



TE KURA O MAUNGATAPU MAUNGATAPU SCHOOL

School newsletter - Week 2 Term 3 2020

New School Logo

As principal of Maungatapu school, I am proud to present our new school logo to the school community. The new school logo is based on a stylised and modernised representation of the Tui. The logo retains the Kowhai flower with the addition of the Pohutukawa. These trees are significant within our local community and Tui love resting in their branches. Pohutukawa are often trees that relate to the past and the kowhai tree, in this instance, is symbolic to the school's future prosperity. The throat tuft of the Tui (in the shape of a koru) represents growth and learning. The interconnected koru (the tui's neck feathers) represent the support of whānau and teachers in support of learning. The three tail feathers represent the school values - Honesty, Respect and Courage. We are currently updating letterheads, school signage and word documents with the new logo. At the end of the year we will phase in a new uniform using the logo, with an aim to have this ready to purchase by the start of 2021.

Goal setting conferences

On Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August, we are hosting Goal Setting Conferences as an opportunity for you to co-construct individual learning goals for your child/ children alongside his/her classroom teacher. You can book your conference online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

You will need the code **cvgcj** to make a booking online. Bookings will close on Monday 10th August at 5pm. Room 23 and Te Puwhaariki have a separate booking system.

School will be finishing at 1.30pm on Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August to allow time for conferences to take place. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child to be collected or return home at the earlier time of 1.30pm on both days. The school bus system will be operating as per normal on both days.

Kapa Haka Seniors
6pm - 8pm practices
Every Tuesday during Term 3

Student Reports

Student reports are due to be sent home on Friday 7th August. These reports will show the progress of your child towards achieving curriculum expectations mid-way through the year. Due to Covid 19, schooling has experienced a lot of disruption. Teachers have used their knowledge of your child, assessments from Term 1 and the reduced class time in Term 2 to make these judgements. Due to having much less information, our 2020 Interim reports are more concise than previous years. Included in the student report is a section based on our new graduate profile.

House Points week 1 term 3

Red House - 565

Blue House - 580

Yellow House - 530

Green house - 910

Term dates 2020

Term 3: Mon 20 July - Friday 25 Sept

Term 4: Mon 12 Oct - Weds 16 Dec

Teacher Only Day Friday 23 October

ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters and everyday counts

Week 1, Term 3, 2020

566 pupils

91%

Traffic Safety

On Monday last week, a Maungatapu school child was knocked off his bike by a car reversing from a driveway. We were very fortunate that the child was not seriously injured. It does however, send a timely and much needed reminder to have extra vigilance while driving around school. Traffic coming from the roundabout end into Maungatapu Road should not exceed 40km/h during school time. The drop off and pick up zone has improved and extra staff are 'out and about' after school to help with pedestrians and keeping children safe. Our next bike wise programme is booked for next year. This programme will teach children safety skills of riding a bike on the road. The recommended age for children to be riding a bike independently is 10 years old. A child under 10 years old should be supervised by an adult while riding a bike to or from school. Be safe, always!



Pou and kōhatu unveiling

Last Friday, a group of student leaders from Maungatapu

School took part in the unveiling of a pou whenua and memorial stone in recognition of a traditional pā site that was uncovered during road safety improvement on State Highway 29A at Matapihi, Tauranga. The pou unveiling and blessing was hosted by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and local hapū.



In March 2017, contractors were preparing the site for the installation of a median safety barrier when they discovered the Tukiata Pā site. The trench was about 40 metres long, appeared to have been used as a coastal defence from the 1830s to 1860s. The pou whenua is accompanied by a kōhatu (large rock) which has been sourced from the Ngāti Hē rohe as a memorial to the Tukiata Pā and the commanders of the pā, the Tīpuna Tareha Kiharoa and his brother Manihera. Our children unveiled the kōhatu

Upcoming events and dates

Tuesday 4/8 and Thursday 6/8	Middle school art gallery trip
Wednesday 5/8	Year 5/6 Rugby League Tournament - Arataki
Thursday 6/8	Year 5/6 Basketball World Cup
Friday 7/8	Student Reports Home
Tuesday 11/8	Tauranga Intermediate transition visit #1 (Deputy Principal from Tga Int to visit Maungatapu School)
Wednesday 12/8	School closed early 1.30pm (Conferences)
Thursday 13/8	School closed early 1.30pm (Conferences)
Thursday 13/8	Middle school art gallery trip
Monday 17/8	Carla McNeil in school; Structured Literacy Development
Tuesday 18/8	Senior School speeches 9am library
Thursday 20/8	MASH School disco



Tauranga Foodbank August 10th to 14th

We are running a Schools Appeal and need your help!!

Please bring an item of food to school to donate to the Community Foodbank

Below are some *suggestions* on food items which the foodbank are running low on and always need;

+Tinned Soup +Tinned Fish +Long life milk +Creamed Corn
+Soap +Canned Veges +Baking Supplies (cocoa, icing sugar, etc)
+Cereal (Cornflakes & Rice Bubbles)

Don't stress if your donated item isn't in the above list – we will make use of all that we receive and you are certainly make a difference.

The people in our community who get support from our Foodbank are so very grateful for your generosity!!!

THANK YOU 

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