitator on the day. The teacher only day is part of the new negotiations with the government that occurred last year.

Front of School traffic

We are aware of the traffic congestion during peak times when picking up and dropping off children at school. The school will be in contact with the Traffic Safe Co-ordinator from the Tauranga City Council.

Bus 901A

This bus will begin the run at 8:25am (Ohauti Rd Kaimai Place bus stop). Due to traffic, it may leave later, but it will now not leave earlier. This earlier start time is to allow for the extended run into Windermere.

Attendance

Top attendance classes so far this term:

Room 18 and Room 23 - 98%

Attendance matters and every day counts. If your child misses one day of school, it takes two days for him or her to catch up again. Children who arrive late are often starting their day on the back foot and miss out on important notices in the morning. The MOE attendance target this year is 90%. You will be notified if your child is slipping below 90% during the year.



Inconz 4 Girls is a great way for girls in Yrs 3-6 to meet friends, play games, do crafts, earn badges, hear Bible stories and have a lot of fun.

If you are interested, please contact Vanessa 0210557372

When: Wednesdays during term time 4:15 – 5:45 pm

Where: Welcome Bay Community Centre

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Upcoming Events

Friday 28th February
Wednesday 4th March
Friday 6th March
Monday 9th March

Senior School Swimming (Greerton)
Middle School Swimming Sports
Teacher Only Day
Estuary Clean up day (Seniors)

Noho ora mai

Tane Bennett

Principal

Relationships Whakawhānau



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. 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

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